FIS

Daily Virtual Steel Mill Report

info@freightinvestor.com | freightinvestorservices.com | (+44) 207 090 1120

29/10/2025

Verdict:

- Our view is Short-run Neutral

Macro:

- The Communist Party of China Central Committee's proposal for the 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-2030) was released on the 28th, outlining key recommendations such as optimizing and upgrading traditional industries while enhancing the independence and controllability of industrial chains; strengthening the clean and efficient utilization of fossil fuels by promoting the transformation and upgrading of coal-fired power generation and replacing scattered coal usage; and moderately advancing the construction of new types of infrastructure.

Iron Ore Key Indicators:

- Platts62 107.15 +0.65, MTD $105.51. Positive signals from U.S.-China trade talks, the Federal Reserve's interest rate cut expectations, and the release of China's "15th Five-Year Plan" have boosted market risk appetite, driving a slight continued rise in iron ore prices. Two cargoes of PB Fines and two cargoes of Newman lump were traded in the seaborne market. However, as fundamentals remain largely unchanged, steel mills have adopted a cautious approach to procurement following the price increase. Iron ore prices are expected to face downward pressure and retreat in the near term.

- During the period from October 20 to October 26, the total iron ore inventory at seven major ports in Australia and Brazil reached 11.583 million mt, a decrease of 147,000 mt week-on-week, continuing the destocking trend and hitting the lowest level since the second half of the year.

- According to Mysteel, the Guinean government recently signed shipping-related contract documents for the Simandou iron ore project with strategic partners Rio Tinto Simfer, Baowu, and Winning Consortium Simandou (WCS). This lays a solid foundation for the project to achieve its first shipment of iron ore by the end of 2025 as planned.

SGX Iron Ore IODEX Futures& Options Open Interest (Oct 28th)

- Futures 218,175,400 tons (Increase 2,380,800 tons)

- Options 187,589,100 tons (Increase 2,174,000 tons)

Coking Coal and Coke Indicators:

- The daily clearance volume at the Ganqmod Port for Mongolian coal has returned to high levels, with over 1,200 trucks passing through on both October 27 and 28, representing a week-on-week increase of approximately 40%. While supply at the port remains tight, traders are firm on prices.

Daily Virtual Steel Mill Report

info@freightinvestor.com | freightinvestorservices.com | (+44) 207 090 1120