Steel and Scrap Report

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Turkish Scrap

Turkish deepsea import ferrous scrap prices remained largely rangebound June 6, as the market failed to break through the \$390/mt CFR target held by sellers. Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) at \$387/mt CFR June 6, down 50 cents/ mt on day. A US-origin deal was booked on June 5 by an Izmir mill for first half of July shipment, with 20,000 mt of shredded scrap and 10,000 mt of bonus scrap at an average of \$407/mt CFR. The deal was confirmed by a sell-side source, who also shared an equivalent premium HMS 1/2 (80:20) price at \$387/mt CFR for the cargo. "PNS and bonus scrap appears to be the tightest grade of scrap in the US, so I would have expected more of a premium, but there is always a lack of consensus in the market before we find out the official US domestic settlement numbers, and that will be either today or tomorrow," a US recycler said, citing an indicative tradable value for US-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$385/mt CFR. Trading of June-delivered shredded scrap cargoes in the US domestic market had yet to start, as mini-mills in the Midwest had yet to announce formal bids. Some sources held expectations that June shredded scrap prices could drop by \$30- \$50/lt from May price levels in the Midwest. Offers for US-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20) were largely heard at above \$390/mt CFR Turkey. Meanwhile, an EU-recycler shared an indicative tradable value for Benelux-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$385 -\$390/mt CFR, while an EU trader shared an indicative seller target at a minimum of \$395/mt CFR.

Exporters pointed to slow scrap collection rates and rising dock prices. A Baltic recycler shared HMS collection costs in the Baltic region at Eur305-Eur310/mt delivered to the docks, while HMS collection costs in the Benelux region were cited by one EU recycler to a minimum of Eur315/mt delivered. "I think prices will increase in the next day or two because Turkey still need July shipment cargoes," a Turkish mill source said, "but for now the level is \$387-\$388/mt CFR." Buyer interest was heard to be firm — bids for premium HMS 1/2 (80:20) were reported at \$389/mt CFR, but could not be confirmed, while a second mill source cited an indicative tradable value for US/Baltic-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$387-\$390/mt CFR. Some market participants suggested Turkish mills may try to secure further deepsea ferrous scrap cargoes before the Turkish lira weakens further against the US dollar, as has been widely expected. The midmarket rate for the Turkish lira continued to decline sharply during the week, falling to Lira 21.5215 against the US dollar at 16:30 London time on June 6, depreciating from Lira 20.8325 against the US dollar at the same time on June 1, according to xe.com. "To a certain degree, I am impressed at how steadily the Turkish lira is holding up against earlier expectations of Lira 25 against the US dollar within one week of the election, and the Turkish inflation print yesterday. It made it less of an immediate rush for [new economy mini. (Platts)

China HRC

The index rose by \$2/t yesterday (6.6.23) to US\$538/t, MTD US\$535/t. Chinese major steel mills' output decreased by 6.68pc on 21-31 May from 11-20 May, and was down by 9.65pc from a year earlier on weak demand, China Iron and Steel Association said. Major Chinese mills lifted or kept offers flat at \$550-590/t fob China for SS400 HRC given firm domestic sales prices, with large mills reluctant to receive orders below \$570/t fob China. But most seaborne buyers were silent on bids as regional demand remained weak and they were uncertain about the sustainability of Chinese steel prices. Some buyers lifted bids by about \$10/t to the equivalent of \$520/t fob China, far below sellers' acceptable levels. Vietnamese mill Hoa Phat announced its monthly offers at \$566-568/t cif Vietnam for SS400 and SAE1006-grade coil for July and early August shipments. Those offers were much lower than the previous month's offers at \$611-612/t cif Vietnam, but still the lowest offers currently in the market especially after sellers lifted offers for Chinese coil at \$580/t cfr Vietnam for SAE-grade coil. (Argus)

