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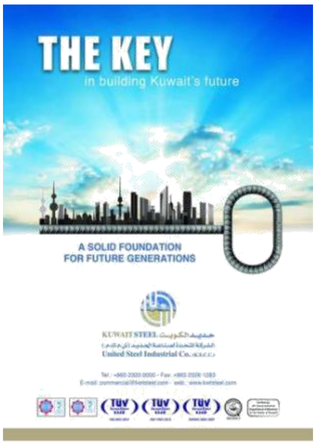


North Africa

Algeria: Extracting 1000 of iron ore from the Gara Jbeilat mine

The first amount of iron ore, estimated at 1,000 was extracted from the (Tindouf province), which began to be exploited at the end of last July, as confirmed by the Assistant Director-General of the National Iron and Steel Corporation Reda Belhaj.

In the same context, Belhadj said, “We carried out two explosions that allowed us to obtain a trench to reach the iron ore layer, and the third explosion enabled us to extract 1 000 of iron ore,” adding that the upcoming extraction operations that will be carried out by the National Iron and will allocate larger quantities.

The same official added, “We can reach 20 thousand to 25 thousand tons during the next month, to reach the extraction of about 100 thousand by the end of the year.” He also confirmed that, during this pilot phase, “half of the iron ore quantities will be transferred to the state of Oran to be exported to both China and Russia.” The other half will be used to supply iron and steel factories in Algeria.

Belhaj added that the project the supply of the national iron and steel factories Tosyali, and the Algerian-Qatari Iron and Steel with iron ore, as well as raise non-hydrocarbon revenues and provide about 3,000 job opportunities.

The public complex for transporting goods and logistics (Logitrans) will also soon transport iron ore by trucks to where it will be converted and valued by dealers who want to invest in this field, pending the completion railway line between Bechar and the.

In order to, requests will be announced nationally and internationally at the end of August, according to Mr. Belhadj, who confirmed that the brochure of conditions for this would be ready at the end of September.

He stated that iron metal can be marketed in the form of ore or in the form of a concentrate (partially dephosphorous metal), pellets or powdered iron reduced (PDR), which is considered an addition to iron.

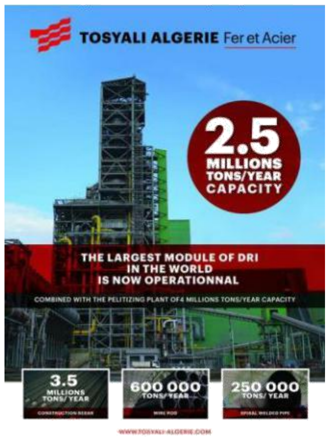
Within the framework of this project, it is expected to establish an Algerian-Chinese institution tasked with extracting the metal and another factory in Bechar that will allow the Chinese side to use the metal to produce alloys (semi-finished products from the iron industry used in the production of rebar and iron bars) before the end of 2022. The project will also allow the establishment of a railway production which will use the local pallet.

Regarding the problem of high phosphorous content, Mr Belhaj stressed that there are solutions to remove phosphorous from iron, thanks to Russian technology. In this regard, he said, “We will resort to these solutions, which have shown their effectiveness in other projects.”

Last July, the Minister of Energy and Mines, Mohamed Arkab, oversaw the launch of the iron mine exploitation works in which will allow the production of 2- 3 of iron ore in the first phase (2022-2025), then 40 to per year starting from 2026.

The Council of Ministers, held last May 8, chaired by the President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune, agreed to launch the first phase of the project to exploit this mine. In this regard, President Tebboune ordered the implementation of this “strategic” project within an “integrated and complementary” approach with the various industrial projects and infrastructure associated the framework of a specific timetable.

It should be noted that the iron mine is one of the largest in the world, with estimated reserves of more than 3 billion tonnes, of which 1.7 billion tonnes are exploitable.



Egypt: 40.5 million , Iron and Steel Company for Mines profits in 2021-2022

The Board of Directors of the Iron and Steel Company for Mines and Quarries announced that the company achieved 40.54 million in profits after taxes during the fiscal year ending in June 2022. The the Egyptian Stock Exchange, that the company 121.21 million in sales during the fiscal year.

