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Commodity trend dashboard

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

Calendar Year 19-20: Q vs. Q update

Commodity	Region	Q-o-Q Up	Q-o-Q Down
Iron & Steel			
Iron Ore	International	3%	
	Domestic low grade		
	Domestic high grade		
Pig Iron	International		-1% ▼
	Domestic		-6% ▼
Stainless steel	Domestic		- 2% ▼
	Domestic		- 2% ▼
Wire rod	International		- 7% ▼
	Domestic		-11% ▼
Steel Billets	International		ο%
	Domestic		- 12% ▼
Hot-rolled coils	International		-3% ▼
	Domestic		- 11% ▼
Cold-rolled coils	International		-3% ▼
	Domestic		-9% ▼
Steel Scrap	Domestic		-13% ▼
EN8	Domestic		-5%
20MnCr5	Domestic		-5% ▼
Ferro-alloys			
Ferro titanium	International		-10% V
Ferro chrome	International		-10% V
	Domestic		-9% v
Ferro molybdenum	International	5%	
Ferro vanadium	International		-14% V
Ferro silicon	International		o% v
	Domestic		-5%

ND: Not disclosed by the source

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

Calendar Year 19-20: Q vs. Q update

Commodity	Region	Q-o-Q Up	Q-o-Q Down
Base Metals			
Aluminum	International		-2%
	Domestic	12%	
Copper	International		-5% ▼
	Domestic	4% ▲	
Zinc	International		- 15% ▼
	Domestic		-4% ▼
Lead	International	7%	
	Domestic	11%	
Nickel	International	27%	
	Domestic	31%	
Tin	International		-13% ▼
	Domestic		-13% ▼
Magnesium	International		-9% ▼
Precious Metals			
Platinum	International	5%	
Palladium	International	10%	
Rhodium	International	37% ▲	
Polymers			
Low density polyethylene (LDPE)	International		-9% ▼
	Domestic		-6% ▼
Polypropylene (PP)	International		-6% ▼
	Domestic		-3% ▼
Rubber	Domestic	3%	
Currency Exchange			
Dollar	International	1%	
Pound	International	1%	
Euro	International		-3% ▼
Yen	International	4% ▲	

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*Int'l

\$/tonne

78

74

80

92

92

94

102

114

122

104

92

90

86

Period

Nov-18

Dec-18

Jan-19

Feb-19

Mar-19

Apr-19

May-19

Jun-19

Jul-19

Aug-19

Sep-19

Oct-19

Nov-19

*Dom

Rs/tonne

65% & below

1.849

1,983

1,723

1,687

1,724

1,807

1,848

1,822

1,910

1,863

65% &

above

3,529

3,291

3,090

2,994

3,378

3,258

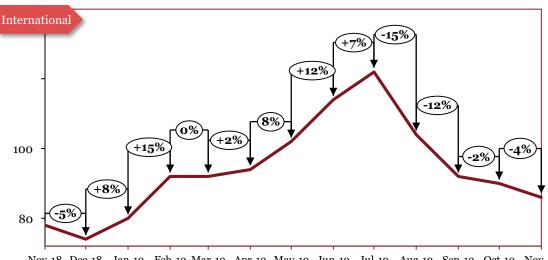
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3,531

3,611

3,715

Iron Ore



Nov-18 Dec-18 Jan-19 Feb-19 Mar-19 Apr-19 May-19 Jun-19 Jul-19 Aug-19 Sep-19 Oct-19 Nov-19

Source: Crisil

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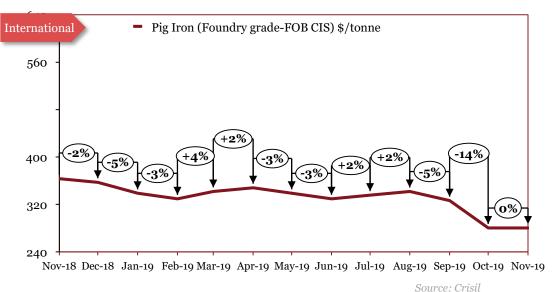
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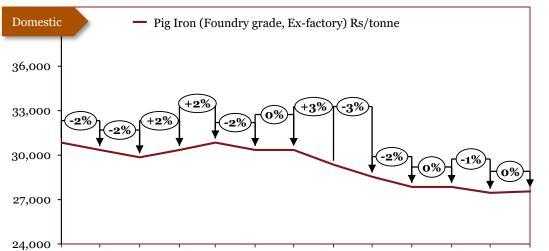
Outlook

In June, Australian suppliers cut down their exports forecast due to bad-weather conditions stemming from cyclone Veronica, pushing up global prices. In July, global iron ore prices rose on the back of record high contracts trading as well increased costs for producers stemming from increased environmental regulations. Domestically, prices didn't increase in line with the global surge since Indian producers kept prices low to ensure competitive exports (export duty of 30% levied on 58% & above Fe fines from India). 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.

Pig Iron







Nov-18 Dec-18 Jan-19 Feb-19 Mar-19 Apr-19 May-19 Jun-19 Jul-19 Aug-19 Sep-19 Oct-19 Nov-19 *The actual prices may vary depending on

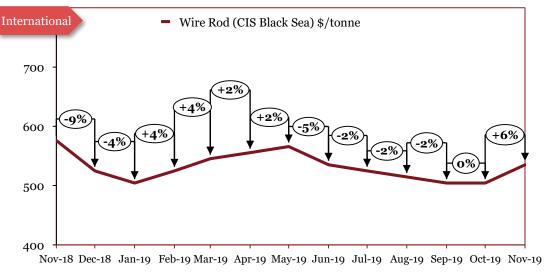
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Outlook

In June, muted demand from foundries making automobiles & industrial molds let to slipping of domestic prices. Internationally, there was low buying activity, especially in the US which accounts for 50% of global supply, since buyers booked high tonnages in May itself. In July, global pig iron prices increased because of reduced availability in the market as producers cut volumes due to lack of raw materials. Domestically, prices decrease due to reduced demand and rising inventory levels. 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.