Market Rates

Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	387.50	0.00	386.75
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	622.50	0.00	621.88
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	703.50	-7.00	709.81
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	538.00	2.00	535.00
US HRC CRU	1008.00	-68.00	1008.00

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK						
	Bid Ask Value					
Jun-23	380	390	385			
Jul-23	375	385	380			
Aug-23	370	380	375			
Q3-23	375	385	380			
Q4-23	370	380	375			
Q1-24	375	385	380			

LME REBAR FOB TK							
	Bid Ask Value						
Jun-23	610	620	615				
Jul-23	590	600	595				
Aug-23	580	590	585				
Q3-23	585	595	590				
Q4-23	585	595	590				
Q1-24	585	595	590				

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt							
	Bid Ask Value						
Jun-23	545	555	550				
Jul-23	560	570	565				
Aug-23	560	570	565				
Q3-23	555	565	560				
Q4-23	555	565	560				
Q1-24	550	560	555				

US HRC USD/short ton								
	Bid Ask Value							
Jun-23	925	935	930					
Jul-23	835	845	840					
Aug-23 830		840	835					
Q3-23 830		840	835					
Q4-23	Q4-23 800		805					
Q1-24	805	815	810					

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton								
	Bid Ask Value							
Jun-23	685	695	690					
Jul-23	650	660	655					
Aug-23	630	640	635					
Q3-23	630	640	635					
Q4-23 645		655	650					
Q1-24	670	680	675					

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	Bid Ask Value							
Jun-23	510	520	515					
Jul-23	Jul-23 475		480					
Aug-23	455	465	460					
Q3-23	460	470	465					
Q4-23	455	465	460					
Q1-24	465	475	470					

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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
	JUN 23	JUL 23	85	129	84	107	0	Eased
	JUN 23	AUG 23	90	142	119	145	0	Eased
US HRC	JUN 23	SEP 23	103	154	143	155	0	Eased
03 HKC	JUL 23	AUG 23	5	13	35	- 38	0	Eased
	JUL 23	SEP 23	18	25	59	48	0	Eased
	AUG 23	SEP 23	13	12	- 24	10	0	Tightened
	JUN 23	JUL 23	27	- 31	25	10	-100	Eased
	JUN 23	AUG 23	20	41	30	15	-50	Eased
EU HRC	JUN 23	SEP 23	57	45	30	34	-70	Tightened
LO HKC	JUL 23	AUG 23	-7	10	5	5	50	Eased
	JUL 23	SEP 23	30	14	5	24	- 30	Tightened
	AUG 23	SEP 23	37	4	0	19	-20	Tightened
	JUN 23	JUN 23	410	419	444	560	375	Eased
Mill Margin	JUL 23	JUL 23	360	330	395	473	410	Tightened
	SEP 23	SEP 23	362	320	356	425	410	Tightened
	JUN 23	JUN 23	248	269	269	280	100	Eased
Atlantic Spread	JUN 23	JUN 23	248	269	269	280	100	Eased
(US-EU)	JUL 23	JUL 23	190	171	210	183	0	Tightened
	AUG 23	AUG 23	178	168	180	150	50	Tightened
	JUN 23	JUN 23	223.5	230	227	303.5	298.5	Eased
ARC Spread	JUL 23	JUL 23	221.5	230	222	309.5	299	Eased
(Rebar - Scrap)	AUG 23	AUG 23	220	228	227.5	305.5	299	Eased
	SEP 23	SEP 23	213	222.5	214	307	283.5	Eased

Front Month Price Grid

Field	US HRC	US BUS	NY EUR HRC	LME SCRAP TK	LME HRC FOB	LME REBAR TK	TimeFrame
	935	520	687	387	552	615	Current
	934	515	771	378	548	608	T-1¥
	954	510	750	368	565	595	T-1M
PRICE	1150	590	847	459	676	762	T-3M
	755	426	637	378	578	668	T-6 M
	900	525	890	423	747	722	T-12M
	827	475	646	397	674	668	YTD

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