Iron and steel for mines and quarries made profits before taxes during the first nine months of the at 29.65 million.

Misr National Steel Company profits fell 8% in H1 2022

The financial statements of the Misr National Steel Company – Ataka, in the first half of 2022, showed a decline in the company's profits by 7.7% on an annual basis, with an increase in sales costs.

In a statement to the Egyptian Stock Exchange, the company stated that it achieved profits of EGP 86.75

Egypt: EGP 16.8 million , Iron and Steel Company for Mines sales in July

The Iron and Steel Company for Mines and Quarries announced that it achieved total EGP 16.8 million. The company said in a statement to the Egyptian Stock Exchange

that the sales of the Bahariya mines amouted to 16.76 million in July. that the value of sales of Bani Khaled – Samalout quarries recorded.

It is noteworthy that iron and steel for mines and quarries 40.54 million after taxes 41.

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Egypt's steel exports rise to $774 million in H1 2022

Egypt's exports of "iron and steel" rose during the first half of this year by about 2% to record $774 million , compared to $762 million in the same period last year.

The monthly report issued by the Export Council for Building Materials, Refractories and Metal Industries showed that Egypt exported iron and steel during the first half of this year to about 74 countries, including 17 countries that were not exported to in the same period last year, which included (Slovakia – Czech – Costa Rica – Benin). Croatia-Finland-Togo-Comoros-Taiwan-Montenegro-Oman-Argentina-Liberia-Hungary-Zimbabwe-Southern Rhodesia- Jamaica-Malaysia Federation). The report added that about five countries accounted for 63.8% of the total exports, topped by "Spain", which acquired 22.3%, about $173.35 million, compared to $182.428 million in the same period in 2021, a decrease of 5%, followed by "Italy", which acquired the second place. 17%, about $131.707 million, compared to $200.912 million, a decrease of 34%. The report indicated that the "Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" ranked third with about $ 95.399 million, compared to $82,092 million.

Morocco is the top importer of Turkish billet in H1 2022

Turkiye registered a decline in June billet export for the second month in a row, continuing the downward trend of January-June 2022 in international trade.

Local steelmakers exported 79,946 t of billet in June, reducing shipments by 12.3% year-on-year, according to the Turkish Statistical Institute (TUIK).

H1 results also weakened on an annualised basis. Turkiye exported 473,982 t of billet over the reported period, narrowing trade by 4.9% y-o-y. Morocco came on top of importers by 18% in the first half of 2021, to 315,996 t, and more than tripled its intake, expanding its share to 67% this year.

Egypt came in fourth place with a 24,991 t market consuming 72% of the aggregated volume or 340,988 t. Latin America decreased billet purchases by 62.1% in H1, and as a result, its share shrank by 24 p.p. to 16%. Small tonnages were also supplied to the European region (7%) and sub-Saharan Africa (5%).

Maghreb Steel achieves record revenues due to high prices

The transactions of Maghreb Steel amounted to MAD 2.9 billion in H1 of 2022, an increase of 38% compared to the same period in 2021.

Maghreb Steel announced that the transactions amounted to MAD 1.45 billion in Q2 of 2022, compared to MAD 1.09 billion in Q2 of 2021, explaining that this improvement is the result of the rise in steel prices globally.

According to the same source, the sales volume reached 116,000 in Q2 of 2022, compared to 114,000 last year, while it amounted to 234,000 in the first half of the year, a slight decrease of 2% compared to H1 of 2021.

The investments of the Moroccan Steel Company amounted to MAD 14 million in Q2 of 2022 and were concentrated in maintenance work and production facilities.

Gulf Area

SABIC announces profits of SAR 7.93 billion in Q2 of 2022

SABIC reported its earnings for the second quarter of 2022. The company's revenue for the second quarter reached SAR 55.98 ($ 14.93 billion), representing an increase of 6% compared to the previous quarter and a 32% increase year-on-year.

Net income during the second quarter totalled SAR 7.93 billion [$ 2.11 billion], higher than both the net income of SAR 6.47 billion [$ 1.73 billion] in the previous quarter and the net income of SAR 7.64 billion [$ 2.04 billion] in the second quarter of 2021.

