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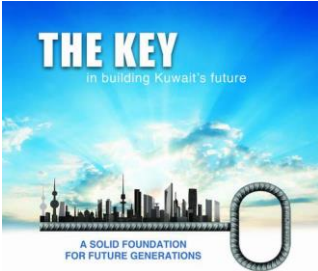
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The 126th Board of Directors meeting and the 56th General Assembly of the Arab Iron and Steel Union

It has been arranged to hold the Board of Directors meeting at its 126th regular session and the General Assembly at its 56th session of the Arab Iron and Steel Union in Dubai / United Arab Emirates from 14 to 15 May 2023. The meetings will be held at the InterContinental Dubai Festival City Hotel at the kind invitation of Emirates Steel Arkan in the presence of representatives of iron and steel Companies' members of the Union.

During these meetings, the agenda will be discussed, and a report on the activities of the Union during the period between the two sessions and the situation of the steel industry at the Arab and international levels will be conferred in light of the exceptional circumstances the world is going through.



North Africa

Algeria: The iron and metal conversion plant enters the production phase in Temacine Algeria

Touggourt – A new iron and metal conversion plant has entered the practical production stage in the municipality of Temacine, in the province of Touggourt, with a production capacity of 200,000 tonnes annually of various ferrous materials, after taking advantage of the measures to remove obstacles that were approved for investment projects, according to officials of the Directorate of Industry.

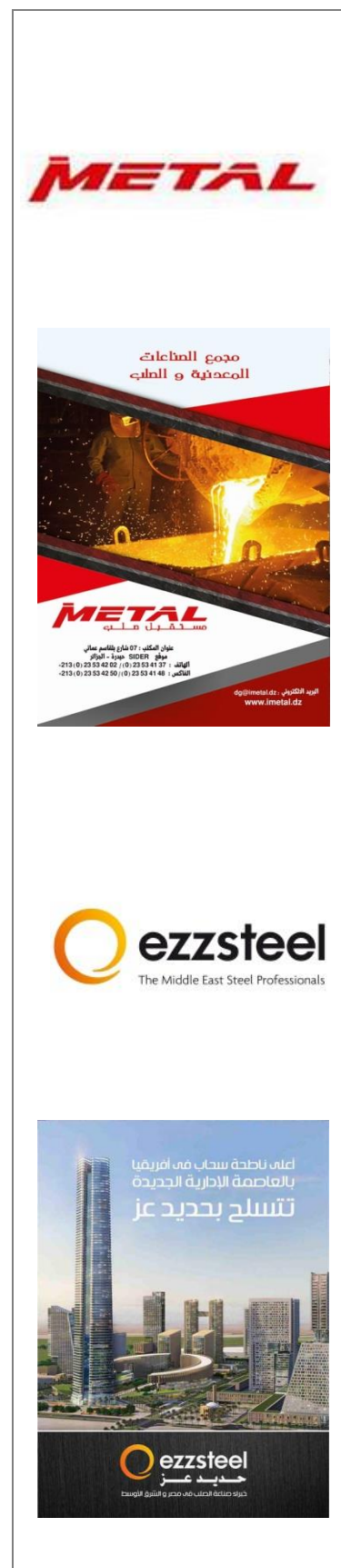
This important industrial project, which sits on a total area of 24 hectares, has several units of various types of iron manufacture, such as ingots, bars, and solid wires, as explained. This industrial facility falls within the private investment framework, which adds significant economic and development value to the region, as it contributes to the employment of more than 300 workers of various specializations and qualifications, ensuring coverage of the local market needs. In addition to supplying 6 other provinces in the southeast region of the country with iron products, as stated by the Director of Sector Hocine Hemal. It is worth noting that this plant, which began its completion in 2017, is among 11 investment projects in the Touggourt, which benefited from the “measures to remove obstacles”, and contributed significantly to reviving the industrial fabric in the province, developing its capabilities, and creating job positions for the benefit of job seekers in the region.

