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Turkish Scrap

Turkish deepsea imported scrap prices inched down March 10, after three EU-origin cargoes were heard to be booked. Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) at \$457.75/mt CFR March 10, down \$4.25/mt on the day. The assessment has moved between \$450-\$462/mt CFR since Feb. 23, having risen sharply from \$413/mt on Feb. 16. A Germany-origin deal was booked March 10 by a Marmara mill, with HMS 1/2 (75:25) at \$451.50/mt CFR, and bonus scrap at \$476.50/mt CFR. A Benelux-origin deal was booked March 10 by an Iskender-run mill, with 20,000 mt HMS 1/2 (80:20), 10,000 mt shredded scrap and 10,000 mt bonus scrap at \$460/mt CFR cargo average. A second reported Benelux-origin cargo was heard by multiple sources to be booked by the aforementioned Marmara mill, with 24,000 mt HMS 1/2 (80:20), 4,000 mt shredded scrap, 8,000 mt bonus scrap and 4,000 mt new cuttings at \$460/mt CFR cargo average.

“Mills are baulking at offers over \$460/mt CFR right now,” one Turkish agent source said. A Baltic recycler cited an indicative offer at \$465/mt CFR and an indicative workable level at \$460-\$465/mt CFR for Balticorigin HMS 1/2 (80:20). “If the mills are successful in decreasing prices, I would be surprised as a lot of cargoes were done for first half April shipment,” the Baltic recycler said. “This is perhaps the top for now, but I don’t see the potential for a decrease as supply is still low.” A UK recycler cited an indicative tradable value for UK-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$450-\$455/mt CFR Turkey, adding that the mills “want the price to be stable.” Despite this, suppliers still held bullish targets, with EU suppliers citing indicative workable levels around \$455/mt CFR for EU-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20), while a second Turkish agent said \$465/mt CFR was workable for Baltic-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20). (Platts)

FOB China HRC

The index rose by \$1/t on last Friday (10.3.23) to US\$658/t, MTD US\$649.75/t. Two major north China mills raised their HRC ex-works prices by Yn300/t for April deliveries from March basis. Steel mills were firm that demand will continue to improve in the coming month, the traditional construction peak season, participants said. Trading firms lifted the lower end sales prices by around \$5/t to an equivalent of \$650/t fob China for SS400 HRC, considering firm Chinese domestic sales prices. Major Chinese mills held offers at \$670-695/t fob China. But seaborne buyers were silent, fearing a price fall next week. Some Vietnamese buyers lifted indications by \$5/t, to an equivalent below \$640/t fob China. Sellers held offers unchanged at \$710-720/t cfr Vietnam for Chinese SAE1006-grade coil. They were reluctant to take orders at low levels, although Vietnamese buyers were silent. Mills from other countries remained silent on offers. Vietnamese buyers preferred to wait until next week for local mill Formosa Ha Tinh’s new monthly offers. (Argus)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	457.75	-4.25	455.94
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	740	0.00	740.00
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	824.25	2.00	816.53
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	658.00	1.00	649.75
US HRC CRU	1017.00	109.00	962.50
No.1 BUS	520.00	50.00	520.00

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-23	455	465	460
Apr-23	455	465	460
May-23	455	465	460
Q2-23	455	465	460
Q3-23	450	460	455
Q4-23	445	455	450

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-23	1060	1070	1065
Apr-23	1290	1300	1295
May-23	1260	1270	1265
Q2-23	1245	1255	1250
Q3-23	1040	1050	1045
Q4-23	940	950	945

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-23	745	755	750
Apr-23	750	760	755
May-23	755	765	760
Q2-23	690	700	695
Q3-23	685	695	690
Q4-23	680	690	685

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-23	835	845	840
Apr-23	885	895	890
May-23	885	895	890
Q2-23	890	900	895
Q3-23	870	880	875
Q4-23	830	840	835

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-23	665	675	670
Apr-23	690	700	695
May-23	695	705	700
Q2-23	690	700	695
Q3-23	690	700	695
Q4-23	690	700	695

BUSHELING			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-23	595	605	600
May-23	595	605	600
Jun-23	580	590	585
Q2-23	590	600	595
Q3-23	560	570	565
Q4-23	530	540	535

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Spread Moves

SPREAD TABLE								
Metal	Front Mth	Back Mth	Current	T-1W	T-1M	T-3M	T-12M	Tight/Eased T-1W
US HRC	MAR 23	APR 23	-240	-210	6	-10	130	Eased
	MAR 23	MAY 23	-201	-170	11	-11	130	Eased
	MAR 23	JUN 23	-138	-138	31	-9	130	Unchanged
	APR 23	MAY 23	39	40	5	-1	0	Eased
	MAR 23	JUN 23	-138	-138	31	-9	130	Unchanged
	MAY 23	JUN 23	63	32	20	2	0	Tightened
EU HRC	MAR 23	APR 23	-49	-23	2	-10	70	Eased
	MAR 23	MAY 23	-50	-23	6	-10	70	Eased
	MAR 23	JUN 23	-29	-28	9	-25	70	Eased
	APR 23	MAY 23	-1	0	4	0	0	Eased
	MAR 23	JUN 23	-29	-28	9	-25	70	Eased
	MAY 23	JUN 23	21	-5	3	-15	0	Tightened
Mill Margin	APR 23	APR 23	680	671	385	340	690	Tightened
	MAY 23	MAY 23	641	630	380	341	690	Tightened
	JUN 23	JUN 23	588	608	360	339	690	Eased
	JUL 23	JUL 23	547	529	355	341	365	Tightened
Atlantic Spread (US-EU)	APR 23	APR 23	400	394	78	45	500	Tightened
	MAY 23	MAY 23	360	354	77	46	500	Tightened
	MAY 23	MAY 23	360	354	77	46	500	Tightened
	JUN 23	JUN 23	318	317	60	29	500	Tightened
	JUL 23	JUL 23	239	228	55	21	-45	Tightened

Front Month Price Grid

Field	US HRC	US BUS	NW EUR HRC	LME SCRAP TK	LME HRC FOB	LME REBAR TK	TimeFrame
PRICE	1056	590	842	458	670	754	Current
	1060	599	853	456	660	747	T-1W
	881	490	799	431	650	724	T-1M
	760	430	715	385	600	662	T-3M
	861	475	852	371	632	649	T-6M
	1430	610	870	546	839	802	T-12M
	800	475	737	410	655	690	YTD

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