

09/01/2023**FOB China HRC**

The index rose by \$3/t last Friday (6.1.23) to US\$599/t, MTD US\$593.50/t. A north China mill sold 2,000t SS400 HRC at \$605/t cfr South Korea last week. The mill sold at least 60,000t HRC at around \$595-600/t fob China last week, among which around 40,000t was sold to Turkey via a Chinese trader. Turkish buyers were in a hurry to import from China last week, as Indian HRC prices rose to a much higher level. Indian HRC was offered at \$650/t fob, and Chinese HRC prices were more attractive to Turkish buyers, traders said. Around 100,000-140,000t of HRC was sold into Turkey last week, some participants said.

Another mill in north China sold around 5,000t SS400 HRC at \$620/t cfr South Korea on 6 January. A third mill in north China sold 6,000t of coil of the same grade at \$602/t fob China this week. A total of 100,000t Chinese SS400 HRC was sold at \$590-595/t cfr Vietnam last week including positional coils. But those levels were no longer available on 6 January as sellers lifted offers to \$610/t cfr Vietnam and above. Chinese SAE1006-grade coil offers were flat at \$630-635/t cfr Vietnam and nearly all sellers have sold out February shipment cargoes. (Argus)

Turkish Scrap HMS 80:20

The steep price hikes in Turkish deepsea scrap imports continued to be absorbed into the marketplace at an unexpected rate Jan. 5 as many Turkish deepsea imported scrap market became quieter and prices stabilized at higher levels following the flurry of new trades and price surge earlier in the week. More February shipments deals were anticipated, with price direction to be determined in the coming days. Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) at \$420/mt CFR Jan. 6, up \$2/mt day on day. Scrap suppliers have been successful in getting Turkish buyers to accept some \$18-\$20/mt hikes in their heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) purchases so far this month. The last confirmed US trade was concluded Jan. 5 at \$426/mt CFR Iskenderun for HMS 1/2 (90:10), which indicated \$423/mt CFR for HMS 1/2 (80:20).

Earlier in the week, a US cargo sold at \$417/mt CFR Izmir for 15,000 mt HMS 1/2 (80:20), also including 15,000 mt shred at \$437/mt CFR, an agent said. Another US offer was reported by an agent source at \$432/mt CFR Turkey for HMS 1/2 (90:10), which converted to \$429/mt CFR. The agent said that US suppliers would like to try to achieve \$430/mt CFR in the Turkish market. He believed there was still upward potential because some Turkish mills were yet to purchase February shipment. He added that the distribution of the deals reported in the week to Jan. 6 was not spread evenly between buyers, as one mill dominated the recent purchasing activity. The prices for US HMS 1/2 (80:20) increased from \$417/mt CFR Izmir in a deal closed around Jan. 3, to \$423/mt CFR (based on the HMS 1/2 (90:10) deal at \$426/mt) Jan. 5. An EU scrap merchant expected more Turkish deals for February shipment to come. He believed that after multiple cargoes booked between Jan. 3-5, Turkish buyers paused for the market to cool after the rapid price increase. "They don't wait to go to \$440-\$450/mt CFR," the recycler said. (Platts)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	420	2.00	412.50
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	690	5.00	684.38
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	689	0.00	688.38
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	599.00	3.00	593.50
US HRC CRU	692.00	28.00	692.00

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-23	724	734	729
Feb-23	770	780	775
Mar-23	785	795	790
Q1-23	760	770	765
Q2-23	797	807	802
Q3-23	805	815	810

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-23	724	734	729
Feb-23	740	750	745
Mar-23	745	755	750
Q1-23	736	746	741
Q2-23	755	765	760
Q3-23	770	780	775

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-23	608	618	613
Feb-23	635	645	640
Mar-23	640	650	645
Q1-23	628	638	633
Q2-23	640	650	645
Q3-23	651	661	656

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-23	408	418	413
Feb-23	407	417	412
Mar-23	405	415	410
Q1-23	407	417	412
Q2-23	399	409	404
Q3-23	403	413	408

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-23	692	702	697
Feb-23	682	692	687
Mar-23	680	690	685
Q1-23	685	695	690
Q2-23	675	685	680
Q3-23	671	681	676

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-23	445	455	450
Feb-23	450	460	455
Mar-23	450	460	455
Q1-23	448	458	453
Q2-23	463	473	468
Q3-23	466	476	471

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