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North Africa

Official Inauguration of the “Alfapipe-Battioua” Production Unit of the National Iron and Steel Company (SNS)

As part of the state’s policy aimed at rehabilitating and utilizing confiscated industrial assets, the new production unit of the EPE ALFAPIPE SPA, a subsidiary of the National Iron and Steel Company (SNS), was inaugurated on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, in the Battioua region of Oran Province.

The inauguration ceremony was presided over by Mr. Saifi Ghrib, Minister of Industry, accompanied by Mr. Samir Chibani, Governor of Oran Province, and the President of the Provincial People’s Assembly, along with an official delegation from the Ministry of Industry and local authorities. The official delegation was received by Mr. Tigit Arezki, CEO of the company, accompanied by his administrative staff. A detailed presentation was given on the capabilities of the industrial unit, followed by a field visit to the production facilities, particularly those for coating and pipe manufacturing. This unit has an annual production capacity of 360,000 tons of welded steel pipes. The internal and external coating unit has a capacity of 300 square meters per hour and currently employs 160 workers.

During his visit, the Minister emphasized the importance of integrating this facility into national infrastructure projects, particularly in the energy, irrigation, and seawater desalination sectors, while emphasizing the need for strict adherence to industrial safety and production quality standards. The launch of this unit represents a new strategic phase for the Alphapipe Group and reflects its unwavering commitment to supporting national industrial sovereignty and contributing to the country’s economic growth.

Rebar prices in Egypt July 7, 2025

Rebar prices in Egypt this week ranged between EGP 32,000 – EGP 38,200. The prices were as follows: Ezz Steel EGP 38,200, Suez Steel EGP 38,100, Bishay Steel EGP 37,500, El Marakby Steel EGP 36,300, Egyptian Steel EGP 38,100, Ashry Steel EGP 35,500. Garhy Steel EGP 36,000, Misr Steel EGP 33,000, El Komy Steel EGP 32,500, El Ola Steel EGP 32,000 and Al Gioshy Steel EGP 33,500.

Rebar prices compared to last week’s prices are as follows:

Company	EGP/t	Pointer	w-w
Ezz Steel	38,200	🟡	0
Suez Steel	38,100	🟡	0
Beshay Steel	37,500	🟡	0
El Marakby Steel	37,000	🟡	0
Egyptian Steel	38,100	🟡	0
Ashry Steel	35,500	🟡	0
Garhy Steel	36,000	🟡	0
Misr Steel	33,000	🟡	0
El komy Steel	32,500	🟡	0
El Ola steel	32,000	🔴	-200
Al Gioshy steel	33,500	🟡	0

Prices include 14% VAT

Gulf Area

Steel prices decline in Dubai in the first quarter of 2025 amid varying increases in building materials

Steel prices in Dubai recorded a significant decline during the first quarter of this year, while some other building materials saw slight increases, reflecting the variability in the local construction market, according to data from the Dubai Statistics Center, part of Digital Dubai.

□ Decline in Rebar Prices

The price of a ton of twisted Rebar (6-8 mm) decreased by AED 216 to AED 2,559, compared to AED 2,775 during the same period in 2024. The price of twisted Rebar (10-25 mm) also decreased by approximately AED 212 to AED 2,438, compared to AED 2,650 previously.

Some manufactured steel products recorded mixed performance, as follows:

The price of 7 mm floor steel mesh decreased by 9% to AED 76. In contrast, 6mm floor steel mesh prices rose by 4% to AED 65.72. 8mm floor steel mesh prices also jumped by 11.3% to AED 112.54.

□ Limited Increases in Concrete and Cement

Ready-mix concrete prices saw an annual increase in the first quarter, as follows:

The price of 40 Newton Ordinary Portland Concrete rose by 2% to AED 261/m³.

Salt-resistant concrete also rose by 3.2% to AED 266.8/m³.

As for cement prices:

The price of salt-resistant cement rose by 0.3% to AED 15.71 per bag (50 kg).

The price of white cement increased by the same percentage to AED 34.77 per bag.

□ Other Building Materials: Massive Declines in Sand and Bricks

Sand and brick prices saw annual declines, most notably:

White sand to AED 771 (compared to AED 790).

Black sand to AED 1,038 (compared to AED 1,103).

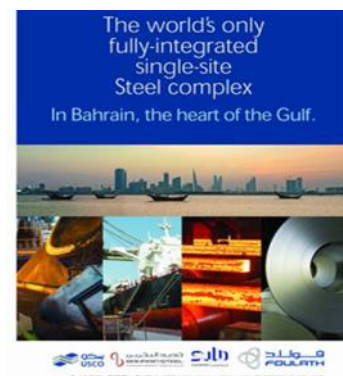
The price of solid and hollow concrete blocks of all sizes decreased, reaching a minimum of AED 2.48 per piece for a 4 cm hollow block.

These indicators reflect the resilience of the construction market in Dubai and the reduced pressure on heavy materials such as steel, due to the stability of project volumes and the balance of supply and demand. The slight increases in concrete and cement prices reflect the continued balanced demand in the real estate and infrastructure sectors.

