

Ferrous Market Signals**Bull**

- The market was focused on non-major mid-grade and low-grade iron ores, given a loss of cost-efficiency on high grade ores.
- Production at a premium mid-vol hard coking coal mine in Australia's Goonyella region slowed down due to operational issues, resulting in delayed shipments for long-term contract customers. Some end-users have thus turned to purchasing spot cargoes. Although production at mine has now resumed, Port Kembla is still experiencing congestion lasting 15 to 20 days.
- The NDRC is advancing governance in key industries, well implementing policies aimed at resolving structural contradictions in key sectors to promote quality improvement and upgrading, and addressing disorderly competition. The market interprets this as support for the steel industry in the future.
- Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT): Strive to Achieve 32.8 million Auto Sales in 2025, Up 3% year on year, with NEVs Up 20% year on year.

Bear

- Seaborne iron ores with float pricing changed from premium to discount during September, indicating a weakening buying interest on import mid-grade cargoes.
- Indian demand for coking coal raised after rainy season, however the acceptance of low vol coking coal was lower than the offers from Australia currently.
- Chinese buyers were less interested on seaborne coking coal because of the pass of summer, as well as lower physical coke price. Some northern mills in China indicated that they prefer to use domestic coking coal instead of import sources currently.
- The contango physical seaborne coking coal structure indicated a slight oversupply on spot market.
- Vale revised its 2025 capital expenditure (capex) guidance to \$5.4 billion - \$5.7 billion, down from the previous \$5.9 billion.

Market Data Snapshot (12th Sep)

Open Interest /lots	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26
Cape5TC	19,763	17,879	12,934	12,799	7,005	7,005
Pmx4TC	26,039	18,769	14,429	13,603	6,972	6,972
Smx10TC	12,709	9,957	8,205	7,393	3,870	3,870
Iron Ore 62%	383,406	547,653	311,061	246,770	181,787	53,782
Coking Coal	3,592	3,285	2,124	1,701	1,089	1,045
US HRC	5,133	5,731	2,848	3,549	1,415	1,136
FOB China HRC	1,043	671	375	208	129	120

Price	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26
Cape5TC \$/day	26,182	28,575	26,646	24,496	16,943	15,250
Pmx4TC \$/day	15,900	15,588	14,679	13,481	11,407	10,546
Smx10TC \$/day	16,607	16,411	15,032	13,600	11,350	10,268
Iron Ore 62% \$/mt	105.70	105.97	105.72	105.45	102.62	102.08
Coking Coal \$/mt	186.25	188.25	190.25	194.25	197.50	200.00
US HRC \$/st	808	830	850	871	877	877
FOB China HRC	472.5	475.0	476.5	476.0	478.0	480.5

OI WoW %	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26
Cape5TC	0.5%	11.4%	5.1%	1.4%	10.0%	10.0%
Pmx4TC	0.5%	4.0%	3.7%	1.7%	12.2%	12.2%
Smx10TC	-1.8%	4.1%	3.5%	0.3%	5.0%	5.0%
Iron Ore 62%	1.0%	9.5%	8.4%	22.4%	27.9%	7.9%
Coking Coal	-2.3%	8.4%	0.5%	-2.2%	0.9%	3.0%
US HRC	-0.5%	4.7%	2.6%	0.6%	-1.8%	-1.7%
FOB China HRC	0.0%	5.5%	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%

Price WoW %	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26
Cape5TC \$/day	1.8%	3.4%	2.9%	2.8%	1.6%	1.7%
Pmx4TC \$/day	3.8%	2.6%	2.4%	2.3%	1.3%	1.9%
Smx10TC \$/day	-0.2%	0.9%	1.0%	0.3%	2.1%	1.0%
Iron Ore 62% \$/mt	0.9%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.2%	1.1%
Coking Coal \$/mt	0.4%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.5%	0.3%	0.8%
US HRC \$/st	1.1%	1.1%	0.2%	1.2%	0.3%	0.3%
FOB China HRC \$/t	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	-0.4%	0.0%

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