Ezz Steel profits rise 23% to EGP 6.6 billion in 2022

During the past year, the consolidated financial statements of Ezz Steel Company showed an increase in the company’s profits by 23.19% on an annual basis.

In a statement to the Egyptian Stock Exchange, the company stated that it achieved profits amounting to 6.64 billion pounds during 2022, compared to profits amounting to 5.39 billion pounds in the comparative period of 2021, taking into account minority rights. The share of the holding company’s shareholders in last year’s profits amounted to about 4.25 billion pounds, compared to 3.52 billion pounds in 2021. While non-controlling interests recorded about EGP 2.39 billion in profits at the end of 2022, compared to EGP 1.87 billion in 2021. The company’s sales rose over the past year to EGP 83.98 billion, compared to EGP 67.81 billion in 2021. At the level of unconsolidated businesses, the profits of the independent company rose to EGP 1.05 billion in 2022, compared to EGP 288.15 million in 2021. The Company achieved profits amounting to EGP 5.7 billion from January to the end of September 2022, compared to profits amounting to EGP 3.75 billion in the comparative period of 2021, taking into account minority rights. The share of the holding company’s shareholders in the profits of the nine months amounted to about EGP 3.68 billion, compared to EGP 2.48 billion during the same period of 2021. While non-controlling interests recorded about EGP 2.02 billion in profits at the end of September 2022, compared to EGP 1.27 billion during the same period last year.

The Company’s sales rose during the nine months to EGP 60.64 billion, compared to EGP 49.05 billion last year. At the level of unconsolidated businesses, the profits of the independent company rose to EGP 1.03 billion from the beginning of January until the end of last September, compared to profits amounting to EGP 236.23 million in the comparative period of 2021.



The last update of rebar prices in Egypt is April 03, 2023

According to the daily follow-up of steel prices in Egypt, the prices of rebar ranged between 27,000 EGP – 38,500 EGP , as some companies raised their prices compared to last week.

The prices of Ezz Steel amounted to 32,135 EGP , Suez Steel 32,050 EGP , Beshay Steel 38,500 EGP , Elmarakby Steel 34,000 EGP, Egyptian Steel 32,050 EGP, Ashry Steel 36,000 EGP, Garhy Steel 27,000 EGP, Misr Steel 36,000 EGP, Al -ola Steel 36,000 EGP, and Al Gioshy Steel 36,000 EGP, while El komy Steel rose from 36,000 EGP to 37,000 EGP.

Rebar prices today are as follows:

Company	EGP/t	Pointer
Ezz Steel	32,135	⬇️
Suez Steel	32,050	⬇️
Beshay Steel	38,000	⬆️
El-Marakiby Steel	34,000	⬆️
Egyptian Steel	32,050	⬇️
Ashry Steel	36,000	⬆️
Garhy Steel	27,000	⬇️
Misr Steel	36,000	⬇️
El komy Steel	37, 000	⬆️
Al Olaa steel	36,000	⬇️
Al Gioshy steel	36,000	⬇️

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Gulf Area

Saudi Arabia: 80 new factories were licensed in February, with investments of 4.3 billion riyals, led by the minerals sector

The Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources issued 85 industrial licenses last February, while 80 factories started production operations during the same period, with investments of 4.3 billion riyals.

The ministry stated that the investment volume in new licenses amounted to 1.9 billion riyals. Small enterprises acquired most of them by 85.88 per cent, followed by the medium at 11.76 per cent and ultra-small ones at 2.35 per cent. While national factories recorded, the most considerable percentage of the total licenses issued with 82.35 per cent, followed by foreigners with 12.94 per cent, then the joint investment at 4.71 per cent. The new industrial licenses were distributed among nine administrative regions, topped by Riyadh with 37 factories, followed by Eastern Province with 21 factories, Makkah Al-Mukarramah with eight factories then Madinah and Qassim with five factories each, Asir with four factories, Al-Jawf with three factories, and one factory for Tabuk and Ha'il. This included many activities, led by shaped metal products manufacture, except for equipment and machinery, with 18 licenses, food products manufacture with 14, and rubber and plastic products manufacture with ten.

