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### North Africa

#### Libyan Iron and Steel Company Achieves Historic Production Record by End of 2025

The Libyan Iron and Steel Company (LISCO), one of the largest industrial companies in Libya and North Africa, announced the achievement of a new historic production record by the end of 2025. Steel Plant No. 1 recorded its highest-ever output of billets, reaching 861,000 tonnes, a level never previously attained since the plant began operations.

This achievement represents a major milestone in the company's production history and reflects a significant improvement in operational performance, highlighting the efforts of management and the workforce to enhance production efficiency and optimize operating conditions.

The Libyan Iron and Steel Company is located on an area of approximately 1,200 hectares in the city of Misurata. The foundation stone was laid on 18 September 1979, while production units officially commenced operations on 9 September 1989, making the company a cornerstone of Libya's heavy industry sector.

The company has a designed liquid steel production capacity of about 1.7 million tonnes per year, utilizing direct reduction technology based on iron ore pellets and locally available natural gas. This enables LISCO to meet both domestic and regional demand for steel products.

In recent years, the company has recorded consistently rising production levels across its various units, contributing to the support of the national economy and the supply of the local market with essential steel products for construction and industrial applications.

#### SNIM Achieves a Record in Iron Ore Production in 2025

SNIM achieved a record level of iron ore production and sales in 2025, reaching around 14.7 million tonnes and surpassing the 14 million-tonne threshold for the third consecutive year, reflecting clear improvements in operational performance and sustained growth.

The company aims to increase production and sales to 15.5 million tonnes in 2026, focusing on enhancing efficiency across mining, production, and logistics, while diversifying export markets—particularly toward the Middle East—alongside continued shipments to Europe and China via the port of Nouadhibou.

As part of its long-term vision, SNIM plans to gradually expand capacity through industrial upgrades and the development of new reserves, targeting an annual production capacity of 45 million tonnes by 2031, which would further strengthen Mauritania's position in the global iron ore market and reinforce the company's key role in the national economy.



## Arcosteel plans to inject EGP 6 billion in new investments in 2026

The Arab Company for Special Steel Arcosteel, a subsidiary of El Ashry Steel Group, plans to inject new investments worth EGP 6 billion during 2026 as part of its expansion strategy to increase production capacity and strengthen its presence in both local and international markets, according to Ahmed Hammam, Managing Director of the company, speaking to *Al Borsa*.

Hammam stated that the planned investments will be directed toward adding 12 new wire drawing production lines, in addition to establishing a cold-rolled steel production line, which will contribute to product diversification and higher value-added output. He explained that Arcosteel is targeting exports of around USD 90 million by the end of the current year, through exporting approximately 100,000 tonnes of special steel (billets). He noted that Turkey and Italy account for the largest share of the company's exports, alongside other European markets including Spain, Germany, Poland, and Bulgaria, which are among the most highly competitive markets in the steel industry. Hammam pointed out that the company's strategy focuses on specialty steel used in precision industries such as automotive manufacturing, heavy equipment, and specialized engineering applications, giving Arcosteel a strong competitive edge compared with conventional steel products.

## Rebar Prices in Egypt – January 12, 2026

Rebar prices in Egypt ranged this week between EGP 30,700 and EGP 34,200 per ton.

Major producers maintained stable prices, unchanged from last week. The price of Ezz Steel remained at EGP 34,200 per ton, while Suez Steel held steady at EGP 33,700, Beshay Steel at EGP 34,000, and Elmarakby Steel at EGP 34,000 per ton. Prices also remained unchanged for Ashry Steel at EGP 33,500, Garhy Steel at EGP 33,400, while Misr Steel and Al Komy Steel both stood at EGP 31,000 per ton.

Meanwhile, Egyptians Steel recorded a price decline to EGP 34,000 per ton, down by EGP 500. In contrast, some producers implemented price increases, with Al Ola Steel rising to EGP 30,700 per ton, up EGP 700, and El Gioshy Steel increasing to EGP 31,000 per ton, up EGP 600 per ton.

Rebar prices were as follows:

Company	EGP/t	Pointer	w-w
Ezz Steel	34,200	-	0
Suez Steel	33,700	-	0
Beshay Steel	34,000	-	0
El Marakby Steel	3,4000	-	0
Egyptian Steel	34,500	▼	500-
Ashry Steel	33,500	-	0
Garhy Steel	33,400	-	0
Misr Steel	31,000	-	0
El komy Steel	31,000	-	0
El Ola steel	30,700	▲	700
Al Gioshy steel	31,000	▲	600

Prices include 14% VAT



Gulf Area

**Hadeed and Bahri sign a Letter of Intent to explore cooperation in maritime transport solutions**

Saudi Iron & Steel Company (Hadeed) and the National Shipping Company of Saudi Arabia (Bahri) have signed a letter of intent to explore opportunities for cooperation in maritime transport to meet Hadeed’s requirements for seaborne iron ore shipments. The LOI, signed in Riyadh, outlines the two parties’ intention to discuss mechanisms for leveraging Bahri’s capabilities to provide maritime transport services that support Hadeed’s needs.

