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Iron Ore Price Indices

Iron Ore Port Stock (FOT Qingdao) IOPI62 62% Fe Fines RMB/t	896	7	0.79%	Aug 30th, 2023
Iron Ore Port Stock (FOT Qingdao) IOPI65 65% Fe Fines RMB/t	1008	7.00	0.70%	Aug 30th, 2023
Iron Port Stock (FOT Qingdao) IOPI58 58% Fe Fines RMB/t	763	-3	-0.39%	Aug 30th, 2023
Iron Ore Seaborne (CFR Qingdao) IOSI62 62% Fe Fines USD/dmt	105.95	-2.15	-1.99%	Aug 30th, 2023
Iron Ore Seaborne (CFR Qingdao) IOSI65 65% Fe Fines USD/dmt	126.05	3.65	2.98%	Aug 30th, 2023
Iron Ore Port Stock (FOT Qingdao) IOPLI 62.5% Fe Lump RMB/t	998	53	5.61%	Week Ending Aug 25th, 2023

Exchange Traded Contracts

DCE Iron Ore 62% Fines I2401 (Jan) RMB/t (3pm close)	829.00	18.50	2.28%	Aug 30th, 2023 (3pm close)
SGX Iron Ore (CFR Qingdao) 62% Fe Fines September 23 USD/dmt	112.25	1.95	1.77%	Aug 30th, 2023 (5.30 pm Print)
SHFE Rebar RB2310 (Jan) RMB/t	3713	35	0.95%	Aug 30th, 2023 (3pm close)

Freight Rates

C3, Tubarao - Qingdao USD/t	19.13	0.06	0.32%	Aug 29th, 2023
C5, W. Australia - Qingdao USD/t	7.70	0.31	4.22%	Aug 29th, 2023

Steel Price

Steel Rebar (China Domestic) RMB/t	3730	0	0.00%	Week Ending Aug 25th, 2023

Inventory Levels

Iron Ore Inventory at Chinese Ports (35) million tonnes	117.11	-0.23	-0.20%	Week Ending Aug 25th, 2023
Steel Inventory in China million tonnes	12.41	-0.17	-1.34%	Week Ending Aug 25th, 2023

Steel Price

Steel HRC (China Domestic) RMB/t	3900	-10	-0.26%	Week Ending Aug 25th, 2023

IRON ORE PORT STOCK INDEX (IOPI)

Aug 30th, 2023		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	**896**	7	0.8%	869	880	858	892	**116.26**	0.99	0.9%	120.06	120.58	117.93	122.93
IOPI58	58% Fe Fines	**763**	-3	-0.4%	813	798	761	793	**99.53**	-0.36	-0.4%	113.29	110.17	105.29	110.04
IOPI65	65% Fe Fines	**1008**	7	0.7%	981	992	970	1003	**131.26**	1.00	0.8%	136.05	136.43	133.84	138.73

IRON ORE SEABORNE INDEX (IOSI)

Aug 30th, 2023		CFR Qingdao, USD/dry tonne						
Index	Fe Content	Price	Change	Change %	MTD	YTD	Low [2]	High [2]
IOSI62	62% Fe Fines	**105.95**	-2.15	-1.99%	113.48	121.55	83.90	146.75
IOSI65	65% Fe Fines	**126.05**	3.65	2.98%	122.51	135.63	94.45	147.55

MARKET COMMENTARY

DCE iron ore futures rose by 1.97 % today, the main contract closed at 829.The traders' willingness to ship is general.The steel mills are active to purchase.The overall trading sentiment of the market is less.PBF at Shandong port deal 890-895 yuan/mt,increase 6-11 yuan/mt. PBF at Tangshan port deal 890 yuan/mt,increase 8 yuan/mt. Today, the market has regained confidence in policy incentives and has some expectations for the upcoming PMI data release this week. However, some regions are still affected by extreme weather, which may affect the demand side of the industrial chain. From the perspective of iron ore fundamentals, it is still in a dual strong pattern of supply and demand, and the price trend is heavily influenced by news and sentiment. It is expected that iron ore will continue to operate in a volatile manner in the short term.