The ministry indicated that the factories that started production during February amounted to 80 factories, with investments amounting to 4.3 billion riyals, topped by non-metallic minerals with 30 factories, followed by foodstuffs with 12 factories, then formed minerals with eight factories, rubber and plastics with five factories, and chemicals with four factories. While Al-Wataniya acquired the total factories that started production with 86.25 per cent, followed by foreign ones with 11.25 per cent, then joint ventures with 2.5 per cent.

UAE: Extending customs duties on rebar until October 2025

Dubai Customs decided to extend the work to raise the customs duties imposed on rebar and wire rod from 5 to 10% until October 12, 2025. This comes after the department issued a similar decision, dating back to January 20, 2023, extending the increase in customs duties on rebar and wire rod until November 7, 2023.

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The items in the decision comprise materials containing serrations, ribs, grooves, or other formations resulting in grinding. And other easy-to-cut steel materials, also materials with a circular cross-section with a diameter of less than 14 mm and materials with a circular cross-section with a diameter of less than 10 mm. As well as materials with a circular cross-section from 10 mm to 32 mm and materials that contain serrations, ribs, grooves, or other formations resulting during the grinding process or twisted after grinding with a circular cross-section from 10 mm to 32 mm. Moreover, other steel easy-to-cut, in addition to the circular cross-sections, include less than 10mm and from 10mm to 32mm.

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Rebar steel prices increased in the UAE in April

Although the rebar market typically slows down during the month of Ramadan, prices in the UAE are on the rise due to the high demand.

As “Emirates Steel – Arkan” the group announced rebar steel prices for its authorized distributors in the local market for April at 2,669 dirhams per tonne (\$727 per tonne) CPT Abu Dhabi and 2,677 dirhams per tonne (\$729 per tonne) CPT Dubai, up by \$35 from March prices.

It is noteworthy that the Group’s rebar steel prices in March amounted to 2,540 dirhams per tonne (692 dollars per tonne) CPT Abu Dhabi and 2,547 dirhams per tonne (693 dollars per tonne) CPT Dubai, higher than February prices by \$25 per tonne.

Rebar prices stability in Bahrain for April

Universal Rolling Company, the only rebar steel company in Bahrain, announced rebar steel prices for April at 255-257 Bahraini dinars/t (\$ 676-681/t), EXW for all sizes, unchanged from its last level. Prices are adjusted based on the billet prices trend.

The Company’s rebar production capacity is 275,000 tonnes per year, with sizes ranging from 8 mm to 32 mm.

Iraq: State Company for Iron and Steel and Ibn Majid sign a steel plant equipment installation contract

State Company for Iron and Steel and Ibn Majid General Company signed a steel plant equipment installation contract in the company.

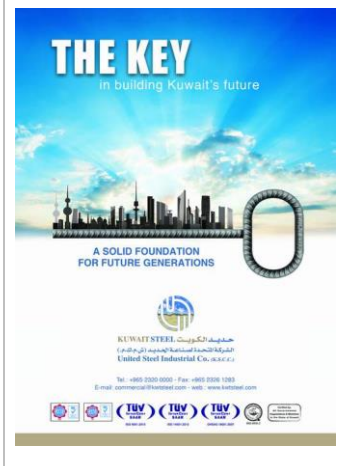
The Director General of State Company for Iron and Steel , Abbas Hayal, explained to the National Iraqi News Agency, based on the Prime Minister’s directives, Eng. Mohammed Shia Al-Sudani. And within the plan announced by the Minister of Industry and Minerals, Eng. Khaled Battal Al-Najm, in operating important strategic factories to rehabilitate the steel plant and its engineering services within ten months.

