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Commodity trend dashboard

Commodity trend dashboard Quarter-on-Quarter changes (1/2)-Rolling view

Commodity	Region	Q-o-Q Up	Q-o-Q Down
Iron & Steel			
Iron Ore	International	1% 🔺	
	Domestic low grade		
	Domestic high grade		
Pig Iron	International	11% 🔺	
	Domestic	9% 🔺	
Stainless steel	Domestic		-2% 🔻
	Domestic		-2%
Wire rod	International		-7% 🔻
	Domestic	4% 🔺	
Steel Billets	International	4% 🔺	
	Domestic	8% 🔺	
Hot-rolled coils	International	17% 🔺	
	Domestic	9% 🔺	
Cold-rolled coils	International	13% 🔺	
	Domestic	10% 🔺	
Steel Scrap	Domestic	7% 🔺	
EN8	Domestic	1% 🔺	
20MnCr5	Domestic	1% 🔺	
Ferro-alloys			
Ferro titanium	International		-3% 🔻
Ferro chrome	International		-5% 🔻
	Domestic		-3%
Ferro molybdenum	International		0% 🔻
Ferro vanadium	International		-10%
Ferro silicon	International	2% 🔺	···•
	Domestic	28%	

Calendar Year 19-20: Q vs. Q update

ND: Not disclosed by the source

Commodity trend dashboard Quarter-on-Quarter changes (2/2)- Rolling view

Commodity	Region	Q-o-Q Up	Q-o-Q Down
Base Metals			
Aluminum	International		-4% 🔻
	Domestic	4% 🔺	
Copper	International		-4% 🔻
	Domestic		-3% 🔍
Zinc	International		-11%
	Domestic		-13%
Lead	International		-9% 🔻
	Domestic		-7% 🔍
Nickel	International		-17%
	Domestic		-15% 🔻
Tin	International		-2%
	Domestic	2%	
Magnesium	International	0% 🔺	
Precious Metals			
Platinum	International		0% 🔻
Palladium	International	29% 🔺	
Rhodium	International	80%	
Polymers			
Low density polyethylene (LDPE)	International		-2% 🔻
	Domestic		-1% 🔻
Polypropylene (PP)	International		-9.9% 🔻
	Domestic		-6% 🔻
Rubber	Domestic	5% 🔺	
Currency Exchange			
Dollar	International	1% 🔺	
Pound	International	1% 🔺	
Euro	International	1%	
Yen	International	1% 🔺	

Calendar Year 19-20: Q vs. Q update

Iron & Steel

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Iron Ore International *Dom *Int'l 160 150 **Rs/tonne** \$/tonne Period 140 130 +12% 65% & 65% & 12% below above 110 +2% 4% +5% 2% 100 Mar-19 92 1,724 3,378 90 Apr-19 94 1,807 3,258 80 May-19 102 1,848 3,224 Mar-19 Apr-19 May-19 Jun-19 Jul-19 Aug-19 Sep-19 Oct-19 Nov-19 Dec-19 Jan-20 Feb-20 Mar-20 Source: Crisil Jun-19 114 1,822 3,531 Jul-19 1,910 122 3,611 Domestic Aug-19 104 1,863 3,715 109 4,000 Prices not Sep-19 92 3,500 released by the Oct-19 90 3,000 source yet 2,500 Nov-19 86 -Dec-19 2,000 90 Jan-20 92 1,500 Feb-20 86 1,000 Mar-20 90 500 0 Mar-19 Apr-19 May-19 Jun-19 Jul-19 Aug-19 Sep-19 Oct-19 Nov-19 Dec-19 Jan-20 Feb-20 Mar-20 *The actual prices may vary depending

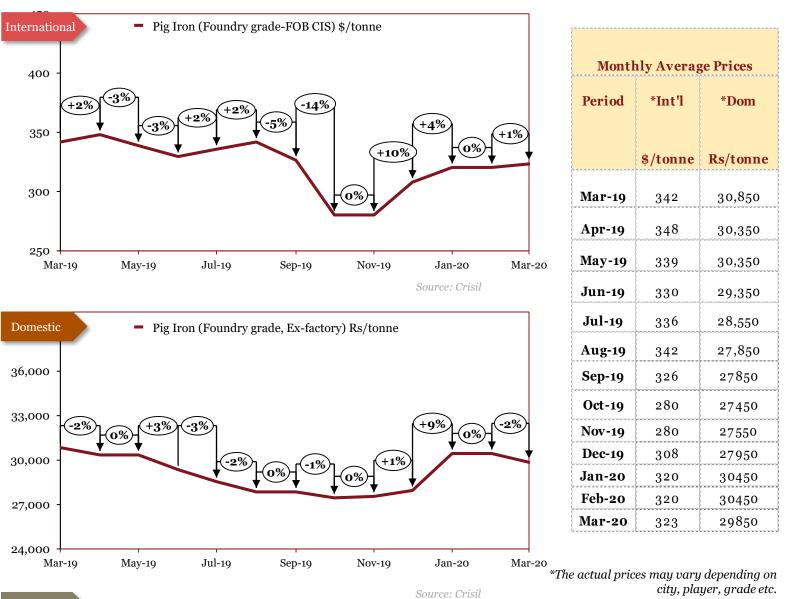
Outlook

In August, the price of Iron ore fell as the supply levels were corrected following the dam burst in Brazil in January. Between February and August, domestic prices for higher grade Iron Ore rose significantly on account of high international prices, while the price of lower grade ore stayed stable on strong supply. In September, international prices continued to fall globally as supplies continued to normalize. In October, international prices continued to correct from their mid-year peak, partly due to supplies returning to a normal level, and partly due to a Chinese government probe into the high prices. In November, international prices continued to fall over import restrictions in China as well as oversupply in the market. In December, international prices rose as capacity at the Vale mine was capped for safety reasons. In January, international prices rose slightly thanks to renewed optimism in China, despite the effects of the coronavirus epidemic toward the end of the month. In February, international prices declined thanks to the coronavirus epidemic in China hurting local demand. In March, international prices rose as Chinese factories resumed production in parts of the country unaffected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: Crisil

on city, player, grade etc.

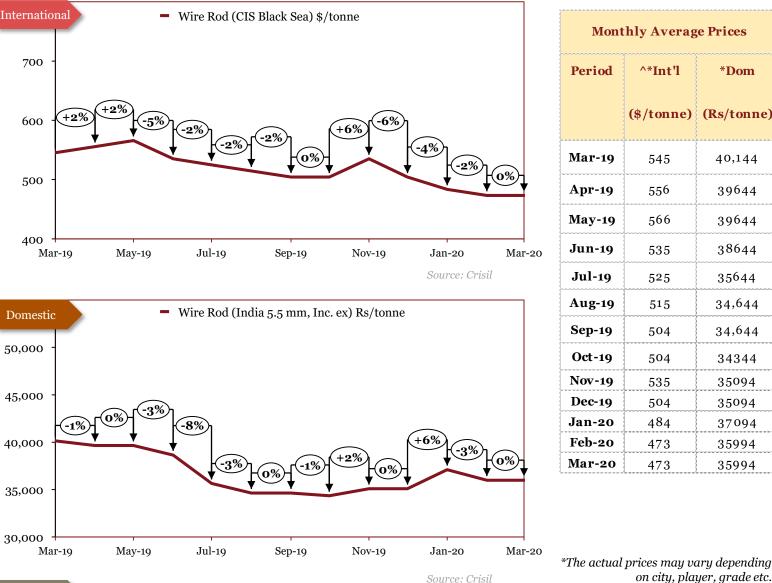
Pig Iron



Outlook

In August, the price of Pig Iron fell owing to a lack of inflation in manufacturing goods due to weakening growth rates. Internationally, the higher cost of Iron Ore contributed to the rise in the price of Pig Iron. In September, international prices of pig iron fell due to weakening demand and a lower international price for scrap, while prices remained stable domestically. In October, international prices fell considerably owing to weak mill demand and low demand for steel scrap. Domestically, weak exports caused a glut of supply in the market, hurting the price at a time of weak industrial demand. In November, international as well as domestic prices remained constant due to stable market conditions. In December, international prices rose owing to higher scrap prices, alongside strong Chinese demand. Domestic prices rose simultaneously. In January, prices continued to rise, with strong demand in China in the early part of the month. Domestic prices rose simultaneously. In February, international as well as domestic prices remained stable. In March, international prices were largely stable as the growth in Chinese demand following the reopening of factories cancelled out the decline in the rest of the world. Domestically prices declined as the COVID-19 pandemic shut down production at factories.

