

Daily Iron Ore Index Report

May 14, 2018

IRON ORE PORT STOCK INDEX (IOPI)

May 14, 2	018	FOT Qingdao (inc. 16% VAT), RMB/wet tonne				CFR Qingdao Equivalent (exc. 16% VAT), USD/dry tonne ¹									
Index	Fe Content		Change	Change %	MTD	YTD	Low ²	High ²		Change	Change %	MTD	YTD	Low ²	High ²
IOPI62	62% Fe Fines	484	1	0.2%	477	480	443	559	67.45	0.33	0.5%	66.19	66.59	61.36	77.89
IOPI58	58% Fe Fines	330	7	2.2%	329	325	304	376	44.67	1.16	2.7%	44.15	43.78	40.67	50.97
IOPI65	65% Fe Fines	579	2	0.3%	572	593	541	690	81.51	0.53	0.7%	80.8	83.17	75.83	97.1

IRON ORE DOMESTIC CONCENTRATE SPOT PRICE ASSESSMENTS AND COMPOSITE INDEX

Week Ending I	/lay 11, 2018				RMB/tonne (e	excluding tax)			USD/tonne (ex	ccluding 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	603	0.2%	579	682	94.73	-0.4%	90.96	107.14
Hebei	Qian'an	65% Fe Concentrate	Dry	635	0.0%	630	710	99.75	-0.5%	98.97	111.54
Liaoning	Anshan	65% Fe Concentrate	Wet	455	0.0%	450	550	71.48	-0.5%	70.69	86.40
Shandong	Zibo	65% Fe Concentrate	Dry	655	1.6%	620	690	102.90	1.0%	97.40	108.39
Week Ending May 11, 2018		This week	Change %	Low ²	High ²	¹ Exchange rate applied: RMB/USD = 6.33345 ² Since March 1					
China Mines Co	mposite Inde	x Price, May 2007 = 100		76.57	0.2%	76.01	89.12	³ Weekly exchange rate applied: RMB/USD 6.3657			

MARKET COMMENTARY

Friday's gains found further support today, though the number of spot transactions at port were down. Mill are still cautiously approaching the traders to tease out offers, preferring to ease themselves into the week. Nonetheless, traders have perked up on recent activity, most stating that deal making is certainly more active now when compared to the beginning of May.

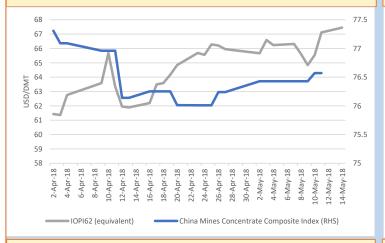
PLATFORM TRADES AND TENDERS

61% Fines trades 170,000t on tender basis at 67.01 USD/dmt, 17 - 26 June Laycan

IRON ORE HIGH/LOW GRADE PREMIUM/DISCOUNT

May 14, 2018	PORT STOCK INDEX (RMB/WT)		
Fe Content	Spread to IOPI62	% Spread to IOPI62	
58% Fe Fines	-154	-31.82%	
65% Fe Fines	95	19.63%	

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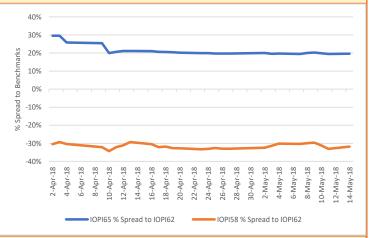
IRON ORE FUTURES CONTRACTS

		DCE			SGX	
Closing Date	14 May 3pm close			14 May 6pm		
Contract	11809	Change	Change %	May'18	Change	Change %
Closing Price	488.0	18.0	3.83%	67.84	0.3	0.46%
Vol traded ('000 lots)	2,675.1	265.5	11.02%	2.73	-0.4	-12.13%
Open positions ('000 lots)	2,108.7	149.0	7.60%	121.39	-0.5	-0.41%
Day Low	481.0	15.0	3.22%	67.80	0.9	1.41%
Day High	489.5	17.5	3.71%	67.96	0.3	0.52%

FREIGHT RATES

May 11, 2018			FREIGHT RATES - DRY BULK US\$/wet tonne					
Route	Designation		Change	Change %	Low ²	High ²		
W. Australia - Qingdao	C5	8.41	0.16	1.94%	4.383	9.98		
Tubarao - Qingdao	С3	19.01	0.59	3.21%	10.796	21.273		