IRON ORE PORT LUMP INDEX (IOPLI)

Week Ending Aug 25th, 2023		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	**998**	53	5.6%	935	1017	770	1026	**124.28**	5.81	4.90%	120.05	134.84	94.72	137.26

IRON ORE DOMESTIC CONCENTRATE SPOT PRICE ASSESSMENTS AND COMPOSITE INDEX

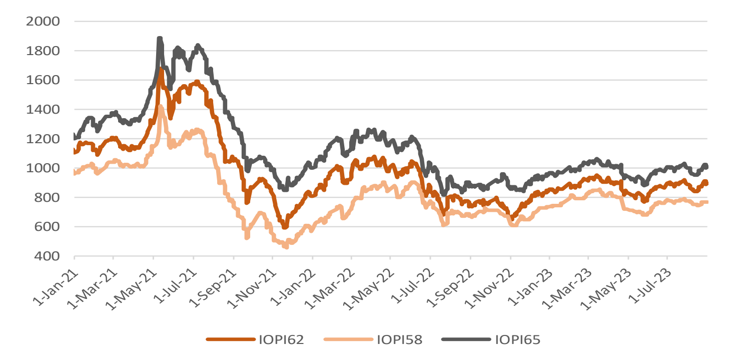
Week Ending Aug 25th, 2023				RMB/tonne (excluding tax) [3]				USD/tonne (excluding tax) [3]			
Province	Region	Product	Basis	This week	Change %	Low [2]	High [2]	This week	Change %	Low [2]	High [2]
Hebei	Hanxing	66% Fe Concentrate	Dry	**956**	1.7%	779	1645	**132.88**	1.64%	110.31	255.69
Hebei	Qian'an	65% Fe Concentrate	Dry	**1095**	1.4%	780	1630	**152.19**	1.33%	110.51	251.57
Liaoning	Anshan	65% Fe Concentrate	Wet	**790**	-1.3%	620	1310	**109.80**	-1.31%	87.40	202.32
Shandong	Zibo	65% Fe Concentrate	Dry	**1000**	5.8%	800	1752	**138.99**	5.76%	117.19	272.32

Week Ending Aug 25th, 2023	This week	Change %	Low [2]	High [2]
China Mines Concentrate Composite Index RMB/WT	941.65	1.60%	706.36	1511.22

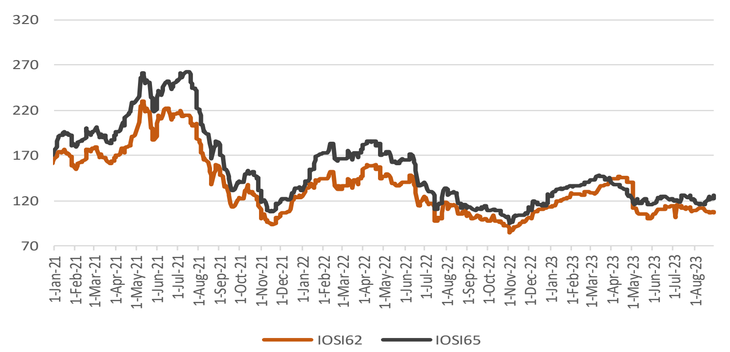
[1] Exchange rate applied: RMB/USD = 6.7522 [2] Last 12 months

[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

Aug 30th, 2023		FOT Qingdao (inc. 13% VAT), RMB/wet tonne							CFR Qingdao Equivalent (exc. 13% VAT), USD/dry tonne						
Index	Fe Content	April	May	June	July	MTD	QTD	YTD	April	May	June	July	MTD	QTD	YTD
IOPI62	62% Fe Fines	879	804	863	896	**869**	881	880	118.84	106.85	112.38	116.58	**120.06**	120.90	120.58
IOPI58	58% Fe Fines	782	698	748	777	**813**	792	798	106.43	93.21	97.98	101.68	**113.29**	109.35	110.17
IOPI65	65% Fe Fines	991	916	975	1008	**981**	993	992	134.47	122.23	127.41	131.57	**136.05**	136.72	136.43

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

Aug 30th, 2023		CFR Qingdao, USD/dry tonne						
Index	Fe Content	April	May	June	July	MTD	QTD	YTD
IOSI62	62% Fe Fines	144.76	108.53	110.54	108.57	**112.14**	113.25	121.55
IOSI65	65% Fe Fines	147.67	127.20	135.30	147.39	**122.86**	122.65	135.63