Wire Rod



Monthly Average Prices			
Period	^*Int'l	*Dom	
	(\$/tonne)	(Rs/tonne)	
Mar-19	545	40,144	
Apr-19	556	39644	
May-19	566	39644	
Jun-19	535	38644	
Jul-19	525	35644	
Aug-19	515	34,644	
Sep-19	504	34,644	
Oct-19	504	34344	
Nov-19	535	35094	
Dec-19	504	35094	
Jan-20	484	37094	
Feb-20	473	35994	
Mar-20	473	35994	

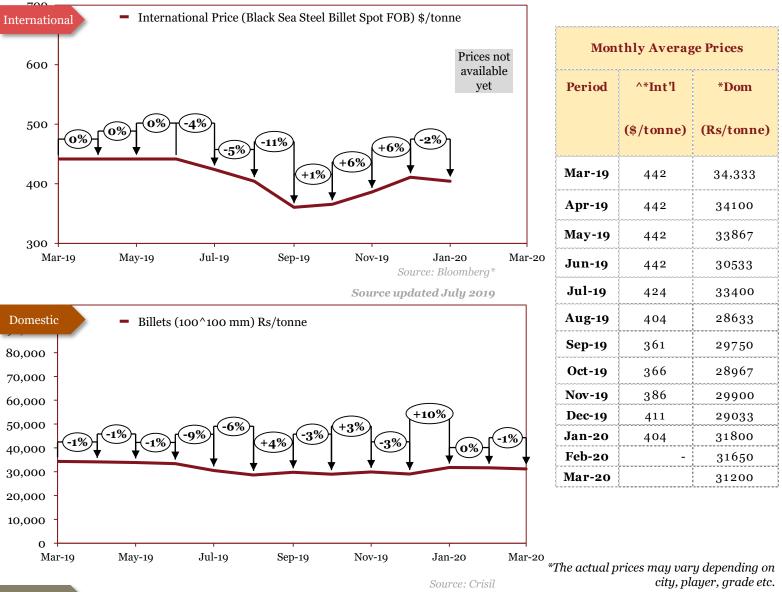
Outlook

In June, international and domestic prices declined due to lower demand in the market stemming from the onset of the monsoon season. In July, international and domestic mills lowered prices of wire rod fearing demand drops stemming from a global growth slowdown. In August, mills across the world lowered prices due to continuing weak demand. In India, weakening manufacturing led to a decrease in demand for wire rod. In September, the lowering cost of ferrous scrap, along with weak demand led to a comedown in international prices, while prices remained stable in India. In October, international prices remained stable, while domestic prices fell on weak industrial demand. In November, international as well as domestic prices rose due to higher scrap prices. In December, international prices fell due to lower rebar prices and weak demand while domestic prices remained constant due to stable market conditions. In January, international prices fell on an oversupply of steel in the market, while domestic prices rose after the government imposed country-specific duties on specific markets. In February, international prices declined as the coronavirus lockdown decimated Chinese demand. Domestically, prices fell on reduced demand. In March, prices remained unchanged.

^Prices have been retrospectively revised by the source due to change in base year

on city, player, grade etc.

Steel Billets



Outlook

In July, domestic prices decreased due to weak demand as a result of slow infrastructure & construction activity. International prices fell due to decreased demand, owing to increase in the prices of inputs. In August, prices in Southeast Asia's steel billet market declined due to lower prices of scrap and competition from cheap exports. Domestic prices were hurt by the slowdown in manufacturing. In September, international prices fell on account of weak demand, while rising costs for finished long steel products and semi finished materials led to a rise in prices in India. From October to December, International prices began to recover on account of higher demand due to higher scrap prices. In October, domestic prices fell due to weak demand for rebar. In November, domestic prices rose on account of rising seaborne scrap prices. In December, domestic prices fell due to weak demand for steel products like rebar. In January, international prices fell marginally while domestic prices rose on the back of renewed investment in infrastructure and growth in the automobile industry. In February, domestic prices remained consistent due to stable market conditions. In February, domestic prices remained stable. In March, domestic prices declined owing to a weaker rupee and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

^International prices changed due to change in the grade

Hot-Rolled (HR) Coils International HR Coils (FOB Black Sea) \$/tonne **Monthly Average Prices** 700 Period 600 2% +15% 500 Mar-19 400 Apr-19 May-19 300 May-19 Jul-19 Nov-19 Jan-20 Mar-20 Mar-19 Sep-19 Source: Crisil Domestic HR Coils (India 14G-2mm) Rs/tonne 50,000 45,000 2% 40,000 +3% 35,000 30,000 Jul-19 Mar-19 May-19 Sep-19 Nov-19 Jan-20 Mar-20 Source: Crisil

Jun-19 496		42050
Jul-19	501	39550
Aug-19	496	38,050
Sep-19	453	36850
Oct-19	405	35150
Nov-19	389	36150
Dec-19	448	37150
Jan-20	485	38900
Feb-20	490	39800
Mar-20	480	39200

*Int'l

533

512

485

^*Dom

44,050

43550

42550

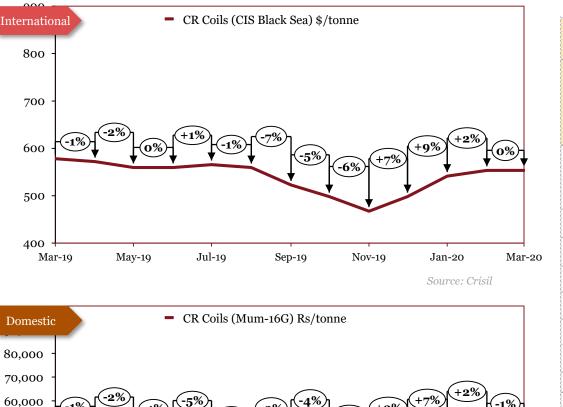
(\$/tonne) (Rs/tonne)

*The actual prices may vary depending on city, player, grade etc.

Outlook

In October, international prices fell owing to oversupply in the market, weak demand and continued concerns about the trade war. Domestic prices were hurt by weak industrial demand, particularly in the auto sector. In November, international prices fell on account of continued uncertainty regarding the trade war, while domestic prices rose on account of increasing construction activity and infrastructure spending alongside higher automotive manufacturing. In December, international prices rose on recovering demand from infrastructure and automotive sectors, whilst domestic prices rose thanks to stronger export margins. In January, international prices rose thanks to strong demand and high input prices domestic prices continued to rise due to stronger performance from the infrastructure and automobile sectors. In February, international prices saw a deceleration due to the impact of the coronavirus. Domestic prices continued to rise as domestic infrastructure spending and production continued to recover. In March, international prices fell due to uncertainty in the market around the COVID-19 pandemic. Domestic prices declined thanks to the national lockdown initiated to contain the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cold-Rolled (CR) Coils



Sep-19

Monthly Average Prices			
Period	*Int'l	^*Dom	
	(\$/tonne)	(Rs/tonne)	
Mar-19	578	49,750	
Apr-19	572	49250	
May-19	560	48250	
Jun-19	560	47750	
Jul-19	566	45250	
Aug-19	560	43750	
Sep-19	523	42550	
Oct-19	498	40850	
Nov-19	467	41150	
Dec-19	498	42150	
Jan-20	541	45150	
Feb-20	554	46150	
Mar-20	554	45550	

*The actual prices may vary depending

on city, player, grade etc.

Outlook

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50,000 40,000 30,000 20,000 10,000

In July, domestic prices declined due to the continued slowdown in sectors that are major consumers of steel. Internationally, the demand scenario remained stable for steel, as reflected in the prices. In August, domestic prices fell partly due to the continuing crisis in the Auto sector and weakening economic growth. In September, international as well as domestic CR prices continued to decline, mirroring HR prices. In October, international prices fell, mirroring HR coil price decreases. Domestic prices fell owing to weak demand in the automobile sector. In November, international prices fell in line with the fall in the prices of HR Coils, while domestic prices rose on account of increased infrastructure spending. In December, international prices rose mirroring HR Coil prices, while domestic prices rose on the backs of international rate increases. In January, both international and domestic prices rose in conjunction with hot-rolled coil prices. In February, international and domestic prices rose in accordance with HR Coil prices. In March, international price growth was halted and prices remained unchanged due to uncertainty around the COVID-19 pandemic, Domestic prices fell concurrently with HR Coil prices.

Jan-20

Source: Crisil.

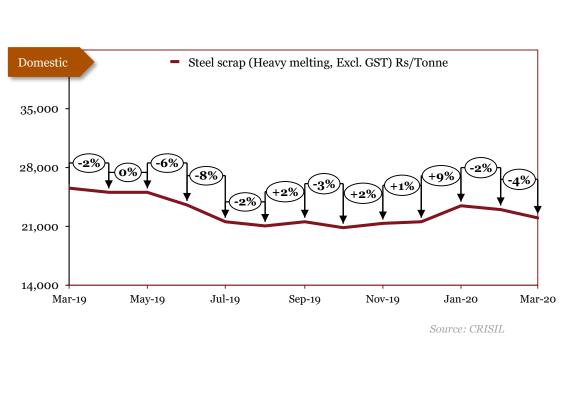
Mar-20

Nov-19

May-19

Jul-19

Steel Scrap (Heavy Melting)



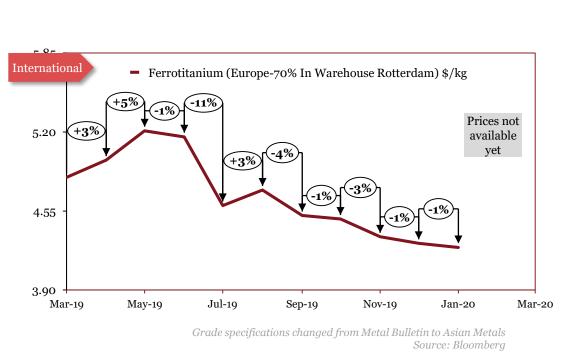
Monthly Average Prices		
Period	*Dom	
	(Rs/Tonne)	
Mar-19	25550	
Apr-19	25050	
May-19	25050	
Jun-19	23550	
Jul-19	21550	
Aug-19	21,050	
Sep-19	21,550	
Oct-19	20,850	
Nov-19	21350	
Dec-19	21550	
Jan-20	23450	
Feb-20	23000	
Mar-20	22000	

*The actual prices may vary depending on city, player, grade etc.

