Metals Market Index MMi

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Iron Ore Price Indices

Iron Ore Port Stock (FOT Qingdao) IOPI62 62% Fe Fines RMB/t
925
2 0.22%
Mar 4th, 2024

Iron Ore Port Stock (FOT Qingdao) IOPI65 65% Fe Fines RMB/t
1037
1.99 0.19%
Mar 4th, 2024

Iron Port Stock (FOT Qingdao) IOPI58 58% Fe Fines RMB/t
844
2 0.29%
Mar 4th, 2024

Iron Ore Seaborne (CFR Qingdao) IOSI62 62% Fe Fines USD/dmt
124.30
-0.30 -0.24%
Mar 4th, 2024

Iron Ore Seaborne (CFR Qingdao) IOSI65 65% Fe Fines USD/dmt
157.90
0.50 0.32%
Mar 4th, 2024

Iron Ore Port Stock (FOT Qingdao) IOPLI 62.5% Fe Lump RMB/t
1050
-25 -2.33%
Week Ending Mar 1st, 2024

Exchange Traded Contracts

DCE Iron Ore 62% Fines I2405 (May) RMB/t (3pm close)
890.00
18.50 2.12%
Mar 4th, 2024 (3pm close)

SGX Iron Ore (CFR Qingdao) 62% Fe Fines March 24 USD/dmt
115.65
2.35 2.07%
Mar 4th, 2024 (5.30 pm Print)

SHFE Rebar RB2405 (Jan) RMB/t
3762
-1 -0.03%
Mar 4th, 2024 (3pm close)

Freight Rates

C3, Tubarao - Qingdao USD/t
28.77
0.87 3.13%
Mar 1st, 2024

C5, W. Australia - Qingdao USD/t
13.65
0.88 6.85%
Mar 1st, 2024

Steel Price

Steel Rebar (China Domestic) RMB/t
3790
-50 -1.30%
Week Ending Mar 1st, 2024

Inventory Levels

Iron Ore Inventory at Chinese Ports (35) million tonnes
135.47
2.83 2.13%
Week Ending Mar 1st, 2024

Steel Inventory in China million tonnes
12.17
1.01 9.08%
Week Ending Mar 1st, 2024

Steel Price

Steel HRC (China Domestic) RMB/t
3930
-10 -0.25%
Week Ending Mar 1st, 2024

IRON ORE PORT STOCK INDEX (IOPI)

Mar 4th, 2024		FOT Qingdao (inc. 13% VAT), RMB/wet tonne							CFR Qingdao Equivalent (exc. 13% VAT), USD/dry tonne [1]						
Index	Fe Content	Price	Change	Change %	MTD	YTD	Low [2]	High [2]	Price	Change	Change %	MTD	YTD	Low [2]	High [2]
IOPI62	62% Fe Fines	**925**	2.0	0.22%	880	895	770	1063	**121.49**	0.34	0.3%	116.36	121.09	100.95	140.24
IOPI58	58% Fe Fines	**844**	2.5	0.29%	784	781	680	963	**111.74**	0.40	0.4%	104.47	106.10	89.86	128.13
IOPI65	65% Fe Fines	**1037**	2.0	0.19%	996	1026	881	1175	**136.62**	0.34	0.3%	132.21	139.57	116.19	155.37

IRON ORE SEABORNE INDEX (IOSI)

Mar 4th, 2024		CFR Qingdao, USD/dry tonne						
Index	Fe Content	Price	Change	Change %	MTD	YTD	Low [2]	High [2]
IOSI62	62% Fe Fines	**124.30**	-0.30	-0.24%	116.42	116.42	99.20	146.75
IOSI65	65% Fe Fines	**157.90**	0.50	0.32%	130.60	130.60	115.45	171.65

MARKET COMMENTARY

DCE iron ore futures tight, and rosed in the end. the main contract I2405 closed 890. an decrease of 0.11% throughout the day; Market wait-and-see sentiment increased; Some traders adopt separate quotations; Some steel mills tended to be wait-and-see, and purchasing enthusiasm is not high. total transactions remained insipid. PBF at Shandong port dealt 900-905 yuan/mt; increased 10-15 yuan/mt from last Friday. PBF at Tangshan port dealt 910-915 yuan/mt; decreased 10-20 yuan/mt from last Friday. SMM's global iron ore shipments totaled 30.68 million tons, an increase of 4.3% month on month. Among them, Australia shipped 15.13 million tons, a decrease of 9.2% month on month; Brazil shipped 8.19 million tons, an increase of 25% compared to the previous month; The arrival volume in China was 28.16 million tons,

IRON ORE PORT LUMP INDEX (IOPLI)

Week Ending Mar 1st, 2024		FOT Qingdao (inc. 13% VAT), RMB/wet tonne							CFR Qingdao Equivalent (exc. 13% VAT), USD/dry tonne [3]						
Index	Fe Content	Price	W-o-W	Change %	MTD	YTD	Low [2]	High [2]	Price	W-o-W	Change %	MTD	YTD	Low [2]	High [2]
IOPLI62	62.5% Fe Lump	**1050**	-25	-2.3%	994	1041	903	1210	**132.58**	-3.28	-2.42%	126.89	136.32	114.47	153.57