FREIGHT RATES

Aug 29th, 2023		FREIGHT RATES - DRY BULK US$/wet tonne				
Route	Designation		Change	Change %	Low [2]	High [2]
W. Australia - Qingdao	C5	**7.70**	0.31	4.22%	3.57	16.77
Tubarao - Qingdao	C3	**19.13**	0.06	0.32%	6.70	36.40

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

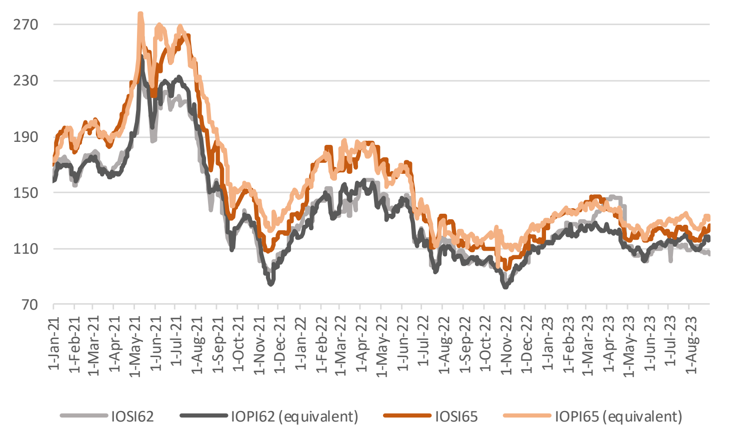
Week Ending Aug 25th, 2023		FOT Qingdao (inc. 13% VAT), RMB/wet tonne							CFR Qingdao Equivalent (exc. 13% VAT), USD/dry tonne [1]						
Index	Fe Content	April	May	June	July	MTD	QTD	YTD	April	May	June	July	MTD	QTD	YTD
IOPLI62	62.5% Fe Lump	983	919	969	980	**933**	932	1017	132.68	117.67	121.33	122.51	**119.96**	120.08	134.98

IRON ORE INDEX PREMIUMS/DISCOUNTS

Aug 30th, 2023		PORT STOCK INDEX (RMB/WT)	
Index	Fe Content	Spread to IOPI62	% Spread to IOPI62
IOPI58	58% Fe Fines	**-133**	-14.84%
IOPI65	65% Fe Fines	**112**	12.50%

Aug 30th, 2023		SEABORNE INDEX (USD/DMT)	
Index	Fe Content	Spread to IOSI62	% Spread to IOSI62
IOSI65	65% Fe Fines	**20.10**	18.97%

IRON ORE INDEX COMPARISONS (USD/DMT)



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

IRON ORE BRAND SPOT PRICE ASSESMENTS

Aug 30th, 2023	PORT STOCK INDEX (RMB/WT)		
	Price	Change	Diff to IOPI62
Roy Hill	839	7	-57
SIMEC Fines	769	7	-127
PB Fines	864	8	-32
Newman Fines	865	7	-31
MAC Fines	846	7	-50
Jimblebar Blended Fines	761	7	-135
Carajas Fines	1077	7	181
Brazilian SSF	861	8	-35
Brazilian Blend Fines	877	7	-19
RTX Fines	779	7	-117
West Pilbara Fines	807	7	-89

Aug 30th, 2023	SEABORNE INDEX (USD/DMT)		
	Price	Change	Diff to IOSI62
Roy Hill	101.45	-2.15	-4.50
SIMEC Fines	97.95	-2.15	-8.00
PB Fines	102.20	-2.15	-3.75
Newman Fines	105.10	-2.15	-0.85
MAC Fines	102.20	-2.15	-3.75
Jimblebar Blended Fines	94.60	-2.15	-11.35
Carajas Fines	135.50	-2.15	29.55
Brazilian SSF	109.70	-2.15	3.75
Brazilian Blend Fines	111.35	-2.15	5.40
RTX Fines	95.85	-2.15	-10.10
West Pilbara Fines	100.20	-2.15	-5.75

Aug 30th, 2023	PORT STOCK INDEX (RMB/WT)		
	Price	Change	Diff to IOPI58
SSF	763	-3	0
FMG Blended Fines	772	-3	9
Robe River	773	-3	10
Western Fines	776	-3	13
Atlas Fines	770	-3	7
Yandi	756	-3	-7

IRON ORE INDEX NORMALISATION DIFFERENTIALS

Port Stock Index Product Differentials (RMB/wet tonne)