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Steel prices in the second week of July 2025

According to the prices announced in the global steel markets, scrap prices amounted to \$347/ tonne,\$2 up compared to to last week's prices. and iron ore prices \$101/ tonne, \$3 up compared to to last week's prices.

While the prices of billets ranged between 430 – 450 Dollars per tonne, while it was between 430 – 455 dollars per tonne last week, and rebar prices ranged between 505– 540 dollars/tonne, while it was between 505 – 545 dollars per tonne last week.

The following is the **steel prices** statement in the global markets on 12 July 2025:

Product	Place	Min	Max	Date	w-0-w
ScrapHMS 1&2(mi x 80:20)	ex,USA,CFR Turkey	347	347	12/07/2025	↑ 0
Iron ore Fe 62%	CFR- Australia	101	101	12/07/2025	↑ 1
Billet	FOB Russia	430	440	12/07/2025	○ -5
	Turkey FOB	440	450	12/07/2025	↓ -5
Rebar	FOB Turkey	525	540	12/07/2025	↓ -8
	FOB Ukraine	505	525	28/06/2025	- -
Wire Rod	FOB Turkey	540	550	12/07/2025	○ -5
HR coil	FOB Russia	435	445	12/07/2025	○ -5
HR coil	FOB Russia	540	550	12/07/2025	○ -5

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Metal Exchange 12/07/2025.

Commodity	Prices \$	Commodity	Prices \$
Iron ore, 62% Fe – China -\$/t, CFR ex-Australia	101	Brent crude	70.36 ▲
Coking coal Australia \$/t, FOB	180	Natural gas	3.31 ▼
Ferrous scrap, HMS 1&2 (80:20) Turkey \$/t, CFR ex-USA	347	Gold	3,364.00 ▲
Square billet, 125-150 mm CIS \$/t, FOB	432 ▼	Silver	38.96 ▲
Rebar, 8-32 mm Turkey \$/t, FOB	535	Copper	5.60 ▲
Wire rod, 6.5 mm China \$/t, FOB	459	Aluminium	2,532.75 ▼
HRC, 3-12 mm China \$/t, FOB	456	lead	2,017.00 ▲



Iron ore hits 3-month high on hopes of steel supply cuts

Iron ore futures rose for the third consecutive session, hitting multi-month highs, supported by renewed hopes for a new wave of reforms to curb steel production, along with expectations of further stimulus measures from China, the world's largest consumer, which boosted market sentiment.

The most-traded iron ore contract for September delivery on China's Dalian Commodity Exchange rose 1.97 percent to 751 yuan (\$104.64) per metric ton by 03:18 GMT, its highest level since April 3.

The benchmark August contract on the Singapore Exchange also rose 1.96 percent to \$97.95 per ton by 03:08 GMT, its highest level since May 26.

According to Reuters, citing sources familiar with the matter, the rise in iron ore prices is driven by expectations of regulatory reforms aimed at limiting steel production, which has had a positive impact on investor confidence in the market.

Treasury Secretary: US Could Collect \$300 Billion in Tariff Revenue by 2025

Treasury Secretary Scott Besant said the United States has collected about \$100 billion in tariff revenue so far this year, and that could rise to \$300 billion by the end of the year.

Speaking at a White House Cabinet meeting, Besant added that the main revenue from the new tariffs only began to be collected during the second quarter of the year, when President Donald Trump imposed a near-total 10% tariff on US imports and increased tariffs on steel, aluminum, and autos.

"So we can expect that to be more than \$300 billion by the end of the year," Besant said.

A Treasury spokesperson said the \$300 billion target corresponds to the end of December 2025, not the end of the government's fiscal year on September 30.

Reaching \$300 billion in tariff revenue this year would mean a massive increase in collections in the coming months, and sharp and widespread increases in tariffs from current levels.

Bessant added that the Congressional Budget Office estimated that total tariff revenue would be approximately \$2.8 trillion over 10 years, "which we believe is likely low."

The Treasury Department announced record total tariff collections of \$22.8 billion in May, nearly four times the \$6.2 billion total the previous year.

This brings tariff collections for the first eight months of fiscal year 2025 to \$86.1 billion. Total collections for the first five months of fiscal year 2025 totaled \$63.4 billion.



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Germany Seeks to Develop Steel Industry and End Foreign Dependence

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz expressed his commitment to preserving the German steel industry and expressed his willingness to consider holding a so-called “steel summit” between the government and representatives of this industrial sector.

During a government question session in parliament, Merz said on Wednesday: “I do not want to see Germany dependent on steel imports from other countries, regardless of their location, whether in Europe, America, or China.”

The leader of Germany’s Christian Union added: “Germany must have its own steel industry,” according to the German news agency DPA.

Merz explained that he is in close dialogue with steel companies and that he had a lengthy discussion with the board of directors of the German metalworkers’ union IG Metall just yesterday.

Merz stated that during that conversation, the proposal to call a steel summit was again raised to him. He said: “For my part, I promised to consider this proposal in good faith, but such a summit must yield results.”