He stressed that the engineering and technical personnel have completed all preparations for the steel mill equipment and engineering services installation.

He indicated that the rolling mill equipment installation has been completed, and preparations are underway to operate the equipment to produce rebar steel.



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World

Steel prices in the second week of April 2023

According to the steel prices announced in the global steel markets, scrap prices reached \$438/ tonne, down \$2 from last week, and iron ore prices were \$120/ tonne, down \$7 from last week, while the prices of billets ranged between \$555-\$600 per tonne, while it was between \$575-\$620 / tonne in the first week of April , and the rebar prices between \$680- \$700/ tonne, while it was between \$710 – \$730 / tonne last week.

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

The following prices of iron and steel in the global markets on 08/04/2023

Product	Place	Min	Max	Date	w-o-w
Scrap HMS 1&2 (80:20)	CFR Turkey	438	438	08/04/2023	↓
Iron ore Fe 62%	CFR- China	120	120	08/04/2023	↓
Billet	FOB Russia	555	565	08/04/2023	↓
	Ex- CIS,CFR Turkey	580	600	08/04/2023	↓
Rebar	FOB Turkey	700	710	08/04/2023	↓
	FOB Ukraine	-	-	08/04/2023	-
Wire Rod	FOB Turkey	730	750	08/04/2023	↓
HR coil	FOB Russia	715	720	08/04/2023	↓
CR coil 1mm	FOB China	720	740	08/04/2023	⊖



World stainless steel production drops by 5.2% in 2022

In 2022, global stainless steel production decreased by 5.2% compared to 2021, reaching 55.3 million tonnes.

In 2022, Europe’s production decreased by 12.4% compared to 2021, especially in Ukraine, reaching 6.29 million tonnes. The United States production fell by 14.8% yearly, reaching 2.02 million tonnes.

In Asia, excluding China and South Korea, stainless steel production decreased by 4.9% year-on-year in 2022 to 7.41 million tonnes, while production in China during the same period decreased by 2% year-on-year to 31.97 million tonnes.

In other countries, notably Brazil, South Africa, Indonesia, South Korea, and Russia, stainless steel production declined by 9.1% year-on-year over the past year to 7.58 million tonnes.

In the fourth quarter of 2022, global stainless steel production increased by 8.6% compared to the previous quarter, reaching 13.71 million tonnes.

The index increased in Europe during the period from October to December 2022 by 28.6% compared to July-September of the same year, reaching 1.5 million tonnes, and in Asia (excluding China and South Korea) – by 1.2%, reaching 1.77 million tonnes and in China by 18.2%, reaching to 7.26 million tonnes. It decreased in the United States by 14.2%, reaching 429 thousand tonnes, and in other countries by 25.5% quarterly, reaching 1.48 million tonnes.

In 2021, world stainless steel production increased by 10.6% compared to 2020, reaching 56.3 million tonnes.

According to MEPS forecasts, global stainless steel production in 2023 will grow to 60 million tonnes, and stainless steel producers in China and Indonesia will be significant contributors.

US imports of rebar increased by 4.9% in February

According to preliminary statistics data issued by the US Department of Commerce, total US imports of rebar reached 96,543 tonnes in February 2023, up 4.9% from January but down 30.6% from February 2022 levels.

By value, total US imports of rebar reached \$68.2 million in February 2023, compared to \$71.7 million in January and \$112.4 million in February 2022.

The United States imported most of its imports of rebar in February from Algeria, with a volume of 50,522 tonnes , compared to 33,929 tonnes in January and 69,751 tonnes in February 2022.

Other major sources of rebar imports in February included Mexico with a volume of 18,638 tonnes and Canada with a volume of 12,909 tonnes, the Dominican Republic, with a volume of 8,401 tonnes , and Brazil, with a volume of 4,918 tonnes .



