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Verdict:

- Our view is Short-run Neutral

Macro:

- The U.S. seasonally adjusted non-farm payroll employment increased by 130,000 in January, significantly surpassing the median market expectation of 70,000 and marking the largest gain since April 2025. Following the release of the jobs report, traders scaled back their expectations for Federal Reserve interest rate cuts.

Iron Ore Key Indicators:

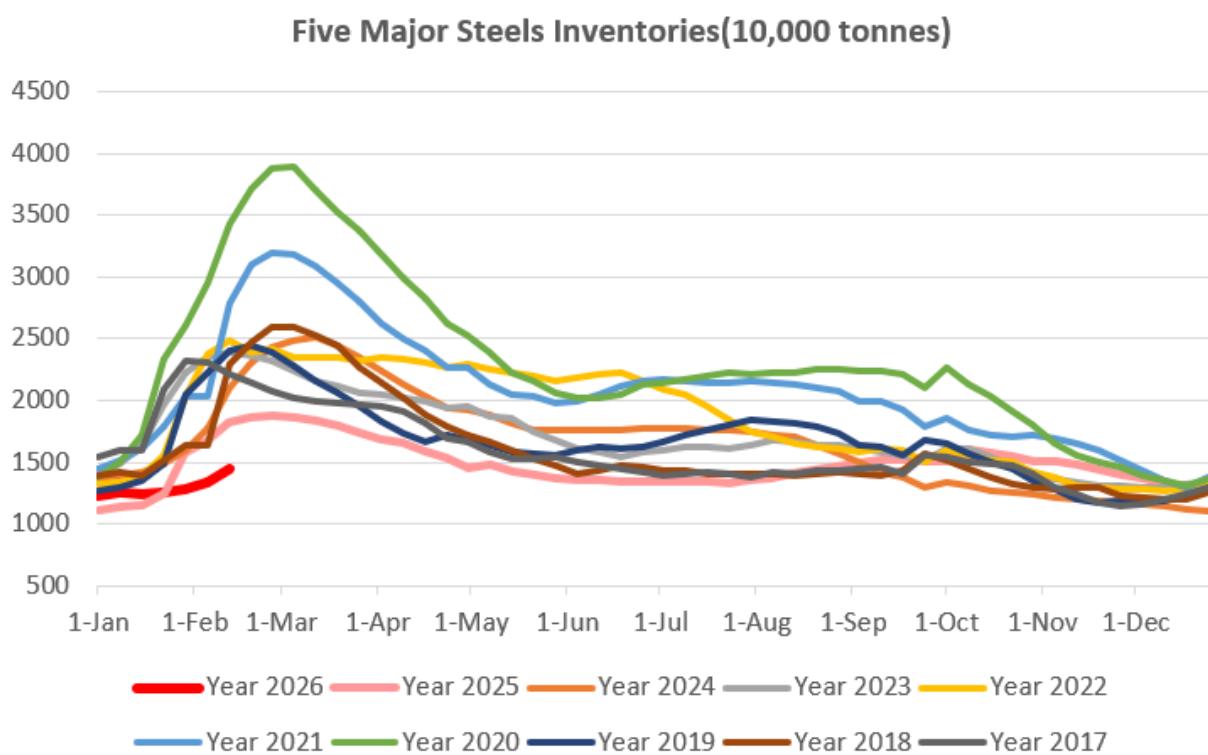
- Platts IODEX 99.95, -0.25 MTD \$100.75. Iron ore traded steadily. In the seaborne market, one cargo each of MACF and NHGF was transacted at discounts of -\$2.5/dmt and -\$3.4/dmt respectively, with discounts narrowing by nearly \$1/ton compared to early this week. Lump ore premiums continued to rebound. A cargo of NBL was traded yesterday at +\$0.060/dmtu, up by \$0.011/dmtu from the last transaction.
- SGX Iron Ore IODEX Futures & Options Open Interest (Feb 11th)
- Futures 153,480,800 tons (Increase 377,100 tons)
- Options 161,204,900 tons (Increase 3,494,000 tons)

Steel Indicators:

- Mysteel: This week, the average hot metal cost excluding tax and the average tax-included billet cost at mainstream sample steel mills in Tangshan edged down. Compared with the current TS billet ex-works price of 2,900 yuan/ton, steelmakers' losses widened by 10 yuan/ton. Although production costs declined slightly, the weaker billet ex-works price deepened mills' losses.

Coking Coal and Coke Indicators:

- According to reports from Indonesian media, Tri Winarno, Director General of Minerals and Coal of Indonesia, stated that the ministry has approved 100% of the annual production quotas for PKP2B coal miners and state-owned companies (SOEs) holding IUP licenses. However, these companies are required to allocate at least 30% of their coal output in advance to fulfill Domestic Market Obligations (DMO), supplying state utility enterprises.



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