Source: Crisil

Wire Rod



Source: Crisil

Domestic	■ Wire Rod (India 5.5 mm, Inc. ex) Rs/tonne
50,000 -	
45,000	(+4%) $(-1%)$ $(-2%)$
40,000	
35,000 -	-3% 0% (+2%)
30,000	

Monthly Average Prices				
Period	^*Int'l	*Dom		
	(\$/tonne)	(Rs/tonne)		
Nov-18	576	40,444		
Dec-18	525	38,744		
Jan-19	504	38,644		
Feb-19	525	40,144		
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		

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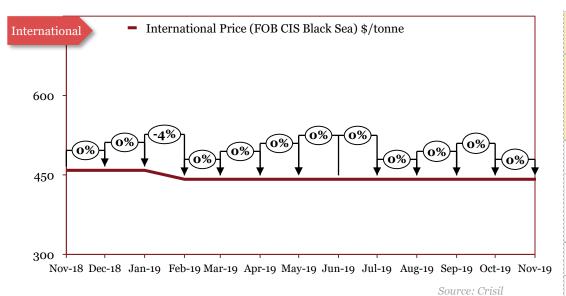
Source: Crisil on city, player, grade etc.

In February, prices increased due to elevated raw material prices and higher demand. In March, international prices increased during the month primarily owing to increased demand. In April 2019, international prices rose in line with steel and steel product prices whereas domestic wire rod prices declined primarily owing to muted demand sentiment. In May, domestic prices remained stagnant due to muted demand growth. 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.

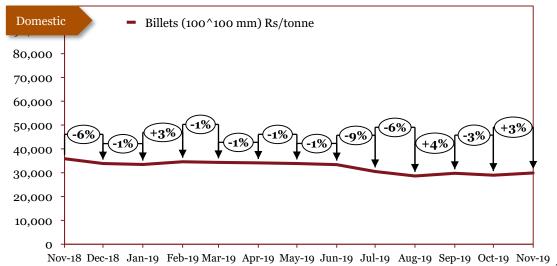
^Prices have been retrospectively revised by the source due to change in base year

Outlook

Steel Billets



Monthly Average Prices			
Period	Period ^*Int'l *Do		
	(\$/tonne)	(Rs/tonne)	
Nov-18	459	35,850	
Dec-18	459	33,833	
Jan-19	459	33,467	
Feb-19	442	34,633	
Mar-19	442	34,333	
Apr-19	442	34100	
May-19	442	33867	
Jun-19	442	30533	
Jul-19	442	33400	
Aug-19	442	28633	
Sep-19	442	29750	
Oct-19	442	28967	
Nov-19	442	29900	



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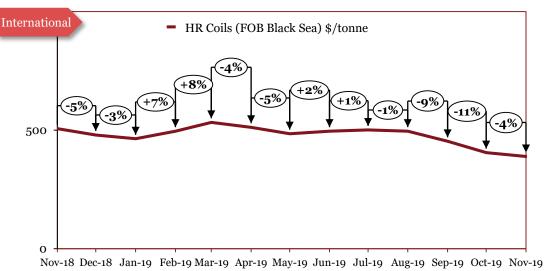
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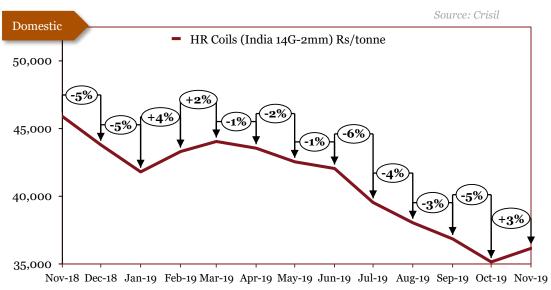
Outlook

In March, domestic steel billet prices fell whereas international prices remained unchanged. In April, international prices did not fluctuate due to unchanged market conditions while domestic prices fell. In May, market conditions remained unchanged for a second month in a row leading to stagnant prices. In June, international and domestic prices remained almost stagnant owing to unchanged demand scenario in the domestic & international markets. In July, domestic prices decreased due to weak demand as a result of slow infrastructure & construction activity. International prices remained flat, despite 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 remained constant while rising costs for finished long steel products and semi finished materials led to a rise in prices in India. In October, international prices remained unchanged, domestic prices fell due to weak demand for rebar. In November, international prices stayed constant while domestic prices rose on account of rising seaborne scrap prices.

^International prices changed due to change in the grade

Hot-Rolled (HR) Coils





Monthly Average Prices			
Period	*Int'l	^*Dom	
	(\$/tonne)	(Rs/tonne)	
Nov-18	506	45,900	
Dec-18	480	43,800	
Jan-19	464	41,800	
Feb-19	496	43,300	
Mar-19	533	44,050	
Apr-19	512	43550	
May-19	485	42550	
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	

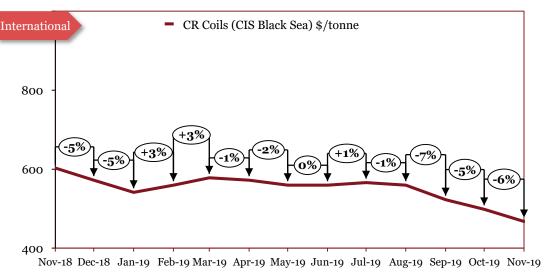
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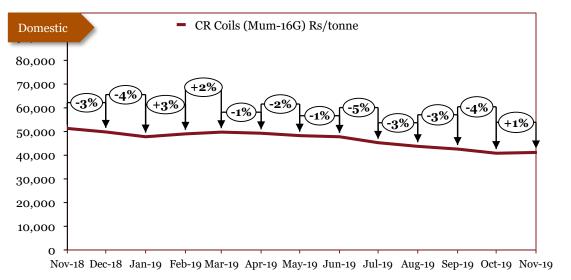
Outlook

In June, international prices increased marginally due to production curbs in China (to reduce emissions) and weakened international demand cancelling each other out. On the domestic front, demand weakened slightly due to buyers postponing purchases to after the government's budget announcement. 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 2019, global prices fell due to weak economic growth and continuing tensions regarding the US-China trade war. Domestic prices were hurt by a slowdown in manufacturing. In September, global prices were hurt by a continuing slowdown in Chinese demand while domestic prices also fell, owing to weak festive consumer demand. 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.

