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Experts have mixed views over 2022 outlook for nickel market

Commodity experts are not in agreement about where nickel prices are heading this year, says Roland Mauss of recycler Oryx Stainless. In his monthly blog on Oryx Stainless, Mauss says Chinese researchers are playing down the growth potential, while others predict a super-

Chinese state-owned research institute Antaike forecasts falling prices as soon as the global economy has recovered from the pandemic. It expects that nickel supply will grow by 12% this coming year, while demand will rise 10%. Therefore, Antaike forecasts excess supply of 45,000 tonnes of nickel.

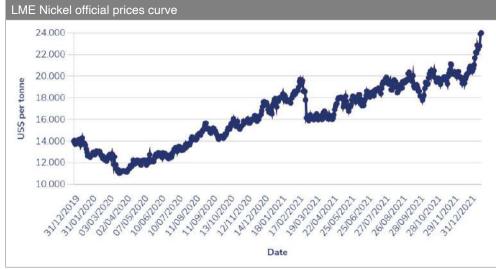
In contrast to this, US investment bank Goldman Sachs argues the other way round, that the recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic as well as global economic measures will boost demand in the long run. It will also be driven higher by the energy transition and global decarbonisation efforts, Kallanish understands.

This view is supported by asset manager BlackRock, which states that infrastructure spending is driving a lot of steel and cement demand, and that decarbonisation will require additional metals such as nickel.

Finally, Mauss takes a look at a survey taken by Reuters in October 2020 among analysts of leading commodity brokers regarding the average price of nickel. For 2021, the participants expected an average nickel cash price of \$18,195/t (after \$13,772 in 2020). The actual cash average year-to-date through October was around \$18,170/t.

"It does, however, become more interesting for the year 2022," he continues. The participants expect only a minor further increase due to a shift in the supply and demand ratio. While for 2021, a supply deficit of 62,000t was assumed, they expect excess supply of 72,000t for 2022 - higher than the forecast of China's Antaike institute.

According to the London Metals Exchange historical data nickel prices more than doubled their value since the end of Q1 2020.



Source: The London Metal Exchange

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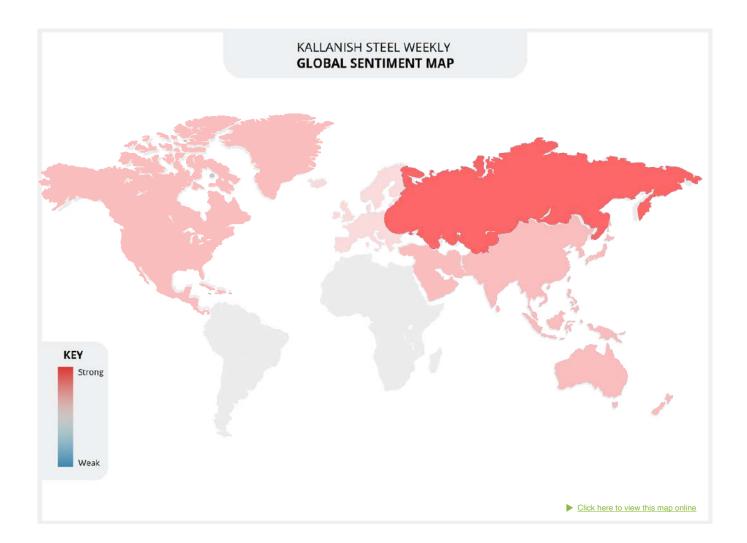
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Hot rolled coil contributes towards decline in US scrap prices

Hot rolled coil prices in the US continue to tumble downward, leading to falling scrap prices. However, pricing for other downstream steel products remain mostly stable due to sustained

In the US sheet markets, hot rolled coil prices fell slightly on-week to \$1,440-1,520/short ton near the end of January, with no indications for how far domestic prices will continue to fall. For comparison, HRC prices in the US were around \$1,530-1,560/st at the end of 2021, with prices falling from a peak of \$1,960/st in early September. Despite the decline for HRC, pricing for cold rolled coil in the US has remained stable since the end of last year at \$2,050-2,150/st. In regards to other flat steel, plate pricing rose in the US by \$25/st from the prior week to \$1,850-1,800/st at the end of January, but market sources do not expect these prices to stick.

"By 1 February we should start seeing some downward movement [in pricing], MS tracklogs are not that great and Korean plate is amiving at a lower price," explains a US plate market participant. According to market sources, plate mS lead times are currently at around the four to five week range. However, the market remains builtish as demand for plate is expected to

Similar to the outlook for plate, rising demand from the US construction industry following the passage of a \$1.2 trillion multi-year infrastructure bill is expected to boost demand for domestic reter during this year. Currently, pricing in the US has howeved at around \$1,010-1,030/st for \$4 reter product in 20-foot stoke since early December, when pricing rose

According to a US rebar distributor, "import offers are coming in, but high shipping costs have kept deals from being struck." However, rumours have recently been heard in the Turkish

Tight supply in the OCTG market in the US has kept pricing firm, despite the decline in skelpprices over the past few months. Inventory levels for domestic producers have remained bank as buyers humledly purchase any excess supply. However, the market's supply constraints may soon be alteriated as Tenans announced the company would steadily ramp up OCTG.