Outlook

In May, steel scrap prices remained unchanged due to the lack of demand growth in the market. In June, scrap prices dropped due to low exports demand from countries such as Turkey which is the largest buyer of steel scrap. In July, scrap prices decreased due to a sustained slowdown in demand along with competition from better quality scrap imports. In August, oversupply in the spot market ensure prices continued to fall. In September, domestic prices began to inch up due to stronger sentiment following the stabilisation of international prices. In October, the prices returned to decreasing, due to weak demand and uncertainty around the trade war. In November, prices rose on account of increased public spending. In December, prices rose owing to stronger steel demand in the market. In January, domestic prices corrected as sentiments were weakened by the spread of the coronavirus. In March, prices declined as the national lockdown shut all factory production across the country.

Ferro-alloys	Ferro-a	lloys	16
1 cm 0 uttogs	8	Ferro titanium	17
	9	Ferro chrome	18
	10	Ferro molybdenum	19
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Ferro titanium

Monthly Average Prices	
Period	^*Int'l
	(\$/kg)
Mar-19	4.83
Apr-19	4.97
May-19	5.21
Jun-19	5.16
Jul-19	4.60
Aug-19	4.72
Sep-19	4.51
Oct-19	4.48
Nov-19	4.34
Dec-19	4.28
Jan-20	4
Feb-20	
Mar-20	

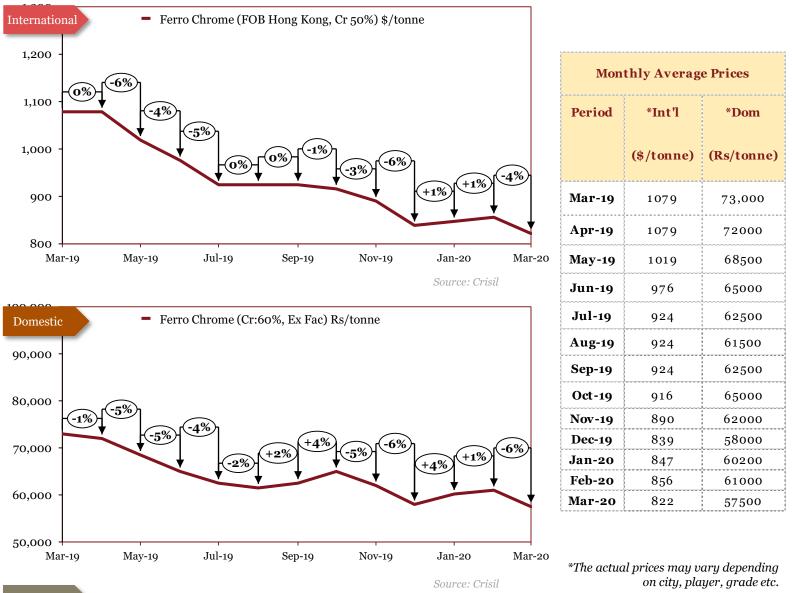
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Outlook

In October 2018, high-volume sales to Europe from Russia dragged down prices. From November 2018, ferrotitanium prices have witnessed consistently declining trend owing to unfavourable market conditions which has continued till February 2019. In March, ferrotitanium prices increased owing to increased demand and potentially reduced supply from one major supplier. In April, increasing trend in prices continued. In May, supply worries from a major producer in UK forced prices to continue an upward trend. In June, prices trended marginally downward due to fears of weakening demand from the European steel market. In July, poor demand from major markets such as Europe pushed prices down significantly. In August, the price rose thanks to growing demand. In September, international prices fell owing to week demand in the European steel market following a weak summer. In October, international prices fell due to weak European demand. In November, international prices kept falling due to unfavourable market conditions. In December, prices remained fairly steady, with a slight decline. In January, the downward trend in prices continued on muted demand.

^International prices changed due to change in grades at the source

Ferro chrome



Outlook

In August, global prices remained constant, while domestic prices fell due to weakening demand. In September, international prices remained unchanged, whilst domestic ferrochrome prices rose domestically despite weak demand thanks to the higher price of Chrome ore. In October, international prices fell owing to weak demand and the trade war, whilst improving slightly domestically. In November, prices internationally declined again, owing to oversupply in the market and uncertainty regarding the trade war, whilst domestic prices fell owing to weak demand prices fell due to weak demand in Europe and oversupply in China. Domestic prices fell due to cheaper Chinese competition. In January international prices remained fairly stable following months of decline while domestic prices rose following production cuts. In February, international prices rose marginally after the Chinese New Year holiday and the coronavirus lockdown led to a tightening of supply. Domestic prices decelerated as sentiments were weakened by the COVID-19 crisis and its containment measures.

Period

Apr-19

Jun-19

Jul-19

Sep-19

Oct-19

Dec-19

Jan-20 Feb-20 Mar-20 *^Int'l

(\$/kg)

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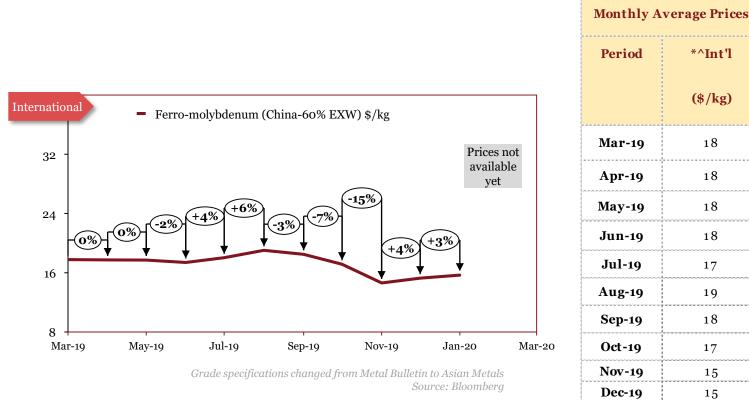
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Ferro molybdenum

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Outlook

In September, prices remained stable. Prices increased in October 2018. Prices witnessed declining trend since November 2018, following the price movements in other ferro-alloys. In February 2019, declining trend was reversed. In March, prices increased owing to demand growth. In April, increasing trend in prices continued. In May, stable market conditions resulted in stable prices. In June, prices decreased due to easing demand from major steel producers such as China. In July, prices increased due to limited availability of raw materials such as molybdenum concentrate. Strong sentiment spilt into the Molybdenum market, with a rise in raw material price raising prices overall. In August, international prices rallied after a shortage of supply in China led to a growth in the Chinese domestic market. In September, international prices fell on the back of rigid demand in the market. In October, prices continued to fall through the quarter due to weak metal demand and weak demand in the ferro-alloys market. In November, prices continued to fall as producers sold their stocks at discounts and demand was affected by weak demand for stainless steel. In December, molybdenum prices slowly began to stabilise after months of decline. In January, prices rose on the backs of strong industrial demand from automotive and other industries.

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Ferro vanadium



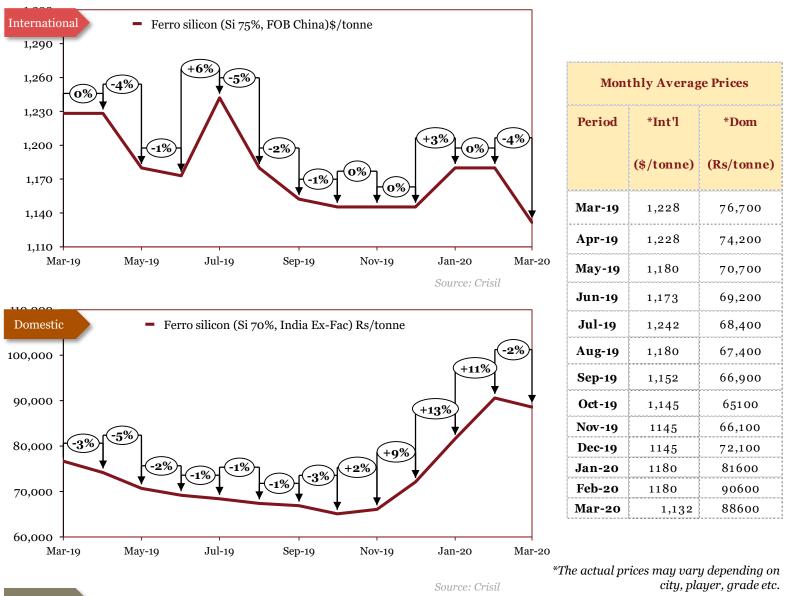
Monthly Average Prices							
Period	*Int'l						
	(\$/kg)						
Mar-19	71						
Apr-19	52						
May-19	43						
Jun-19	38						
Jul-19	37						
Aug-19	39						
Sep-19	38						
Oct-19	37						
Nov-19	29						
Dec-19	29						
Jan-20	29						
Feb-20							
Mar-20							

*The actual prices may vary depending on city, player, grade etc.