Cold-Rolled (CR) Coils







Monthly Average Prices			
Period	*Int'l	^*Dom	
	(\$/tonne)	(Rs/tonne)	
Nov-18	603	51,300	
Dec-18	572	49,800	
Jan-19	541	47,800	
Feb-19	560	49,000	
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	

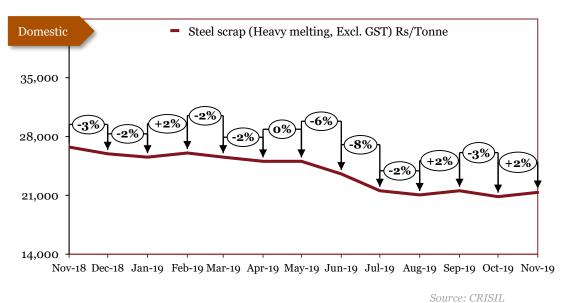
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Source: Crisil.

Outlook

International indexed CR coil price declined in April 2019 on back of declining international HR prices. Domestic CR prices declined during the month, mirroring HR prices trend. In May, prices declined both internationally and domestically due to declining HR prices. In June, international prices remained the same due to unchanged demand & supply. Domestically, demand weakened slightly due to buyers postponing purchases to after the government's budget announcement. 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.

Steel Scrap (Heavy Melting)



Monthly Average Prices		
Period	*Dom	
	(Rs/Tonne)	
Nov-18	26750	
Dec-18	25950	
Jan-19	25550	
Feb-19	26050	
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	

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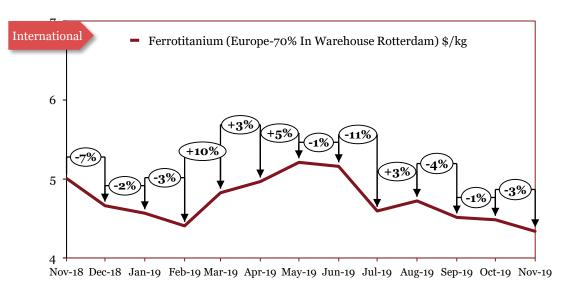
Outlook

Domestic scrap prices have displayed a downward trend over the last one year owing to a stronger dollar which made exports less competitive leading to excess supply in the market. Another reason for excess supply in the market is seen as slowing infrastructure growth due to which inventories have piled up. 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.

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Ferro titanium



Grade specifications changed from Metal Bulletin to Asian Metals
Source: Bloomberg

Monthly Average Prices		
Period	^*Int'l	
	(\$/kg)	
Nov-18	5.00	
Dec-18	4.66	
Jan-19	4.56	
Feb-19	4.41	
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	

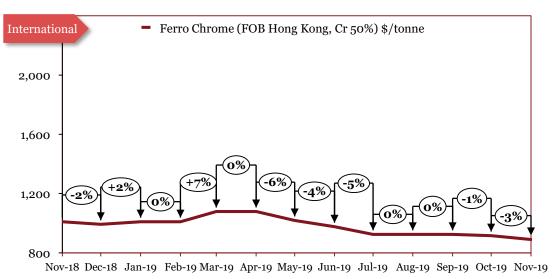
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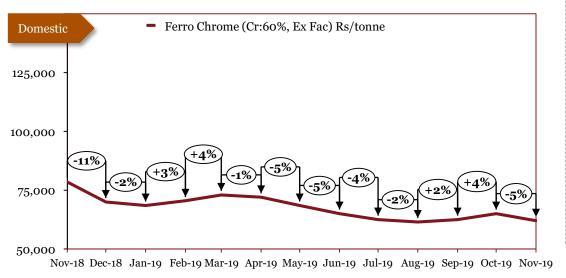
In October 2018, high-volume sales to Europe from Russia dragged down prices. From November 2018, ferrotitanium prices have witnessed consistently declining trend owing to unfavourable market conditions which has continued till February 2019. In March, ferrotitanium prices increased owing to increased 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.

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

Ferro chrome







Monthly Average Prices			
Period	*Int'l	*Dom	
	(\$/tonne)	(Rs/tonne)	
Nov-18	1,010	78,500	
Dec-18	993	70,000	
Jan-19	1010	68,500	
Feb-19	1010	70,500	
Mar-19	1079	73,000	
Apr-19	1079	72000	
May-19	1019	68500	
Jun-19	976	65000	
Jul-19	924	62500	
Aug-19	924	61500	
Sep-19	924	62500	
Oct-19	916	65000	
Nov-19	890	62000	

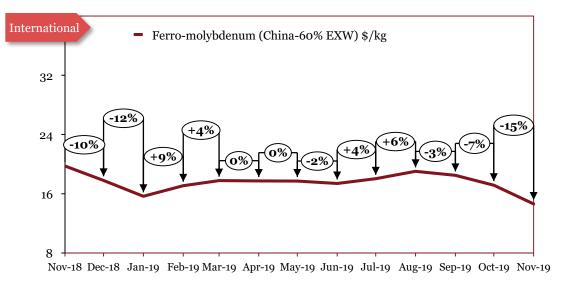
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Source: Crisil

Outlook

International index price of ferro chrome remained unchanged in April amidst stable Chinese demand. On domestic front, prices recorded a decline on back of weak demand. In May, international and domestic prices declined on the back of continued weakening in demand. In June, domestic & international prices of ferro-chrome continued to decline owing to declining stainless steel production globally. In July, ferro-chrome prices fell both globally & domestically due to a 2.5% reduction(by volume) in production of stainless steel year-on-year. 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 domestically prices fell owing to weak demand.