Yousef Abdullah Al-Benyan, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, second quarter strong financial SABIC's robust operational performance across the different segments. Our commitment to sustainability and innovation was evident through winning two silver and three bronze awards in the prestigious Edison Awards. These awards also reflect our commitment to helping achieve objective of carbon neutrality by 2050.

"Distributing dividends to our shareholders remains a priority for SABIC. In June 2022, SABIC's board approved a cash dividend distribution of SAR 2.25 per share for the first half of 2022, approximately 29 % higher than the cash dividend distribution of SAR 1.75 per share for the first half of 2021.

Emirates Steel Arkan cuts bank loans and expands into new markets

Engineer Saeed Ghamran Al Rumaithi, CEO of Emirates Steel Arkan, said that the group was able to reduce the volume of bank loans and reduce reliance on short-term cash loans, which contributed to achieving additional savings and improving cash flow in general at the end of the first half of this year.

He added, in statements to the Emirates News Agency, that the group was able to enhance the efficiency of the performance of its factories by managing the stock of raw while maintaining low quantities of final products to take advantage of the increase in prices and manage the risks associated with their fluctuations.

He explained that the group is constantly studying the possibility of expanding into new markets in Asia and Africa, while it was able to expand the export markets of "Emirates Steel" to 60 markets at the end of the first half of this year, compared to 56 markets at the beginning of the year, and that the export markets currently represent about 45 % of the total sales of "Emirates Steel", compared to 55% of sales in the local market, and it also maintained its market share of 60%.

He explained that Emirates Steel produces 3.5 million tons annually of rebar products, iron wire coils, structural sections and pivot panels, enough to meet the needs of local markets, while the production capacity of Al Ain Cement Factory is 5.7 million tons annually, and 4 million tons of clinker, while the Emirates Brick Factories, producing blocks with a total capacity of 235,000 blocks per day.

Al Rumaithi expected the group to continue its strong financial performance by the end of this year, benefiting mainly from the economic recovery witnessed by the UAE, in addition to the boom in the real estate sector.

The CEO of the Emirates Steel Group, Arkan, estimated that 90% of the group's total revenue for 2022 will be from the Emirates Steel business, with the "Arkan" business contributing about 10%, after all its business units achieved profits during the first half of this year.

Emirates Steel Arkan announces profits of AED 207 million in Q2 2022

Emirates Steel Arkan (ADX: EMSTEEL) (the "Group"), the largest publicly traded steel and building materials company in the UAE, announced its second quarter results.

The Group reported a net profit of AED 207 million in the second quarter compared to a pre-merger loss of AED 24 million in the same period of last year and a 184% gain from AED 73 million in Q1, driven by higher sales volumes and prices, enhanced operational efficiencies, and a supportive commodity market environment. Revenues rose to AED 2.57 billion in Q2 compared to AED 195 million in the corresponding quarter last year. Steel continued to contribute 90% of the Group's revenues and building materials 10%.

Earnings per share for the quarter rose to a pre-merger loss of AED 0.014 per share in the same period last year. The Group's net profit for the first six months of 2022 was AED 280 million compared to a pre-merger loss of AED 23 million in the first half, while revenues rose to AED 4.61 billion versus AED 418 million in the same time frame. During the first half of 2022, the Group enhanced the efficiency of its plants and put them at low levels to take advantage of and manage the risks associated with increasing price volatility.

In addition, the Group's balance sheet improved at the end of the first half, marked by a reduction in bank borrowings, which enhanced the Group's net debt-to-equity ratio to 21% at the end of June compared to 32% at the end of December 2021.

Hamad Abdulla Mohamed AlShorafa Alhammadi, Chairman of Emirates Steel Arkan, said: "During the second quarter, the management continued the integration of Arkan and Emirates Steel, creating increased opportunities for growth and employment. The Group is also actively supporting 'Operation 300 bn,' the UAE's Industrial Strategy, which will enhance prospects for new business. Emirates Steel Arkan continues to invest in sustainable processes and harness the latest technologies to fully align with the Abu Dhabi Industrial Strategy. The strength of the results reflects how the creation of a national steel and building materials champion is supporting the UAE's efforts to bring about further economic diversification by nurturing the growth of the nation's industrial base and increasing the competitiveness of Emirati goods and services in global markets. The measures the Group has taken in H1 to optimise its business will allow us to continue executing our strategy with increased confidence.