Outlook

Prices remained unchanged in February 2019 due to stable market conditions. In March, prices remained unchanged due to stable market conditions. In April, prices increased due to strong demand from Chinese market, which in turn can be partly attributed to increase in demand arising from the implementation of new rebar manufacturing standards in China. In May, prices continued to decline due to sluggish demand from the European automotive sector. In June, prices continued to fall sharply due to weak summer demand in China & Europe. In July, Ferro Vanadium prices decreased marginally due to almost stable market conditions compared to June. In August, there was an increase in price boosted by improving demand. In September, prices internationally fell on account of a strong Chinese market dissuading foreign importers, with a large gap between Chinese and European prices. In October, prices continued to decrease as European producers worked to offload excess inventory in a time of weak demand. In November, international prices fell due to a sudden increase in Chinese production. In December, prices continued to fall due to vanadium being substituted with niobium, alongside slow enforcement of new rebar regulations in China. In January prices fell minimally on stable market conditions.

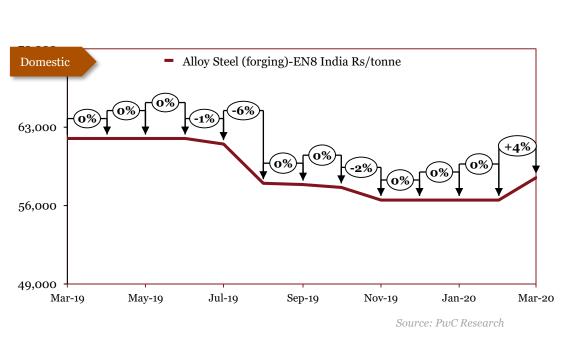
Ferro silicon



Outlook

In September, international prices declined, due to a strong buyers market with high inventory and expectations of continued decrease in price, particularly in China. Domestic prices followed suit, continuing to decline due to weak demand. In October, international prices remained fairly stable, as suppliers were able to counter weak demand with tight supply. In November, international prices remained constant on account of stable market conditions, while domestic prices rose on account of tighter supply. In December, international prices remained constant on account of stable market conditions, while domestic prices rose on account of tighter supply. In December, international prices remained constant on account of stable market conditions, while domestic prices rose due to shortage of supply with sellers, caused partly by declining output from Bhutan. In January, international prices rose due to supply constraints in China whilst domestic prices rose on the back of a shortage of charcoal in factories causing production problems. In February, international prices remained stable while domestic prices continued to rise aggressively due to continued raw material shortage in Bhutan. In March, international prices fell as trading activity declined on the back of the COVID-19 crisis, Domestic demand was similarly hurt by lockdown measures. Domestic prices have been hurt by the lack of in-person trading caused by the COVID-19 lockdown.

EN8 Alloy Steel (Forging)



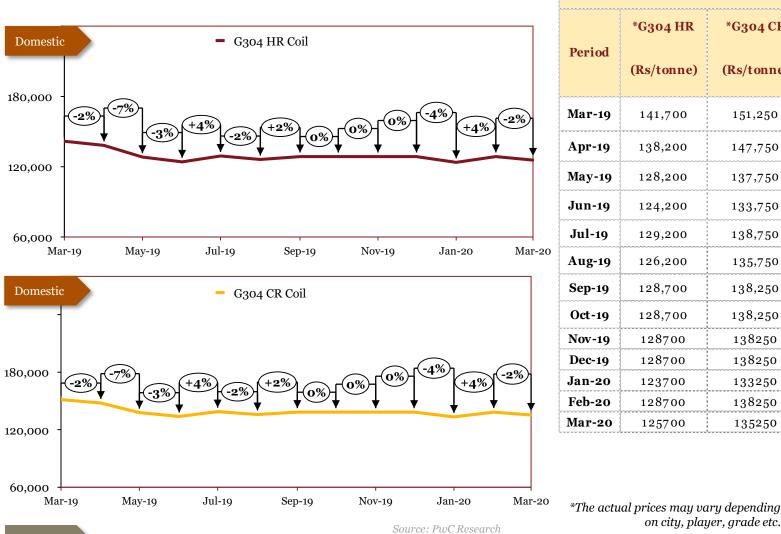
Monthly Average Prices							
Period	*Dom (Rs/tonne)						
Mar-19	62,000						
Apr-19	62,000						
May-19	62,000						
Jun-19	62,000						
Jul-19	61,500						
Aug-19	58,000						
Sep-19	57,875						
Oct-19	57,625						
Nov-19	56500						
Dec-19	56500						
Jan-20	56500						
Feb-20	56500						
Mar-20	58500						

*The actual prices may vary depending on city, player, grade etc.

Outlook

In November, domestic prices witnessed decline. In December, prices declined further owing to a decrease in the Chinese market. In January 19, prices continued with declining trend. In February, declining trend continued. In March, prices remained unchanged due to stable market conditions. In April, market conditions remained unchanged, reflecting in the prices for the month. In May, market conditions continued to remain unchanged resulting in stable prices. In June, prices remain unchanged once again, stemming from stable market conditions. In July, prices declined marginally due to a lower growth forecast in India. In August, global prices fell due to the fall in the price of Nickel. In September, domestic prices remained unchanged due to stable market conditions. In October, the prices remained constant. In November prices declined due to a difficult demand environment caused by the struggles of the automotive and manufacturing sectors. In December, prices remained constant on stable market conditions. In February prices remained stable. In March, domestic prices rose thanks to higher demand and improved industrial activity prior to the national lockdown.

Stainless Steel



Period Mar-19 Apr-19 Jun-19 Jun-19 Jul-19 Sep-19 Oct-19 Jan-20 Feb-20	*G304 HR	*G304 CR			
	(Rs/tonne)	(Rs/tonne)			
Mar-19	141,700	151,250			
Apr-19	138,200	147,750			
May-19	128,200	137,750			
Jun-19	124,200	133,750			
Jul-19	129,200	138,750			
Aug-19	126,200	135,750			
Sep-19	128,700	138,250			
Oct-19	128,700	138,250			
Nov-19	128700	138250			
Dec-19	128700	138250			
Jan-20	123700	133250			
Feb-20	128700	138250			
Mar-20	125700	135250			

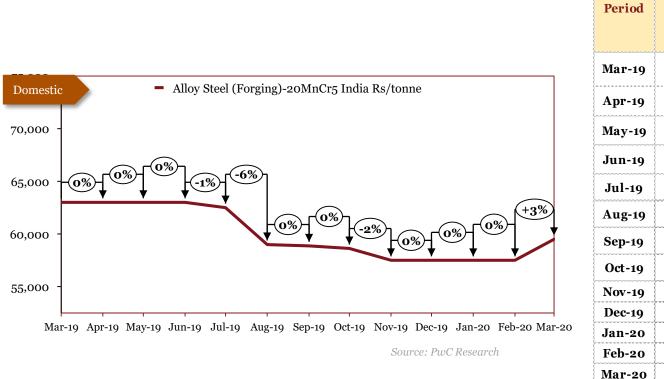
Monthly Domestic Average Prices

Outlook

In December, prices continues to decline. In January 2019, domestic prices increased on account of increase in price of raw material imports. In February, increasing trend in HR and CR coil prices continued. In March, price trend from previous months was reversed. In April, prices continued to decline. In May, prices declined marginally due to weak Nickel prices. In June, prices declined due weak demand scenario and fall in price of inputs such as ferro-alloys. In July, prices increased as producers cut down supply and costs of vital inputs, such as coking coal, increased. In August, global prices fell on weak demand and high inventories. In September, international prices rose owing to skyrocketing Nickel prices. This increase was mirrored by domestic prices. In October, prices remained stable domestically and internationally. In November, domestic as well as international prices continued to remain unchanged. In December, international and domestic prices remained unchanged on stable market conditions. In January, prices fell due to an excess of supply over demand in the market. In February, international as well as domestic prices corrected to their long term December levels. In March, domestic prices fell as the COVID-19 pandemic rocked industrial activity all around the world.

on city, player, grade etc.

20MnCr5 Alloy Steel (Forging)



Mar-1963,000Apr-1963,000May-1963,000Jun-1963,000Jun-1963,000Jul-1962,500Aug-1959,000Sep-1958,875Oct-1958,625Nov-1957500Dec-1957500Jan-2057500Feb-2057500Mar-2059500

Monthly Average Prices

*Dom

(Rs/tonne)

*The actual prices may vary depending on city, player, grade etc.