Ferro molybdenum



Grade specifications changed from Metal Bulletin to Asian Metals
Source: Bloomberg

Monthly Average Prices		
Period *^Int'l		
	(\$/kg)	
Nov-18	20	
Dec-18	18	
Jan-19	16	
Feb-19	17	
Mar-19	18	
Apr-19	18	
May-19	18	
Jun-19	18	
Jul-19	17	
Aug-19	19	
Sep-19	18	
Oct-19	17	
Nov-19	15	

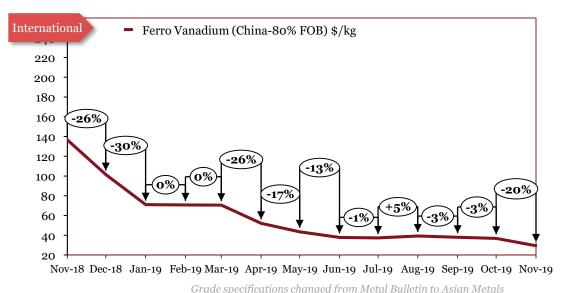
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Outlook

In June and July, prices continued with declining trend. In August, declining trend in prices was reversed on account of firm demand. 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.

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

Ferro vanadium



Monthly Average Prices		
Period	*Int'l	
	(\$/kg)	
Nov-18	137	
Dec-18	101	
Jan-19	71	
Feb-19	71	
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	

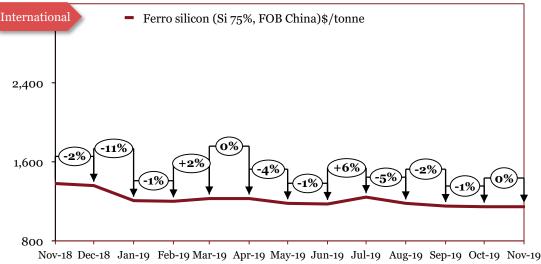
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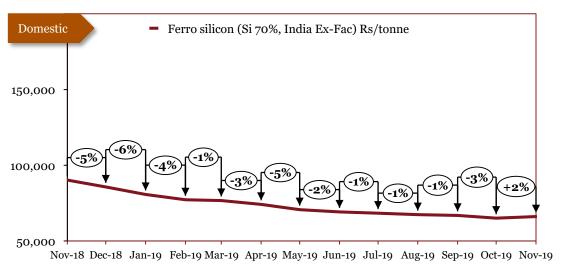
Prices remained unchanged in February 2019 due to stable market conditions. In March, prices remained unchanged due to stable market conditions. In April, prices increased due to strong demand from Chinese market, which in turn can be partly attributed to increase in demand arising from the implementation 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.

Source: Bloomberg

Ferro silicon







Monthly Average Prices			
Period	*Int'l	*Dom	
	(\$/tonne)	(Rs/tonne)	
Nov-18	1,380	90,200	
Dec-18	1,359	85,700	
Jan-19	1,208	80,700	
Feb-19	1,201	77,200	
Mar-19	1,228	76,700	
Apr-19	1,228	74,200	
May-19	1,180	70,700	
Jun-19	1,173	69,200	
Jul-19	1,242	68,400	
Aug-19	1,180	74,200	
Sep-19	1,152	74,200	
Oct-19	1,145	74200	
Nov-19	1145	74,200	

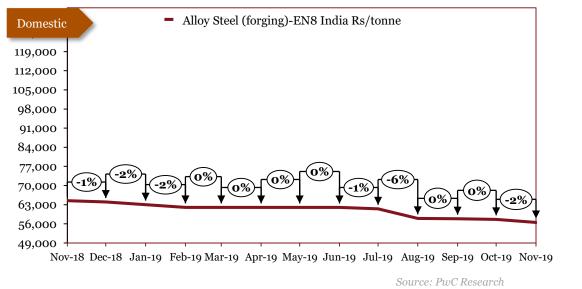
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Source: Crisil

Outlook

International ferro silicon prices remained constant in April 2019 owing to moderation in demand, especially in China. Domestic ferro silicon prices declined on the back of weak demand. In May, lower prices were seen as a result on increased supplies and lower tender prices. In June, prices dropped due to additional supply in markets which resulted in producers lowering their prices. In July, international prices increased due to reduced supply stemming from plant maintenance in major production hubs. Domestically, the demand scenario remained comparable to June, as reflected in the prices. In August, the export price in the international market continued to fall amid persistent weak demand and tough international competition. Domestically the price fell due to weakening demand. 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.

EN8 Alloy Steel (Forging)



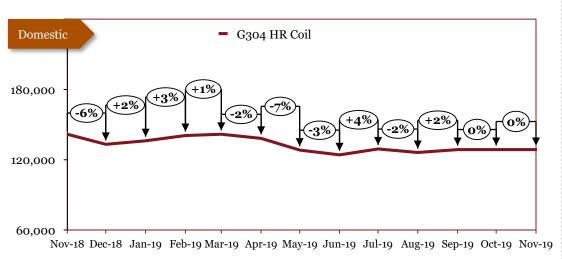
Monthly Average Prices		
Period	*Dom (Rs/tonne)	
Nov-18	64,500	
Dec-18	64,000	
Jan-19	63,000	
Feb-19 62,000		
Mar-19	62,000	
Apr-19	62,000	
May-19	62,000	
Jun-19	62,000	
Jul-19	61,500	
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Sep-19	57,875	
Oct-19 57,625		
Nov-19	56500	

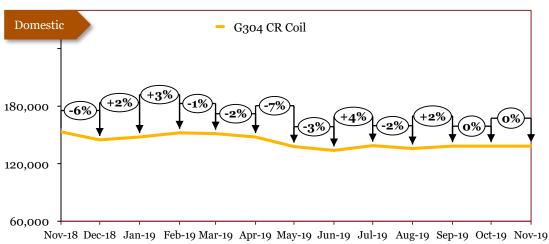
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Outlook

In August, prices continued to fall. In September, prices increased along with price rise in other steel products. In October, prices increased in line with other products whose prices depend on the fundamentals of the economy. 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.