In contrast to its impact on pricing for disensitream products, the decline in HRC prices has contributed treamts a crash in dismestic US scrap prices during January. However, market participants hope that an increase in pricing during February's trading will help offset this receibl's decline. During January, scrap prices have falter by around \$50-60/gross ton, depending on the grade and region, as pricing for HRC has falter by around \$40/40 since the end of last year. The decline in scrap prices this month is likely due to reduced purchasing programs by mile, in combination with an excess supply of scrap available in the market.

This is really very unusual. Mile usually get rid of scrap inventories in December and re-elock in January But this year, unusually, the flow was not impacted by writer conditions until January. This, combined with low demand in December, has resulted in an oversupply of scrap as we enter the new year. Coupled with low scrap demand, lower pig into prices, and the downward trend in sheet prices, this has led to a crash in scrap prices," explains a US

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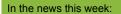
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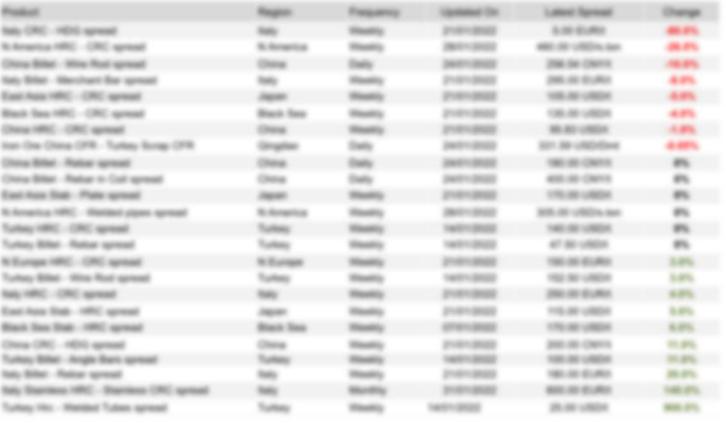
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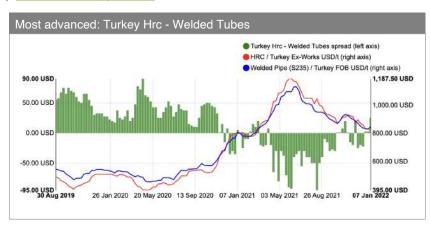
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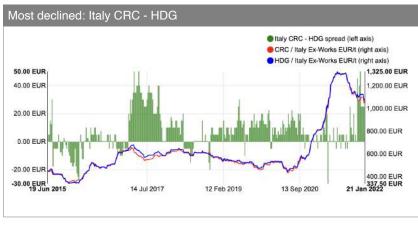




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Word of the week

Hot Briquetted Iron

Hot briquetted iron describes direct reduced iron that has been processed into briquettes. Instead of using a blast furnace, the oxygen is removed from the ore using natural gas and results in a substance that is 90%–92% iron. Because DRI may spontaneously combust during transportation, HBI is preferred when the metallic material must be stored or moved.

Trade Case Database Updates

Market	Notes
Australia	 Australia approved the final countervailing duties on painted steel strapping imported from China. Australian Anti-dumping Commission (AAC) applied anti-dumping measures on aluminium-zinc-coated steel from South Korea and Vietnam. AAC reviews anti-dumping measures on wire rope imported from South Africa.
Brazil	 Brazil has extended its definitive anti-dumping measure on imports of magnesium from China for up to five years starting from 29 September 2021.
China	 China has decided to stop imposing anti-dumping duties on stainless steel billet and hot-rolled stainless steel plate/coil originating from PT Indonesia Guang Ching Nickel and Stainless Steel Industry (GCNS).
European Union	 The EU has retained its anti-dumping duty on imports of wire rod from China (PRC). The duty applies to products under HS codes The EU has imposed a provisional anti-dumping duty on imports from China of graphite electrodes. The EU applies definitive anti-dumping duties of 10.2-35.3% on imports of stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in India and Indonesia.
India	 India has initiated a sunset review of the anti-subsidy investigation into imports of certain hot-rolled and cold-rolled stainless-steel originating from China. The Indian government removed anti-dumping duties on imports of hot-rolled flat products originating from China, Japan, South Korea, Russia, Brazil and Indonesia. India has rescinded anti-dumping duties on imports of colour-coated and pre-painted flat products from China and the EU.
Mexico	 Mexico has initiated a review to potentially extend a compensatory quota on imports of silicomanganese from India. The Mexican Ministry of Economy (SE) has initiated a review to potentially extend a countervailing duty on both permanent and temporary imports of ferromanganese (FeMn) from South Korea. Mexico has extended its compensatory quota on imports of iron or non-alloy steel wire rod originating in Ukraine. Mexico has extended its compensatory quota on imports of seamless pipe originating from Japan. Mexico has extended a compensatory quota on imports of rebar originating from Brazil.
USA	The US Department of Commerce has adjusted the anti-dumping duty for Spanish steel flanges imports.

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