On a stand-alone basis, the building materials business witnessed a robust turnaround in the first half, delivering EBITDA of AED 70 million compared to AED 39 million in the first half of 2021 as margins improved amid measures to increase sales volumes and prices across all product lines. The Group is currently preparing for its first exports of cement and clinker.

Rebar in the Emirates to its lowest level since the beginning of the year

Rebar prices in the local market in the United Arab Emirates decreased by 6.5% to 2351 dirhams, compared to 2516 dirhams in August, which is the lowest iron level in the UAE since the beginning of the year.

The Emirates-Arkan Steel Group announced fixing the prices of 2351 dirhams for its authorized distributors in the country. This price does not include any discount on quantities or additional fees on sizes, product grade or other costs applied to the product price, such as the additional cost of raw materials.

The group had fixed rebar and July at 2,516 dirhams, a decrease of 8.5% compared to June prices, which settled at 2,750 dirhams, after declining by 13% compared to May prices, which hovered around 3174 dirhams.

Rebar prices in the UAE rose in April by 21% to 3,120 dirhams, compared to 2,587 dirhams in March, which also achieved an increase of 4% compared to February and January, which recorded 2,488 dirhams against the backdrop of the start of the crisis in Ukraine week of February.

Chairman of Emirates Steel, Arkan, we succeeded in opening new markets

Eng. Saeed Al Rumaithi, CEO of Emirates Steel, Arkan, praised the positive results achieved by the group in the first half of this year, explaining that the group is the largest listed joint stock company in the construction sector in the country.

Al-Rumaithi said in an interview with «Al-Khaleej» that the company succeeded in opening new markets for its products, which reached 60 markets around the world by the end of the first half of this year, instead of 65 markets until the end of 2021.

He explained that the improvement in the operational efficiency of the group has helped to avoid risks and market fluctuations, especially that the market is generally unstable, stressing that the company is on an approach to achieve outstanding performance during the coming period.

Emirates Steel, Arkan, announced a net profit for the second quarter of 207 million dirhams, compared to a pre-merger loss of 24 million dirhams for the same period last year, with a growth of 184% compared to a net profit of AED 73 million for the first quarter of the year.

The group's net profit amounted to 280 million dirhams for the first six months of 2022, compared to a loss before the merger of AED 23 million in the first half of last year, while the revenues of the first half rose to AED 4.61 billion from the same period last year.

During the first half of 2022, the group succeeded in enhancing the efficiency of the performance of its factories and adopted a wise approach in managing the stock of raw materials while maintaining low levels of final product quantities to benefit from the increase in prices and to manage the risks associated with their fluctuations.

The increase in any profits in the second quarter is due to the increase in sales volume, increase in prices as well as improved efficiency of operations and favorable conditions in the commodity market. The group's revenues rose to AED 2.57 billion in the second quarter, compared to AED 195 million for the same period last year, as Emirates Steel contributed 90% of the group's revenues, while Arkan contributed 10% of it.

Earnings per share increased during the second quarter to AED 0.03, compared to a pre-merger loss of AED 0.014 per share in the same period last year.

Decreased demand reduces Watani Steel's profits by 15% in H1 2022

Watani Iron and Steel Company "Watani Steel" recorded a 15% decrease in net profit during the first half of 2022 on an annual basis.

According to the company's financial statements, issued on the Saudi Tadawul website, the net profit amounted to 25.49 million riyals after zakat and tax, compared to 30 million riyals in the same period of 2021.

The company attributed the decline in profits; deccrease in sales amount, due to the low rates of demand for iron, which led to a stagnation in the iron market, despite the high rate of profitability compared to the same period of the previous year.

The company achieved revenues of 311.36 million riyals in the first 6 months of 2022, compared to 322.02 million riyals in the same period last year.