Stainless Steel





Monthly Domestic Average Prices *G304 HR *G304 CR Period (Rs/tonne) (Rs/tonne) Nov-18 141,700 153,250 Dec-18 133,200 144,750 Jan-19 136,200 147,750 Feb-19 152,250 146,700 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

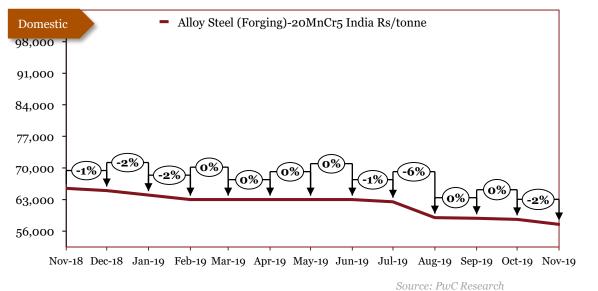
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Source: PwC Research

Outlook

In May, declining trend was reversed as prices increased. In June, prices increased owing to strong demand. In July, domestic prices for stainless steel declined following global cues. In August, prices remained the same owing to stable market conditions. In September, prices continued to remain stable. In October, prices increased after flat trend over past months. In November, international and domestic prices decreased simultaneously. 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.

20MnCr5 Alloy Steel (Forging)



Monthly Average Prices		
	*Dom	
Period	(Rs/tonne)	
Nov-18	65,500	
Dec-18	65,000	
Jan-19	64,000	
Feb-19	63,000	
Mar-19	63,000	
Apr-19	63,000	
May-19	63,000	
Jun-19	63,000	
Jul-19	62,500	
Aug-19	59,000	
Sep-19	58,875	
Oct-19	58,625	
Nov-19	57500	

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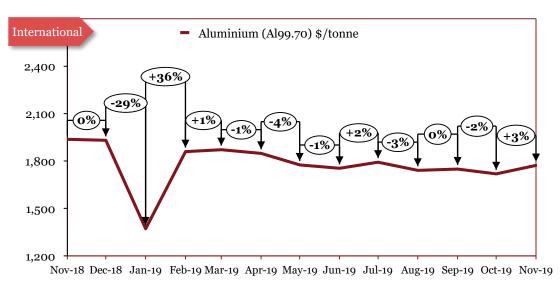
Outlook

In April, prices remained constant due to stable market conditions and increased in May along with other steel products. In June, prices increased in step with other steel products. Similarly, prices in the domestic market fell in line with other steel products owing to muted demand. 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 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 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.

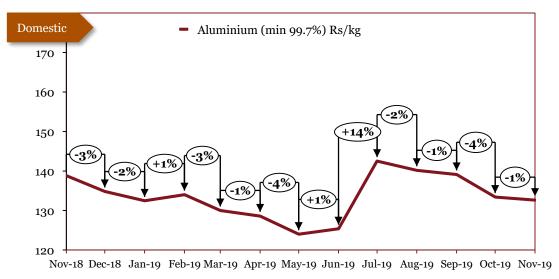
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Aluminium







Monthly Average Prices *Int'l *Dom Period (\$/tonne) (Rs/kg) Nov-18 1,937 139 Dec-18 1,931 135 Jan-19 1,371 132 Feb-19 1,859 134 Mar-19 1,872 130 Apr-19 1,849 129 May-19 124 1,775 Jun-19 125 1,754 Jul-19 1,793 142 Aug-19 140 1,741 Sep-19 1,749 139 Oct-19 1,718 133 Nov-19 1772 133

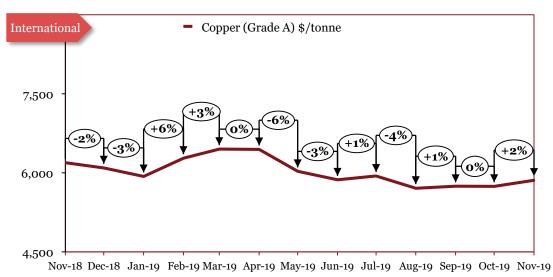
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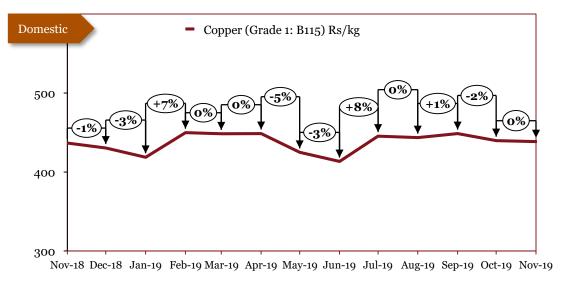
Outlook

In April, prices decreased owing to many aluminium companies shedding capacity in China after situation of overcapacity in the past couple of months. In May, domestic iron prices declined due muted demand stemming from General Elections. International prices declined due to trade tensions between China & the US. In June, international prices declined slightly due to weak manufacturing data from top economies. Domestically, aluminium prices increased slightly due to superior demand conditions. In July, aluminium prices increased globally due to curbs on exports of aluminium scrap by China which tightened supply in the market. 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.

Copper







Monthly Average Prices			
Period	*Int'l	*Dom	
	(\$/tonne)	(Rs/kg)	
Nov-18	6,192	437	
Dec-18	6,094	430	
Jan-19	5,932	419	
Feb-19	6,278	450	
Mar-19	6,450	448	
Apr-19	6,445	449	
May-19	6,028	425	
Jun-19	5,868	413	
Jul-19	5,939	445	
Aug-19	5,708	444	
Sep-19	5,745	449	
Oct-19	5,742	440	
Nov-19	5859	438	

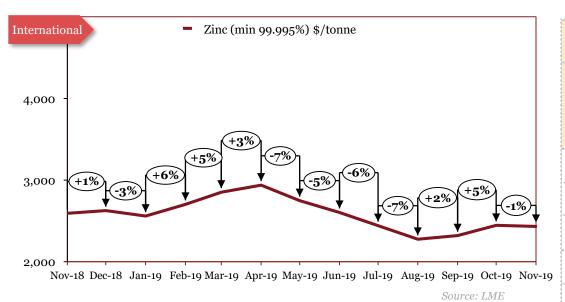
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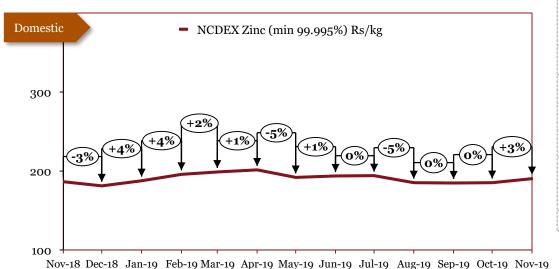
Outlook

In April, prices remained unchanged due to stable market conditions. In May, prices fell due to profit booking by traders and also lower demand in both domestic and international markets. In June, international Copper prices fell due to weak production data released by China and a threat of tariffs imposed by the US on Mexico. Domestically, prices fell due to slackened demand from consuming industries. In July, domestic prices increased due to higher demand in the spot market. Globally, prices increased marginally due to stable market conditions. 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.