IRON ORE DOMESTIC CONCENTRATE SPOT PRICE ASSESSMENTS AND COMPOSITE INDEX

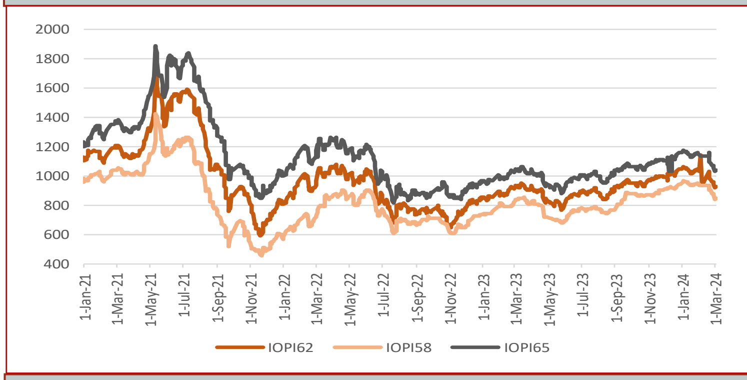
Week Ending Mar 1st, 2024				RMB/tonne (excluding tax) [3]				USD/tonne (excluding tax) [3]			
Province	Region	Product	Basis	This week	Change %	Low [2]	High [2]	This week	Change %	Low [2]	High [2]
Hebei	Hanxing	66% Fe Concentrate	Dry	**1084**	-4.5%	779	1645	**152.54**	-4.52%	110.31	255.69
Hebei	Qian'an	65% Fe Concentrate	Dry	**1155**	-2.1%	780	1630	**162.54**	-2.14%	110.51	251.57
Liaoning	Anshan	65% Fe Concentrate	Wet	**900**	-2.2%	620	1310	**126.65**	-2.20%	87.40	202.32
Shandong	Zibo	65% Fe Concentrate	Dry	**1132**	-4.9%	800	1752	**159.30**	-4.90%	0.00	272.32

Week Ending Mar 1st, 2024	This week	Change %	Low [2]	High [2]
China Mines Concentrate Composite Index RMB/WT	**1040.68**	-2.00%	706.36	1511.22

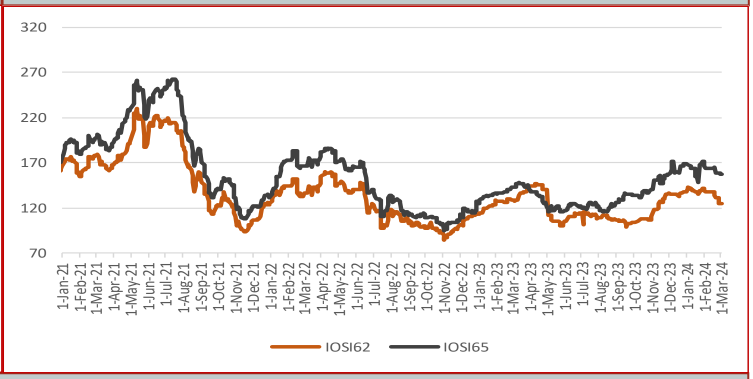
[1] Exchange rate applied: RMB/USD = 6.7522 [2]Last 12 months

[3] Weekly exchange rate applied: RMB/USD =6.87528

IRON ORE PORT INDEX, FOT QINGDAO (RMB/WT)



IRON ORE SEABORNE INDEX, CFR QINGDAO (USD/DMT)



IRON ORE PORT STOCK INDEX MONTHLY, QUARTERLY AND YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES

Mar 4th, 2024		FOT Qingdao (inc. 13% VAT), RMB/wet tonne							CFR Qingdao Equivalent (exc. 13% VAT), USD/dry tonne						
Index	Fe Content	November	December	January	February	MTD	QTD	YTD	November	December	January	February	MTD	QTD	YTD
IOPI62	62% Fe Fines	988	1017	1041	992	**880**	874	895	129.07	133.85	137.08	130.57	**115.32**	115.81	120.56
IOPI58	58% Fe Fines	884	924	949	908	**784**	779	781	116.42	122.63	126.09	120.39	**103.33**	103.91	105.35
IOPI65	65% Fe Fines	1100	1124	1152	1108	**996**	991	1026	144.10	148.34	152.20	146.16	**131.20**	131.90	139.19

IRON ORE SEABORNE INDEX MONTHLY, QUARTERLY AND YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES

Mar 4th, 2024		CFR Qingdao, USD/dry tonne						
Index	Fe Content	November	December	January	February	MTD	QTD	YTD
IOSI62	62% Fe Fines	124.61	135.51	139.58	134.03	**112.14**	115.18	116.42
IOSI65	65% Fe Fines	150.46	161.63	164.44	162.36	**122.86**	129.04	130.60

FREIGHT RATES

Mar 1st, 2024		FREIGHT RATES - DRY BULK US$/wet tonne				
Route	Designation		Change	Change %	Low [2]	High [2]
W. Australia - Qingdao	C5	**13.65**	0.88	6.85%	3.57	16.77
Tubarao - Qingdao	C3	**28.77**	0.87	3.13%	6.70	36.40