World

Steel prices in the fourth week of August 2022

According to the prices of the global steel markets, the scrap price reached 402$/tonne , Iron ore price was 106$/tonne, while the prices of billets ranged between 525 and 580$/tonne, and the prices of rebar ranged between 580 and 580$ / tonne, Wire Rod ranged between 680 and 700$ / tonne.

Prices for iron and steel products in Russia and Ukraine were not obtained due to the war between them.

The following prices of iron and steel in the global markets on 26/08/2022

Product	Place	Min	Max	Date	w-o-w
Scrap HMS 1&2 (80:20)	CFR Turkey	402	402	2022/08/26	↑
Iron ore Fe 62%	CFR- China	106	106	2022/08/26	
Billet	CFR Turkey	525	525	2022/08/26	↓
	FOB Russia	580	580	2022/08/26	↓
	FOB Ukraine	-	-	2022/08/26	–
Rebar	FOB Turkey	680	680	2022/08/26	
	FOB Ukraine	-	-	2022/08/26	–
Wire Rode	FOB Turkey	680	700	2022/08/26	–
HR coil	FOB Russia	525	545	2022/08/26	–
CR coil 1mm	FOB China	655	665	2022/08/26	↓

China: Iron ore inventory at ports up 3.43%

On August 1, inventory of iron ore at 33 major Chinese ports amounted to 125.8565 million mt, up 3.43% compared to July 26, as announced by China's Xinhua News Agency.

Import iron ore prices moved up sharply in the given week.

In the given week, deliveries of iron ore to users indicated declines, especially deliveries of iron ore from Brazil which decreased significantly, while iron ore volumes arriving at Chinese ports continued to decrease.

Capacity utilization rates of blast furnaces in China decreased further, which resulted in reduced demand for iron ore. However, market players think the capacity utilization rates of blast furnaces will rise amid the increases in finished steel prices.

It is thought that import iron ore prices may edge up slightly in the coming week.

World crude steel production declined by 6.5% in July 2022

World crude steel production for the 64 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 149.3 million tonnes (Mt) in July 2022, a 6.5% decrease compared to July 2021.

Africa produced 1.2 Mt in July 2022, down 5.4% on July 2021. Asia and Oceania produced 110.1 Mt, down 5.2%. The EU (27) produced 11.7 Mt, down 6.7%. Europe, Other produced 3.5 Mt, down 16.5%. The Middle East produced 3.2 Mt, up 24.2%. North America produced 9.6 Mt, down 5.4%. Russia & other CIS + Ukraine produced 6.4 Mt, down 29.1%. South America produced 3.6 Mt, down 7.8%.

Top 10 crude steel producing countries in the world

Countries	July. 2022 (Mt)	% change July 22/21	July-March 2022(Mt)	% change 22/21
Africa	1.2	-5.4	8.4	-8.6
Asia and Oceania	110.2	-5.2	812.6	-4.8
EU (27)	11.7	-6.7	86.0	-5.6
Europe, Other	3.5	-16.5	27.0	-6.7
Middle East	3.2	24.2	25.3	4.4
North America	9.6	-5.4	66.4	-3.2
CIS	6.4	-29.1	50.5	-18.8
South America	3.6	-7.8	25.5	-3.4
Total 64	149.3	-6.5	1,102.3	-5.4

As for the Arab countries, Saudi Arabia topped the Arab countries with a production of 790,000 tonnes, an increase of 7.0%, followed by Egypt with a production of 708 thousand tonnes, a decrease of -5.9%, and the UAE came in third place with a production of 297 thousand tonnes.

Crude steel production in the Arab countries

Countries	July2022 (Thousand)	% changeJuly-July 22/21	% change 22/21
Egypt	708	253	-5.9
Saudi Arabia	790	738	7.0
United Arab Emirates	297	241	23.2
Qatar	98	93	5.4
Lybia	60	0	100

Turkey's billet imports down 32.8% in H1 2022

In the first half of this year, Turkey's billet import volume amounted to 1.19 million mt, decreasing by 32.8 %, while the value of these imports decreased by 14.8 % to $888.66 million, both year on year.
In the given period, Turkey imported 732,147 mt of billet and bloom from Russia, down 29.01 % year on year, with Russia ranking as Turkey's leading billet and bloom import source, ahead of Oman which supplied 92,537 Algeria came fourth with 57,694 mt, while Turkey's imports of billet and slabs in June of this year increased by on month to 330,261 mt, up by 134.2 % year on year.
The value of these imports totaled $242.06 million, up 20.0 % month on month and up 151.0 % year on year.

