

Markets Report

In the news this week:

Nippon finalises acquisition of Thai steelmakers

Nippon Steel has completed the acquisition of the shares of Thailand's G Steel Public Company Limited and GJ Steel Public Company Limited from Ares SSG. The two EAFbased flat steel producers in Thailand have 1.58 million tonnes/year and 1.5m t/y steel capacity respectively and produce mainly HRC.

Vietnam's steel imports, exports diverge in January

Iron and steel imports rose 12% from December but fell 16.7% y-o-y to 1.02mt in January. Exports meanwhile dropped 10.3% on-month and 14.1% y-o-y to 815,026t. Vietnam imported 176,940t of scrap in January, down from 574,481t in December.

Port Hedland iron ore shipments decline in January

In January, Port Hedland iron ore exports lost 5.61% on-month to 47.99mt, but this was up 14% y-o-y. Iron ore exports to China in January were 40.45mt, up 13.78% on-year but down 3.96% from a month earlier. Iron ore shipments to South Korea and Japan meanwhile reached 3.13mt and 2.16mt respectively, down from 3.38mt and 3.15mt in December 2021.

Demand, exports spur Hoa Phat's January sales

In January, Hoa Phat Group achieved a crude steel output of 707,000t, up 5% y-o-y. Sales reached 631,000t, including construction steel, billet, and hot rolled coil. Sales of construction steel were 382,000t, twice that of January 2021. HRC also recorded high sales of 228,000t.

Hyundai mass-produces 1.8 GPa hot stamping steel

South Korean steelmaker Hyundai Steel has achieved mass production of 1.8 Gigapascal (GPa) premium hot stamping steel. Hyundai said that initial supply to Hyundai Motors started last year, and from this year on, it will supply 145,000 stamped pieces annually. This is the amount that can be used for about 30,000 electric vehicles.

Posco retrofits No.4 blast furnace at Gwangyang plant

Posco has started the No.4 blast furnace retrofit at its Gwangyang plant. The upgrade is expected to complete in early-June, and around 1.5mt of iron output will be lost during the period. Posco's 5,500 cubic-metre BF has 4.5m t/y of iron capacity.

Nippon Steel signs carbon capture and transport agreement

Nippon Steel has signed a joint study agreement with deepC Store Limited for capturing and transporting liquefied CO2 to deepC Store's flagship offshore floating CO2 Capture and Storage (CCS) hub project – CStore1. The steelmaker will evaluate commercial feasibility for deepC Store to capture and transport between 1-5m t/y of liquefied CO2 from Nippon.

Antam nears completion of ferronickel smelter

Indonesian miner PT Aneka Tambang Tbk (Antam) has signed a power purchase agreement with a local supplier to guarantee a stable power supply for its upcoming East Halmahera ferronickel smelter in North Maluku. The East Halmahera Ferronickel Smelter has a capacity of 13,500 tonnes/year of nickel in ferronickel (TNi).





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