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### **Verdict:**

Short-run Neutral.

#### Macro:

- The US Federal Reserve stated that if the facts match the forecast, it will cut interest rates one or two more times this year. With inflation continuing to decline and the labor market maintaining a sustainable pace, it is reasonable to cut interest rates once or twice this year.
- The IEA has lowered its forecast for oil demand growth in 2024 by 40,000 barrels per day. It is expected that global oil demand will increase by 860,000 barrels per day in 2024 and 1 million barrels per day in 2025. Compared to 2 million barrels per day in 2022-2023, the growth rate of global oil demand will significantly slow down. The IEA expects global oil demand to be 102.8 million barrels per day in 2024 and 103.8 million barrels per day in 2025. The IEA predicts that China's oil demand will increase by 150,000 barrels per day in 2024.

## **Iron Ore Key Indicators:**

- Platts62 \$105.25, -2.25, MTD \$106.71. The seaborne market remained quiet during Tuesday. There was lump traded at \$0.155 dmtu based on November IODEX. Lump demand grew as northern China is entering winter in November.
- Rio Tinto's iron ore production in the third quarter was 84.1 million tons, an increase of 6% month on month and 1% year-on-year. The shipment volume was 84.5 million tons, an increase of 5% month on month and 1% year-on-year. Maintain the 2024 Rio Tinto iron ore shipping target of 323-338 million tons unchanged.
- Vale's iron ore production in the third quarter was 90.97 million tons, an increase of 12.9% month on month and 5.5% year-on-year. The total sales volume of iron ore was 81.838 million tons, an increase of 2.6% month on month and 1.6% year-on-year. Raise the production target for 2024 to 323-330 million tons (previously the target production for 2024 was 310-320 million tons).

### **Steel Key Indicators:**

China Tianjin FOB SS400 HRC down \$5/mt to \$537/mt during past week.

### **Coking Coal and Coke Indicators:**

• Indian mills sourced 40.000- 50,000mt PMV with fixed offers. The demand from Indian buyers increased. The Indian mills iron ore inventories heard lower, which allow more room to procure iron ore.

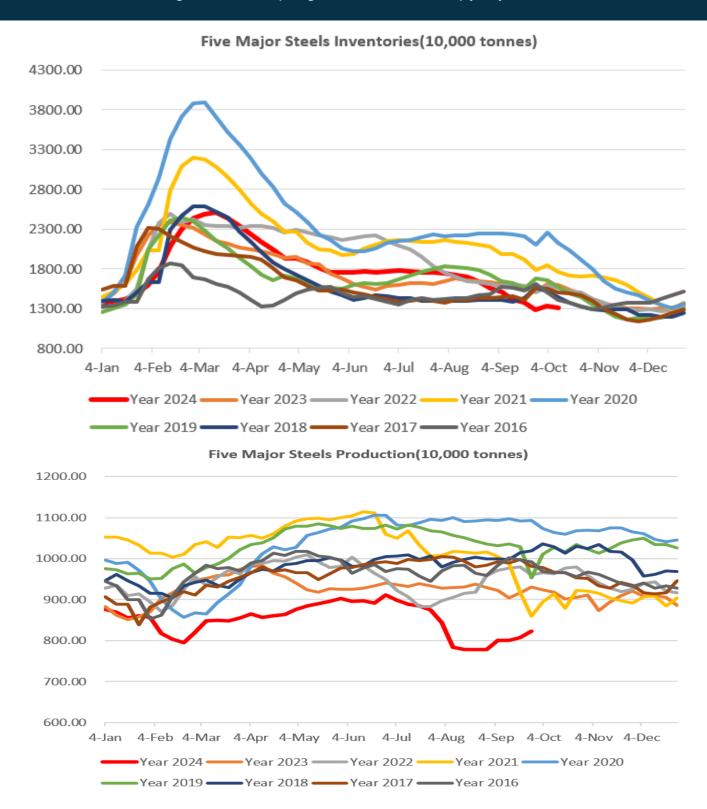
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