



Daily Virtual Steel Mill Report

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

04/02/2026

Verdict:

- Our view is Short-run Neutral to Bearish

Macro:

- According to a report by AXIOS citing Arab sources, the Trump administration has agreed to Iran's request to change the location of the negotiations from Turkey. The U.S.-Iran nuclear talks are now expected to take place in Oman on Friday.

Iron Ore Key Indicators:

- Platts IODEX 102.00, -0.40 MTD \$102.20. The iron ore market lacks momentum as pre-holiday restocking by steel mills is almost complete, leading to a continued slight decline in prices. In the primary market, the discount for MACF narrowed to - \$4/dmt, followed by another cargo transacted at -\$3.93/dmt, both based on the April index. Regarding lump ore, three cargoes of NBL were traded yesterday at +\$0.020/dmtu.
- During the period from January 26 to February 1, the total iron ore inventory across seven major ports in Australia and Brazil reached 13.703 million tonnes, an increase of 2.014 million tonnes week-on-week, indicating a recovery in inventory levels. The current stockpile is at its highest level since the beginning of the year.
- ArcelorMittal's expansion project at the Tokadeh mine in Liberia is nearing completion. The plan aims to increase the mine's iron ore shipment capacity from approximately 5 million tonnes per year to 20 million tonnes per year by 2026.

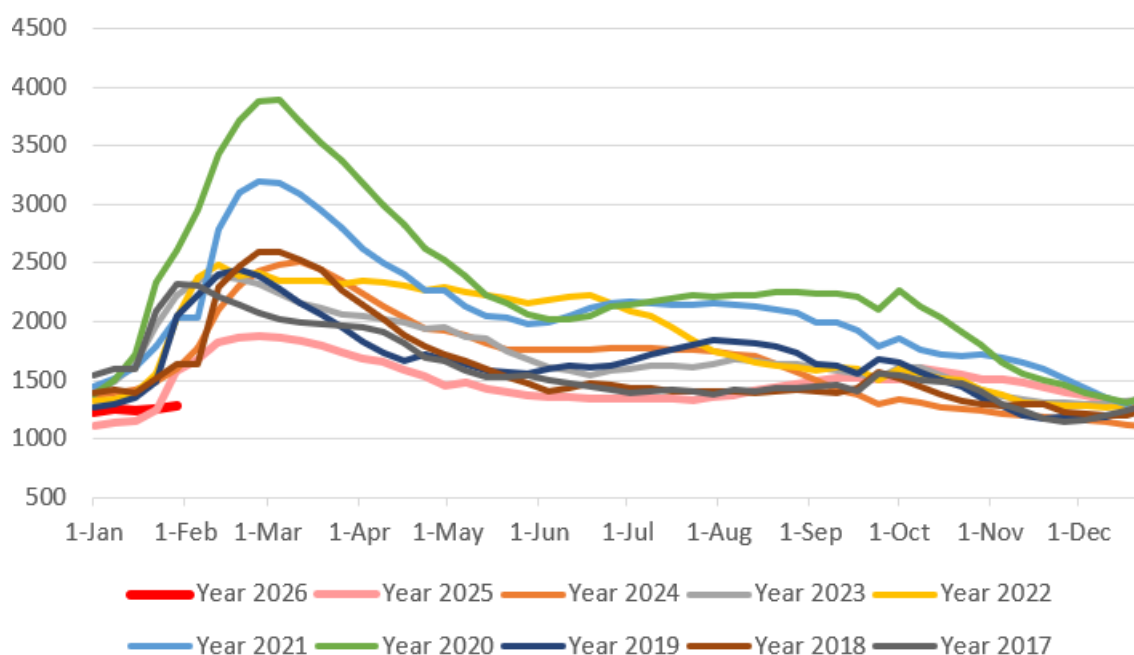
SGX Iron Ore IODEX Futures& Options Open Interest (Feb 3rd)

- Futures 150,005,400 tons (Increase 1,536,900 tons)
- Options 147,219,500 tons (Increase 1,039,600 tons)

Coking Coal and Coke Indicators:

- According to a Reuters report, Indonesian mining officials stated on Tuesday that miners in the country have suspended spot coal exports due to the government's proposal for significant production cuts. Last month, Indonesia issued production quotas to major miners that are 40% to 70% lower than 2025 levels, as part of its plan to boost coal prices. The country's main industry association opposes the move, warning that it could lead to layoffs and mine closures.

Five Major Steels Inventories(10,000 tonnes)



The information provided in this communication is not intended for retail clients. It is general in nature only and does not constitute advice or an offer to sell, or the solicitation of an offer to purchase any swap or other financial instruments, nor constitute any recommendation on our part. The information has been prepared without considering your investment objectives, financial situation, or knowledge and experience. This material is not a research report and is not intended as such. FIS is not responsible for any trading decisions taken based on this communication. Trading swaps and over-the-counter derivatives, exchange-traded derivatives, and options involve substantial risk and are not suitable for all investors. You are advised to perform an independent investigation to determine whether a transaction is suitable for you. No part of this material may be copied or duplicated in any form by any means or redistributed without our prior written consent. Freight Investor Services Ltd (FIS) is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FRN: 211452) and is a member of the National Futures Association ("NFA"). Freight Investor Services PTE Ltd ('FIS PTE') is a private limited company, incorporated and registered in Singapore with company number 200603922G, and has subsidiary offices in India and Shanghai. Freight Investor Solutions DMCC ('FIS DMCC') is a private limited company, incorporated and registered in Dubai with company number DMCC1225. Further information about FIS including the location of its offices can be found on our website at freightinvestorservices.com