The cooperation aims to explore joint opportunities between Bahri and Hadeed, including the potential development and construction of new vessels specifically designed to meet the operational and technical requirements of Hadeed’s operations within the Kingdom.

On the occasion, Bahri’s Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Ahmed Al-Subaey, said: “This cooperation represents an important step toward strengthening the national maritime transport ecosystem. At Bahri, we reaffirm our commitment to supporting supply chains and providing reliable and flexible shipping solutions that contribute to improving operational efficiency for our partners.”

For his part, Hadeed’s Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Abdulqader Al-Mubarak, stated: “Hadeed continuously works to develop its operational and logistics ecosystem, and this cooperation with Bahri is a supportive step toward securing specialized maritime transport solutions that meet our operational needs and enhance the efficiency of the industrial sector.”

This cooperation comes as part of broader efforts to strengthen industrial and operational integration and localize value chains, with Bahri serving as the Kingdom’s national maritime carrier with a global logistics presence, while Hadeed is one of the leading major national industrial companies in the iron and steel sector.

**EMSTEEL, Modon sign second MoU to explore sustainable steel solutions**

EMSTEEL and Modon have signed a strategic memorandum of understanding to explore potential collaboration on steel solutions for future developments. The partnership will assess innovative, high-yield and sustainable materials aimed at improving efficiency, performance and long-term value across projects.

This marks the second MoU between the two companies, following an agreement signed in December 2024 that positioned Modon as the first developer in the UAE to adopt low-carbon steel. EMSTEEL said the collaboration supports the UAE’s Net-Zero 2050 Strategy, including the use of green steel produced with certified renewable hydrogen from its pilot project with Masdar.

Headquartered in Abu Dhabi, EMSTEEL has a production capacity of 3.5 mln tons of steel and 4.6 mln tons of cement annually. The group exports to over 70 markets, accounting for 30pct of its sales. The company offers a diverse range of steel products, including wire rod, rebar, heavy sections, and sheet piles.



## Memorandum of Understanding Signed Between “Solb Steel” and the National Center for Industrial Development for Special Bar Quality and Round Steel Billets

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Steel Steel Company and the National Industrial Development Center to cooperate in the production of special bar quality (SBQ) and round steel billets, in line with the objectives of Saudi Arabia’s Vision 2030, which aims to localize industry and create new job opportunities.

The MoU aimed to establish a general framework for collaboration between the two parties in the production of special bar quality (SBQ) and round steel billets, with Steel Steel Company responsible for developing and operating production processes, while the National Industrial Development Center focused on enhancing knowledge and technology, as well as improving the efficiency of local production and supply chains.

The agreement covered several areas of cooperation, including coordination of regulatory requirements, exchange of technical expertise, and exploring integration opportunities in production processes, in addition to launching initiatives that contributed to increasing localization rates and providing employment opportunities in steel-related activities.

In this context, Musfer Al-Hajri, Managing Director and CEO of Steel Steel Company, stated that the MoU represented an institutional framework for collaboration in the production of special steel and round steel billets according to international and local standards. It also contributed to industrial localization and job creation, in line with the objectives of Saudi Arabia’s Vision 2030.



### World

#### Steel Prices in the Third Week of January 2026

Global iron and steel markets witnessed relative price stability during the third week of January 2026, with some price movements recorded for certain products, according to data obtained by the Arab Iron and Steel Union.

In terms of scrap and iron ore, prices for HS1&2 scrap (80:20) delivered to Turkey remained steady at \$376 per ton CFR, recording a week-on-week increase of \$5, reflecting continued Turkish demand for imported scrap. Meanwhile, 62% iron ore from Australia, delivered CFR, stabilized at \$108 per ton, with a slight weekly decline of \$1.

As for billet, prices continued to post modest gains across most markets. In Russia (FOB), billet prices ranged between \$435 and \$445 per ton, up \$5 week on week. Chinese billet FOB was priced between \$445 and \$450 per ton, marking a \$2 increase, while billet supplied to Turkey from CIS countries reached \$460–\$465 per ton CFR, up \$3 on a weekly basis.