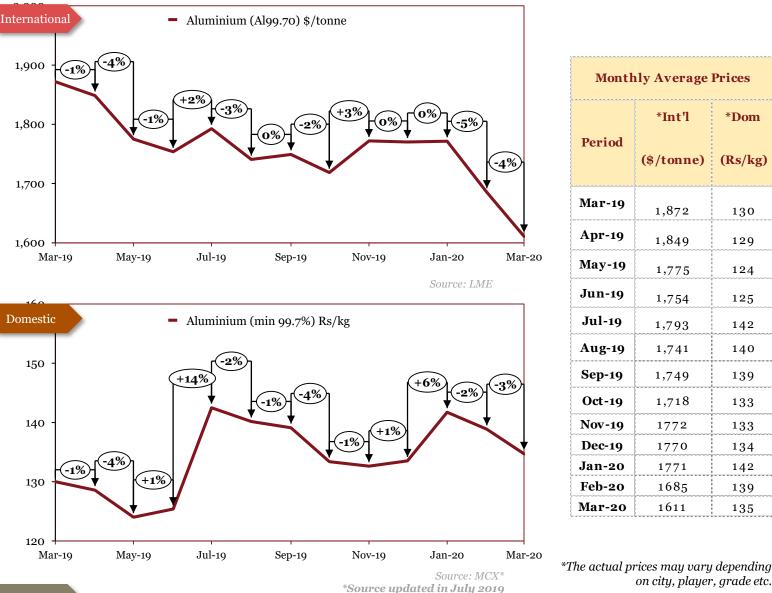
Outlook

In August, process continued to fall. In September, domestic prices reversed declining trend. In October, declining trend in prices was reversed. In November, prices fell due to muted demand. Prices fell in line with other steel products. In January 2019, prices continued with declining trend. In February, prices remained unchanged due to stable market conditions. In March, prices remained unchanged due to stable market conditions. In March, prices for the month. In May, market conditions continued to remain unchanged resulting in stable prices. In June, prices continued to hold stable. In July, prices declined marginally due to a lower growth forecast in India. In August, prices continued to fall, owing to weakening demand and oversupply of inventory. In September, domestic prices managed to stay constant as the auto slowdown was followed by a large decrease in production. In October, prices remained stable. In November, prices fell due to weak demand, partly down to the Auto slowdown. In December, prices remained unchanged thanks to stable market conditions. In February prices remained stable. In March, prices rose on stronger industrial activity and demand prior to the COVID-19 lockdown.

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Aluminium



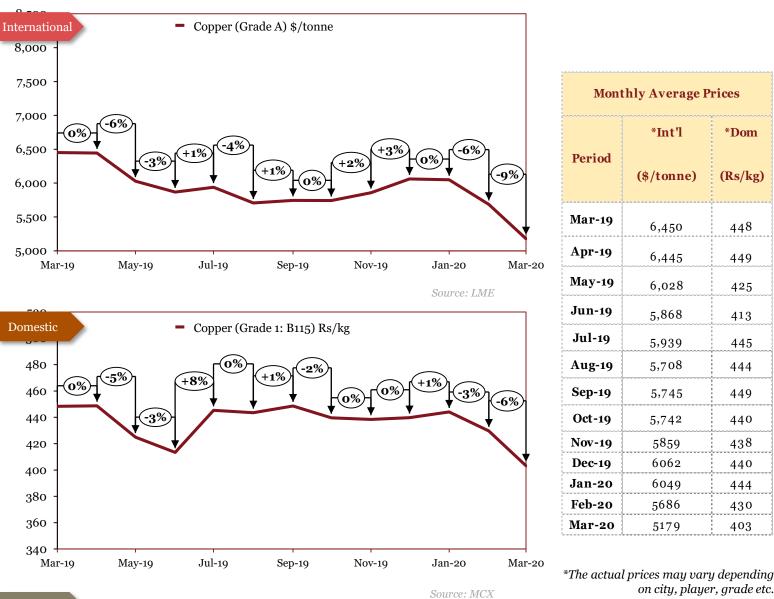
Monthly Average Prices										
	*Int'l	*Dom								
Period	(\$/tonne)	(Rs/kg)								
Mar-19	1,872	130								
Apr-19	1,849	129								
May-19	1,775	124								
Jun-19	1,754	125								
Jul-19	1,793	142								
Aug-19	1,741	140								
Sep-19	1,749	139								
Oct-19	1,718	133								
Nov-19	1772	133								
Dec-19	1770	134								
Jan-20	1771	142								
Feb-20	1685	139								
Mar-20	1611	135								

Outlook

In August, global prices fell due to a decrease in demand caused by the global trade war, while domestic prices fell due to competition from Chinese imports. In September, international Aluminum prices remained unchanged owing to more stable market conditions. Domestic prices fell slightly due to weaker economic conditions. In October, international prices fell despite lower production, partly due to weak demand from the Chinese auto sector, while the slowdown in the Indian auto sector hurt domestic prices. In November, international prices were up following trade negotiations between the US and China, while domestic prices continued to suffer from weak demand. In December, international prices remained unchanged, whilst domestic prices rose slightly on improved sentiment and economic conditions. In January, international prices remained unchanged, while domestic prices rose In January, international prices were stable while domestic prices rose thanks to improving macro-economic sentiment. In February, international prices fell sharply as the coronavirus had a major impact on Chinese demand, which was reflected on domestic imported prices as well. In March, international prices declined due to oversupply in the market by Chinese producers, while domestic prices fell thanks to weaker local demand.

on city, player, grade etc.

Copper



NOV-19	5059	430
Dec-19	6062	440
Jan-20	6049	444
Feb-20	5686	430
Mar-20	5179	403

on city, player, grade etc.

*Int'l

(\$/tonne)

6,450

6,445

6,028

5,868

5,939

5,708

5,745

5,742

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*Dom

(Rs/kg)

448

449

425

413

445

444

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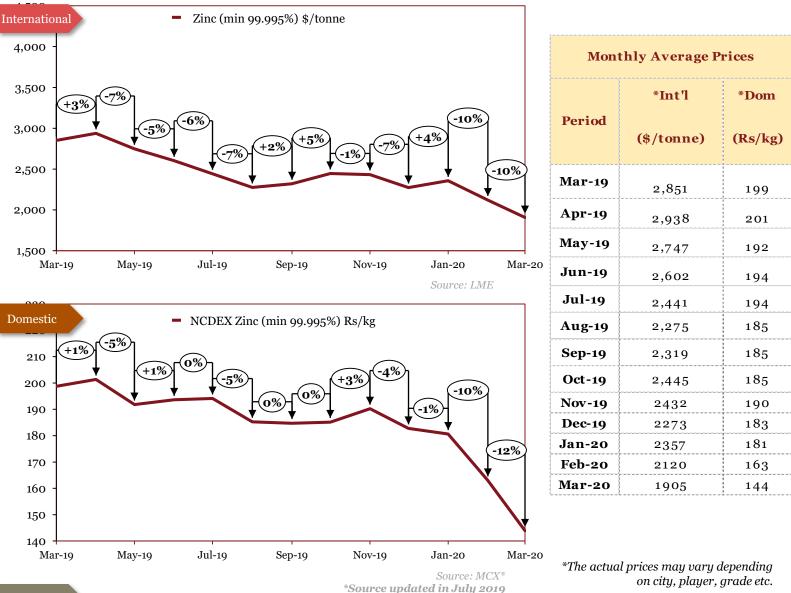
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Outlook

In August, domestic prices remained flat, whereas Copper sank to a two-year low globally, as renewed trade hostilities between the U.S. and China reinforced fears about the world economy. In September, international copper prices rallied after reaching their lowest point, partly due to disruptions at mines affecting the global supply chain and due to demand from the renewable energy manufacturing market. Domestic prices rose thanks to strong household demand for consumer goods as well as from higher demand for power. In October, international prices remained unchanged despite uncertainty around the trade war, whilst domestic prices fell due to weak manufacturing demand. In November, prices rose internationally thanks to hopes of a US-China trade deal, while remaining stable domestically. In December, international prices rose on positive sentiment about a US-China trade deal, while domestic prices remained stable. In January, international prices remained unchanged whereas domestic prices rose mildly thanks to better macro-economic sentiment. In February, international prices fell as markets reacted to the coronavirus outbreak in China, and domestic prices followed suit. In March, international prices declined on account of the COVID-19 pandemic, and domestic prices similarly fell as a result of the national lockdown.

