



Daily Virtual Steel Mill Report

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Verdict:

- Our view is Short-run Neutral

Macro:

- Trump stated on a social media platform that Venezuela's interim governing authority would transfer 30 to 50 million barrels of high-quality, sanctioned oil to the United States.

Iron Ore Key Indicators:

- Platts IODEX 106.65, +0.85 MTD \$105.98. China's stock market surged yesterday, with the Shanghai Composite Index hitting a fresh ten-year high, boosting commodity markets as well. Last week's sharp decline in shipments from Australia and Brazil also provided some short-term support. The seaborne market remained active after the holiday, with trading still concentrated on MACF and NHGF at discounts of -\$3.45/dmt and -\$4.50/dmt, showing little change from earlier levels.
- During the period from December 29, 2025, to January 4, 2026, the total iron ore inventory across seven major ports in Australia and Brazil reached 11.583 million tons, an increase of 561,000 tons compared with the previous period, indicating a slight rebound. The current inventory level remains slightly below the average observed since the fourth quarter.

SGX Iron Ore IODEX Futures& Options Open Interest (Jan 6th)

- Futures 151,969,600 tons (Increase 2,002,000 tons)
- Options 138,576,400 tons (Increase 458,200 tons)

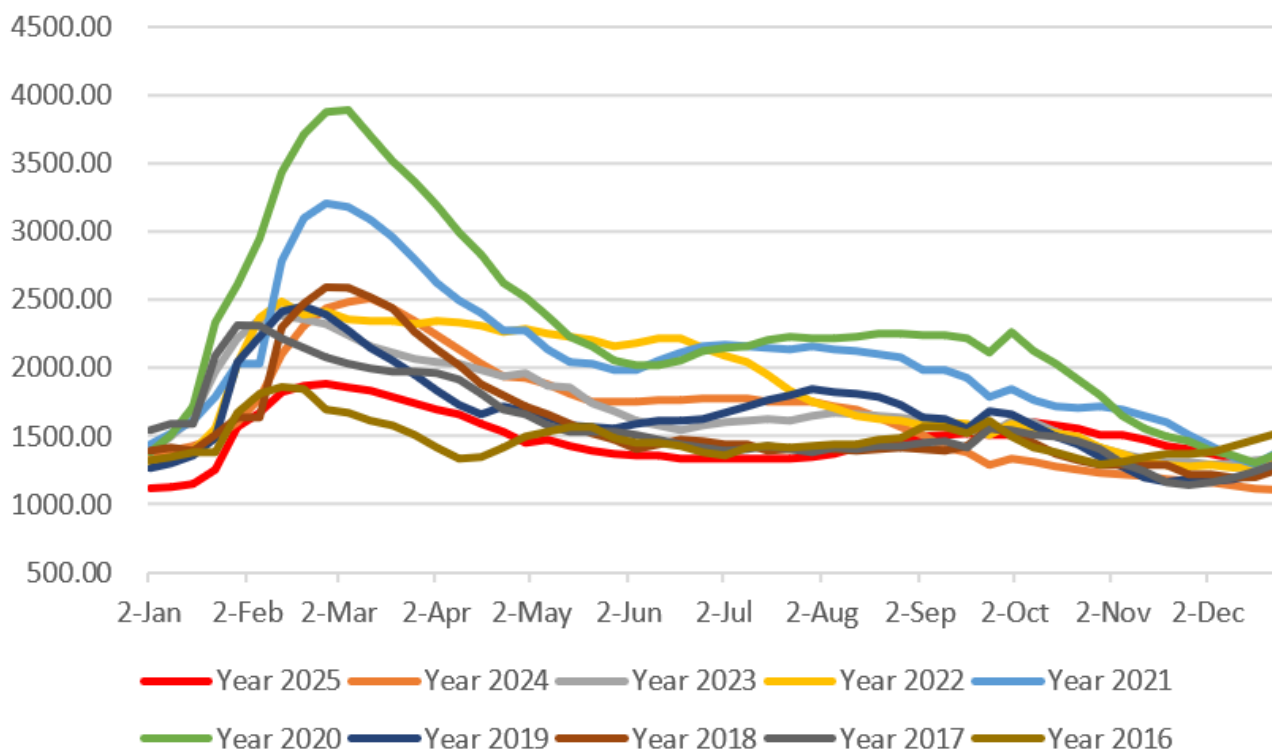
Steel Indicators:

- Baosteel has adjusted its domestic steel sales prices for February and March 2026. For products including hot-rolled coil, heavy plate, seamless steel pipe, welded pipe, wire rod, and bar steel, the base price for February will remain unchanged, while a price increase of 100 yuan per ton will be applied in March.

Coking Coal and Coke Indicators:

- The Australian coking coal market remains subdued. Despite persistent rainfall, coking coal supply from mining areas has not been significantly impacted, leading to buyer resistance towards the currently elevated price levels.

Five Major Steels Inventories(10,000 tonnes)



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