	Applicable range	Value	Change
1% Fe	High Grade Fe 60 - 63%	8.00	0.00
	High Grade Fe 63 - 64%	25.00	0.00
	High Grade Fe 64 - 65%	25.00	0.00
	High Grade Fe 65 - 65.5%	25.00	0.00
	Low Grade Fe	19.00	0.00
1% Alumina	High Fe Grade Al <2.25%	20.00	-8.00
	High Fe Grade Al 2.25-4%	12.00	0.00
	Low Fe Grade Al <2.25%	12.00	7.00
	Low Fe Grade Al 2.25-4%	15.00	0.00
1% Silica	High Fe Grade Si <4%	26.00	2.00
	High Fe Grade Si 4-6.5%	5.00	0.00
	Low Fe Grade	14.00	0.00
0.01% Phosphorus	High Fe Grade 0.09%<P<0.115%	5.00	0.00
	High Fe Grade 0.115%<P<0.15%	5.00	0.00
	Low Fe Grade 0.09<P<0.1%	5.00	0.00

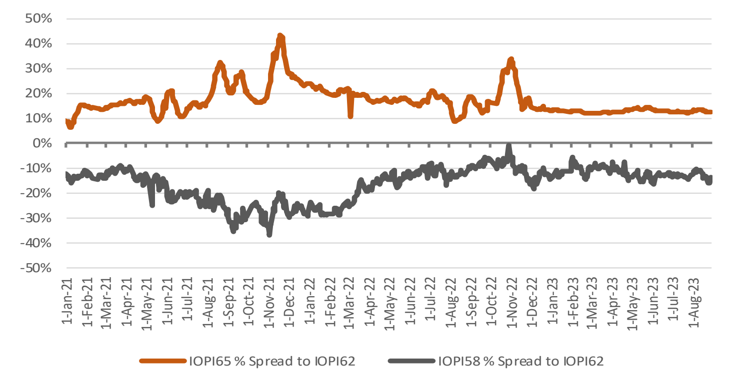
Seaborne Index Product Differentials (USD/dry tonne)

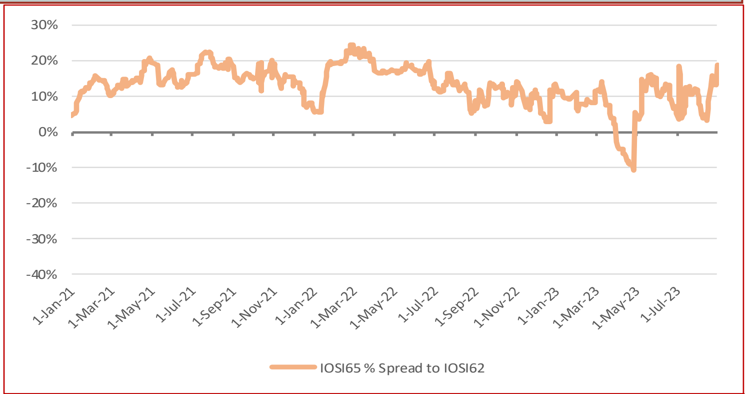
	Applicable range	Value	Change
1% Fe	High Grade Fe 60 - 63%	1.75	0.25
	High Grade Fe 63 - 64%	2.75	0.00
	High Grade Fe 64 - 65%	2.75	0.00
	High Grade Fe 65 - 65.5%	2.75	0.00
1% Alumina	High Fe Grade Al <2.25%	0.50	0.25
	High Fe Grade Al 2.25-4%	0.25	0.00
1% Silica	High Fe Grade Si <4%	1.75	0.00
	High Fe Grade Si 4 - 6.5%	4.25	0.00
0.01% Phosphorus	High Fe Grade 0.09%<P<0.115%	0.25	-0.25
	High Fe Grade 0.115%<P<0.15%	0.75	-0.05

