

Latest News

North Africa


- Report expects Egypt's steel consumption to grow to 6.8 million tons in 2024
- Egypt's Rebar Consumption Exceeds 3 Million Tons in H1 2024.

Gulf Area

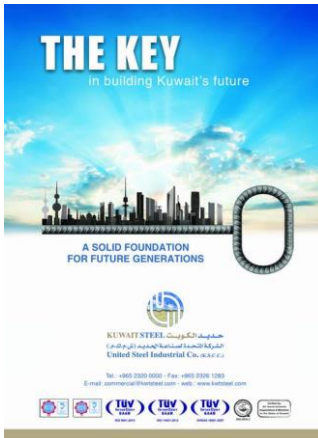
- Eastern Pipes signs a contract with Aramco for the manufacture and supply of steel pipes worth more than 1.65 billion riyals.

World

- Steel prices in the second week of September 2024.
- Iron ore price falls below \$90 for first time since 2022.
- Turkey's HRC exports increase by 145.2% in January-July 2024.
- Turkey's Rebar Exports to Increase by 10% in Jan-July 2024.
- Last-ditch effort to save Nippon Steel's US Steel takeover.
- China's steel crisis sends August output to lowest since 2017.
- Iron ore prices rise 2.5% as bearish wave ends



KUWAIT STEEL حديد الكويت
الشركة المتحدة لصناعة الحديد (ش.م.ك.م.)
United Steel Industrial Co. (K.S.C.C.)





THE KEY
in building Kuwait's future

A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

KUWAIT STEEL حديد الكويت
الشركة المتحدة لصناعة الحديد - الش.م.ك.م.
United Steel Industrial Co. (K.S.C.C.)

Tel: +965 2520 0000 - Fax: +965 2526 1000
E-mail: commercial@kusteel.com - web: www.kusteel.com



www.aisusteel.org

Website is interested in publishing
All Arab and International Steel News
and reports, statistics and studies

Arab Steel Magazine
Can be Downloaded

Website contains
All Member Companies data

Production capacities of Arab
steel companies

website is a link
between producers and consumers
through sales and purchase offers

Under the patronage of
Minister of State for Energy Affairs
State of Qatar

**17th Arab Steel Summit
& International Iron and Steel Exhibition**

Doha - Qatar

Sheraton Doha Hotel

14 - 15 OCTOBER 2024

Regional Host Sponsor
قطر ستيل
QATAR STEEL

"The future of the iron and steel industry in the Arab countries"

<https://events.aisusteel.org/>

North Africa

Report expects Egypt's steel consumption to grow to 6.8 million tons in 2024

A report by Ezz Steel expects Egypt's reinforcing steel consumption to increase by 5% in 2024 to 6.8 million tons, driven by the completion of infrastructure projects, the payment of contractors' dues, and the expected resumption of new building permits. Flat steel consumption is also expected to remain stable at 1.5 million tons in 2024, and begin to increase thereafter.

Chinese steel exports are also expected to exceed 100 million tons in 2024, the highest level since 2016, but this exaggerated export trend is resulting in a stimulus in global markets, as many local producers in different countries suffer from competition with low-priced Chinese steel, which has prompted many countries, including the United States, the European Union, Canada, South Africa, Turkey and Brazil, to impose high customs tariffs and various trade measures to protect their local industry.

It is worth noting that Egypt's consumption of rebar has witnessed a significant decline since 2016, when consumption reached 8.6 million tons, an increase of 24% over 2023, due to the decline in private construction activity. However, consumption is expected to increase with the success of the exchange rate liberalization and the economic decisions associated with it to restore economic growth. It is also expected that the new building legislation and its executive regulations, which were approved in 2023 and 2024, will lead to the issuance of more private building permits and the resumption of private construction in Egypt at a good pace.

Egypt's Rebar Consumption Exceeds 3 Million Tons in H1 2024

Egypt's rebar consumption increased to 3.059 million tons in H1 2024, up 9%, as a result of the shift in monetary policy that increased the availability of the dollar and stimulated increased construction activity. However, the consumption level is still much lower than the level that prevailed 8 years ago in 2016, which amounted to 8.6 million tons, according to a report by Ezz Steel.

According to the report, local consumption of flat steel (HRC) decreased to 668 thousand tons in H1 2024 compared to 589 thousand tons in the same period last year, down 12%, primarily due to the slowdown in infrastructure projects. However, the report expected flat steel consumption to gradually increase, after the growth in rebar consumption, which leads the overall upward trend in steel.

At the export level, Egypt's rebar exports decreased by 13% in the first half of 2024 to reach 656 thousand tons compared to 754 thousand tons during the same period last year, driven by lower export prices.