IRON ORE PORT LUMP INDEX MONTHLY, QUARTERLY AND YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES

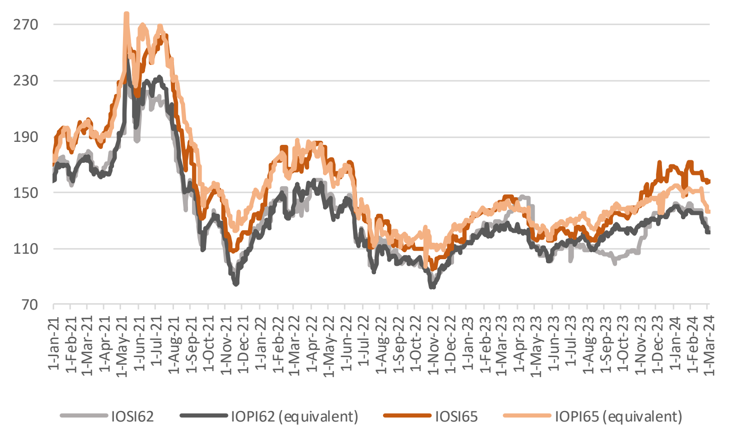
Week Ending Mar 1st, 2024		FOT Qingdao (inc. 13% VAT), RMB/wet tonne							CFR Qingdao Equivalent (exc. 13% VAT), USD/dry tonne [1]						
Index	Fe Content	November	December	January	February	MTD	QTD	YTD	November	December	January	February	MTD	QTD	YTD
IOPLI62	62.5% Fe Lump	1155	1177	1170	1093	**933**	988	1017	145.07	149.11	148.20	138.12	**119.96**	126.41	134.98

IRON ORE INDEX PREMIUMS/DISCOUNTS

Mar 4th, 2024		PORT STOCK INDEX (RMB/WT)	
Index	Fe Content	Spread to IOPI62	% Spread to IOPI62
IOPI58	58% Fe Fines	**-81**	-8.76%
IOPI65	65% Fe Fines	**112**	12.08%

Mar 4th, 2024		SEABORNE INDEX (USD/DMT)	
Index	Fe Content	Spread to IOSI62	% Spread to IOSI62
IOSI65	65% Fe Fines	**33.60**	27.03%

IRON ORE INDEX COMPARISONS (USD/DMT)



CHINA DOMESTIC COMPOSITE MINES INDEX (RMB/Wet Tonne, including VAT)

IRON ORE BRAND SPOT PRICE ASSESMENTS

Mar 4th, 2024	PORT STOCK INDEX (RMB/WT)		
	Price	Change	Diff to IOPI62
Roy Hill	868	2	-57
SIMEC Fines	798	2	-127
PB Fines	892	2	-33
Newman Fines	894	2	-31
MAC Fines	875	2	-50
Jimblebar Blended Fines	790	2	-135
Carajas Fines	1106	2	181
Brazilian SSF	890	1	-35
Brazilian Blend Fines	906	2	-19
RTX Fines	808	2	-117
West Pilbara Fines	836	2	-89

Mar 4th, 2024	SEABORNE INDEX (USD/DMT)		
	Price	Change	Diff to IOSI62
Roy Hill	119.80	-0.30	-4.50
SIMEC Fines	116.30	-0.30	-8.00
PB Fines	120.55	-0.30	-3.75
Newman Fines	123.45	-0.30	-0.85
MAC Fines	120.55	-0.30	-3.75
Jimblebar Blended Fines	112.95	-0.30	-11.35
Carajas Fines	153.85	-0.30	29.55
Brazilian SSF	128.05	-0.30	3.75
Brazilian Blend Fines	129.65	-0.30	5.35
RTX Fines	114.15	-0.30	-10.15
West Pilbara Fines	118.55	-0.30	-5.75

Mar 4th, 2024	PORT STOCK INDEX (RMB/WT)		
	Price	Change	Diff to IOPI58
SSF	844	2	0
FMG Blended Fines	854	2	10
Robe River	855	2	11
Western Fines	858	2	14
Atlas Fines	852	2	8
Yandi	836	2	-8

IRON ORE INDEX NORMALISATION DIFFERENTIALS

Port Stock Index Product Differentials (RMB/wet tonne)

	Applicable range	Value	Change
1% Fe	High Grade Fe 60 - 63%	5.00	0.00
	High Grade Fe 63 - 64%	90.00	0.00
	High Grade Fe 64 - 65%	90.00	0.00
	High Grade Fe 65 - 65.5%	90.00	0.00
	Low Grade Fe	20.00	0.00
1% Alumina	High Fe Grade Al <2.25%	5.00	0.00
	High Fe Grade Al 2.25-4%	10.00	0.00
	Low Fe Grade Al <2.25%	50.00	0.00
	Low Fe Grade Al 2.25-4%	8.00	0.00
1% Silica	High Fe Grade Si <4%	30.00	1.00
	High Fe Grade Si 4-6.5%	35.00	-5.00
	Low Fe Grade	13.00	0.00
0.01% Phosphorus	High Fe Grade 0.09%<P<0.115%	11.00	-1.00
	High Fe Grade 0.115%<P<0.15%	11.00	-1.00
	Low Fe Grade 0.09<P<0.1%	5.00	0.00