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

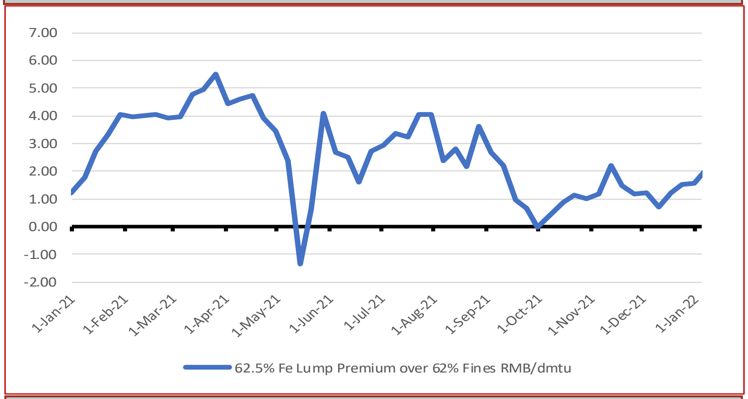
Port	Value	Change	Port	Value	Change	Port	Value	Change	Port	Value	Change
Bayuquan	-100.00	0.00	Fangcheng	-25.00	0.00	Lanshan	0.00	0.00	Rizhao	0.00	0.00
Beilun	0.00	0.00	Jiangyin	-30.00	0.00	Lianyungang	0.00	0.00	Shekou	0.00	0.00
Caofeidian	0.00	0.00	Jingtang	0.00	0.00	Majishan	0.00	0.00	Taicang	-30.00	0.00
Dalian	0.00	0.00	Lanqiao	0.00	0.00	Qingdao	0.00	0.00	Tianjin	-15.00	0.00

IRON ORE INDEX PREMIUMS/DISCOUNTS

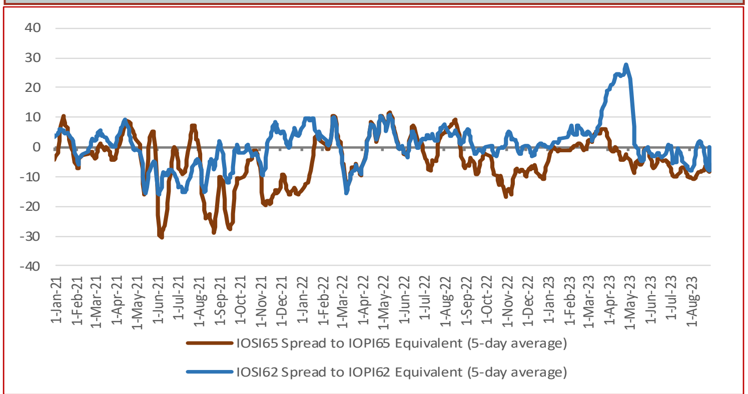




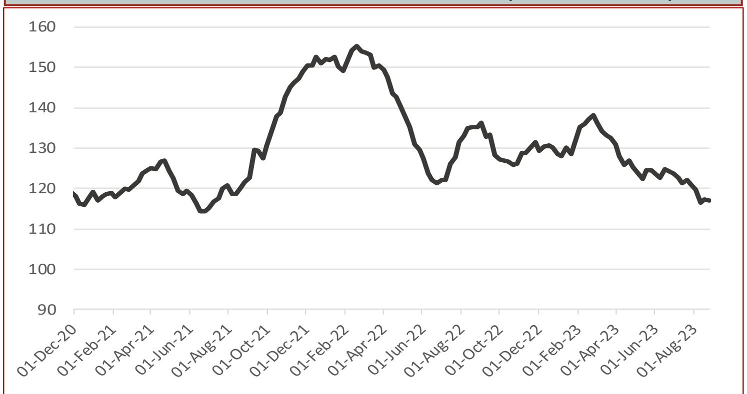
WEEKLY IRON ORE PORT STOCK LUMP PREMIUM (RMB/DMTU)



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



TOTAL IRON ORE INVENTORIES AT CHINA PORTS (MILLION TONNES)



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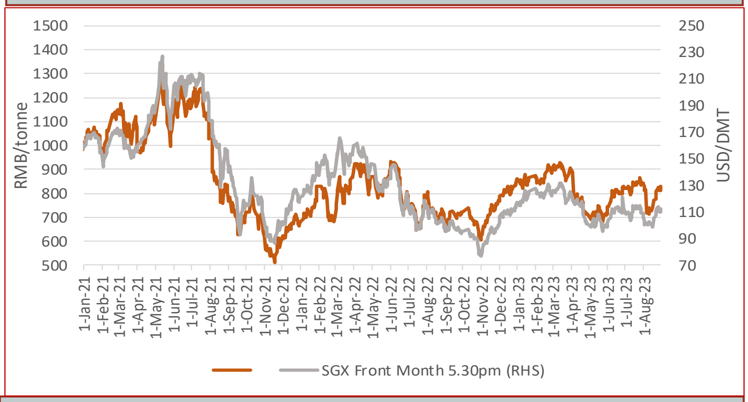