According to the report, Ezz Steel achieved export sales of EGP 822 million in the first half of 2024, with flat steel (HRC) exports amounting to \$544 million, representing 66.2% of the total, and rebar exports amounting to \$278 million, representing 33.8% of total sales, compared to exports worth \$794 million during the first half of 2023, divided between rebar at \$284 million and flat steel at \$509 million.



Gulf Area

Eastern Pipes signs a contract with Aramco for the manufacture and supply of steel pipes worth more than 1.65 billion riyals

Eastern Pipes Integrated Industry Company announced last Thursday that it signed several contracts with the Saudi Arabian Oil Company – Aramco for the manufacture and supply of steel pipes, worth more than 1.65 billion riyals, including value-added tax.

The company said in a statement on Tadawul that the contract period is 19 months, noting that there are no related parties.

The company indicated that the financial impact of the contract will appear from the fourth quarter of the fiscal year 2024/2025 to the fourth quarter of the fiscal year 2025/2026.

حديد
hadeed

إمستيل
EMSTEEL



World

Steel prices in the second week of September 2024

According to the prices announced in the global steel markets, scrap prices amounted to \$370/ tonne, \$6 up compared to last week's prices. and iron ore prices \$92/ tonne, \$9 unchanged compared to last week's prices.

While the prices of billets ranged between 455 – 565 Dollars per tonne, while it was between 450 – 565 dollars per tonne last week, and rebar prices ranged between 560 –590 dollars/tonne, while it was between 560 –590 dollars per tonne last week.

The following is the **steel prices** statement in the global markets on 14 September 2024

Product	Place	Min	Max	Date	w-0-w
Scrap HMS 1&2 (mix 80:20)	CFR Turkey	370	370	14/09/2024	0
Iron ore Fe 62%	CFR- Australia	93	93	14/09/2024	1
Billet	FOB Russia	455	465	14/09/2024	3
	FOB Tukey	465	465	14/09/2024	0
Rebar	FOB Turkey	580	590	14/09/2024	0
	FOB CIS	560	560	14/09/2024	0
Wire Rod	FOB Turkey	595	595	14/09/2024	5
HR coil	FOB Russia	460	470	14/09/2024	0
CR coil 1mm	FOB China	525	525	14/09/2024	10

www.aisusteel.org

Iron ore price falls below \$90 for first time since 2022

Iron ore price fell below \$90 a ton on Monday as the industrial metal faces challenges from weak demand in China and concerns about global growth.

Citigroup Inc. predicted that uncertainty over the U.S. presidential election in November could slow the global economy and weigh on metal prices.

In Singapore, iron ore prices fell 2.3% to \$89.6 a ton on Monday, before paring losses to \$90.6, Bloomberg reported.

Iron ore futures have fallen by more than a third this year as demand for steel in China has weakened due to the ongoing property crisis.



الشركة الليبية للحديد والصلب
LIBYAN IRON AND STEEL COMPANY



Turkey's HRC exports increase by 145.2% in January-July 2024

In July this year, Turkey's hot rolled coil (HRC) exports amounted to 309,800 metric tons, up by 27.6% compared to June and by 314.1% year on year, according to the preliminary data provided by the Turkish Statistical Institute (TUIK).

Meanwhile, the revenue generated by these exports totaled \$189.93 million, increasing by 25.9% compared to the previous month and by 241.3% year on year.

In the January-July period, Turkey's HRC exports amounted to 1,405,962 mt, up 145.2%, while the value of these exports increased by 114.9% to \$917.33 million, both year on year.

In the given period, Turkey's largest HRC export destination was Italy with 433,367 mt. Italy was followed by Spain with 178,426 mt and Egypt with 145,795 mt.

Turkey's Rebar Exports to Increase by 10% in Jan-July 2024

Turkey exported around 1.9 mln tons of rebar in the first seven months of 2024, marking a 10% increase YoY, according to data from the Turkish Statistical Institute (TUIK).

The top three destinations for Turkish rebar during this period were Yemen (389,000 tons), Romania (152,000 tons), and Albania (105,000 tons).

In July 2024, rebar exports reached 337,000 tons, reflecting a 2% rise compared to July 2023. Turkish rebar exports surged by 61% on month-on-month basis.

Last-ditch effort to save Nippon Steel's US Steel takeover

Nippon Steel Vice President Takahiro Mori is heading to Washington today to meet with senior US officials in a last-ditch effort to save the \$15 billion US Steel takeover.

The visit comes as the deal faces opposition from President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, who have expressed concerns about national security. The deal has become a major election issue in the US, with Harris and Trump seeking to win the crucial state of Pennsylvania and the Republican candidate indicating that he will block the deal upon his return to the White House.

While some US experts and officials believe the takeover does not pose a threat to national security, the Biden administration is sticking to its guns.