Seaborne Index Product Differentials (USD/dry tonne)

	Applicable range	Value	Change
1% Fe	High Grade Fe 60 - 63%	10.00	0.00
	High Grade Fe 63 - 64%	10.00	0.00
	High Grade Fe 64 - 65%	10.00	0.00
	High Grade Fe 65 - 65.5%	10.00	0.00
1% Alumina	High Fe Grade Al <2.25%	3.00	-0.25
	High Fe Grade Al 2.25-4%	1.50	0.25
1% Silica	High Fe Grade Si <4%	2.50	0.25
	High Fe Grade Si 4 - 6.5%	2.50	0.25
0.01% Phosphorus	High Fe Grade 0.09%<P<0.115%	0.75	0.25
	High Fe Grade 0.115%<P<0.15%	2.00	0.00

Port Stock Price Differentials to Qingdao Port for PB Fines (RMB/wet tonne)

Port	Value	Change	Port	Value	Change	Port	Value	Change	Port	Value	Change
Bayuquan	-50.00	0.00	Fangcheng	-25.00	0.00	Lanshan	0.00	0.00	Rizhao	0.00	0.00
Beilun	0.00	0.00	Jiangyin	-30.00	0.00	Lianyungang	0.00	0.00	Shekou	0.00	0.00
Caofeidian	0.00	0.00	Jingtang	-5.00	0.00	Majishan	0.00	0.00	Taicang	-30.00	0.00
Dalian	0.00	0.00	Lanqiao	0.00	0.00	Qingdao	0.00	0.00	Tianjin	-40.00	0.00

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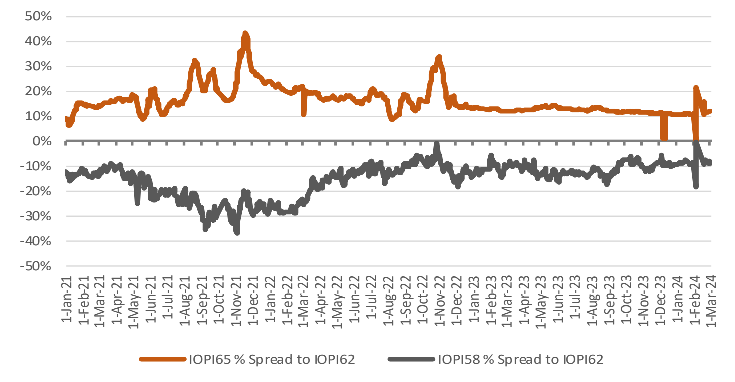
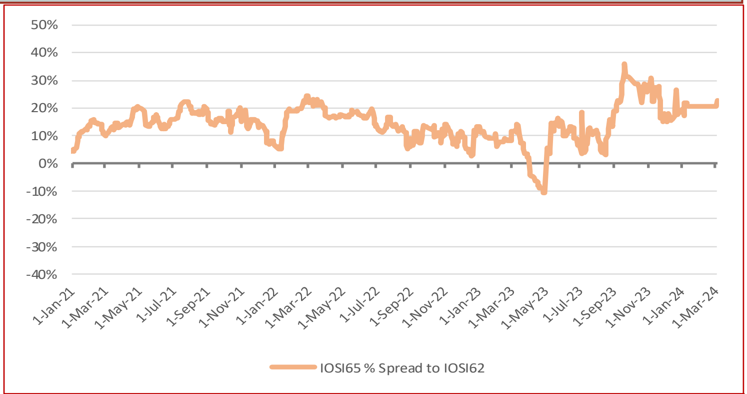
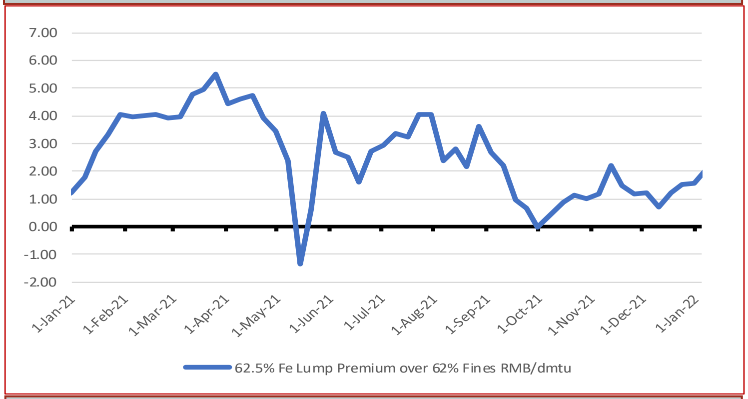
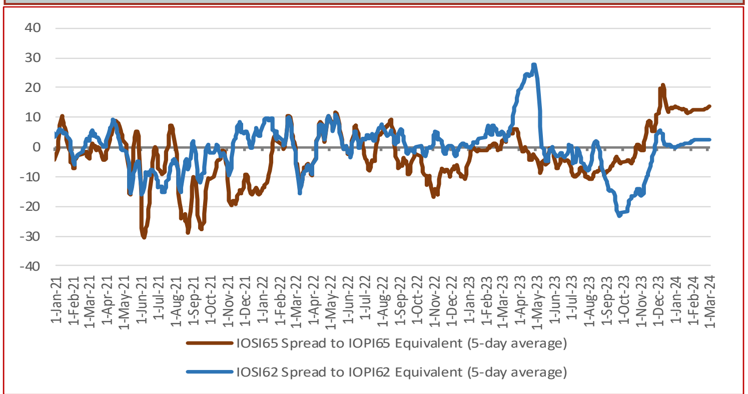