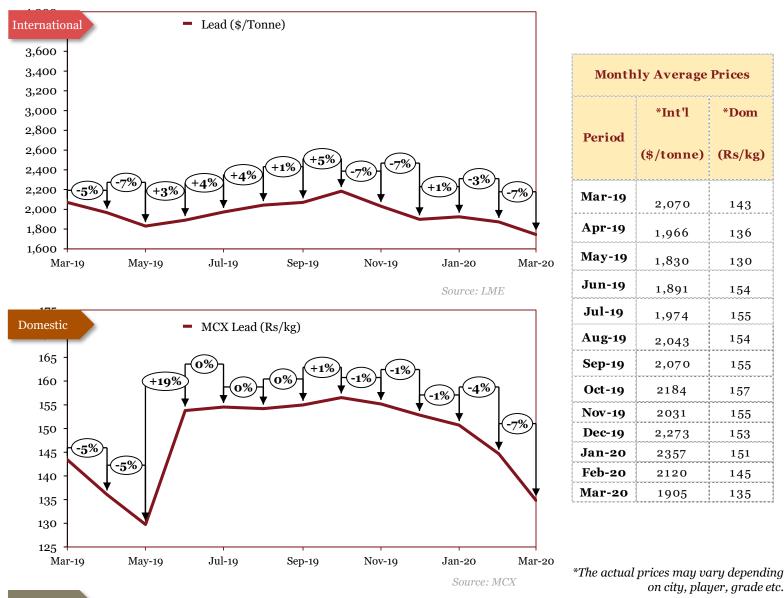
Zinc



Outlook

In August, Zinc prices fell domestically, owing to a decrease in demand from suppliers. Globally, prices declined owing to fears over a trade war and a state of oversupply in the market. In September, internationally, Zinc prices recovered from the large fall the previous month due to improving demand. Domestic prices remained unchanged thanks to stable market conditions. In October, international Zinc prices rose on the back of a shortage of supply. Domestic prices remained unchanged for the second month running, down to stability in the market. In November, international price recovery slowed due to oversupply in the market, while domestic prices rose on strong demand. In December, Zinc prices fell globally owing to oversupply in China stoking demand concerns, while domestic prices fell on the backs of slackened demand. In January, international prices rose on higher demand in preparation for the US-China trade agreement. Domestic prices fell marginally on oversupply in the market. In February, international prices fell as markets reacted to the outbreak of coronavirus in China and around the world, with domestic prices falling simultaneously. In March, global zinc prices saw a marked decline due to pressure from the COVID-19 crisis. Domestic prices were also hurt by the halting of industrial activity.

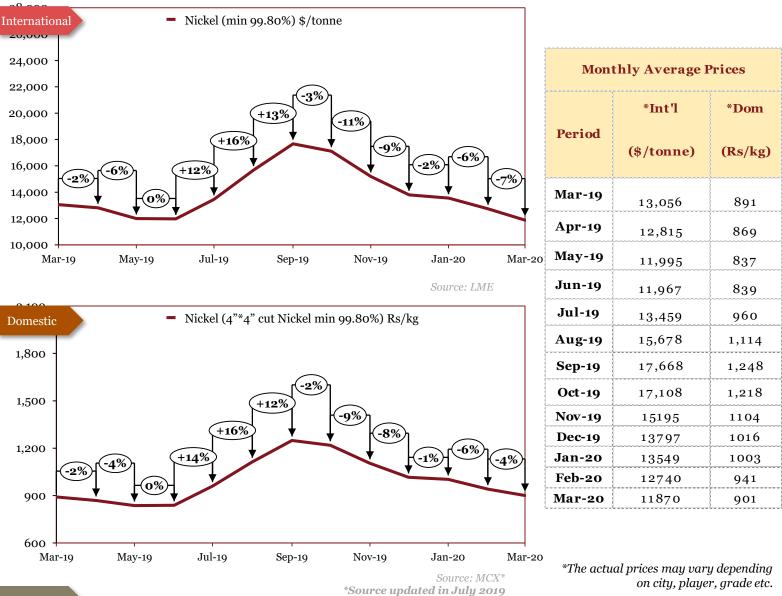
Lead



Outlook

In August, Lead prices were stagnant domestically but witnessed growth globally due to sharper demand. In September, international prices continued to rise thanks to supply shocks in Australia and Bolivia, while domestic lead prices remained stable. In October, international prices rose thanks to higher demand from battery makers in the physical market. Domestic prices also rose thanks to rising demand. In November, international prices fell due to the increase in production in China, alongside the expected reopening of a key Australian mine in the near future. Domestic prices followed suit in declining. In December, international prices were down only slightly thanks to demand from battery producers. In January, international prices remained fairly stable, still affected by poor demand. Domestic prices fell marginally. In February, international as well as domestic prices fell as the coronavirus outbreak impacted industrial demand in China and around the world. In March, international prices fell on account of global uncertainty around the COVID-19 pandemic, and domestic prices fell on account of the halting of production following containment measures.

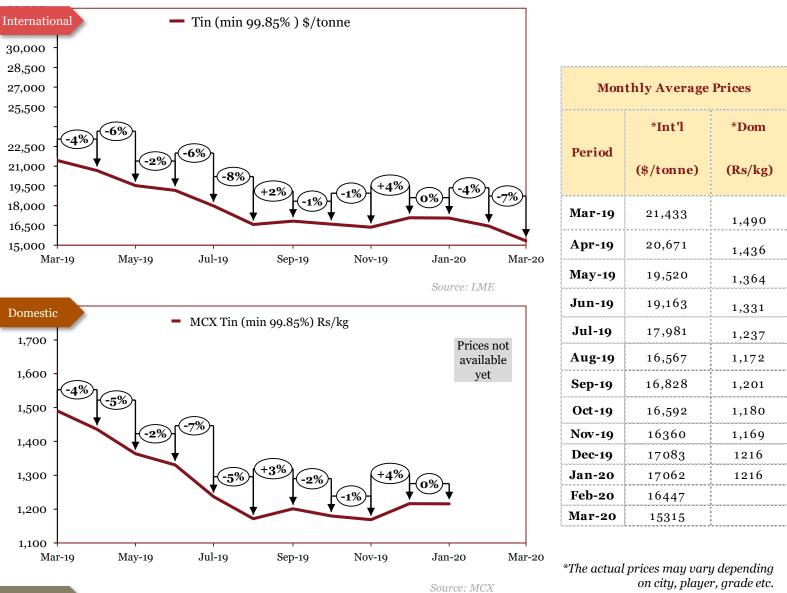
Nickel



Outlook

In September, international as well as domestic Nickel prices continued to surge upwards due to supply curbs in Indonesia and demand from electric vehicle manufacturers. In October, Nickel prices began to slide downwards as supply uncertainties were countered by weakening demand from China and easing of supply constraints in the physical market. In November, international as well as domestic prices fell due to increasing supplies, alongside the resumption of exports from Indonesia. In December, Nickel prices continued to correct domestically and internationally on oversupply in the market, particularly large Chinese imports. In January, international prices were hurt by the trade war as well as fears of the coronavirus epidemic. Domestic prices followed suit in declining. In February, international prices fell harshly as inventories piled up over the Chinese lockdown. Domestic prices were hurt by weakening market sentiment thanks to the coronavirus outbreak in China affecting supply chains. In March, international as well as domestic prices were hurt by the reduction in stainless steel demand, as well as lower production of electric vehicles.

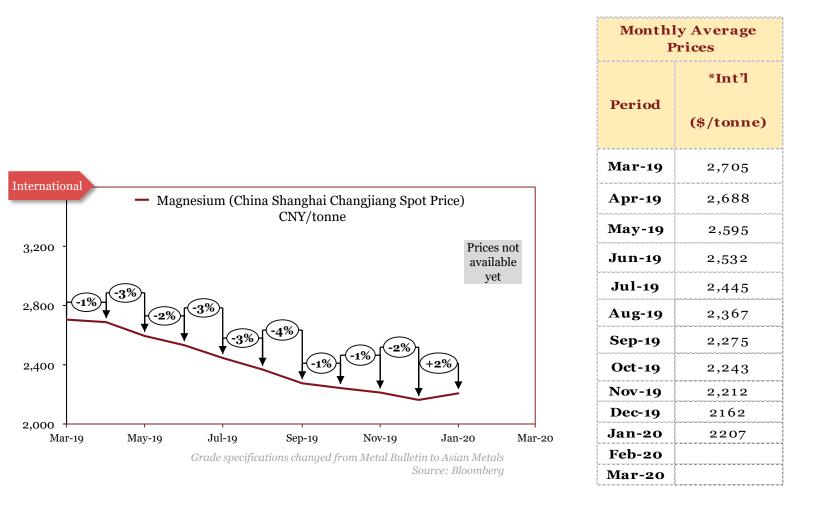
Tin



Outlook

In June, international and domestic Tin prices continued to slide owing to weaker demand from consuming industries. In July, international and domestic prices have continued to slide due to high inventory levels, stemming from a poor global demand scenario. In August, Tin prices fell globally due to uncertainty around the trade war, alongside decline in production of semiconductors in China, the primary usage of tin. In September, the fall in international prices was stopped by a cut in Chinese production, with domestic prices following suit. In October, international prices fell due to weaker demand from the electronics sector caused by the trade war. Domestic prices decreased due to weaker demand. In November international prices corrected slightly downwards, alongside domestic prices. In December, international prices finally looked to be picking up thanks to positive demand and the hopes of a US-China trade agreement. Domestic prices also rose in tandem with international prices. In January, international and domestic prices both remained unchanged. In February, tin prices fell internationally due to slackened demand. In March, international prices declined as major semiconductor markets Japan and South Korea rapidly curtailed industrial activity to contain COVID-19.