A few days ago, Nippon Steel, Japan's largest steelmaker, which is seeking to acquire US Steel, said that if the takeover goes ahead, the core senior management as well as the majority of the US company's board of directors will be US citizens.

To gain support Politicians and labor unions, Nippon Steel hired former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo as an adviser, and last week unveiled a plan to invest an additional \$1.3 billion in U.S. Steel plants.



China's steel crisis sends August output to lowest since 2017

China's steel output fell more than 10% in August from a year earlier amid falling prices and a sharp drop in demand for its products.

The world's largest steel sector experienced a bleak month last month, with China Baowu Steel Group, the world's largest supplier of the commodity, warning of worsening conditions. With mills losing huge amounts of steel per tonne they produce, many have been forced to shut down furnaces to reduce production.

China's crude steel output fell 10.4% year-on-year last month to 77.9 million tonnes, the lowest August output since 2017, according to the National Bureau of Statistics. The drop adds to the overall decline in steel output this year, with volumes for the first eight months of the year down 3.3% to 691.4 million tonnes.

China's steel demand has been falling as a result of more than two decades of high growth driven by the country's rapid urbanization and industrial expansion. The situation has worsened this year, especially during the summer, as construction activity has remained stagnant. However, there have been some positive signs in September, with some steel prices rising and iron ore futures recovering from a low of below \$90 a tonne, posting weekly gains.

Iron ore prices rise 2.5% as bearish wave ends

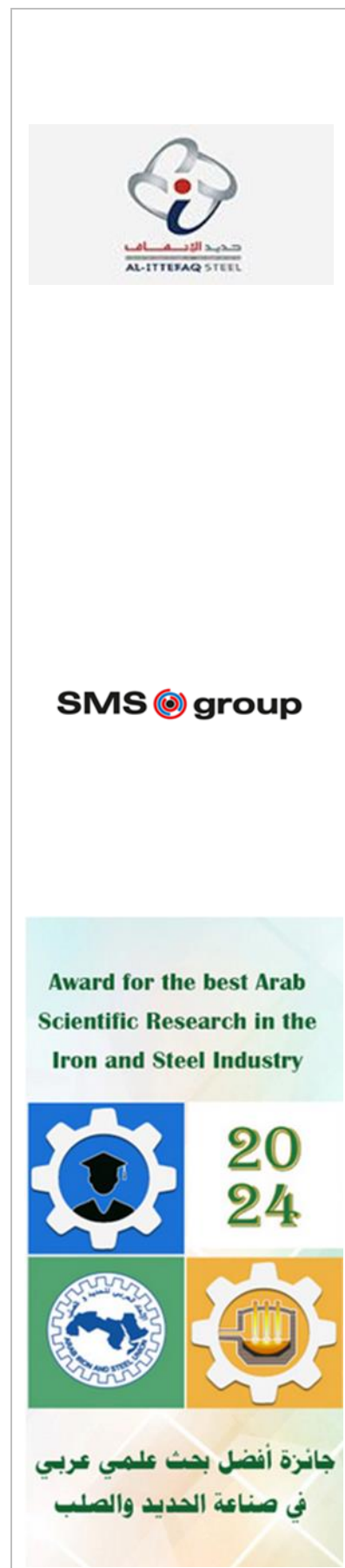
Iron ore prices rose as investors assessed the prospects of an end to the bearish wave that pushed the price below \$90 a tonne earlier this week, touching its lowest level in nearly two years.

The most active iron ore futures contract on the Singapore Exchange jumped 2.52% to \$92.90 a tonne at 10:08 a.m. Mecca time.

This came after falling to \$89.6 a tonne during the session last Monday due to the continued decline in Chinese steel demand due to the faltering real estate sector.

The focus of investors and market participants is currently on assessing whether the price of the industrial metal has reached a support level at \$90 a tonne or not, and whether the price decline has caused high-cost mines to exit the market.

Bloomberg reported that major mining companies such as BHP Group, Australia's Rio Tinto and Brazil's Vale SA may not be able to cut production to support prices due to the size of their operations and low operating costs. But the continued decline in the price of iron ore could push smaller producers, especially in India and Brazil, out of the market, according to the report.



Arab Iron and Steel Union



Arab Steel News is a Weekly pdf newsletter

To subscribe, please contact us on

E-mail info@aisusteel.org

General Secretariat

P.O. Box 04 Chéraga - Algeria

Tel: + 21323304239

Fax: + 21320343194

Email: relex@solbarab.org

www.aisusteel.org

Cairo Regional Office

P.O. Box: 515 Dokki - Giza - Egypt

Tel: + 20233356219

Fax: + 20233374790

Email: aisucairo@solbarab.org

© 1972- 2024 Arab Iron and Steel Union, all rights reserved

www.aisusteel.org