WEEKLY IRON ORE PORT STOCK LUMP PREMIUM (RMB/DMTU)

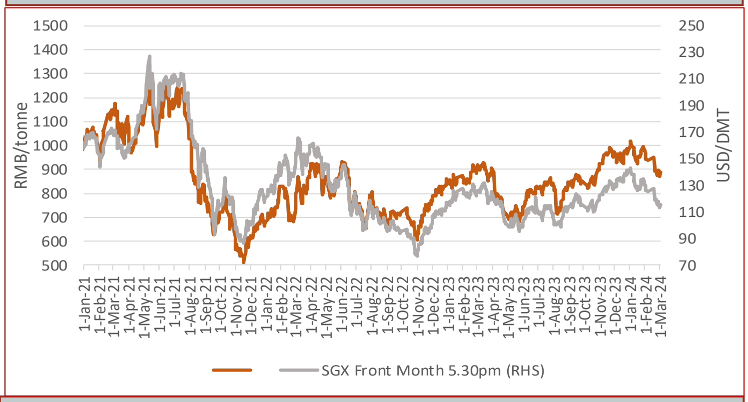


IRON ORE SEABORNE TO PORT STOCK PRICE SPREADS (USD/DMT)



TOTAL IRON ORE INVENTORIES AT CHINA PORTS (MILLION TONNES)

FUTURE TRADING—FRONT MONTH CLOSING PRICE



IRON ORE PORT INVENTORIES (MILLION TONNES)

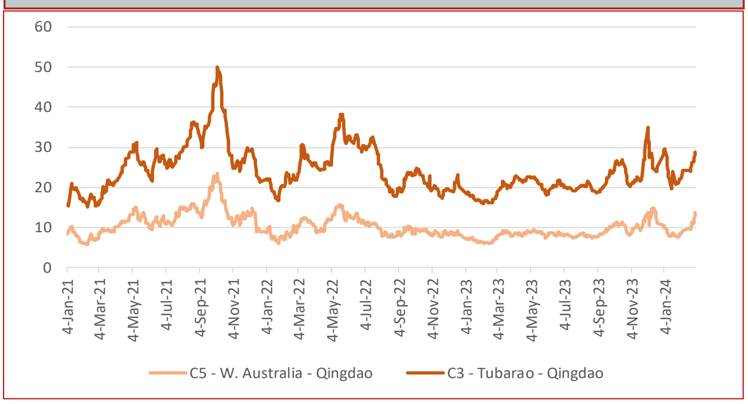
Week Ending Mar 1st, 2024

Province	This week	Change %	Low [2]	High [2]
Jingtang	12.15	2.70%	8.41	19.20
Qingdao	23.76	-2.06%	9.41	26.24
Caofeidian	13.65	2.48%	7.56	16.29
Tianjin	10.22	0.99%	6.49	12.97
Rizhao	16.60	6.21%	9.44	19.26
Total (35 Ports)	135.47	2.13%	98.80	155.39

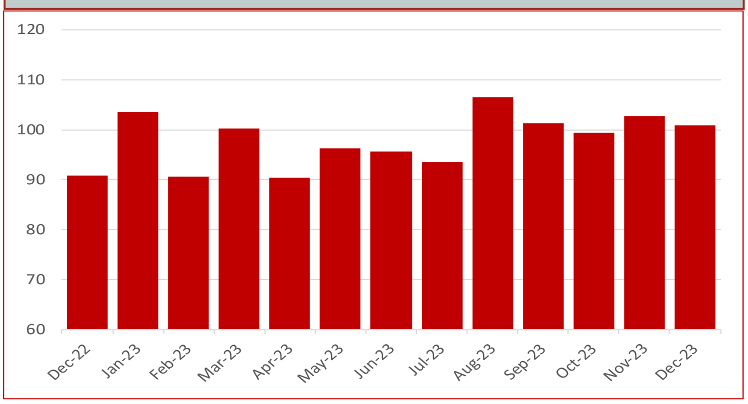
IRON ORE FUTURES CONTRACTS

	DCE (RMB/WMT)			SGX (USD/DMT)		
Closing Date	Mar 4th, 3pm close			Mar 4th, 5:30pm		
Contract	I2405	Change	Change %	Mar. 24	Change	Change %
Closing Price	890.00	18.50	2.12%	115.65	2.35	2.07%
Vol traded ('000 lots)	49.19	11.73	31.31%	10.62	1.66	18.49%
Open positions ('000 lots)	51.40	0.33	0.65%	29.12	0.80	2.84%
Day Low	860.5	-10.50	-1.21%	111.95	-0.55	-0.49%
Day High	891.5	-11.50	-1.27%	115.95	-1.50	-1.28%

