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The latest update on rebar prices in Egypt is December 17, 2023

This week witnessed an increase in the prices of most companies, Ezz Steel from EGP 36,000 to EGP 38,500 , Beshay Steel from EGP 39,900 to EGP 40,800 , Al-Garhy Steel from EGP 35,750 to EGP 36,000 , Misr Steel from EGP 37,500 to EGP 39,000 , El Komy Steel from EGP 36,500 to EGP 38,500 . El Ola Steel from EGP 37,000 to EGP 38,500 , and Al Gioshy Steel from EGP 37,000 to EGP 38,500.

The companies whose prices were fixed were Suez Steel EGP 36,000 , El Marakby Steel EGP 38,000 pounds, Egyptian Steel EGP 38,500 , and Ashry Steel EGP 38,000.

Today steel prices are as follows:

Company	EGP/t	Pointer
Ezz Steel	38,500	↑
Suez Steel	36,000	→
Beshay Steel	40,800	↑
El Marakby Steel	38,000	→
Egyptian Steel	38,500	→
Ashry Steel	38,000	→
Garhy Steel	36,000	↑
Misr Steel	39,000	↑
El komy Steel	38,500	↑
El Ola steel	38,500	↑
Al Gioshy steel	38,500	↑

Prices include 14% VAT

Egypt: Ezz Steel announces new prices for flat steel

Ezz Steel Company announced the prices of flat steel to reach EGP 39,500 per ton, an increase of EGP 2,500 compared to the prices of the beginning of this month, factory delivery, including value-added tax.

Statement	including VAT
Flat Steel	39,500



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A shareholder reduces his stake in Ezz Steel's capital by 374.84 million pounds

Mubasher Securities and Bonds Trading Company said that shareholder Jamal Abdul Qader Abdul Basir reduced his stake in the capital of Ezz Steel Company from 5.85% to 4.99%.

The company explained in a statement today, Thursday, that Gamal Abdel Qader sold 4.67 million shares of Ezz Steel, with a total value of the deal amounting to 374.845 million pounds, with an average selling price of 80.22 pounds per share.

She indicated that the percentage of shares of groups related to the shareholder is for Al-Wahda Industrial Development Company with a ratio of 2.53% and the Egyptian Steel Company with a ratio of 1.52%.

It is noteworthy that during the nine months of 2023, Ezz Steel recorded total profits for the period, amounting to 27.9 billion pounds.

It recorded combined net losses of 1.9 billion pounds during the period from January to the end of September 2023, compared to profits of 5.7 billion pounds in the comparative period of 2022, taking into account minority rights.

The company indicated that foreign currency losses amounted to 23.9 billion pounds during the first nine months of 2023, with the Egyptian pound continuing to decline against major currencies.

Egypt signs a huge agreement with a Saudi company worth \$4 billion

Egyptian bodies signed an agreement with the Saudi company "CoPower" to develop a green hydrogen project, with investments exceeding \$4 billion, in the Suez Canal Economic Zone.

The signing was made between the Sovereign Fund of Egypt, the Suez Canal Economic Authority, the Egyptian Electricity Transmission Company, the New and Renewable Energy Development and Utilization Authority, and the project developer, the Saudi "Aqua Power" company, where 600 thousand tons of green ammonia will be produced, reaching two million tons annually with development and expansion. .

Egyptian Minister of Electricity and Renewable Energy Mohamed Shaker indicated after the signing that, according to the agreement signed on Wednesday, a work plan will be drawn up to develop the first phase of the green hydrogen project, with a production capacity of up to 600 thousand tons of green ammonia annually, with the intention of expanding to develop the second phase with capacity. Productivity of two million tons annually.

Marco Arcelli, CEO of ACWA Power, said that this partnership aims to produce the fuel of the future, which will enjoy great demand in Europe and the rest of the world, stressing that Egypt has the potential to become one of the largest producers of green hydrogen in the world.

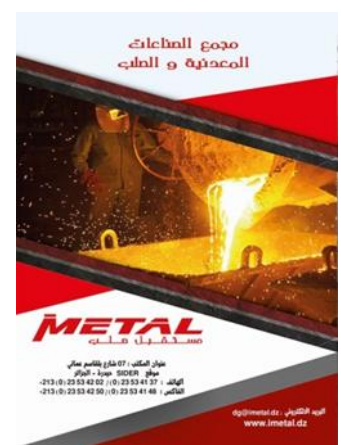


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Steel prices in the fourth week of December 2023

According to the prices announced in the global steel markets, scrap prices amounted to \$424/ tonne, \$2 down compared to last week's prices, and iron ore prices \$139/ tonne, \$5 up compared to last week's prices, while the prices of billets ranged between 505 – 540 Dollars per tonne, while it was between 515 – 550 dollars per tonne last week, and rebar prices ranged between 580– 620 dollars/tonne, while it was between 585 – 620 dollars per tonne last week.