Turkey's rebar exports down 14.9% in H1 2022

In June this year, Turkey's rebar exports amounted to 472,079 metric tons, up 19.8 % compared to May and decreasing by 29.1 % year on to the preliminary data provided by the Turkish Statistical Institute (TUIK).

Meanwhile, the revenue generated by these $398.96 million, increasing by 14.7 % compared to May and down 6.0 year on year.

Meanwhile, in the January-June period of this year, Turkey's rebar exports amounted to 3.10 million metric tons, down 14.9 % year on year, while the revenue generated by these $2.38 billion, increasing by 13.4 % compared to the same period of 2021.

In the given period, the largest Arab importer of rebar from Turkey was Yemen with 400,303 metric tons.

Oil falls on fears of recession and slow recovery in China's imports

Oil multi-month the recession hit, and data pointed to a slow recovery in China's crude oil imports last month.

Brent crude futures fell 74 cents, or 0.8%, to $94.18 a barrel by 03:30 GMT, and prices for the closest contract month recorded their lowest levels since 13.7% and recording weekly decline since April 2020.

And US West Texas Intermediate crude recorded $ 88.34 a barrel, down 67 cents, or 0.8%, extending falling 9.7% last week. Customs data showed that China, the world's largest importer of crude oil, imported 8.79 million, up from a four-year low in June but still 9.5% lower than its level a year ago.

Ukraine's steel output down 62.1% in January-July 2022

Steel production in Ukraine remained affected by the ongoing Russian war in the country, according to the preliminary data disclosed by Ukrmetallurgprom, in the January-July period of the. Ukraine's steel output 4.82 million mt, declining by 62.1 % year on year, while its pig iron output amounted to 4.815 million mt, down 61.9 % year on year.

Meanwhile, in the given period Ukraine based steel mills produced 4.229 million mt of finished steel, down 61.7 % year on year.

German Thyssenkrupp profits rise on steel price rebound

Thyssenkrupp's third-quarter operating profit nearly tripled on the back of higher steel prices, the but faced headwinds from high raw material prices and rising interest rates.

The company's adjusted earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) reached 721 million euros ($743 million) in the April- June period, up from 266 million in the same period last year. Higher interest rates led to impairment losses of around 480 million euros, Thyssenkrupp said, causing it to lower its 2022 net profit outlook, now expected to be in the high triple-digit million euro range, down from at least 1 billion previously.
"In the third quarter, we were again affected by the rise of the price of commodities and other materials," Chief Financial Officer Klaus Keysberg said. "However, we expect a considerable easing of net working capital and a clearly positive cash flow in the fourth quarter."

British Steel Raises Steel Section Prices on Surging Energy Costs

British Steel has hiked prices on some products as surging energy costs squeeze profit margins for manufacturers across Europe.

The increase of £100 ($121) a ton from one of the UK's top producers will apply to structural sections, a form of steel used in construction, a spokesman said. The company earlier increased prices on the same products by £250 a tonne.

Bloomberg News Agency indicated that heavy industries in Europe are suffering from the repercussions of high energy prices, which mainly affected energy-intensive industries such as metallurgical industries.

Europe's heavy industry is buckling under surging power costs which are hitting energy-intensive manufacturers the hardest. Regional benchmark power prices surged to an all-time countries across Europe are planning for possible power shortages this winter after Russia cut its exports of gas following the invasion of Ukraine. Some metal companies in Europe were forced to reduce their production, and Nirstar Zinc announced the suspension of operation of one of the largest zinc smelters in Europe due to high energy prices.