He indicated that if a result could be reached, he would actually call for such a summit.

Brazil launches AD investigation on hot-rolled stainless steel flat products from 3 countries

Brazil’s government launched an anti-dumping (AD) investigation on hot-rolled stainless steel flat products from China, India, and Indonesia, following an application filed by Aperam Inox América do Sul S.A. in October last year.

After a preliminary analysis of the documents submitted, the Secretariat of Foreign Trade (SECEX) concluded that there was sufficient evidence to demonstrate the existence of dumping, injury to the domestic industry, and a causal relationship between the two.

The period of the investigation is from July 2023 to June 2024, and the period of injury analysis is from July 2019 to June 2024.

The products involved are hot-rolled stainless steel flat products, in the form of coils or sheets, with a thickness equal to or greater than 2 mm and equal to or less than 50.8 mm.

These products are commonly classified under tariff codes 7219.11.00, 7219.12.00, 7219.13.00, 7219.14.00, 7219.21.00, 7219.22.00, 7219.23.00, 7219.24.00, 7220.11.00, 7220.12.20, and 7220.12.90 of the Mercosur Common Nomenclature (NCM).



Vietnam Imposes Hefty Anti-Dumping Tariffs on Chinese Steel Imports

Vietnam has imposed final anti-dumping duties of up to 27.83% on certain imported rolled steel from China, following the expiration of the provisional duties imposed earlier this year.

The Ministry of Industry and Trade announced that the new duties took effect on July 6 and will remain in effect for five years.

This measure follows an anti-dumping investigation the government launched in July 2024 in response to complaints from domestic producers who were incurring increasing losses due to the influx of low-priced Chinese imports that were harming competition in the domestic market.

In March 2025, the ministry imposed provisional duties on these products for 120 days, but deemed it necessary to take a permanent step to protect domestic industry.

According to the official statement, the final tariffs target several Chinese companies, including Baoshan Iron & Steel and Maanshan Iron & Steel, which will be subject to the maximum tariff rate of 27.83%.

Guangxi Liuzhou Iron & Steel Group will face a 23.1% tariff, higher than the 19.38% imposed in March.

The ministry confirmed in its statement that the domestic industry has suffered significant damage, noting that there is a direct link between this damage and dumped imports from China. It added that these measures aim to restore market balance and ensure a fair trading environment for Vietnamese producers.

Government data revealed that Vietnam imported approximately 8.8 million tons of hot-rolled steel from January to September 2024, of which nearly 72% came from China alone, demonstrating the significant impact of Chinese imports on the Vietnamese market.

This move comes at a time of heightened competition in the global steel sector, with countries increasingly imposing protective tariffs on imports amid global economic challenges and slowing growth in some industrial sectors.

For Vietnam, the steel sector is a key pillar of infrastructure and industrial growth, making it imperative to take measures to protect it from unfair competition.

The impact of the decision is expected to last for the next five years, allowing Vietnamese companies to catch their breath and enhance their production capacity in the face of dumping.

At the same time, the government will continue to monitor the market to ensure the effectiveness of current measures and to consider taking additional steps if necessary.



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Turkey's HRC exports increase by 52% in January-May 2025

In May this year, Turkey's hot rolled coil (HRC) exports amounted to 293,911 metric tons, up by 1.8% compared to April and by 45.7% year on year, according to the preliminary data provided by the Turkish Statistical Institute (TUIK).

Meanwhile, the revenue generated by these exports totaled \$172.10 million, decreasing by 0.3% compared to the previous month and increasing by 31% year on year.

In the January-May period, Turkey's HRC exports amounted to 1.30 million metric tons, up 52% , while the value of these exports increased by 30.1% to \$750.19 million, both year on year.

In the given period, Turkey's largest HRC export destination was Italy with 352,470 mt, up 53.4% year on year. Italy was followed by Spain with 245,469 mt and Portugal with 112,958 mt.

Three Arab countries were among the largest importers of HRC : Egypt with 80,858 mt, Libya with 38,961 mt, and Lebanon with 27,613 mt.



Technology

SMS group upgrades CELSA Barcelona's medium section mill with new process automation

For CELSA Barcelona's medium section mill, located in Castellbisbal, Spain, SMS group has successfully upgraded the process automation system, executing the project without interrupting ongoing production. The upgrade, culminating in the awarding of the final acceptance certificate (FAC), involved a crucial overhaul of the automation systems to maintain the mill's competitive edge and improve its operational efficiency.

Since its original design and commissioning by SMS group in 2001 and modernization in 2020, the mill, which has an annual capacity of approximately 900,000 tons, has played a crucial role in the production of high-quality long rolled products such as beams, angles, and channels for the construction industry.

The new system features an open software architecture for easy maintenance and future expansion. X-Pact® Vision webHMI, utilizing 4K screen resolution, consolidates information onto a single screen, streamlining operations and improving decision-making compared to the previous multi-screen setup.

This project demonstrates SMS's ability to deliver standardized automation systems tailored to diverse industrial needs. It ensures CELSA remains at the forefront of technological advancements, reinforcing their competitive edge in the European and US markets.

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