IRON ORE PORT INVENTORIES (MILLION TONNES)

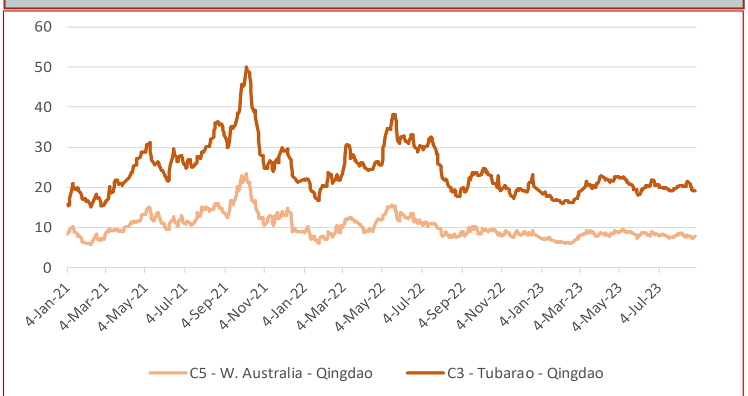
Week Ending Aug 25th, 2023

Province	This week	Change %	Low [2]	High [2]
Jingtang	10.95	-3.86%	9.84	19.20
Qingdao	24.30	-1.42%	9.41	26.24
Caofeidian	12.06	4.96%	9.05	16.29
Tianjin	9.39	4.57%	7.14	12.97
Rizhao	12.85	-1.08%	9.44	19.26
Total (35 Ports)	117.11	-0.20%	98.80	155.39

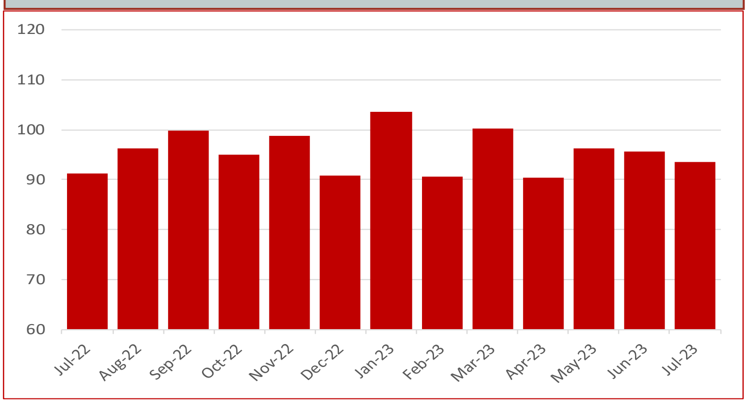
IRON ORE FUTURES CONTRACTS

	DCE (RMB/WMT)			SGX (USD/DMT)		
Closing Date	Aug 30th, 3pm close			Aug 30th, 5:30pm		
Contract	I2401	Change	Change %	Sep. 23	Change	Change %
Closing Price	829.00	18.50	2.28%	112.25	1.95	1.77%
Vol traded ('000 lots)	56.25	-3.31	-5.56%	5.60	1.17	26.42%
Open positions ('000 lots)	71.86	1.04	1.47%	36.56	-1.31	-3.46%
Day Low	807.5	3.50	0.44%	111.90	0.65	0.58%
Day High	830.0	7.00	0.85%	114.65	0.55	0.48%

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	2023/8/25	Change	Change %
ReBar HRB400 ϕ18mm	3,730	0	0.00%
Wirerod Q300 ϕ6.5mm	3,940	-20	-0.51%
HRC Q235/SS400 5.5mm*1500*C	3,900	-10	-0.26%
CRC SPCC/ST12 1.0mm*1250*2500	4,730	10	0.21%
Medium & Heavy Plate Q235B 20mm	3,930	-60	-1.50%
GI ST02Z 1.0mm*1000*C	5,020	20	0.40%
Colour Coated Plate	7,000	-50	-0.71%

