



# Daily Virtual Steel Mill Report

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### Verdict:

- Our view is Short-run Neutral to Bullish

### Macro:

- Yesterday, major U.S. media reported that President Trump planned to dismiss Jerome Powell, but later in the day Trump stated he would "highly unlikely" fire the Fed Chair unless evidence emerged proving Powell's involvement in fraudulent activities related to the renovation project scandal.
- China and Australia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the implementation and review of the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA).

### Iron Ore Key Indicators:

- Platts62 \$99.10, +0.95, MTD \$96.53. Iron ore seaborne trading was notably active yesterday, pushing indices slightly higher. The market saw three 170kt cargoes of PBF transacted at fixed prices, alongside two cargoes of 62% MACF also concluded at fixed prices, and one JMBF traded at a \$5.3/dmt discount. Weekly data continues to show healthy steel mill profitability, sustaining demand for high-grade fines and lump ore. One 80kt Newman lump concluded at a premium of \$0.1760/dmtu.

SGX Iron Ore 62% Futures& Options Open Interest (Jul 16th)

- Futures 184,217,400 tons (Increase 2,185,700 tons)
- Options 157,167,100 tons (Increase 3,694,000 tons)

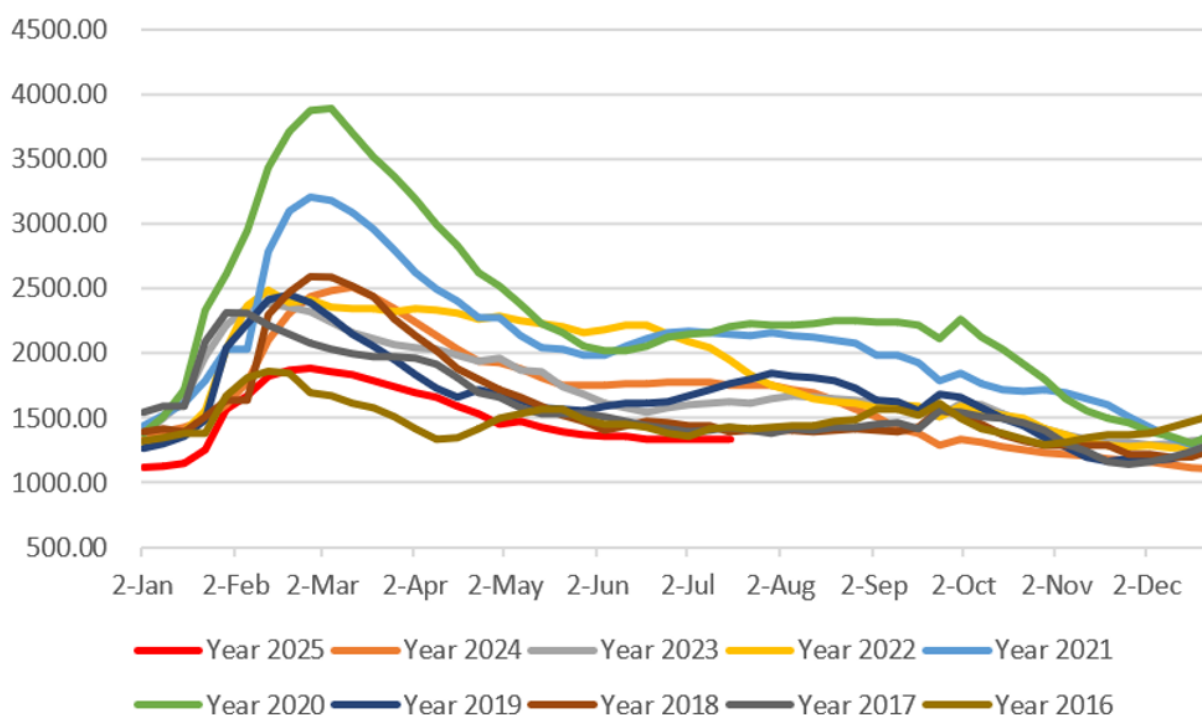
### Steel Key Indicators:

- The average EXW cost of billets at the mainstream sample steel mills in Tangshan is 2,775 yuan/ton. Compared with the EXW price of square billets at 2,950 yuan/ton on July 16th, the average profit of steel mills is 175 yuan/ton, an increase of 24 yuan/ton on the week.
- CISA: In early July, the average daily output of crude steel of China key steel enterprises was 2.097 million tons. The inventory of steel products was 15.07 million tons, a decrease of 2.4% from late June.

### Coking Coal and Coke Indicators:

- Recent increases in domestic coking coal prices have raised costs for coking plants, leading to tighter coke supply-demand conditions. After the first round of price hikes, further increases are anticipated. Meanwhile, the reopening of Mongolian coal import border is expected to relieve supply constraints.

Five Major Steels Inventories(10,000 tonnes)



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