Zinc







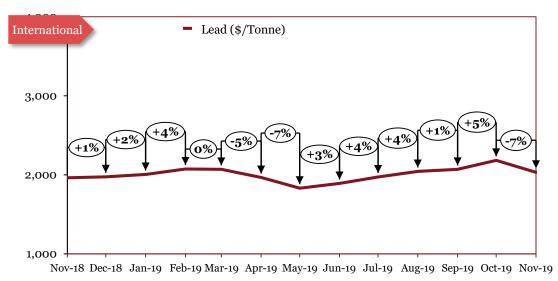
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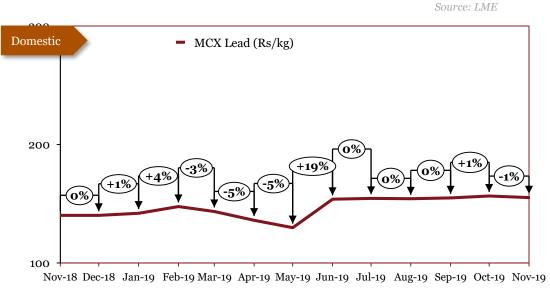
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Outlook

In March, international zinc prices rose on back of rising global base metal prices and domestic zinc prices increased on account of demand growth. In April, increasing price trend continued. In May, international prices fell due to re-opening of some mines globally. Domestically, there was muted demand in the market resulting in lower prices. In June, international Zinc prices retreated due to rising inventories. In India, prices increased marginally due to an increment in the demand scenario. In July, international zinc prices fell owing to lower demand from major markets. Domestically, prices remained stable on the back of unchanged market conditions. 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.

Lead





Monthly Average Prices			
	*Int'l	*Dom	
Period	(\$/tonne)	(Rs/kg)	
Nov-18	1,962	140	
Dec-18	1,974	140	
Jan-19	2,004	142	
Feb-19	2,075	148	
Mar-19	2,070	143	
Apr-19	1,966	136	
May-19	1,830	130	
Jun-19	1,891	154	
Jul-19	1,974	155	
Aug-19	2,043	154	
Sep-19	2,070	155	
Oct-19	2184	157	
Nov-19	2031	155	

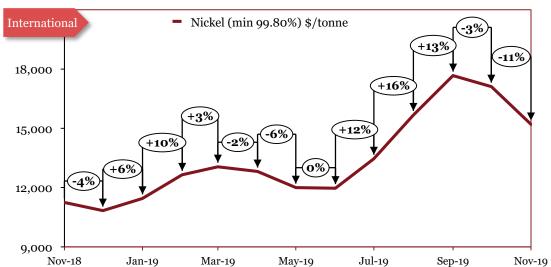
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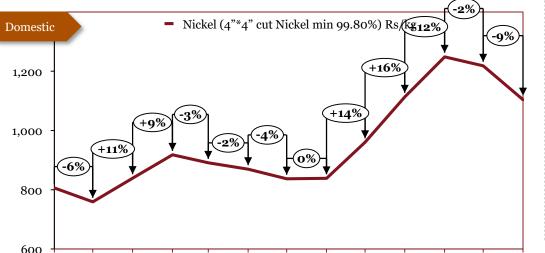
Outlook

International lead prices are almost back to July 2018 levels after a slump in prices in previous months owing to high international inventories. Domestically, lead prices are back to 2018 July 2018 levels after a sharp demand uptake in May. In July, domestic market conditions remained stable which led to stagnant prices. Internationally, production cuts on the back of inventory correction measures by producers saw prices increase. 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.

Nickel



Monthly Average Prices			
	*Int'l	*Dom	
Period	(\$/tonne)	(Rs/kg)	
Nov-18	11,249	806	
Dec-18	10,833	759	
Jan-19	11,452	839	
Feb-19	12,647	918	
Mar-19	13,056	891	
Apr-19	12,815	869	
May-19	11,995	837	
Jun-19	11,967	839	
Jul-19	13,459	960	
Aug-19	15,678	1,114	
Sep-19	17,668	1,248	
Oct-19	17,108	1,218	
Nov-19	15195	1104	



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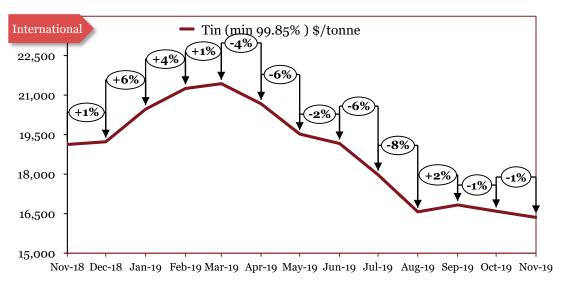
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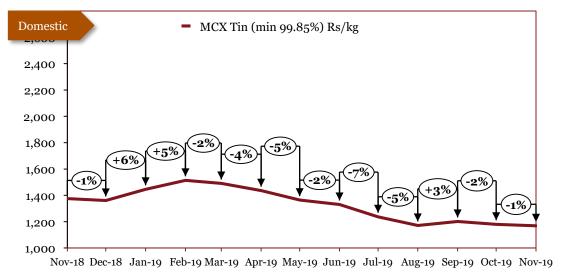
Outlook

In April, nickel prices fell owing to increased market supply. Domestic prices fell owing to subdued demand. In May, prices fell due to volatility in demand stemming from electric vehicle production numbers. In June, both international & domestic Nickel prices remain unchanged due to a balance of demand, supply and inventory levels. In July, Nickel prices increased sharply domestically as well as internationally due to low global inventory, which is almost at a 7 year low. In August, Nickel prices rose domestically and internationally owing to tight supply constraints, growing demand from China for use in building electric vehicles and supply threats from major manufacturers in Indonesia and Papua New Guinea. 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.