Magnesium



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Outlook

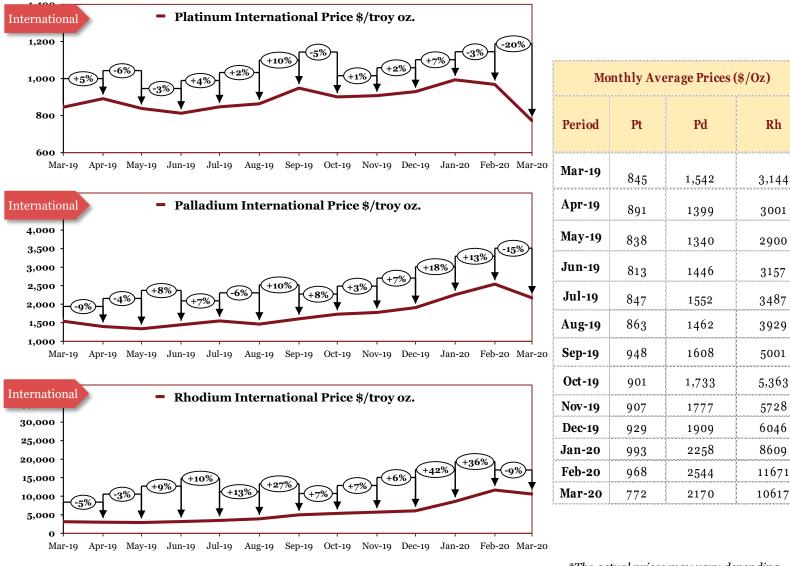
In May, June and July, magnesium prices have witnessed increasing trend owing to favourable market conditions. In August, prices continued to rise. In September, prices rose on account of tighter supply. In October, magnesium prices continued with increasing trend. In November and December 2018, magnesium prices rose on account of tight market supply primarily from China and decreased in January 2019 with fall in demand. In February, magnesium prices continued to fall. In March, price trend was reversed. In April, prices fell owing to subdued demand. In May, the declining trend in prices continued due to low demand across global markets. In June, prices fell due to oversupply in the market from Turkey. In July, prices continued to slide due to lower demand from international markets. In August, a surplus of supply in the market led to a continued drop in prices globally. In September, the trend of international prices falling continued due to weak demand from buyers. In October, prices fell further due to weak demand in China and internationally. In November, prices continued on their downward trajectory due to weak market conditions. In December, the downward trend of prices continued. In January, magnesium prices rebounded slightly

^International prices changed due to change in grades at the source

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Precious Metals



Source: Johnson Matthey

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Outlook

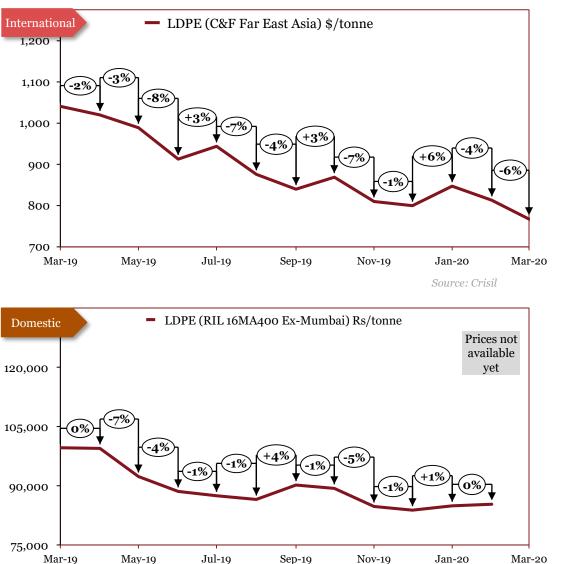
In October, the rise in Palladium and Rhodium prices were powered by strong demand from vehicle manufacturers dealing with higher emissions standards, while Platinum prices fell. In November, Rhodium and Palladium prices continued to rise to new highs due to demand from vehicle manufacturers, while Platinum rose marginally. In December, prices of Rhodium and Palladium continued to rise exponentially as demand from auto manufacturers continued to outstrip supply, while platinum prices rose steadily, being a popular investment. In January, rhodium and palladium prices continued to rise due to demand from carmakers for their catalytic convertors to manage stricter emissions rules. Platinum prices rose in conjunction, though at a lesser rate, reflecting the shift from petrol to hybrid cars that use palladium rather than platinum. In February, platinum's price growth was reversed as demand decreased in autocatylsts, electricals and glass-making, while palladium and rhodium prices continued to rise thanks to stricter environmental restrictions on cars in Europe, China and India. In March the record international price growth for palladium, platinum and rhodium was halted as the automotive industry, its primary customer, halted production around the world as part of lockdown measures.

Rh

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Low density polyethylene (LDPE)



Monthly Average Prices										
Period	*Int'l	*Dom								
	(\$/tonne)	(Rs/tonne)								
Mar-19	1,041	99,611								
Apr-19	1,020	99,468								
May-19	989	92,325								
Jun-19	913	88,579								
Jul-19	944	87,460								
Aug-19	876	86,526								
Sep-19	840	90,160								
Oct-19	869	89,337								
Nov-19	810	84747								
Dec-19	800	83814								
Jan-20	847	84922								
Feb-20	813	85309								
Mar-20	767									

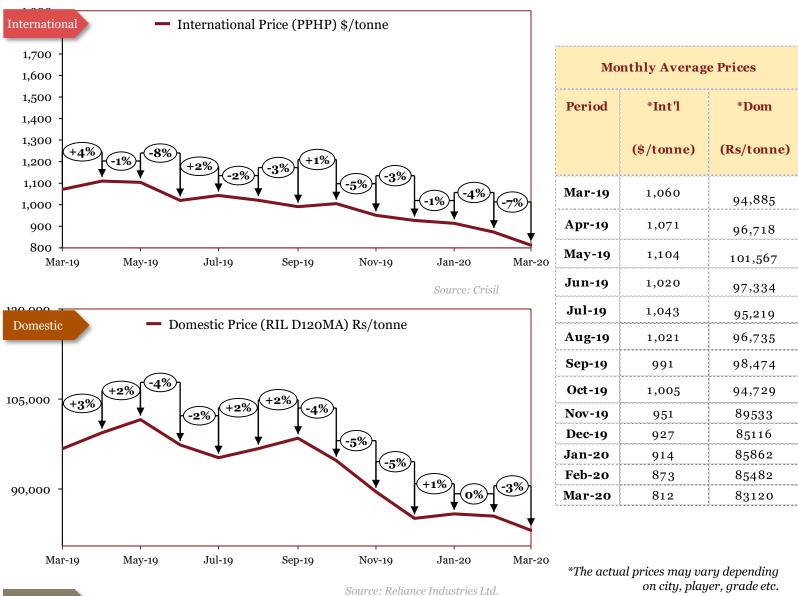
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Outlook

In June, new manufacturing units scaled up production resulting in an oversupply in the market. This has caused prices to fall both globally & domestically. In July, international prices increased slightly due to a rollover for ethylene contract prices in the futures market. Domestically also, prices remained stable due to unchanged demand-supply conditions in the market. In August, prices fell due to an oversupply of product and a lack of compensating demand, whilst remaining fairly stable domestically. In September, while international prices continued to slide due to oversupply, domestic prices rose, partly due to supply shocks from Saudi Arabia oilfield attack. In October, international prices rose thanks to tighter spot supply, while domestic prices fell as supply was normalised. In November prices fell internationally and domestically continued to decline as oversupply in the market met sluggish demand. In January, international prices rose due to plant shutdowns in Japan and Thailand, with domestic prices also rising. In February, domestic prices remained unchanged. In March, international prices declined as a result of the fall in crude oil prices and the COVID-19 lockdown.

Source: Reliance Industries Ltd.

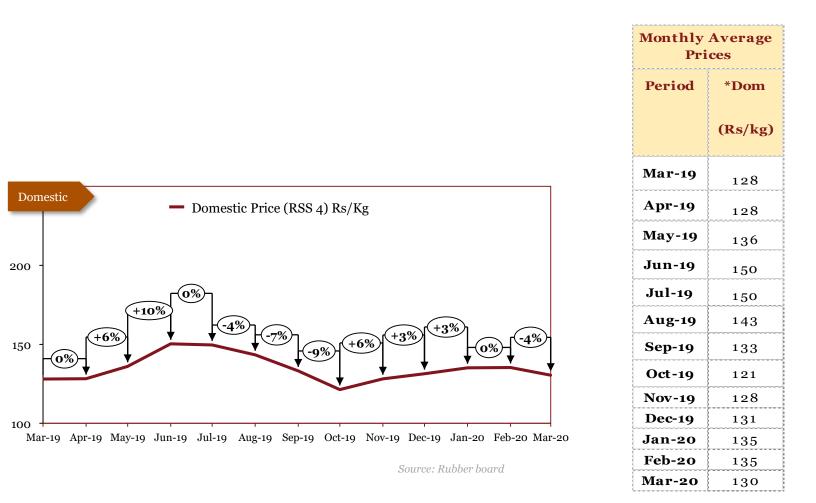
Polypropylene (PP)



Outlook

In July, international PP prices recovered slightly after the slump in June on the back of decreasing inventories as capacity was rectified in July. Domestically, prices decreased due to a continued slump in domestic demand. In August, polypropylene prices across the Asian regions dropped, triggered by persistent bearish demand trends and a sharp fall in PP futures. In September, while prices continued to slide internationally due to weak demand and issues surrounding international tariffs, domestic prices were rose following the rise in crude prices due to the events in Saudi Arabia. In October, international prices rose, while domestic prices were cut to try and incentivize buying. In November, prices fell domestic prices continued to decline, with ample inventory in the market as buyers resisted building up stocks. In January, the trend of falling international prices continued thanks to a production surge in China, while domestic prices rose on tighter availability of product in the domestic market. Zin February, domestic prices remained unchanged. In March, the dramatic decrease in crude oil prices led to the fall in Polypropylene prices internationally as well as domestically.

