



Daily Virtual Steel Mill Report

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Verdict:

- Our view is Short-run Neutral

Macro:

- According to the National Bureau of Statistics, manufacturing sector profits grew 6.8% year-on-year in July, accelerating by 5.4 percentage points from June's growth rate and contributing to a 3.6 percentage point acceleration in overall industrial enterprise profits. Notably, the steel and petroleum processing industries shifted from year-earlier losses to profitability.

Iron Ore Key Indicators:

- Platts62 \$101.85, -1.05, MTD \$101.56. Iron ore prices declined yesterday as market sentiment cooled following strengthened Fed rate cut expectations and new property sector policies on Monday. Seaborne trading activity was active yesterday in preparation for post-National Day restocking. Transactions included one MACF and PBF, along with two PBL.
- Mysteel's statistics show the total inventory of imported iron ore at 45 ports in China was 137.99 million tons on 25th, a decrease of 0.58 million tons from last Monday.
- During August 18-24, total iron ore inventories across seven major Australian and Brazilian ports stood at 12.005 million tons, marking a decline of 1.032 million tons week-on-week. Stockpiles have continued to decrease, now reaching the lowest level since the third quarter.

SGX Iron Ore 62% Futures& Options Open Interest (Aug 26th)

- Futures 198,183,500 tons (Increase 2,846,400 tons)
- Options 183,086,800 tons (Increase 2,642,500 tons)

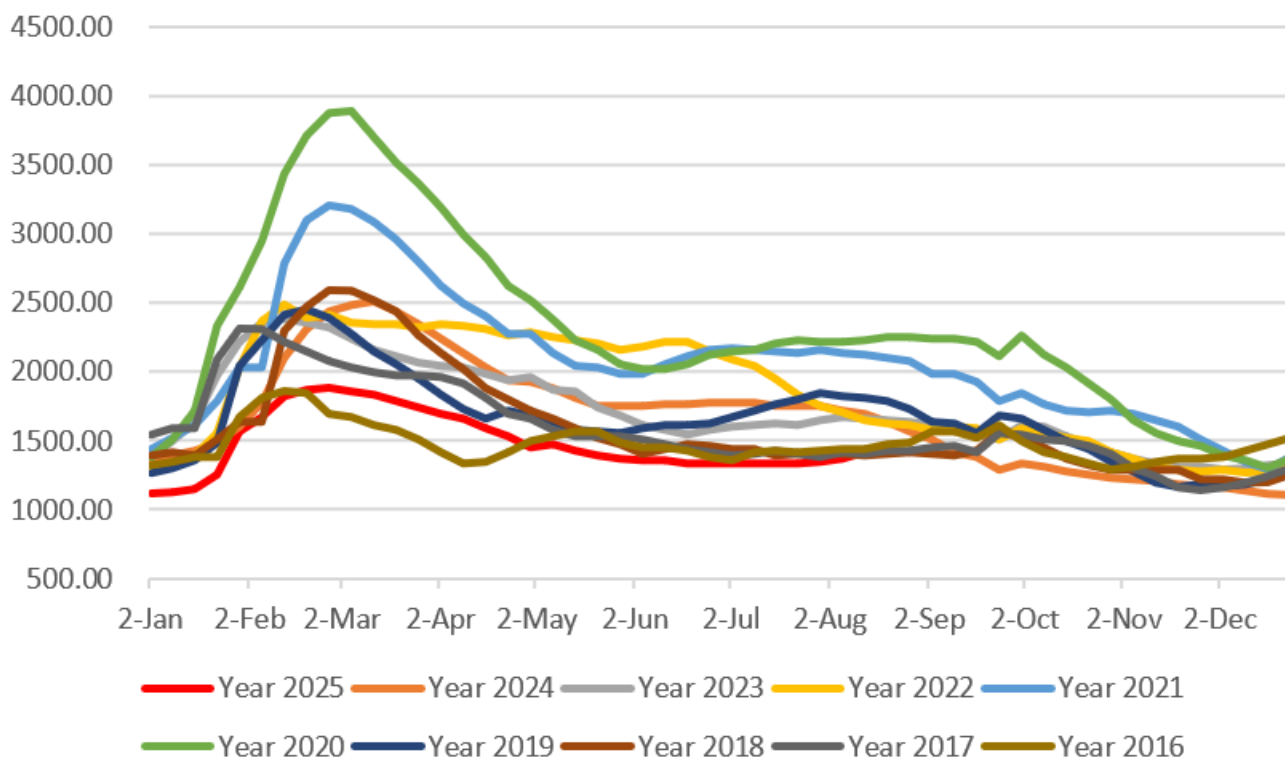
Steel Key Indicators:

- The China 76 sample EAFs average cost at 3360 yuan/ton, average loss at 109 yuan/ton on Aug 26th.

Coking Coal and Coke Indicators:

- According to Mysteel surveys, steel mills in Hebei province are scheduling concentrated blast furnace maintenance, predominantly between August 31 and September 3. Currently, except for some mills with attached coking facilities operating with low coke inventories, most mills maintain approximately one week's worth of coke consumption reserves, adopting a demand-driven procurement approach.

Five Major Steels Inventories(10,000 tonnes)



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