Tin







Monthly Average Prices *Int'l *Dom Period (\$/tonne) (Rs/kg) Nov-18 19,130 1,376 Dec-18 19,232 1,361 Jan-19 20,471 1,445 Feb-19 21,257 1,514 **Mar-19** 21,433 1,490 Apr-19 20,671 1,436 May-19 19,520 1,364 Jun-19 19,163 1,331 Jul-19 17,981 1,237 Aug-19 16,567 1,172 Sep-19 16,828 1,201 Oct-19 16,592 1,180 Nov-19 16360 1,169

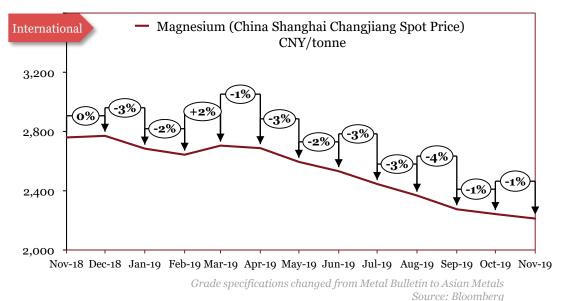
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Source: MCX

Outlook

In February, tin prices increased in line with other base metal prices. International prices continued existing trend in March. Domestic prices fell due to subdued demand. In April, increasing trend in international prices was reversed. In May, Tin prices continued to decline due to weak demand stemming from drop in semiconductor sales. 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.

Magnesium



Monthly Average Prices		
Period	*Int'l	
	(\$/tonne)	
Nov-18	2,760	
Dec-18	2,770	
Jan-19	2,684	
Feb-19	2,643	
Mar-19	2,705	
Apr-19	2,688	
May-19	2,595	
Jun-19	2,532	
Jul-19	2,445	
Aug-19	2,367	
Sep-19	2,275	
Oct-19	2,243	
Nov-19	2,212	

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Outlook

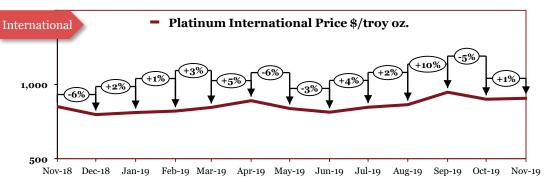
In May, June and July, magnesium prices have witnessed increasing trend owing to favourable market conditions. In August, prices continued to rise. In September, prices rose on account of tighter supply. In October, magnesium prices continued with increasing trend. In November and December 2018, magnesium 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.

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

Precious Metals

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Precious Metals



Monthly Average Prices (\$/Oz)			
Period	Pt	Pd	Rh
Nov-18	851	1,145	2,512
Dec-18	797	1,253	2,539
Jan-19	811	1,338	2,473
Feb-19	821	1,441	2,616
Mar-19	845	1,542	3,144
Apr-19	891	1399	3001
May-19	838	1340	2900

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Source: Johnson Matthey

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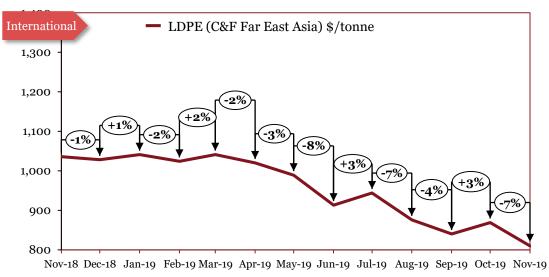
Outlook

In June, platinum prices fell and palladium & rhodium prices increased as auto-manufacturers decided to favour the 2 more expensive metals due to improved emissions results. In July, platinum prices increased due to supply disruptions from mines in South Africa. Demand for palladium and rhodium continued to increase as stricter emissions norms cause manufacturers to look at more effective albeit expensive metals. In August, demand for Rhodium grew with higher global demand from the auto sector, whereas Platinum and Palladium revenue grew due to expectations of higher demand due to tougher environmental standards. In September, Palladium prices continued to rise thanks to strict environmental rules and demand from auto manufacturers, whereas Rhodium prices benefited from stricter emissions standards driving demand from auto firms. Platinum prices also soared, briefly hitting \$1000. 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.

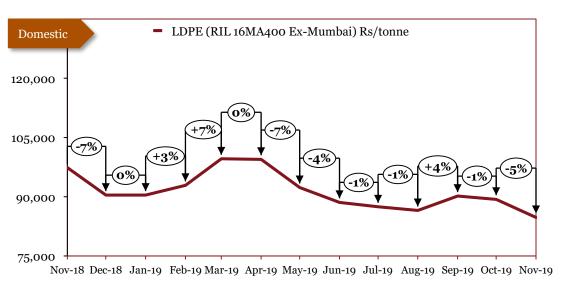
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Low density polyethylene (LDPE)



Source: Crisil



Monthly Average Prices				
Period	*Int'l	*Dom		
	(\$/tonne)	(Rs/tonne)		
Nov-18	1,036	97,378		
Dec-18	1.028	90,411		
Jan-19	1.041	90,411		
Feb-19	1.024	92,911		
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		

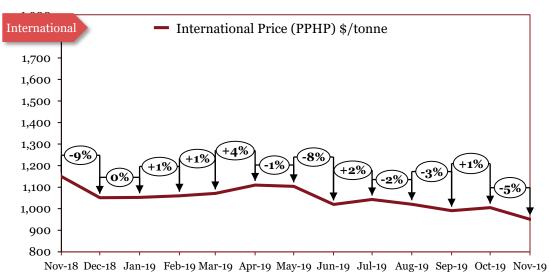
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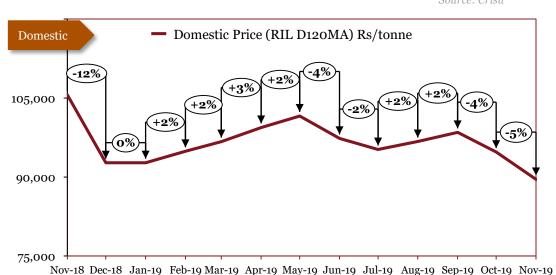
Outlook