The following is the steel prices statement in the global markets on 23 December 2023:

Product	Place	Min	Max	Date	w-0-w	
Scrap HMS 1&2 (800)	CFR Turkey	424	424	23/12/2023	↓	-2
Iron ore Fe 62%	CFR- China	139	139	23/12/2023	↑	5
Billet	FOB Russia	505	515	23/12/2023	↓	-10
	Turkey ex-CIS,CFR	530	540	23/12/2023	↓	-15
Rebar	FOB Turkey	605	620	23/12/2023	↓	-3
	FOB Ukraine	580	585	23/12/2023	↓	-5
Wire Rod	FOB Turkey	620	640	23/12/2023	⊖	0
HR coil	FOB Russia	600	605	23/12/2023	↓	-13
CR coil 1mm	FOB China	655	680	23/12/2023	⊖	0

China's iron ore output up 7.1% in January-November 2023

In November alone, China's iron ore production totaled 85.568 million mt, increasing by 6.6% year on year, while decreasing by 1.1% month on month, according to China's National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

Import iron ore prices have seen an overall upward trend until November 22, while moving down in late November. When entering in December, iron ore futures prices saw rises first, while indicating continuous decreases since December 13 amid the large-scale cold weather hitting China and slack demand from steelmakers.

In the January-November period this year, China's iron ore production amounted to 904.027 million mt, increasing by 7.1% year on year.



World crude steel production increased by 3.3% in November 2023

World crude steel production for the 71 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 145.5 million tonnes (Mt) in November 2023, a 3.3% increase compared to November 2022.

Africa produced 1.8 Mt in November 2023, up 3.1% on November 2022. Asia and Oceania produced 104.8 Mt, up 2.2%. The EU (27) produced 10.6 Mt, up 3.2%. Europe, Other produced 3.7 Mt, up 22.2%.

The Middle East produced 4.8 Mt, up 4.0%. North America produced 8.9 Mt, up 3.1%. Russia & other CIS + Ukraine produced 7.4 Mt, up 14.8%. South America produced 3.5 Mt, down 0.6%.

Crude steel production by region

Region	Nov 2023	% change Oct.22/23	Jan-Nov23(Mt)	% change 22/23
Africa	1.8	3.1	20.1	4.5
Asia and Oceania	104.8	2.2	1,271.4	1.8
EU (27)	10.6	3.2	117.6	-7.8
Europe, Other	3.7	22.2	37.9	-6.3
Middle East	4.8	4.0	48.2	0.3
North America	8.9	3.1	100.2	-2.5
CIS	7.4	14.8	81.4	4.4
South America	3.5	-0.6	38.3	-6.0
Total	145.5	3.3	1,715.1	0.5

As for the Arab countries, Egypt topped the production of Arab countries in November 2023, producing 922,000 tonnes, up 5.1%, followed by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, producing 787,00 tonnes, down 6.5%. Algeria came in third place, producing 350,000 tonnes, a decline of 3.6%.

Arab countries Crude steel production

Countries	Nov2023 (000t)	Nov change 22/23(000t)	Jan-Nov(000t)	% change 22/23
Egypt	922	5.1	9,412	4.0
Algeria	350	-3.6	4,050	2.6
Morocco	118	-5.6	1,282	-10.0
Tunisia	5	38.9	86	-2.6
Libya	91	24.8	803	32.1
K.S.A	787	-6.5	9,041	0.5
U.A.E	300	12.8	2,935	-0.1
Oman	175	4.8	1,850	0.9
Qatar	100	4.8	1,073	9.1
Bahrain	100	3.1	1,100	2.3
Kuwait	85	10.4	915	11.3
Jordan	25	-7.4	275	14.3
Iraq	245	10.9	2,755	-9.1
Yemen	8	60.0	92	67.3
Total	3,311	0.5%	35,652	1.4%



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Ukraine's exports of flat steel increased by 26% in November

In November 2023, Ukraine's exports of flat steel increased by 25.7% compared to October 2023, reaching 130.4 thousand tons and rose 2.3 times compared to November 2022, according to data from the State Customs Service.

In terms of value, exports of these products increased by 21.2% on a monthly basis to reach \$76.2 million and rose 2.4 times compared to November 2022.

In the period from January to November 2023, Ukraine exported 1.02 million tons of flat steel, a decrease of 35.8% compared to the same period last year.

In terms of value, exports in that period amounted to \$686.5 million, a decrease of 48.1% compared to the same period in 2022.

"Nippon Steel" acquires the American steel giant "US Steel" for \$14 billion

US Steel has agreed to be bought by Nippon Steel, Japan's largest steelmaker, in a \$14.1 billion deal.

The deal marks the latest step in a gradual decline for the iconic 122-year old company, which was once the largest company on the world. It was one of the first major conglomerates and a symbol of American industrial might.

But it is no longer even the largest US steelmaker, having been surpassed by Nucor Steel years ago.

"We are confident that ... this combination is truly best for all," said US Steel CEO David Burritt. "Today's announcement also benefits the United States — ensuring a competitive, domestic steel industry, while strengthening our presence globally."

Under terms of the deal, US Steel's operations will retain its name and will continue to have a headquarters in Pittsburgh. But the deal could still stir opposition.