DRY BULK FREIGHT RATES (USD/MT)



TOTAL CHINA IRON ORE IMPORT VOLUMES (MILLION TONNES)



STEEL SPOT MARKET PRICES—CHINA

Steel Spot Market RMB/tonne

Product	2024/3/1	Change	Change %
ReBar HRB400 ϕ18mm	3,790	-50	-1.30%
Wirerod Q300 ϕ6.5mm	4,050	-50	-1.22%
HRC Q235/SS400 5.5mm*1500*C	3,930	-10	-0.25%
CRC SPCC/ST12 1.0mm*1250*2500	4,760	-40	-0.83%
Medium & Heavy Plate Q235B 20mm	4,030	0	0.00%
GI ST02Z 1.0mm*1000*C	4,810	-40	-0.82%
Colour Coated Plate	6,700	-50	-0.74%

CHINESE STEEL MILL PROFITABILITY

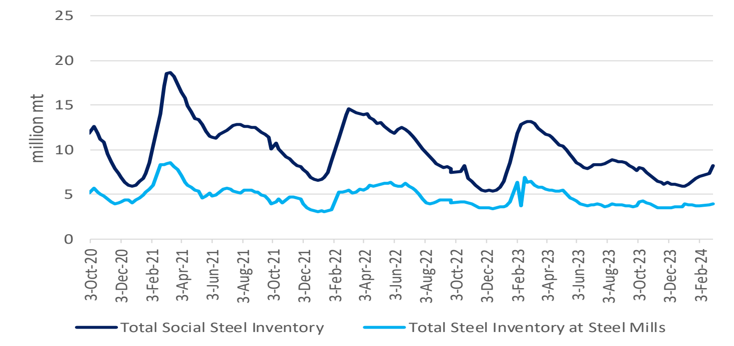
SMM Tracking of Steel Mill P&L - Rebar and Hot-rolled Coil (RMB/tonne)

Category	Price	Change (WoW)	Note
MMi (Fe 62%), USD/mt exluding tax	125.15	-6	Mmi CFR Equivalent index for 1st Feb
Coke	2,340	-110	2nd grade met coke, Tangshan, incl. tax
Steel Scrap	3,000	0	steel scrap (6mm) in Zhangjiagang, exl. tax
Billet Cost	3,136	-89	Q234, incl. tax
Rebar cost - Blast furnace	3,770	-100	calculated based on theoretical weight, incl. tax
Rebar profit - Blast furnace	-50	90	based on Shanghai prices, incl. tax
Hot-rolled coil cost - Blast furnace	3,836	-100	based on actual weight, incl. tax
Hot-rolled coil proft - Blast furnace	64	70	based on Shanghai prices, incl. tax

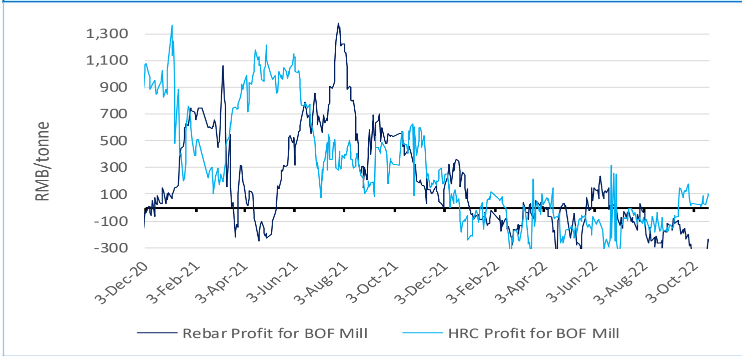
Note: 1. Costs in the table are caluclated based on todays market prices and facout our management, sales, financial and depreciations fe