In February, international prices decreased due to muted demand, a contributing factor to which was due to Chinese lunar new year holidays. In March, international prices and domestic prices increased. In April, domestic prices witnessed decrease. In May, domestic prices fell sharply owing to a price war that has resulted from new capacity in the US coming on-stream. 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 as producers sought to drop their excess inventory, due to overproduction in the United States

Polypropylene (PP)



Courses	Cuinil



Monthly Average Prices			
Period	*Int'l	*Dom	
	(\$/tonne)	(Rs/tonne)	
Nov-18	1,150	105,618	
Dec-18	1,051	92,718	
Jan-19	1,053	92,718	
Feb-19	1,060	94,885	
Mar-19	1,060	94,885	
Apr-19	1,071	96,718	
May-19	1,104	101,567	
Jun-19	1,020	97,334	
Jul-19	1,043	95,219	
Aug-19	1,021	96,735	
Sep-19	991	98,474	
Oct-19	1,005	94,729	
Nov-19	951	89533	

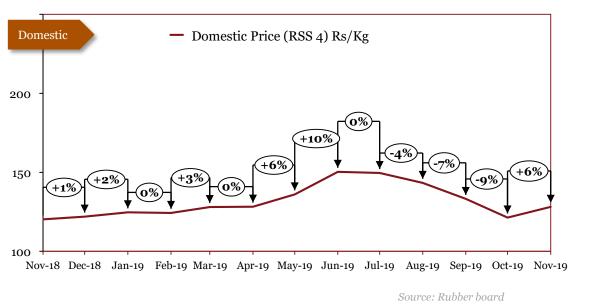
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Source: Reliance Industries Ltd.

Outlook

In March 2019, PP prices increased on account of supply tightness in the market. However, further increase in price was restricted due to no uptick in the demand. In April, domestic prices continued rising trend. In May, domestic prices of PP continued to increase due to supply issues, maintenance shutdowns and restricted supply among major grades of PP. In June, PP prices declined internationally and globally as plants shut for maintenance came back on-stream increasing supply in markets. 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, internationally prices rose, while domestic prices were cut to try and incentivize buying. In November, prices fell domestically and internationally on account of oversupply and a period of weak demand from the plastics industry.

Rubber



Monthly Average Prices		
Period *Dom		
	(Rs/kg)	
Nov-18	120	
Dec-18	122	
Jan-19	125	
Feb-19	124	
Mar-19	128	
Apr-19	128	
May-19	136	
Jun-19	150	
Jul-19	150	
Aug-19	143	
Sep-19	133	
Oct-19	121	
Nov-19	128	

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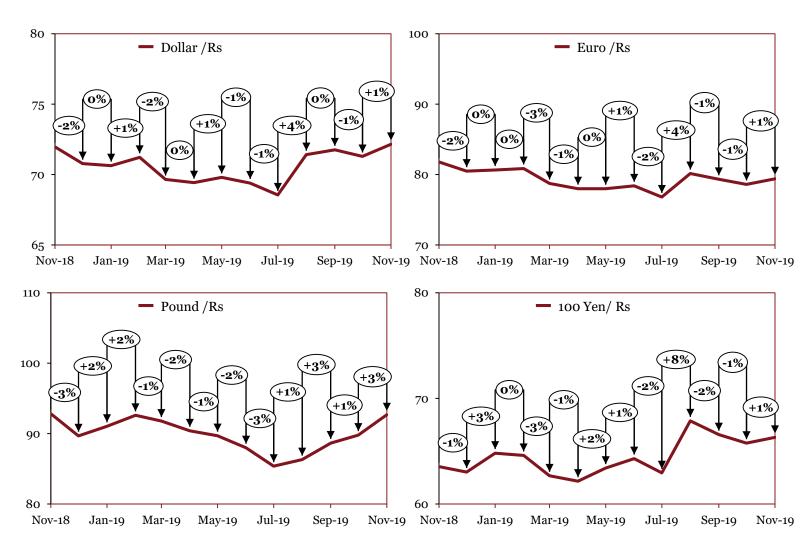
Outlook

In December, prices increased owing to improved market conditions from last month. In January 2019, growth trend in prices was maintained due to fall in output and rise in demand. In February, domestic prices followed trends in international market and decreased owing to negative market sentiment and uncertainty in the global economy. 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.

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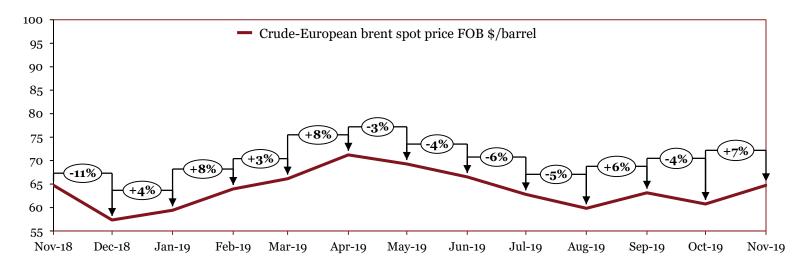
Forex Movement



Source: Reserve Bank of India

	Monthly Average Prices (Rs)												
	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19
\$	72	71	71	71	70	69	70	69	69	71	72	71	72
£	82	80	81	81	79	78	78	78	77	80	79	79	79
€	93	90	91	93	92	78	78	78	77	80	79	79	79
¥	64	63	65	65	63	78	78	78	77	80	79	79	79

Crude Oil



Monthly Average Prices (\$/barrel)									So	ource: EIA		
Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19
65	57	59	64	66	71	69	67	63	60	63	61	65

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	Crisil -FOB CIS Black Sea Previously: FOB Latin America	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) Previously: Ferro-molybdenum (65%min in warehouse Rotterdam, Europe) \$/kg	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, and 99.9% for rhodium						
Palladium							
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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