CHINESE STEEL MILL PROFITABILITY

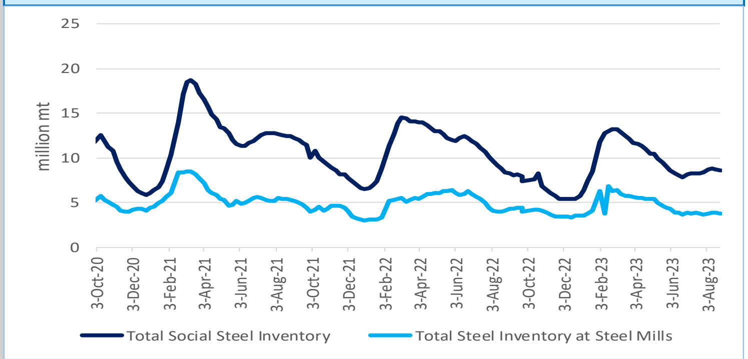
SMM Tracking of Steel Mill P&L - Rebar and Hot-rolled Coil (RMB/tonne)

Category	Price	Change (WoW)	Note
MMi (Fe 62%), USD/mt exluding tax	107.06	-2	Mmi CFR Equivalent index for 1st Feb
Coke	2,340	-110	2nd grade met coke, Tangshan, incl. tax
Steel Scrap	2,920	0	steel scrap (6mm) in Zhangjiagang, exl. tax
Billet Cost	3,289	32	Q234, incl. tax
Rebar cost - Blast furnace	3,751	36	calculated based on theoretical weight, incl. tax
Rebar profit - Blast furnace	-111	-36	based on Shanghai prices, incl. tax
Hot-rolled coil cost - Blast furnace	3,772	36	based on actual weight, incl. tax
Hot-rolled coil proft - Blast furnace	118	-36	based on Shanghai prices, incl. tax

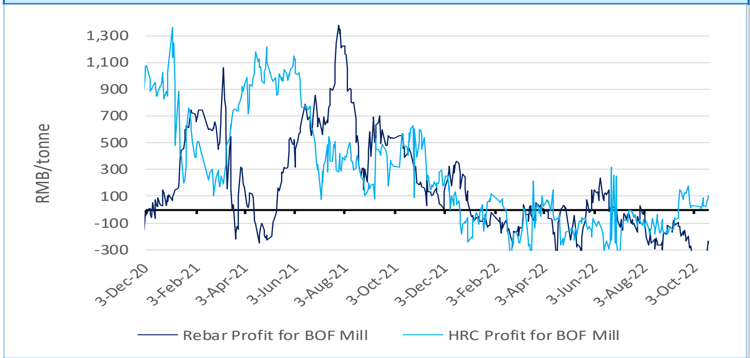
Note: 1. Costs in the table are caluclated based on todays market prices and facout our management, sales, financial and depreciations fe

