



Daily Virtual Steel Mill Report

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Verdict:

- Our view is Short-run Neutral

Macro:

- U.S. President Donald Trump once again criticized Powell for being too slow to cut interest rates and hinted at potentially announcing a new Federal Reserve chair soon.
- The People's Bank of China and six other government agencies jointly issued a set of guidelines to strengthen financial support for new industrialization. The document emphasizes accelerating industrial upgrading to mid-high-end levels while preventing "involution-style" competition. It supports mining enterprises in expanding reserves and production of critical minerals in line with national industrial policies, thereby enhancing supply security for strategic resources.

Iron Ore Key Indicators:

- Platts62 \$101.65, +1.05, MTD \$100.52. Iron ore prices edged higher yesterday, buoyed by strength in coking coal. The seaborne market maintained its recent robust liquidity, with two cargoes of PBF and one BRBF transacted at fixed prices, and one JMBF traded at a discount of \$4.50/dmt based on September indices.
- According to Mysteel's statistics, the total inventory of imported iron ore at 45 ports in China was 137.41 million tons on 4th, an increase of 0.55 million tons from last Monday.

SGX Iron Ore 62% Futures& Options Open Interest (Aug 5th)

- Futures 175,626,500 tons (Increase 130,400 tons)
- Options 166,810,100 tons (Increase 1,585,000 tons)

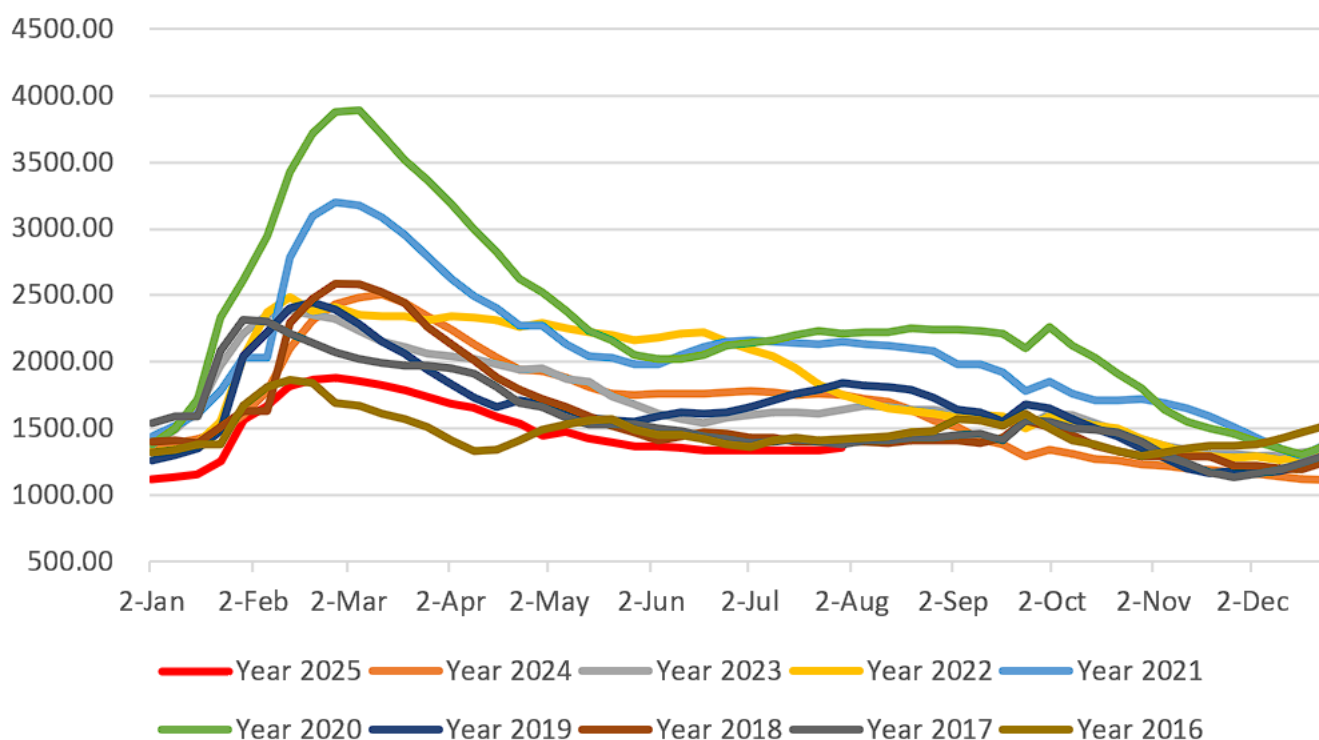
Steel Key Indicators:

- The China Passenger Car Association has revised upward its 2025 industry forecast: Domestic retail sales are now projected at 24.35 million units, representing 6% growth and reflecting a 300,000-unit increase versus June's forecast; Export volumes are expected to reach 5.46 million units, up 14% YoY, with the latest estimate 160,000 units higher than the beginning-of-year projection.

Coking Coal and Coke Indicators:

- The revised Coal Mine Safety Regulations were approved at the 17th Ministerial Meeting of the Ministry of Emergency Management on July 7, 2025, officially announced on August 4, and will take effect on February 1, 2026. Meanwhile, coal enterprises in Shanxi, Inner Mongolia, and other regions have successively received overproduction inspection notices, though impact on supply is limited till now.

Five Major Steels Inventories(10,000 tonnes)



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