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Report: The resurgence of iron ore prices amid low inventories in China

May iron ore futures, which is the most heavily traded on the Dalian Commodity Exchange, for the week of March 24-31, 2023, rose 4.8% from the previous week – to 907 Yuan/t (\$132.13/tonne). This put iron ore quotations back on the rise after two weeks of decline.

On the Singapore Exchange, May futures contracts, as of March 31, 2023, increased by 4.3% compared to March 24 of the current year – up to 125.1 USD/tonne.

Iron ore prices turned to growth after two weeks of declines as market sentiment improved amid lower inventories at Chinese ports.

Concerns that China will cut steel production in 2023 continue to weigh on the market, along with weaker-than-expected demand for steel and prospects for an oversupply of crude, but the situation has improved after the release of data on iron ore remaining at ports.

Traders are also capping price gains because they still fear the intervention of Chinese regulators who believe prices have been moved higher through speculative tactics.

Concerns about the global recession and weak steel demand, as well as steel companies' strategy to keep raw materials stocks low, are likely to drive iron ore prices down.

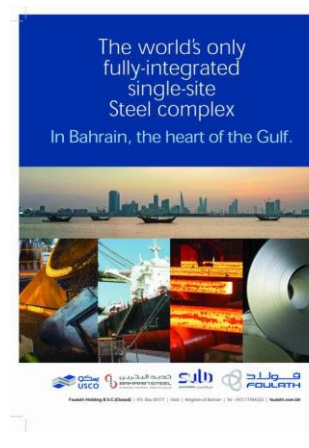
However, given that raw material inventories at the ports are at their lowest level since the beginning of February this year, any potential drop in prices will be very limited.

In the short term, China's iron ore prices will depend on the country's economic recovery and final steel demand.

It is expected after the release of the industry PMI, it may support iron ore prices if it shows an increase in economic activity.

For further growth in prices, the market must make sure that there is demand from the construction sector and the peak construction season along with low stocks of raw materials will push iron ore prices to higher levels.

According to forecasts, iron ore prices will decline by the end of 2023 to \$90/t, and the main reason for the decline in prices will be the growth in stocks of raw materials due to the recovery of supplies from Brazil, India, and possibly from Russia and Ukraine. At the same time, iron ore consumption will be lower than supply.



Oil prices jump above \$80 a barrel after OPEC+ cuts

Oil prices rose sharply after OPEC + announced sudden production cuts, and US oil futures contracts jumped by more than \$6 to \$81.69 a barrel, and Brent crude futures jumped more than \$6 to record \$86.44 a barrel.

On Sunday, April 2, Saudi Arabia and other oil producers in the OPEC + group announced voluntary cuts in their crude production, by more than 1.5 million barrels per day, until the end of 2023.

Riyadh said it would cut production by 500,000 barrels per day from May until the end of 2023, state media reported.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak also said Moscow would extend a voluntary cut of 500,000 bpd until the end of 2023.

The UAE, Kuwait, Iraq, Oman and Algeria said they would voluntarily reduce production over the same period.

The UAE said it would reduce production by 144,000 barrels per day, and Kuwait announced a reduction of 128,000 barrels per day, while Iraq said it would reduce production by 211,000 barrels per day, and the Sultanate of Oman announced a reduction of 40,000 barrels per day.

Algeria said it would cut its production by 48,000 barrels per day.

The Saudi Ministry of Energy said, in a statement, that the Kingdom's voluntary reduction is a precautionary measure aimed at supporting the stability of the oil market.

Sunday's decisions take the total volume of cuts from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Russia and other allies to 3.66 million bpd, according to Reuter's calculations, or 3.7% of global demand.

Oil prices fell last month towards \$70 a barrel, the lowest level in 15 months, amid fears that demand would be affected by a global banking crisis. However, no further measures were expected before OPEC + to support the market after sources reduced this possibility and crude oil recovered around \$80.



Report: Global scrap prices decline amid weak demand in Türkiye

Scrap quotations in the Turkish market for the week of March 20-27, 2023 decreased by \$16 per tonne.

