FIS

DAILY VIRTUAL STEEL MILL REPORT

12 Oct 2026

info@freightinvestor.com | freightinvestorservices.com | fis-live.com
London (+44) 20 7090 1120 | Dubai (+971) 4 4493900 | Singapore (+65) 6535 5189 | Shanghai (+86) 21 6335 4002

Verdict:

- Our view is Short-run Neutral

Macro:

- On the 11th, the U.S. Department of Energy announced that it has approved the allocation of up to 4 million barrels of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) through an emergency oil swap arrangement, in response to supply disruptions caused by severe weather in the Gulf of Mexico region.

Iron Ore Key Indicators:

- Platts IODEX 90.30 -0.20, MTD $91.09. On Friday, iron ore prices extended the decline. Seaborne market buyers were actively bottom-fishing, driving brisk trading activity, with miners selling multiple cargoes of mainstream fines; PBF were traded as low as $89.95/dmt. Portside spot trading was comparatively quiet, with steel mills' restocking appetite remaining subdued and sellers inclined to await a price rebound.

SGX Iron Ore IODEX Futures& Options Open Interest (Oct 9th)

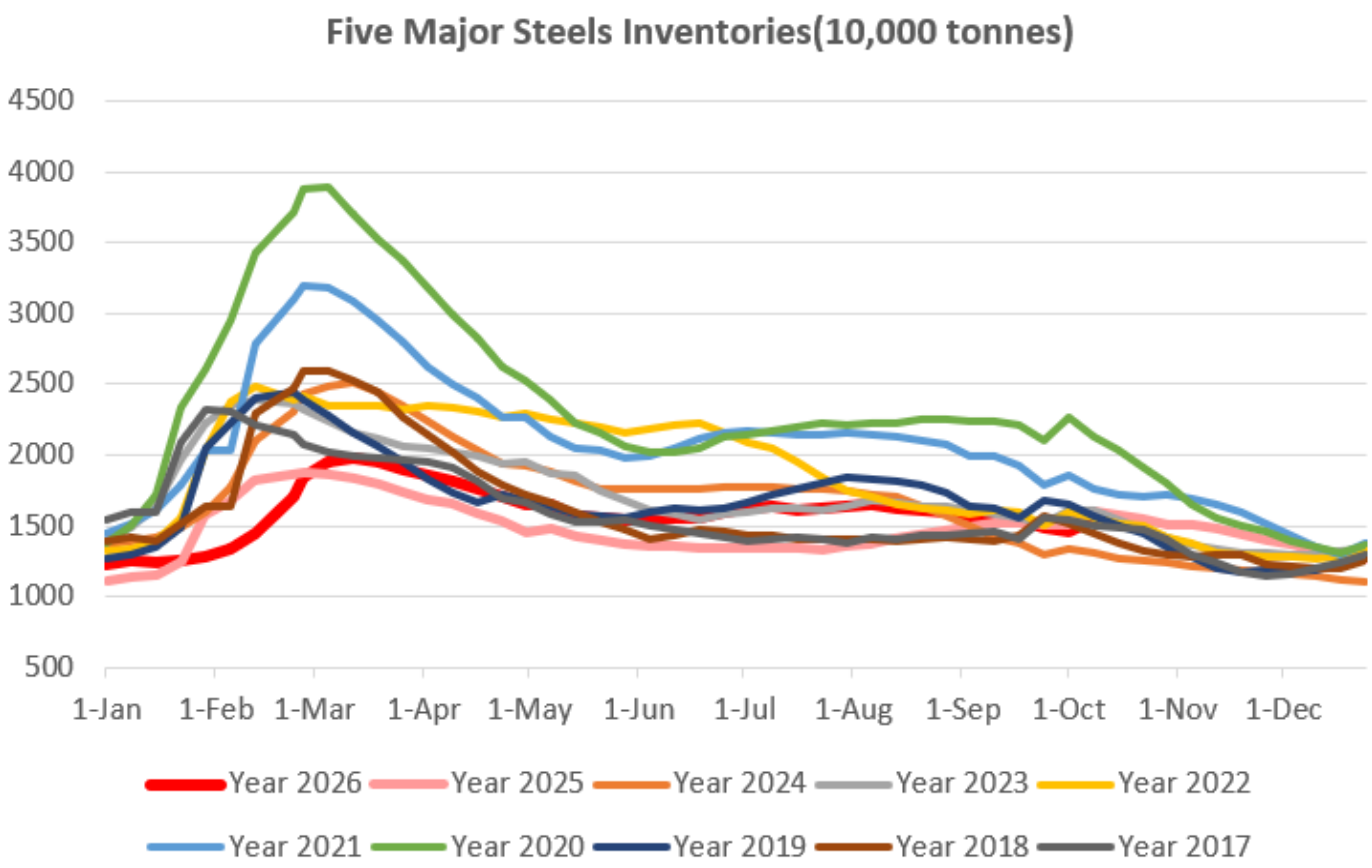
- Futures 140,826,100 tons (Increase 1,339,500 tons)
- Options 128,879,800 tons (Increase 748,500 tons)

Steel Indicators:

- Last week the blast furnace operating rate of 247 steel mills was 81.37%, decreasing by 0.16% week-on-week and decreasing by 2.90% year-on-year. The blast furnace utilization rate is 87.8%, increasing by 0.01% week-on-week and decreasing by 2.75% year-on-year. The average daily hot metal output was 2.34 million tons, an increase of 500 tons week-on-week and a decrease of 77,000 tons year-on-year.
- CISA: In late-Sep, the average daily output of crude steel of China key steel enterprises was 1.881 million tons, down 2.1% compared to early-Sep. Steel inventories reached 15.65 million tons, down 8.4% compared to mid-Sep.

Coking Coal and Coke Indicators:

- Coke prices in China are about to enter a second round of downward adjustments, and seaborne coking coal prices are expected to continue their decline. On Friday, a 40,000-tonne cargo of PLV Peak Downs coking coal was transacted on a partially index-linked basis, indicating that buyers believe the current price near $270/mt FOB Australia still has room to fall.



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