2. The cost refers to average cost in the industry based on SMM's survey of small, medium and large mills in China

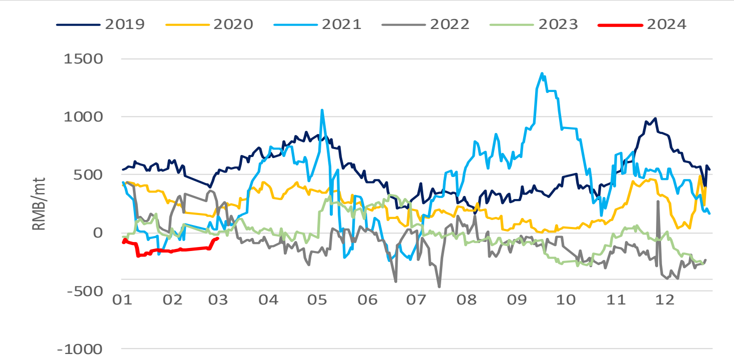
CHINESE STEEL INVENTORIES



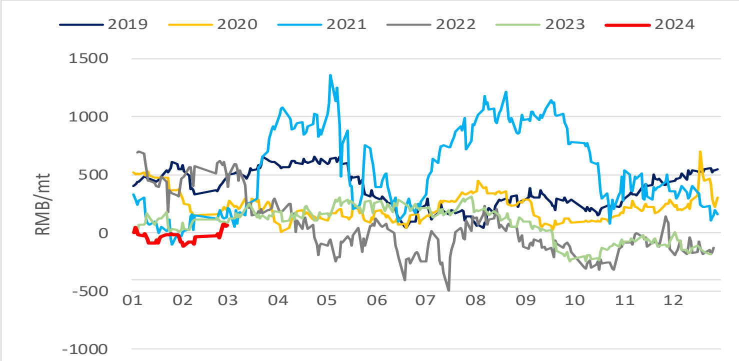
CHINESE STEEL MILL PROFITABILITY



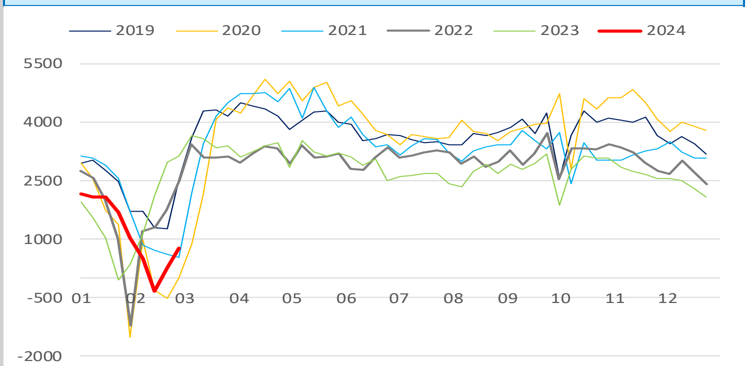
CHINESE STEEL MILL PROFITABILITY—Rebar



CHINESE STEEL MILL PROFITABILITY—Hot-rolled Coil



CHINESE STEEL CONSUMPTION—Rebar



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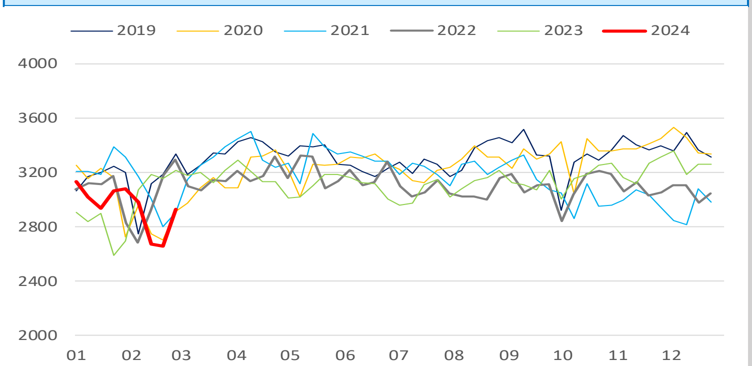
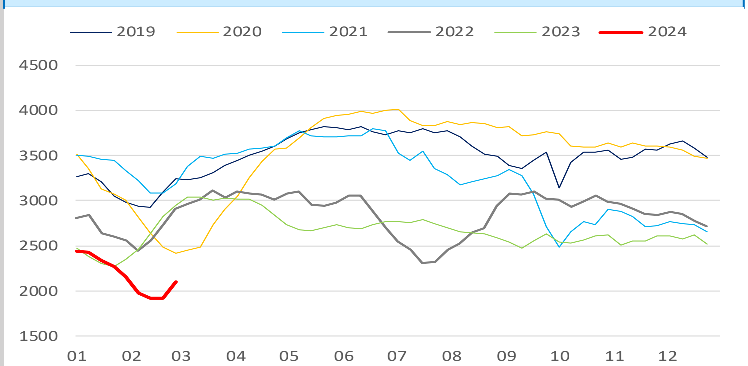


CHINESE STEEL PRODUCTION—Rebar



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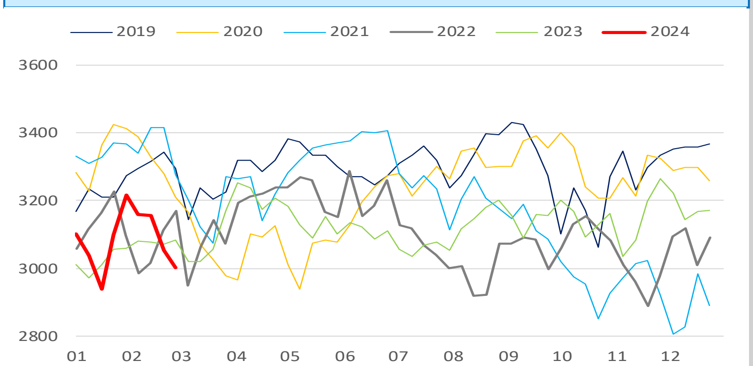

IRON ORE INDEX SPECIFICATIONS, COMPILATION RATIONALE AND DATA EXCLUSIONS

Iron Ore Index Specifications (Port and Seaborne)