Regarding finished products, Turkish rebar (FOB) prices rose to \$560–\$570 per ton, recording a notable weekly increase of \$8, while rebar prices from CIS countries (FOB) remained stable within the range of \$495–\$510 per ton. Turkish wire rod (FOB) prices also increased, ranging between \$565 and \$580 per ton, up \$3 week on week.

In the flat steel segment, prices for Russian hot-rolled coils (FOB) surged to \$445–\$450 per ton, achieving a sharp weekly increase of \$18, while Chinese cold-rolled coils (1 mm, FOB) remained unchanged at \$530–\$540 per ton compared to the previous week.

The following is the steel prices statement in the global markets on 10 January 2026:

Product	Place	Min	Max	Date	W-0-W	
ScrapHMS 1&2(mi x 80:20)	ex,USA,CFR Turkey	376	371	17/01/2025	▲	5
Iron ore Fe 62%	CFR- Australia	108	109	17/01/2025	▼	-1
Billet	FOB Russia	435	440	17/01/2025	▲	5
	China FOB	445	446	17/01/2025	▲	2
	Turkey FOB	560	465	17/01/2025	▲	3
Rebar	FOB Turkey	495	560	17/01/2025	▲	8
	FOB Ukraine	495	510	17/01/2025	-	0
Wire Rod	FOB Turkey	565	580	17/01/2025	▲	3
HR coil	FOB Russia	445	435	17/01/2025	▲	18
HR coil 1mm	FOB China	530	540	17/01/2025	-	0

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## Iron Ore Prices Decline in China and Singapore

Iron ore futures prices fell, heading toward weekly losses, amid weakening domestic demand for steel.

The most actively traded May iron ore contract on China's Dalian Commodity Exchange closed Friday's session down 0.5%, settling at 812 yuan (\$116.55) per ton.

Meanwhile, on the Singapore Exchange, February iron ore futures declined by 1% to trade at \$106 per ton as of 2:27 p.m. Mecca time.

Data released by Mysteel on January 15 showed that total imported iron ore inventories at major Chinese ports rose for the eighth consecutive week, reaching a record high of 165.6 million tons.

At the same time, steel mill inventories fell by 2.1% week on week, while iron ore trading volumes at ports dropped by 20.3% compared with the previous week, according to Reuters.

## China's Steel Exports Hit Record High Despite Global Pressures

China's steel exports surged to an unprecedented level last month, capping a record-breaking year in which shipments defied mounting trade pressures and expectations of a slowdown. Data released by China's General Administration of Customs showed that steel product exports rose to 11.3 million tonnes in December, surpassing the all-time high previously recorded in 2015.

On an annual basis, China's total steel exports increased by 7.5% year-on-year to around 119 million tonnes last year, marking a new historic record, according to Germany's dpa news agency.

The strong performance came despite a global wave of protectionist measures, including the imposition of anti-dumping duties on Chinese products in several markets. Nevertheless, Chinese steelmakers managed to navigate these constraints by shifting toward markets with fewer barriers—particularly in the Middle East—and by increasing exports of semi-finished products that are not subject to the same restrictions.

Exports helped offset weaker domestic steel demand in China, as the prolonged property sector crisis continues to weigh on the market. Uncertainty remains over whether Beijing's recent efforts to curb exports—most notably a new steel export licensing system—will meaningfully restrain growth this year or merely represent an administrative adjustment.

He Jianhui, an analyst at SDIC Futures Consulting, said that seasonal weakness in domestic demand boosted exports in December, while exporters also accelerated shipments ahead of the implementation of the new licensing regime. He expects the impact of the licensing system to be limited, noting that overseas buyers are likely to absorb the costs given already low domestic steel prices.

## Iron Ore Imports

Meanwhile, China's imports of iron ore—the key raw material for steelmaking—also reached record levels last year. Iron ore imports rose by 1.8% to a historic high of about 1.26 billion tonnes, marking the third consecutive year of growth, according to customs data.

However, the build-up of iron ore inventories at ports has become more pronounced in recent months, indicating that demand from steel mills has begun to soften. In terms of prices, iron ore futures in Singapore were steady at \$108.3 per tonne at 1:33 p.m. local time, while yuan-denominated futures in Dalian and steel futures in Shanghai recorded gains.



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## India's Rolled Steel Exports Rise 33% in April-December 2025

India's rolled steel exports recorded strong growth of 33% year-on-year during the period from April to December 2025, reaching around 4.8 million tonnes in the first nine months of the 2025/2026 fiscal year, according to preliminary government data cited by Reuters.