Last week, steel scrap prices continued to decline in international markets. The decline in raw materials purchases by Turkish consumers hurt global markets for the second week in a row. From 20-27 March 2023, HMS 1/2 scrap prices in the Turkish market decreased by \$16 per tonne, or 3.5%, compared to the previous week, to reach \$441-444 per tonne.

Commodity prices have fallen in the Turkish market over the past two weeks as scrap supply has outpaced demand and local steelmakers are turning away from buying raw materials due to weak steel sales.

Lower demand for rebar in both the domestic and export markets is putting pressure on prices, forcing factories to stop buying scrap. Suppliers, in turn, are sure that Turkish steelmakers have not completely closed the scrap need for April, so they are trying not to succumb to pressure. In addition, the confidence of scrap collectors is reinforced by the low rates of collection of raw materials in the European Union and the United States of America.

Most market participants believe that a downside in such conditions is more likely than an upside and some expect another \$10-15/tonne drop in the scrap price in the short term at \$430/tonne. At the same time, while Turkish steel manufacturers are refusing to buy and trying to lower the prices of raw materials as much as possible, suppliers from the United States are directing goods that were to be delivered to Turkey to alternative markets, and this may lead to a jump in scrap prices for Turkish steel manufacturers in the future. In addition, the price of scrap metal in the European Union is under the influence of the Turkish factor, as scrap prices in Italy decreased last week by 10-20 euros/t compared to the price at the beginning of March, and the costs of raw materials vary from 380 euros/t to 440 euros/t depending on the class. Scrap prices in the European Union are likely to decline or become slightly flat in April, as demand from steel mills is expected to be strong. However, uncertainty in the steel market will hamper purchases and steel manufacturers may resort to shutting production down to balance supply and demand for finished steel products.

The USA market was also affected due to the lower activity of Turkish buyers, and participants did not expect a downward trend, as they were confident about Turkish demand. On the east coast of the US, scrap prices last week were at \$414-419/tonne compared to \$436-441/tonne a week ago, and local traders do not expect a recovery in prices in the near term as Turkish demand will not recover until steel prices stabilize. Scrap prices in China also fell last week as of March 24 as raw material prices in eastern China reached 3.04 thousand Yuan/tonne (\$442/t), down by 95 Yuan/tonne from the previous week. The pessimistic situation in the steel market forced local steelmakers to reduce production and scrap consumption.

Scrap metal collection volumes in Ukraine in January-February 2023 decreased by 70.8% compared to the same period in 2022, reaching 152.2 thousand tonnes. Raw materials exports during this period amounted to 24.8 thousand tonnes, 3.5 times more year on year.



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Technology

ArcelorMittal invests \$38.5 million in the modernization of a Coke plant in Poland

ArcelorMittal is investing \$38.5 million for its coke plant's modernization in Zdziechowice, Poland.

The upgrade includes three flue-gas denitrification units installation for the CHP cogeneration plant, which will significantly reduce nitrogen oxide emissions and provide heat for the CHP plant, which uses coking gas, to more than 7,000 consumers.

In addition, the reconstruction project of the Coking gas stabilization tank will be launched on the grounds of the Coke chemical plant, which will replace the existing twin installation, which needs reconstruction.

He added that over the past decade, the company has reduced carbon dioxide emissions at its coke plant by 50% in Zdziechowice.

ArcelorMittal Poland plans to complete all modernization projects at the facility within three years.

ArcelorMittal will stop blast furnace No. 2 of its factory in Dąbrowa Górnicza for maintenance. More than \$167 million will be allocated for the unit upgrade, which will last three months and will be the most considerable blast furnace upgrade ever performed in Poland.

ArcelorMittal steel production in Poland during 2022 decreased by 15% compared to 2021, reaching 3.4 million tonnes.

Steel sales rose to \$5.93 billion in 2022, an increase of 12% compared to 2021.





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