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IRON ORE PORT INVENTORIES

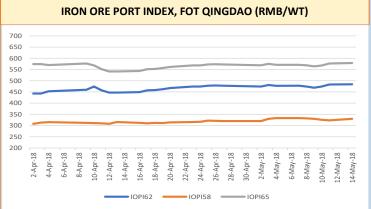
Week Ending May 11, 2018 (million tonnes)								
Province	This week	Change %	Low ²	High ²				
Jingtang	17.5	0.00%	12.3	19.9				
Qingdao	18.7	-2.09%	15.6	20.0				
Caofeidian	22.6	-3.00%	16.6	25.3				
Tianjin	9.2	-2.13%	8.0	11.3				
Rizhao	19	0.00%	13.1	19.0				
Total (35 Ports)	145.3	-0.89%	124	150				

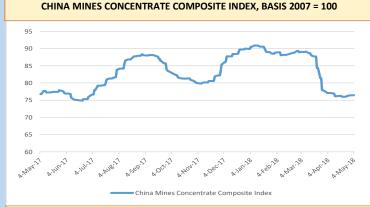
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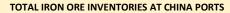
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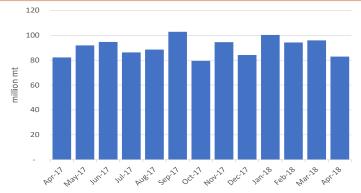
IRON ORE BRAND SPOT PRICE ASSESMENTS

May 14, 2018	POR	T STOCK INDEX (RME	/WT)
	Price	Diff to IOPI62	Change
Roy Hill	470	-14	1
PB Fines	477	-7	1
Newman Fines	493	9	1
MAC Fines	477	-7	1
Jimblebar Blended Fines	468	-16	1
Carajas Fines	597	113	3
Brazilian SSF	482	-2	1
Brazilian Blend Fines	499	15	1





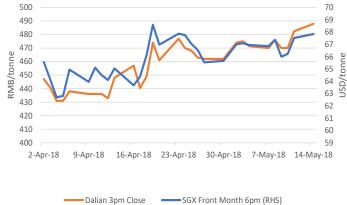
TOTAL CHINA IRON ORE IMPORT VOLUMES











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Daily Iron Ore Index Report May 14, 2018 STEEL SPOT MARKET—CHINA Steel Spot Market RMB/tonne Product 5/11/2018 Change Change % 5/4/2018 Change Change % ReBar HRB400 ¢18mm 4,036 -53.6 4,090 -1.31% 117 2.93% Wirerod Q300 ¢6.5mm 4,300 -100 -2.27% 4,400 151 3.56% HRC Q235/SS400 5.5mm*1500*C 4,196 3 0.06% 4,194 70 1.70% CRC SPCC/ST12 1.0mm*1250*2500 4,606 -14 -0.30% 4,620 47 1.03% Medium & Heavy Plate Q235B 20mm 4,553 93 2.09% 4,460 77 1.76% GI ST02Z 1.0mm*1000*C 5,305 -20 -0.38% 5,325 25 0.47% Billet Q235 150*150mm

-80

-2.19%

3,580



CI	CHINESE STEEL INVENTORIES							
Steel	Steel Inventories³ (unit: 1000 tonnes)							
Product	5/11/2018	5/4/2018	Change	Change %				
Rebar	6,317	6,823	-506	-7.42%				
Wirerod	1,971	2,101	-130	-6.19%				
Hot-rolled Coil	2,232	2,278	-46	-2.02%				
Medium & Thick Plate	845	854	-9	-1.05%				
Cold-rolled Coil	1,113	1,138	-25	-2.20%				
Total	12,478	13,194	-716	-5.43%				

3,660

90

2.52%

CHINESE STEEL MILL PROFITABILITY

SMM Tracking of Ste	SMM Tracking of Steel Mill P&L - Rebar and Hot-rolled Coil (RMB/tonne)							
Category	Price	Change (WoW)	Note					
Iron ore Port Index FOT Qingdao (inc. 17% VAT), I	483	6	MMi index for 11th May 2018					
Coke	1,770	50	2nd grade met coke, Tangshan, incl. tax					
Steel Scrap	2,170	0	steel scrap (6mm) in Zhangjiagang, exl. tax					
Billet Cost	2,596	25	Q234, incl. tax					
Rebar cost - Blast furnace	2,851	23	calculated based on theoretical weight, incl. tax					
Rebar profit - Blast furnace	1,109	-73	based on Shanghai prices, incl. tax					
Hot-rolled coil cost - Blast furnace	2,924	25	based on actual w eight, incl. tax					
Hot-rolled coil proft - Blast furnace	1,306	5	based on Shanghai prices, incl. tax					
Note: 1 Costs in the table are calluctated based on todays market prices and facout our management, sales, financial and depreciations fees								