During the same period, rolled steel imports totaled approximately 4.65 million tonnes. Total steel production in the country reached about 123.9 million tonnes between January and April, while rolled steel output amounted to around 117.6 million tonnes in the first nine months of the current fiscal year, compared with consumption of 119.3 million tonnes.

On the policy front, the Indian government introduced safeguard duties at the end of 2025 on certain steel products for a three-year period, aiming to curb low-priced imports, particularly from China. The duties are set at 12% in the first year, 11.5% in the second year, and 11% in the third year. Imports from some developing countries and special steel products, such as stainless steel, are exempt, while shipments from China, Vietnam, and Nepal are subject to the measures.

India's Ministry of Steel has repeatedly emphasized its commitment to protecting the domestic steel industry from the impact of cheap and low-quality imports. Earlier, in April 2025, the government had imposed a temporary 12% import duty for 200 days. Meanwhile, India continues to expand its steelmaking capacity, having reached an annual capacity of 205 million tonnes in the 2024/2025 fiscal year, and is steadily moving toward its strategic target of 300 million tonnes per year by 2030/2031.

## ArcelorMittal invested €245 million in decarbonization in France over 10 years

ArcelorMittal Méditerranée has invested nearly €245 million in environmental and ecological projects at its sites in France from 2014 to 2024, according to agronews.ua.

The company managed to reduce the overall environmental impact of production by approximately 71%, particularly in indicators such as nitrogen and sulfur oxide emissions, dust, and dioxins.

One of the key elements of the strategy was the modernization of steel production at the Fos-sur-Mer plant. The introduction of a ladle furnace played a significant role, being the first major investment project at the site in the field of decarbonization.

The investment in the facility amounted to €76 million. The project received state support of €15 million under the France Relance program. By 2025, this made it possible to reduce CO2 emissions by almost 10%.

By more actively using scrap metal in production, the company reduced the consumption of liquid iron per ton of steel, which helped to cut CO2 emissions by approximately 400,000 tons per year based on the current production level. ArcelorMittal Méditerranée is developing infrastructure for scrap reception and preparation, making it a key element of the circular economy.

At the same time, the company is preparing for the next stage of transformation – the electric arc furnace project, which is currently under development. This step is seen as strategic in the context of strengthening the EU's climate policy and the future full implementation of the CBAM mechanism.

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## Turkey's HRC imports up 10.1% in Jan-Nov 2025

In November last year, Turkey's hot rolled coil (HRC) imports amounted to 397,772 metric tons, up by 26.6% compared to October and up by 8.6% year on year, according to preliminary data provided by the Turkish Statistical Institute (TUIK).

Meanwhile, the value of these imports totaled \$210.81 million, increasing by 24.8% compared to the previous month and by 3.2% year on year

In the first eleven months of 2025, Turkey's HRC imports amounted to 3.64 million MT, up 10.1%, while the value of these imports fell by 5.3% to \$1.98 billion, both year on year.

During the given period, Turkey's largest HRC import source was China, which supplied 1.31 million MT, down 18.6% year on year.

China was followed by Russia with 888,917 MT, up 103.3%, and Egypt with 420,515 MT, down 26.0%, both compared to the same period last year



### Technology

#### Voestalpine Tasks Primetals Technologies with Automation Upgrade of Pickling and Cold Mill

Primetals Technologies is implementing a software upgrade across the entire Level 1 and Level 2 process control systems at voestalpine stahl's BETA 2 pickling line and tandem cold mill (PLTCM) in Linz, Austria. This upgrade will strengthen IT security, increase system availability, and ensure that the PLTCM meets the latest standards in automation. Commissioning is scheduled for mid-2026.

The project includes upgrading to the latest Siemens PCS7 version, integrating various third-party packages into a unified PCS7 project, and migrating the process automation system to new Windows and Oracle environments.

#### Enhanced Reliability and Availability

The BETA 2 line produces high-strength and ultra-high-strength steels for the automotive, household appliance, and construction industries, as well as electrical steel. The modernization will improve operational reliability and ensure long-term compatibility with the latest hardware and software.

To maximize system availability and streamline software maintenance, all automation engineering systems will be integrated into voestalpine's virtualization environment. This approach will streamline operations and maintenance for staff working across multiple lines.

#### A Strong, Ongoing Partnership

Primetals Technologies was selected for this project due to its proven track record with voestalpine, including a major upgrade of the BETA 3 cold rolling mill and a 2013 project involving new pickling tanks and a complete electrics and automation upgrade at BETA 2. The two companies are also collaborating on several major iron- and steelmaking projects, such as the HYFOR and Smelter hydrogen-based industrial-scale demonstration plant and the implementation of a 180-ton EAF Ultimate electric arc furnace, all located in Linz.

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