Rubber



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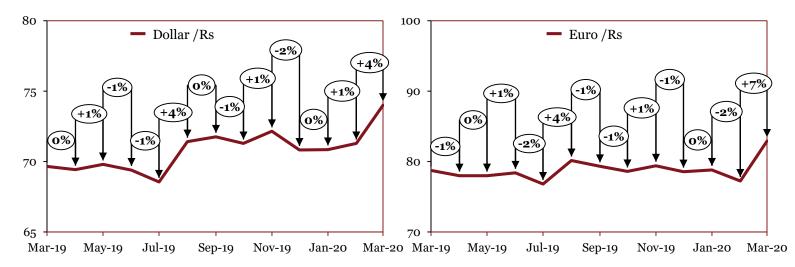
Outlook

In March, price trend was reversed. In April, prices remained unchanged due to stable market conditions. In May, rubber prices continued to increase due to supply constraints amid speculation that farmers are holding back stocks in anticipation of higher prices. In June, rubber prices increased substantially due to high demand of domestic rubber stemming from high import duties on rubber In July, rubber prices remained unchanged owing to stable market conditions. In August, Plummeting global prices and muted demand from tyre makers drove down the price of natural rubber in India. In September, domestic prices continued to fall due to weak demand from auto manufacturers as well as large inventories held by rubber manufacturers. In November, prices rose domestically as continuing rains prevented tapping, leading to weak production. In December, rubber prices rose due to the Pestalotiopsis disease on rubber plantations lowering international supply, alongside the higher oil price and the breakthrough in US-China trade relations. In January prices continued to trend upwards due to worsening supply problems. In February, domestic prices remained mostly unchanged despite buyers fears regarding the impact of the coronavirus crisis. In March, domestic prices fell as the COVID-19 pandemic halted all industrial activity, including in the tyre industry.

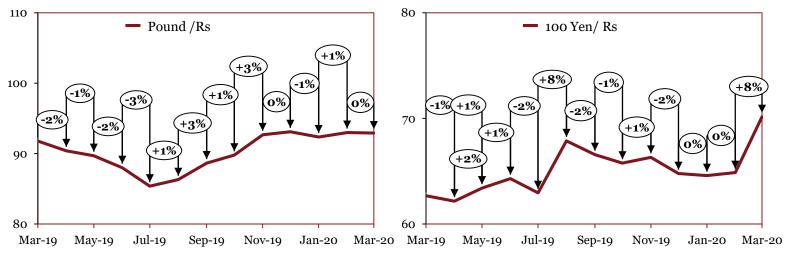


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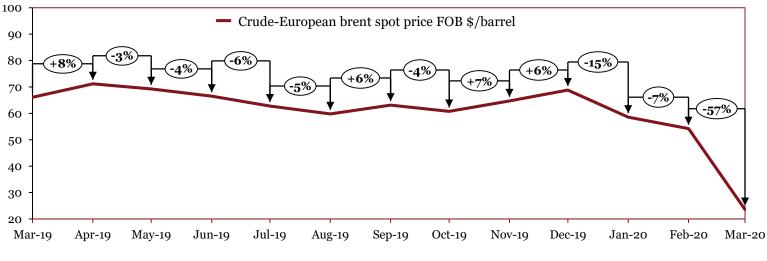
Forex Movement



Source: Reserve Bank of India

	Monthly Average Prices (Rs)												
	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20
\$	70	69	70	69	69	71	72	71	72	71	71	71	74
£	79	78	78	78	77	80	79	79	79	93	92	93	93
€	79	78	78	78	77	80	79	79	79	79	79	77	83
¥	63	62	63	64	63	68	67	66	66	65	65	65	70

Crude Oil



Source: EIA

Monthly Average Prices (\$/barrel)												
Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20
66	71	69	67	63	60	63	61	65	69	59	54	24

Commodity Specifications

Commodity	International	Domestic
Iron Ore	IOECI635 Index (CIF China) - (Fe63.5%) CIF China	Crisil - Grade 1: 58% to below 60% Fe Fines - Grade 2: 60% to below 62% Fe Fines - Grade 3: 62% to below 65% Fe Fines - Grade 4: 65% and above Fe Fines
Pig Iron	Crisil -Foundry grade FOB CIS	Crisil -Foundry grade ex-factory, India
Stainless steel	NA	PwC Research -G 304 CR Coil -G 304 HR Coil
Wire rod	Crisil -CIS Black Sea (US \$/Tonne)	Crisil - Wire rods: 5.5 mm (Prices are inclusive of excise duty by exclusive of VAT/Sales tax)
Steel Billets	Bloomberg -Black Sea Steel Billet Spot FOB Previously: FOB Latin America FOB CIS Black Sea	Crisil - 100^100 mm (Avg. prices collated from 2- 3 locations)
Hot-rolled coils	Crisil -FOB Black Sea	Crisil - 14G 2mm (Avg. prices collated from 2-3 locations)
Cold-rolled coils	Crisil -(CIS) FOB Black Sea	Crisil - Mumbai 16G (Avg. prices collated from 2-3 locations)
Steel Scrap	NA	Crisil - Heavy melting (excl. GST)
EN 8	NA	PwC Research -EN8 Alloy forging
20MnCr5	NA	PwC Research -Alloy forging
Ferro titanium	Ferrotitanium (Europe-70% In Warehouse Rotterdam) Previously: Ferrotitanium (min 70% in warehouse Rotterdam, Europe) \$/kg	NA
Ferro chrome	Crisil : FOB Hong Kong Cr 50%	Crisil: Ex-factory Cr 60%
Ferro molybdenum	Ferro-molybdenum (China-60% EXW) <i>Previously: Ferro-molybdenum (65%min in warehouse Rotterdam, Europe) \$/kg</i>	NA

Commodity Specifications

Commodity	International	Domestic
Ferro vanadium	Ferro Vanadium (China -80% FOB) \$/kg Previously: Ferrovanadium 78-82% V max 1.5% Si FOB North America warehouse USD/lbs	NA
Ferro silicon	Crisil - FOB China Si 75%	Crisil - Ex-factory Si 70%
Aluminium	LME-Primary aluminium with impurities no greater than the chemical composition of one of the registered designations:•P1020A in the North American and International Registration Record entitled "International Designations and Chemical Composition Limits for Unalloyed Aluminium" (revised March 2007)•Al99.70 in the GB/T 1196-2008 Standard entitled "Unalloyed aluminium ingots for remelting"	NCDEX, MCX (July'19 onwards) -Primary aluminium 99.7% purity (minimum) form: ingots, T-bars,
Copper	LME -Grade A copper must conform to the chemical composition of one of the following standards: •BS EN 1978:1998 - Cu-CATH-1 •GB/T 467-2010 - Cu-CATH-1 •ASTM B115-10 - cathode Grade 1	MCX - Grade 1 electrolytic copper as per B115 specification
Zinc	LME -Special high-grade zinc of 99.995% purity (minimum) must conform to the chemical composition of one of the following standards: •BS EN 1179:2003 - 99.995% grade •ISO 752:2004 - ZN-1 grade •ASTM B6-12 - LME grade •GB/T 470-2008 - Zn99.995 grade	NCDEX, MCX (July'19 onwards) - Zinc of 99.995% minimum purity. Zinc must conform with the 99.995% graded chemical composition of BS EN 1179:1996 Standard entitled "Zinc and Zinc alloys primary Zinc" Form: ingots

Commodity Specifications

Commodity	International	Domestic	
Lead	LME - Lead of 99.97% purity (minimum) conforming to BS EN 12659:1999 - GB/T 469/2005	MCX - Lead ingots with minimum purity of 99.97%	
Nickel	LME - Nickel of 99.80% purity (minimum) conforming to B39-79 (2013) - GB/T 6516-2010	NCDEX, MCX (July'19 onwards) - 4"*4" approved pure cut Nickel of 99.80% purity (minimum)	
Tin	LME - Tin of 99.85% purity (minimum) conforming to BS EN 610:1996	MCX - The LME approved tin ingot of 99.85 purity (minimum)	
Magnesium	Magnesium (China Shanghai Changjiang Spot Price) CNY/tonne Previously: Magnesium (99.8% FOB China Main Ports Spot Price) \$/tonne	NA	
Platinum	Metal in sponge form with minimum purities of 99.95% for platinum and palladium,		
Palladium	and 99.9% for rhodium		
Rhodium	-		
Low density polyethylene (LDPE)	International price (C&F FEA) \$/tonne	RIL-16MA400 grade	
Polypropylene (PP)	International Price (PPHP) \$/tonne	RIL-D120MA grade	
Rubber Prices	NA	NCDEX/Rubber board - RSS 4 (Ribbed Smoked Sheet 4) ex- warehouse Kochi exclusive of all taxes	
Forex Movement	RBI reference rates		
Crude	European Brent spot price FOB \$/barrel – Energy Information Administration (EIA)		



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