CHINESE STEEL EXPORT PRICES

China Export Prices USD/tonne							
Product	Specification	Export tax (+)/Vate rebate (-)	Latest transaction prices		Change		
			5/11/2018	5/4/2018			
Rebar	BS4449 460B 12-25mm, + chrome	-13%	605	600	5		
Wire Rod	SAE1008 6.5-10mm +chrome	-9%	575	565	10		
Hot-rolled coil	SS400/Q235 4.0-10.mm	-9%	605	595	10		
Cold-rolled coil	SPCC 1.0mm	-13%	625	625	0		
Medium & Heavy plate	A-level Shipe plate 12-25mm	0%	620	610	10		
Galvanised	ST02Z/SGCC 1.0mm	-13%	690	690	0		

Note: Calculation formula for converting export prices of rebar, cold-rolled steel and galvanizing into prices in China's spot market = FOB* exchange rate*1.16/(1.16-0.13); Calculation formula for converting export prices of wire rod and hot-rolled steel into prices in hina's spot market = FOB* exchange rate *1.16/(1.16-0.09); Calculation formula for converting export prices of medium-thick plate into prices in China's spot market = FOB* exchange rate

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³ SMM statistics cover inventories of major steel products in China's major markets: hot-rolled steel inventories in 33 major cities; rebar and wire inventories in 35 major cities; cold-rolled steel and medium-thick plate inventories in 31major cities.

 $^{2.} The \ cost\ refers\ to\ average\ cost\ in\ the\ industry\ based\ on\ SM\ M's\ survey\ of\ small,\ medium\ and\ large\ mills\ in\ China$



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IRON ORE INDEX SPECIFICATIONS, COMPILATION RATIONALE AND DATA EXCLUSIONS

	Iron Ore Index Sp	ecifications (Port)			
	65% Fe Fines	62% Fe Fines	58% Fe Fines		
Fe %	65.00	62.00	58.00		
Alumina %	1.40	2.25	2.25		
Silica%	1.50	4.00	5.50		
Phosphorus %	0.06	0.09	0.05		
Sulphur %	0.01	0.02	0.02		
Moisture %	8.00	8.00	9.00		
Sizing		elow 10mm for at lea um of 40% below 150	3 ,		
Location		Qingdao Port			
Timing (Seaborne)	Loading withi	n 4 weeks, Delivery v	vithin 8 weeks		
Payment Terms	L/C at sight				

MMi iron ore port stock 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.

Iron Ore Index Compilation Rationale and Data Exclusions

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

Data Exclusions*

Port Index: 0

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

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.

	IRON ORE PORT INDEX NORMALISATION DIFFERENTIALS								
	Content Differentials (RMB/we	et tonne)		Port Differentials to Qingdao Port RMB/wet tonne					
	Applicable range		Change	Port		Change			
	High Grade Fe 60 - 63%	8.00	0.00	Bayuquan	-10.00	0.00			
	High Grade Fe 63 - 64%	32.00	0.00	Beilun	2.00	0.00			
1% Fe	High Grade Fe 64 - 65%	35.00	0.00	Caofeidian	-5.00	0.00			
	High Grade Fe 65 - 65.5%	35.00	0.00	Dalian	0.00	0.00			
	Low Grade Fe	6.00	0.00	Fangcheng	0.00	0.00			
	High Fe Grade Al <2.25%	12.00	0.00	Jiangyin	-30.00	0.00			
1% Alumina	High Fe Grade Al 2.25-4%	12.50	0.00	Jingtang	-5.00	0.00			
	Low Fe Grade	12.50	0.00	Lanshan	3.00	-2.00			
	High Fe Grade Si <4%	1.00	0.00	Lanqiao	0.00	0.00			
1% Silica	High Fe Grade Si <4 - 6.5%	10.50	0.00	Lianyungang	0.00	0.00			
1% SIIICa	High Fe Grade Si <6.5 - 9%	25.00	0.00	Majishan	0.00	0.00			
	Low Fe Grade	24.00	0.00	Nantong	-30.00	0.00			
0.01%	High Fe Grade 0.08% <p<0.115%< td=""><td>0.00</td><td>0.00</td><td>Qingdao</td><td>0.00</td><td>0.00</td></p<0.115%<>	0.00	0.00	Qingdao	0.00	0.00			
	High Fe grade 0.115% <p<0.15%< td=""><td>12.50</td><td>0.00</td><td>Rizhao</td><td>0.00</td><td>0.00</td></p<0.15%<>	12.50	0.00	Rizhao	0.00	0.00			
Phosphorus	Low Fe Grade0.08 < P < 0.15%	0.00	0.00	Tianjin	-20.00	0.00			

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