Coal Giants Are Making Mega Profits as Climate Crisis Grips the World

The globe is in the grips of a climate crisis as temperatures soar and rivers run dry, and yet it's never been a better time to make money by digging up coal. The energy-market shockwaves from Russia's invasion of Ukraine mean the world is only getting more dependent on the most-polluting fuel. And as demand expands and prices surge to all-time highs, that means blockbuster profits for the biggest coal producers.

Record levels for coal prices

Commodities giant Glencore Plc reported core earnings from its coal unit surged almost 900% to $8.9 billion in the first half — more than Starbucks Corp. or Nike Inc. made in an entire year. No. 1 producer Coal India Ltd.'s profit nearly tripled, also to a record, while the Chinese companies that produce more than half the world's coal saw first-half earnings more than double to a combined $80 billion. The massive profits are yielding for investors. But they will make it even harder for the world to kick the habit of burning coal for fuel, as producers work to squeeze out extra tons and boost investment in new mines. If more coal is mined and burned, that would make the likelihood of keeping global warming to less than 1.5 degrees Celsius even more remote.

Coal industry transformation

It's a remarkable turnaround for an industry that spent years mired in an existential crisis as the world tries to shift to cleaner fuels to slow global warming. Banks have been pledging to end financing, companies divested mines and power plants, and last leaders came close to a deal to eventually end its use.

Ironically, those efforts have helped fuel coal producers' success, as a lack of investment has constrained supply. And demand is higher than ever as Europe tries to wean itself off Russian imports by importing more seaborne coal and liquefied natural gas, leaving less fuel for other nations to fight over. winnersfrom the price hike Prices at Australia's Newcastle port, the Asian benchmark, surged to a record in July.

The impact on profits for the coal miners has been investors are now cashing in. Glencore's bumper earnings allowed the company to increase returns to shareholders by another $4.5 billion this year, with the promise of more to come. Gautam Adani, Asia's richest person, capitalized on a rush in India to secure import cargoes amid a squeeze on local supply. Revenue generated by his Adani Enterprises Ltd. jumped more than 200% in the three months to June 30, propelled by higher coal prices. US producers are also reaping bumper profits, and the biggest miners Arch Resources Inc. and Peabody Energy Corp. say demand is so strong at European power plants that some customers are buying the high-quality fuel typically used to make steel to generate electricity instead.

The wild profits threaten to become a political lightning rod as a handful of coal companies cash in while consumers pay the price. Electricity costs in Europe are at record highs and people in developing nations are suffering daily blackouts because their utilities can't afford to import fuel. Earlier this month, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres lashed out at energy companies, saying their profits were immoral and calling for windfall taxes.

Coal's advocates say the fuel remains the best way to provide cheap and reliable baseload power, especially in developing countries. Despite the huge renewable rollout, burning coal remains the world's favorite way to make power, accounting for 35% of all electricity.

Gas prices in Europe hit record levels for the first time in 5 months

Gas prices in Europe hit new record levels, for the first time in 5 months, amid continued uncertainty in global markets.

The price of gas in Europe rose above $2,500 per thousand cubic meters during trading Tuesday (August 16), for the first time since March, according to data provided by the London Stock Exchange and reported by the Russian TASS news agency.

Gas futures prices for September delivery rose in the Dutch TTF center (the main reference for gas prices in Europe) to 2501 dollars per thousand cubic meters, or 238.765 euros per megawatt-hour.

On March 7, the price of spot gas in Europe reached about $3,900 per thousand cubic meters, for the first time in history, according to information seen by the Specialized Energy Platform.

Winter gas price forecast

In this context, the Russian company Gazprom confirmed that it does not rule out that gas prices in Europe during the winter season may rise above the record of 4 thousand dollars per thousand cubic meters.

“We would like to note that in spot transactions in Europe gas prices exceeded $2,500… According to conservative estimates, if this trend continues, prices will exceed $4,000 per 1,000 cubic meters in winter,” Gazprom said, according to TASS.

Earlier, the spot price of gas in Europe on the London Stock Exchange exceeded $2,450 per thousand cubic meters, for the first time since March 8.

The latest price jump follows higher spot gas prices in Asia, the closure of several gas production and transmission facilities in Norway for scheduled repairs until the end of August, as well as rising temperatures and declining wind generation in Europe.

