

## Ferrous Market Signals

### Bull

- China domestic iron ore concentrates yet to recover post-Golden week due to environmental controls, keeping supply tight.
- BHP narrowed October discounts for MACF, NHGF and JMBF compared with September.
- After China National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) recently announced that the entire 500 yuan billion new policy-based financial instrument would be used to supplement project capital, many regions have begun to successively connect with this instrument to promote the landing of funds and the formation of physical workload. Meanwhile, some regions have also arranged work related to expanding effective investment.
- China Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MOHURD): At present, the approved amount of loans for projects on the national whitelist has exceeded 7 trillion yuan, which has strongly ensured the construction and delivery of commercial housing projects.

### Bear

- Following China's long holiday, the seaborne market remained quiet last week, with limited interest seen in PBF.
- BHP reached an agreement to settle iron ore trade in Chinese yuan, which has resolved short-term concerns over iron ore supply.
- Last Friday, markets including U.S. stocks, non-ferrous metals and international oil prices plummeted amid heightened trade risks and the prolonged U.S. federal government shutdown. However, on Monday, commodities staged a corrective rebound following reports of easing trade tensions.
- With the China construction season set to conclude in November and the introduction of lower new steel quotas by the European Union, steel consumption is projected to decline in the coming period. Against this backdrop, iron ore prices are likely to enter a phase of consolidation or correction.

## Market Data Snapshot (10th Oct)

Open Interest /lots	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26
Cape5TC	21,381	17,036	14,346	8,755	8,745	8,745
Pmx4TC	20,672	19,038	15,637	9,512	9,452	9,462
Smx10TC	11,720	10,330	8,070	4,555	4,530	4,525
Iron Ore (IODEX)	348,601	557,744	374,941	304,629	73,206	60,469
Coking Coal	2,857	3,089	1,981	1,282	1,055	908
US HRC	4,807	4,823	4,324	2,402	1,782	1,778
FOB China HRC	617	499	261	260	220	203

Price	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26
Cape5TC \$/day	25,261	27,575	25,596	18,318	15,071	18,846
Pmx4TC \$/day	14,850	14,739	13,836	11,598	10,594	12,021
Smx10TC \$/day	15,814	14,771	14,061	11,575	10,182	12,036
Iron Ore (IODEX) \$/mt	106.40	106.36	105.58	102.65	102.17	101.57
Coking Coal \$/mt	193.00	196.00	198.00	201.00	204.00	207.00
US HRC \$/st	814	836	855	868	875	879
FOB China HRC \$/t	470.5	471.5	473.5	476.0	477.0	478.5

OI WoW %	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26
Cape5TC	1.4%	8.7%	3.4%	2.6%	2.6%	2.3%
Pmx4TC	-1.2%	8.2%	9.2%	3.7%	3.2%	3.6%
Smx10TC	-1.7%	11.7%	1.5%	6.2%	5.6%	5.6%
Iron Ore (IODEX)	-2.3%	6.3%	13.1%	8.7%	11.7%	4.4%
Coking Coal	1.9%	5.8%	13.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
US HRC	2.4%	-2.5%	7.2%	1.7%	4.9%	5.3%
FOB China HRC	0.0%	9.7%	12.0%	41.3%	8.4%	0.0%

Price WoW %	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26
Cape5TC \$/day	1.8%	7.9%	6.2%	4.2%	2.7%	3.4%
Pmx4TC \$/day	7.2%	10.3%	7.4%	3.3%	3.8%	3.5%
Smx10TC \$/day	2.8%	8.5%	7.6%	4.6%	3.3%	2.6%
Iron Ore (IODEX) \$/mt	2.3%	2.3%	1.7%	1.4%	1.3%	1.1%
Coking Coal \$/mt	1.3%	1.6%	0.3%	0.5%	0.2%	0.0%
US HRC \$/st	1.2%	0.8%	0.1%	-0.5%	0.3%	0.2%
FOB China HRC \$/t	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.4%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%

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