



Daily Virtual Steel Mill Report

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Verdict:

- Short-run Neutral to Bearish.

Macro:

- China announced a series of countermeasures in response to U.S. tariffs including imposing an additional 34% tariff on all U.S.-origin imports, filing a complaint against the U.S. under the WTO dispute settlement mechanism, adding several U.S. entities to its export control list, restricting exports of medium and heavy rare earth-related items, and suspending import qualifications for six U.S. companies.
- Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell warned that the economic impact of tariffs could exceed expectations, emphasizing the Fed's role in stabilizing inflation expectations. He noted that the Fed is in a position to remain patient before considering policy adjustments. With weak growth and elevated inflation offsetting each other, the Fed maintains its expectations of two rate cuts in 2025.

Iron Ore Key Indicators:

- Platts62 \$101.80, -1.15, MTD \$103.19. Iron ore edged lower on Friday amid tariff-related news and China's Qingming holiday, with the seaborne market remaining relatively quiet. While steel mills maintained healthy profit margins, and blast furnace operations stayed at high levels, providing some support to raw material prices.

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

- Futures 127,838,600 tons (Increase 934,500 tons)
- Options 118,584,400 tons (Increase 2,076,500 tons)

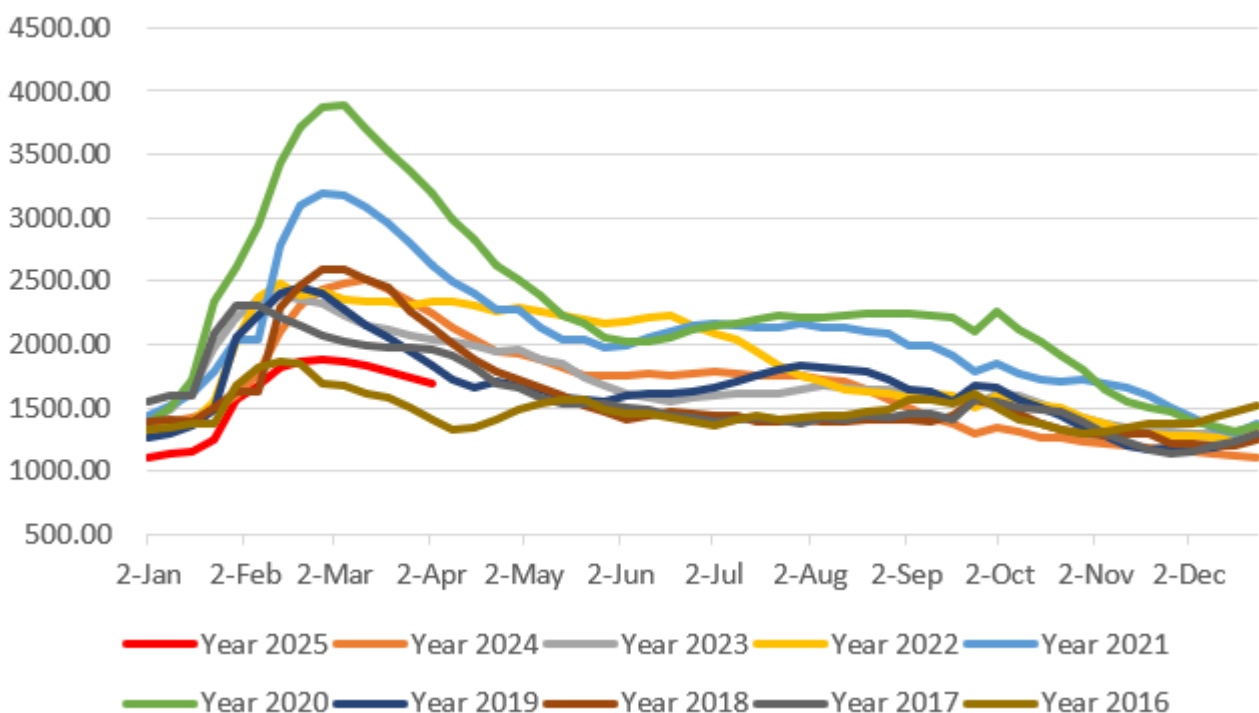
Steel Key Indicators:

- Last week, Mysteel researched 247 blast furnace operation rate at 83.13%, up 1.02% w-o-w. Utilisation rate 89.63%, up 0.55% w-o-w.
- During the holiday period, TS billet prices down 20 yuan to 3,020 yuan.

Coking Coal and Coke Indicators:

- Domestic coke inventories continue to decline, several coking plants announced price increases today, wet quench coke prices to rise by 50 yuan/ton and dry quench coke prices to rise by 55 yuan/ton, effective from April 9.
- An Australian mine was recently shut down due to high carbon monoxide level, coupled with improved profitability at Indian steelmakers, a major buyer, pushed up Australian coal prices. While with traders still holding several unsold cargoes, the upside may be limited.

Five Major Steels Inventories(10,000 tonnes)



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