US steel imports down 9.7 % in July

According to preliminary census data from the US (us) Department of Commerce, US (us) monthly steel imports in July 2022 decreased by 5.7 % from June to total 2,425,586 mt. A year-on-year comparison shows a 9.7% decrease.

In terms of value, US (us) steel imports in July totaled $3.91 billion, compared to $4.05 billion in June and $3.51 billion in July 2021. Top sources for US (us) steel imports in July include: Canada, with 493,750 mt; Mexico, with 417,369 mt; South Korea, with 253,551 mt; Brazil, with 229,095 mt; and Japan, with 157,029 mt.

By product group, semi-finished imports totaled 344,916 mt in July, down from 533,981 mt in June and 822,902 mt in July 2021. Flat product imports totaled 916,899 mt in July, down from 1,025,414 mt in June and 970,569 mt in July 2021. Long product imports totaled 578,198 mt in July, up from 453,572 mt in June and 406,346 mt in July 2021. Pipe and tube imports totaled 484,689 mt in July, up from 447,244 mt in June and 336,194 mt in July 2021. According to the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), the US (us) steel import market share in July 2022 was estimated at 25 % , compared to 25 % in June and 25 % year-to-date

UK maintains AD duty on CRC from China and Russia

The UK government has approved the UK Trade Remedies Authority's (TRA) proposal of maintaining the existing antidumping measures on imports of cold rolled flat steel from China and Russia at their current levels until August 5, 2026, as expiration of the existing antidumping duty orders on imports of cold rolled flat steel from China and Russia would be likely to lead to continuation of material injury to UK industry.

The duties on the given products imported from China and Russia expired on August 5, 2021, as SteelOrbis previously reported.

The antidumping rates are in ranges of 52.7-59.2 percent for China and 18.7-38.9 percent for Russia. The products in question currently fall under Customs Tariff Statistics Position Numbers 7209 15 00 90, 7209 16 90 00, 7209 17 90 00, 7209 18 91 00, 7209 18 99 90, 7209 25 00 90, 7209 26 90 00, 7209 27 90 00, 7209 28 90 00, 7211 23 30 10, 7211 23 30 91, 7211 23 30 99, 7211 23 80 19, 7211 23 80 95, 7211 23 80 99, 7211 29 00 19, 7211 29 00 99, 7225 50 80 00, 7226 92 00 10 and 7226 92 00 90.

Japan's steel exports down 2.8% in January-July 2022

In July this year, Japan (japan)'s iron and steel product exports amounted to 2.48 million metric tons, dropping by 19.8 % month on month and by 18.9 % year on year, according to the customs statistics released by the Japan (japan) Iron and Steel Federation (JISF). In the January-July period this year, Japanese iron and steel product exports amounted to 19.43 million mt, decreasing by 2.8 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

Regarding Japan (japan)'s major iron and steel product export markets, in the first seven months this year the country's iron and steel exports to South Korea totaled 3.31 million metric tons, up 27.3 %, while exports to China decreased by 20.3 % to 2.46 million metric tons, the export volume to Taiwan amounted to 1.16 million metric tons, down by 15.6 %, exports to Thailand totaled 3.05 million metric tons, falling by 15.4%, while exports to the US totaled 730,698 metric tons, increasing by 10.4 %, all year on year.

Technology

Danieli announces the supply of a new Q-One digital power feeder technology to the Polish Cognor Company

Danieli has contracted with Polish steelmaker Cognor to supply a patented Q-One digital feeder from Danieli Automation to improve EAF performance and reduce operating costs to replace the current transformer 48-t EAF in Stalowa Wola, Poland.

The company notes that the Q-One technology reduces electrical power consumption by about 10% and pole consumption by at least 10%, in addition to limited electrical disturbances and a power factor close to unity in medium voltage distribution, avoiding using compensation systems which leads to increased productivity.

Q-One technology can be applied to new installations or existing plants as an upgrade to the small and large smelter capacity with individual power outputs of up to 200MW.

The Q-One system ordered by Polish company Cognor is the 16th order of this new technology and is scheduled to go into production in the summer of 2023.

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