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

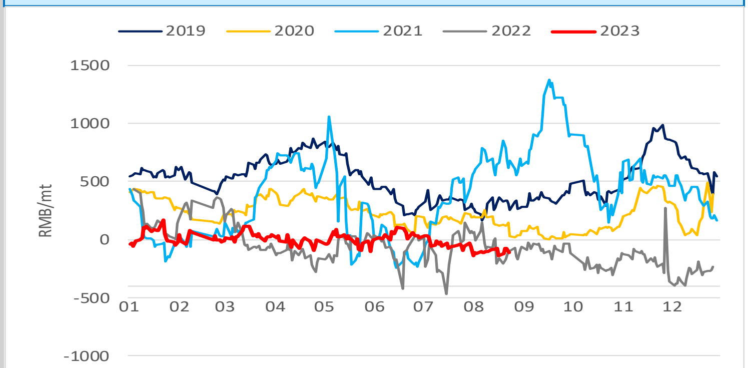
CHINESE STEEL INVENTORIES



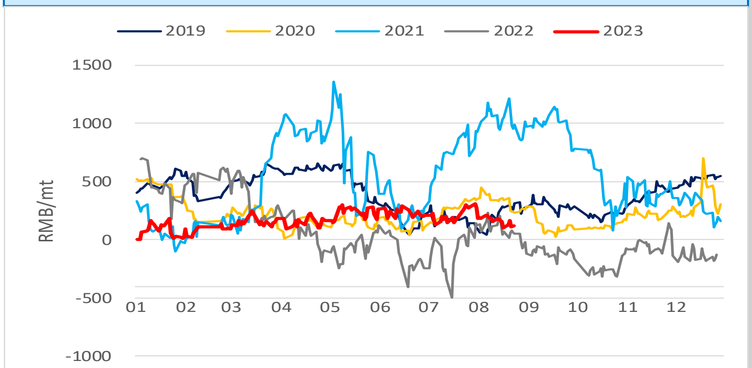
CHINESE STEEL MILL PROFITABILITY



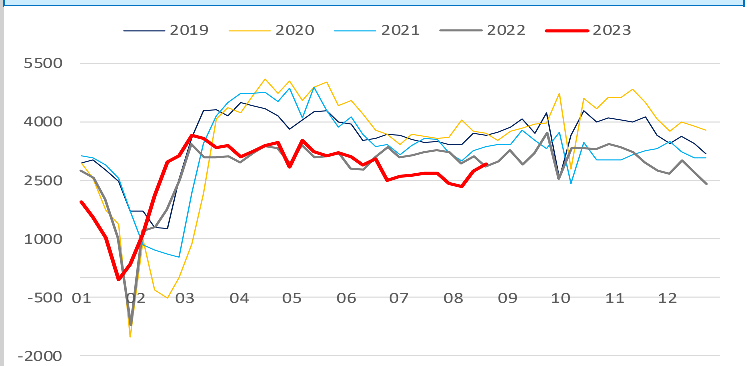
CHINESE STEEL MILL PROFITABILITY—Rebar



CHINESE STEEL MILL PROFITABILITY—Hot-rolled Coil



CHINESE STEEL CONSUMPTION—Rebar



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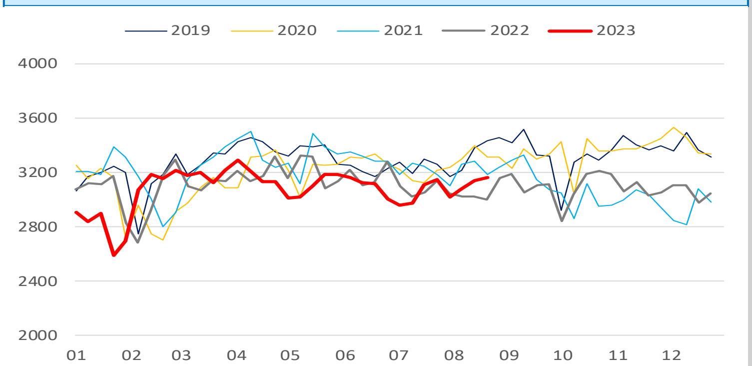
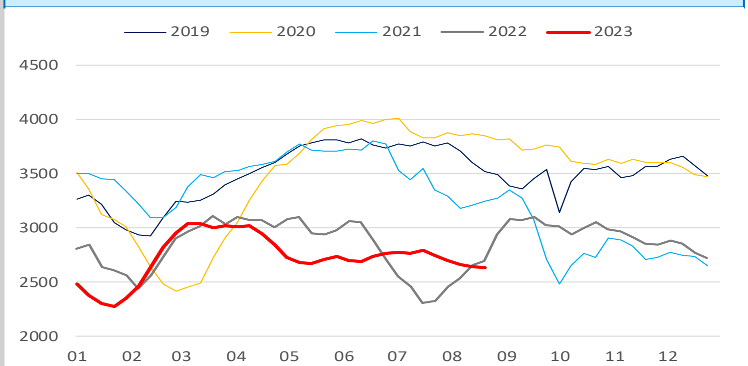


CHINESE STEEL PRODUCTION—Rebar



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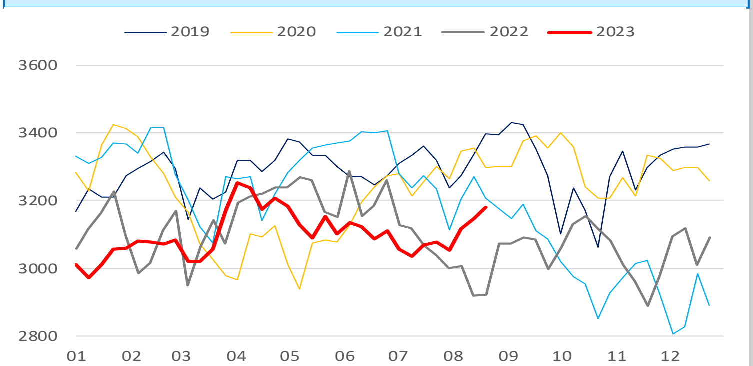

IRON ORE INDEX SPECIFICATIONS, COMPILATION RATIONALE AND DATA EXCLUSIONS

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

Aug 30th, 2023	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%

Aug 30th, 2023	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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