



# Daily Virtual Steel Mill Report

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### Verdict:

- Short-run Neutral.

### Macro:

- The final value of the EU's PMI in October rose to 46.0 from an initial value of 45.9, showing signs of stabilization. Although manufacturing activity has contracted for the 28th consecutive month, the contraction rate has slowed down, and at the same time, the momentum of continuous decline in demand has also eased.
- Data from the World Steel Association showed that in the first three quarters of 2024, the blast furnace pig iron production of 37 countries and regions was 954.5 million tons, an increase of 3.3% year-on-year. The blast furnace pig iron production of these countries and regions in 2023 accounted for about 98.25% of the world's production.

### Iron Ore Key Indicators:

- Platts62 \$104.10, +1.90, MTD \$103.15. The high iron ore inventories at ports seasonally and low landing margin shift most of buying interest from seaborne to portside. BHP saw MACF traded at \$101.2 and JMBF traded at \$6.1 discount based on December Index, because the port inventories are short of BHP brands. In general, low grade and discount cargoes were popular in Q3 and Q4.
- From October 28th to November 3rd, the total arrivals of iron ore at 47 ports in China were 23.52 million tons, a decrease of 1.92 million tons w-o-w. The total arrivals at 45 ports in China were 22.63 million tons, a decrease of 1.99 million tons w-o-w. The total shipments of iron ore from Australia and Brazil were 26.73 million tons, an increase of 422,000 tons w-o-w.

### SGX Iron Ore 62% Futures& Options Open Interest (Nov 4th)

- Futures 117,106,200 tons(Increase 128,800 tons)
- Options 158,206,500 tons(Decrease 34,000 tons)

### Steel Key Indicators:

- The average cost of 76 independent EAFs in China is 3,509 yuan/ton, a decrease of 9 yuan/ton compared with last Friday. The average steel making profit is 10 yuan/ton.

### Coking Coal and Coke Indicators:

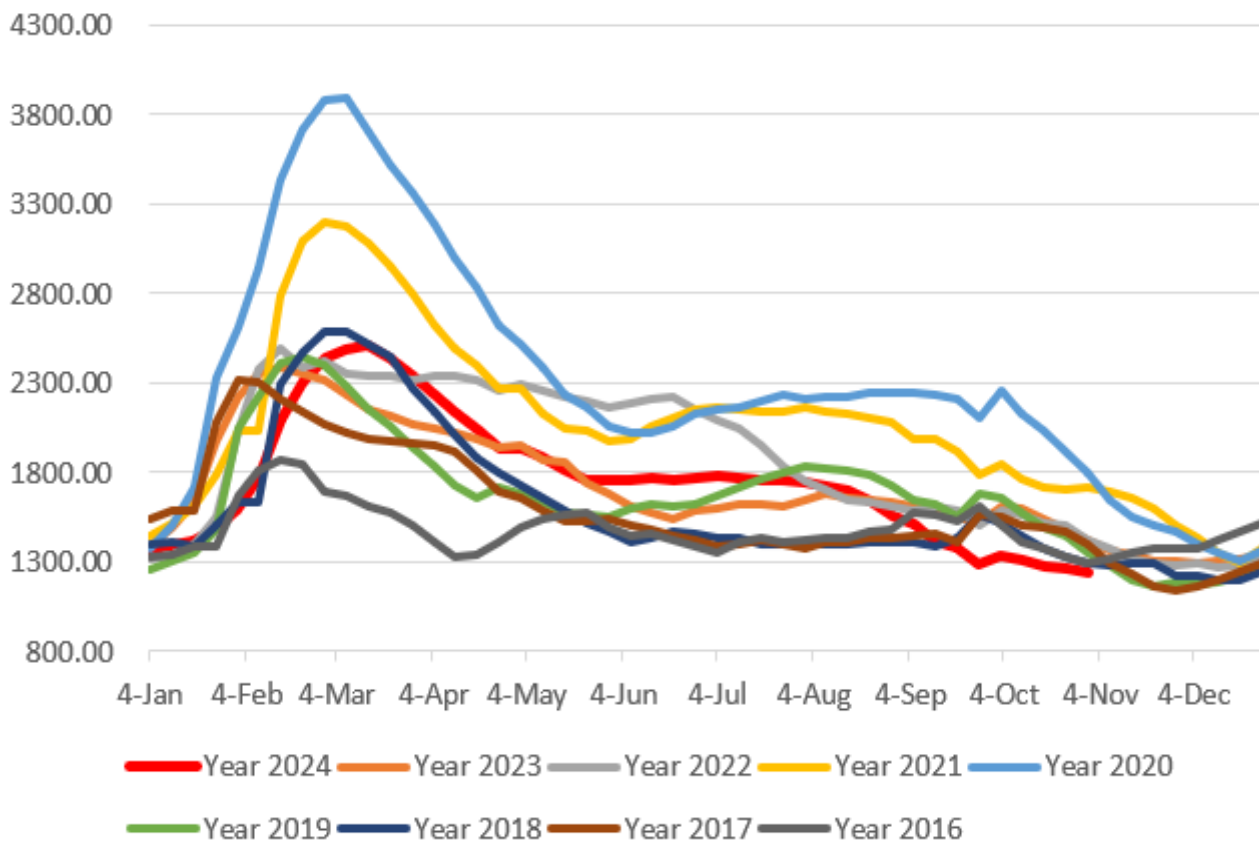
- Seaborne market remains rangebound. The market was waiting for the macro events happening this week.



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Five Major Steels Inventories(10,000 tonnes)



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