Britain intends to implement carbon duties on imports by 2027

The British government announced that it intends to implement a new mechanism for pricing carbon imports by 2027, whereby fees will be imposed on goods imported from countries that do not impose carbon fees or impose lower fees, as part of efforts to eliminate carbon emissions.

The government said the carbon limits adjustment mechanism will apply to carbon-intensive products in the iron and steel, aluminium, fertilisers, hydrogen, ceramics, glass and cement sectors.

The duties imposed will depend on the amount of carbon emitted in the production of imported goods and the difference between the carbon price applied in the country of origin, if any, and the carbon price charged to UK producers.



China's rebar output down 2.2% in January-November 2023

In November alone, China's rebar, wire rod and welded pipe outputs amounted to 18.01 million mt, 11.108 million mt and 5.657 million mt, down 8.8% , up 3.1% and up 11.0% year on year, while down 1.32% , up 0.61% and up 2.32% month on month, respectively, according to China's National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

In the January-November period this year, China's rebar production totaled 209.738 million mt, down 2.2% year on year, wire rod production amounted to 126.509 million mt, declining by 0.4% year on year.

In the same period, China's welded pipe output reached 58.866 million mt, up 11.6% year on year.

European-American agreement to extend the suspension of duties imposed on steel and aluminum

The European Union announced an agreement with the United States extending the suspension of special customs duties on steel and aluminum products until March 2025.

This step aims to avoid further escalation in a long-term trade dispute with the United States that arose under the administration of former US President Donald Trump.

The European Commission said in a press statement yesterday that suspending US customs duties will enable steel and aluminum exporters in the European Union to save about 1.5 billion euros (\$1.64 billion) annually.

In contrast, EU tariffs on American products such as Harley Davidson motorcycles and jeans will continue to be suspended. These tariffs were imposed by the bloc for the first time in response to additional duties on steel and aluminum imports imposed by Trump in 2018. A permanent solution to the trade dispute was supposed to be found by the end of this year.

However, no agreement was reached at the US-EU summit in Washington last October, which led to the extension of the suspension.

Oil prices jump 4% in a week...a likely supply gap next January

Oil prices rose as much as 1 percent yesterday as tensions continued in the Middle East. During yesterday's trading, Brent crude futures rose 86 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$80.25 per barrel. US West Texas Intermediate crude futures also rose 81 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$74.70 per barrel. Both benchmarks rose more than 4 percent for the second week in a row.

Leon Li, an analyst at CMC Markets in Shanghai, said, "Oil prices may witness a recovery due to geopolitical conflicts and the imminent implementation of OPEC+ production cuts."

Saudi Arabia, Russia and other members of OPEC +, which pump more than 40 percent of global oil, agreed to voluntary production cuts amounting to a total of about 2.2 million barrels per day in the first quarter of 2024.



Ukraine: The cost of Metinvest Group's green steel transformation is approximately \$9 billion

The green transformation of Metinvest Group's Ukrainian assets could cost about \$9 billion. Yuriy Ryzhenkov, CEO of Metinvest, told Forbes in an interview. At the same time, he noted that Ukraine has already lost at least two years to start this process due to the war.

According to the Group's CEO, the implementation of the European Cross-Border Carbon Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) will be a challenge for the company's Ukrainian plants.

He explained that if it were not for the war in the country, the Group would have had time to prepare, because it was going to rebuild factories for the production of low-carbon steel. In particular, the possibility of building electrosmelting furnaces at Zaporizhstal instead of Marten was considered, the plans included modernization of Kametstal, Ilyich Iron and Steel Works.

The company's CEO estimated the total amount of investments in the green transformation of Ukrainian assets (Mining, Kametstal, and Zaporizhstal) at approximately \$9 billion, in particular, the modernization of Zaporizhstal would be worth about \$2 billion. However, according to him, Ukraine does not have as much scrap as the renewed Zaporizhstal, Kametstal and AMKR will need. Therefore, the group will need to modernize its mining and processing plants to produce high-quality DR pellets.

Metinvest is currently planning to build a new rolling plant in Italy with a capacity of approximately 3 million tons of steel. Its cost is comparable to the modernization of Zaporizhzhia, so the company calls the project a «pilot project for the reconstruction of Zaporizhstal.»

China changes tariff codes for HRC, CRC and coated steel, export tax rebates awaited

Tariff Commission of the State Council of China's State Council announced on December 21 that it further defines the tariff code for the high value-added steel.

Accordingly, five subclassifications have been inserted in categories—hot rolled coil (7208.5120), hot rolled coil (7208.5190), cold rolled coil (7209.1690), cold rolled coil (7209.1790) and coated (coated) coil (7210.4900), which are common steel products in exporting.

For instance, in the January-November period this year, the export volume of those five categories amounted to 14 million mt, accounting for 17 percent of overall steel exports in the given period.

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Meanwhile, the specific yield strength, tensile strength and elongation after fracture have been mentioned in classification, which makes market players believe that China's import and export policies for different steel products will be accurately adjusted in the future.

Moreover, export tax rebates for high value-added steel products may be on the way.



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