	65% Fe Fines	62% Fe Fines	58% Fe Fines	62.5% Fe Lump
Fe %	65.00	62.00	58.00	62.50
Alumina %	1.40	2.25	2.25	1.50
Silica%	1.50	4.00	5.50	3.50
Phosphorus %	0.06	0.09	0.05	0.08
Sulphur %	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02
Moisture %	8.00	8.00	9.00	4.00
Sizing	Granular size below 10mm for at least 90% of cargo; maximum of 40% below 150 micron			Size below 6.3mm max 15% Size above 31.15mm max 25%
Pricing Point	Qingdao Port (FOT and CFR respectively)			FOT Qingdao Port
Timing (Seaborne)	Loading within 4 weeks, Delivery within 8 weeks			Delivery within 2 weeks
Payment Terms	L/C at sight			L/C at sight or CAD

Iron Ore Index Compilation Rationale and Data Exclusions

MMi iron ore indices are compiled from data provided by companies that are part of the iron ore supply chain and involved in spot market transactions. The indices are calculated using detailed transaction-level data submitted to MMi by these companies. This data is normalised to the appropriate specifications and screened to remove outliers before volume-weighted average prices are calculated from the remaining core set of data.

For more details on MMi's iron ore methodology please download the guide published on our website at: www.mmiprices.com

Data Exclusions*

	62%	58%	65%
Port Index	0	0	0
Seaborne index	0		0
Lump Index 62.5	0		

* Number of price submissions for iron ore indices that were excluded from index calculations today as they were anomalous and could not be verified

IRON ORE DOMESTIC CONCENTRATE INDEX CALCULATION METHODOLOGY

The compilation method for price index generally refers to the compilation method of CPI price index and other price indices, breakdown the price data and calculate the average value according to a certain method, taking the vertical axis as the regional composite index (average of different grade index) and the horizontal axis as the grade composite index (average of different regional index), a total composite index for domestic ore can be output ultimately. The process system is also adopted in the calculation i.e. each sub-index can be obtained as well.

AVERAGE IRON ORE SPECIFICATIONS APPLIED FOR BRAND PRICE ASSESSMENTS

PORT STOCK BRANDS

Mar 4th, 2024	Specifications applied for 62% brand assessments				
	Fe	Alumina	Silica	Phos	Moisture
Roy Hill	60.88%	2.35%	4.45%	0.055%	9.26%
SIMEC Fines	60.00%	2.30%	6.30%	0.060%	6.00%
PB Fines	61.64%	2.31%	3.87%	0.099%	9.45%
Newman Fines	62.49%	2.31%	3.98%	0.090%	7.72%
MAC Fines	60.43%	2.38%	4.64%	0.078%	7.57%
Jimblebar Blended Fines	60.87%	2.95%	4.53%	0.111%	7.32%
Carajas Fines	64.90%	1.39%	1.82%	0.080%	7.78%
Brazilian SSF	62.00%	1.00%	6.50%	0.040%	6.00%
Brazilian Blend Fines	62.56%	1.58%	4.79%	0.091%	8.72%
RTX Fines	61.00%	3.10%	4.50%	0.135%	7.50%
West Pilbara Fines	60.10%	2.30%	4.70%	0.075%	8.50%

Mar 4th, 2024	Specifications applied for 58% brand assessments				
	Fe	Alumina	Silica	Phos	Moisture
SSF	56.49%	3.20%	6.19%	0.065%	9.18%
FMG Blended Fines	58.20%	2.43%	5.54%	0.057%	8.29%
Robe River	56.44%	3.16%	5.73%	0.042%	8.44%
Western Fines	57.88%	2.87%	7.50%	0.062%	7.45%
Atlas Fines	58.00%	1.85%	5.50%	0.090%	9.00%
Yandi	56.87%	1.58%	6.41%	0.042%	9.53%

SEABORNE BRANDS

	Specifications applied for 62% brand assessments				
	Fe	Alumina	Silica	Phos	Moisture
Roy Hill	60.70%	2.30%	4.90%	0.055%	8.00%
SIMEC Fines	60.00%	2.30%	6.30%	0.060%	6.00%
PB Fines 62%	62.00%	2.60%	4.30%	0.090%	9.50%
Newman Fines	62.30%	2.40%	4.30%	0.095%	8.00%
MAC Fines	60.80%	2.35%	4.40%	0.075%	7.80%
Jimblebar Blended Fines	60.50%	3.10%	4.80%	0.120%	7.80%
Carajas Fines	65.10%	1.50%	1.70%	0.080%	8.50%
Brazilian SSF	62.00%	1.00%	6.50%	0.040%	6.00%
Brazilian Blend Fines	63.00%	1.50%	5.00%	0.070%	7.00%
RTX Fines	61.00%	3.10%	4.50%	0.135%	7.50%
West Pilbara Fines	60.10%	2.30%	4.70%	0.075%	8.50%

BLOOMBERG TICKERS

	PORT STOCK INDICES	
	FOT Qingdao (RMB/wet tonne)	CFR Qingdao Equivalent (USD/dry tonne)
IOPI62	IRCNQ001	IRCNQ004
IOPI58	IRCNQ002	IRCNQ005
IOPI65	IRCNQ003	IRCNQ006
IOPLI62	IRCN0036	IRCN0037

	SEABORNE INDICES
	CFR Qingdao (USD/DMT)
IOSI62	IRCN0034
IOSI65	IRCN0035

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