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Partnership Agreement Between Algerian Steel Company and AQS for Billet Supply

As part of efforts to strengthen cooperation between the two companies, Algerian Steel Company (formerly Sider El Hadjar) and the Algerian Qatari Steel Company (AQS) have taken a new step toward industrial integration through an official field visit.

The visit was led by Mr. Khaladi Houari Miloud, CEO of the Sider Industrial Group, accompanied by Mr. Belili Massoud, CEO of Algerian Steel. They were received by Mr. Chaib Sebti, Deputy General Manager of AQS. The delegation toured various production units within the company.

Following the site visit, a working meeting was held to explore ways to enhance mutual cooperation. The meeting concluded with the signing of a partnership agreement, under which AQS will supply semi-finished products (billets) to Algerian Steel, which will in turn process them into final products.

This agreement represents a strategic milestone in the industrial cooperation between the two companies, aiming to strengthen their relationship, open up new horizons for joint production and integration, and positively contribute to the Algerian economy by creating added value in both the industrial and commercial sectors.

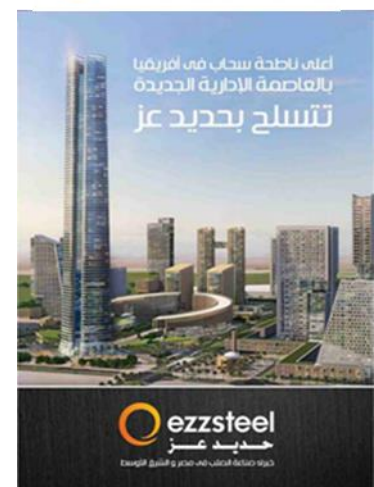
Rebar prices in Egypt July 19, 2025

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 32,300, 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	32,300	🔴	-200
El Ola steel	32,000	🟡	0
Al Gioshy steel	33,500	🟡	0

Prices include 14% VAT



Egypt's iron and steel exports decline by 15% in 5 months

Egypt's iron and steel exports declined by 15% during the first five months of 2025, recording approximately \$801 million, compared to \$938 million in the same period last year, according to data from the General Organization for Export and Import Control.

The data showed a significant decline in exports to the US and Turkish markets, which together represent nearly a quarter of the sector's total exports. Exports to the US fell by 26% to \$72.5 million, compared to \$97.7 million in the same period of 2024, while exports to Turkey declined by 19%, recording \$119.6 million, compared to \$148.5 million.

According to Rami Saleh, CEO of Business Development, Marketing, Sustainability, and Export at El Marakby Steel, the US threat to impose new tariffs since the beginning of this year has negatively impacted exports. This situation worsened with the implementation of these tariffs last June, when the US tariff on steel imports increased from 25% to 50%, implementing a previous decision.

Saleh told Al Arabiya Business that the anti-dumping case announced by the US Department of Commerce against steel imports from Egypt and three other countries also contributed to the decline in exports, especially of rebar (lengths) to the United States, which he described as "almost non-existent."

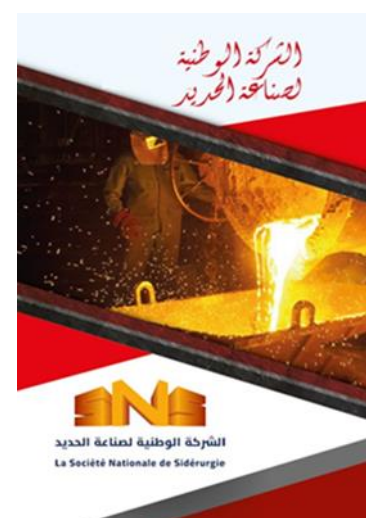
In the same context, Samir Noman, a member of the Export Council for Building Materials and Metal Industries, attributed the decline in exports to Turkey to the economic recession in Europe due to the ongoing Russian-Ukrainian war, which has made it difficult to maintain normal export levels to Ankara.

Despite the challenges, the data revealed record increases in Egyptian steel exports to several alternative markets. Brazil topped the list of countries with the highest growth in its imports of Egyptian steel, increasing 286% to \$71.4 million, followed by India, whose imports jumped 559% to \$26.7 million.

Egyptian steel exports to Saudi Arabia also increased by 57% to \$54.9 million, Lebanon by 292% to \$43.4 million, and Sudan by 179% to \$34.6 million. Exports to Kenya increased by 439% to \$34.5 million, and Libya by 60% to \$27.4 million.

A source in the Building Materials Export Council explained that the expansion into alternative markets is part of a plan to compensate for lost exports to the United States and Turkey, noting that the council is currently focusing on opening new export channels in Latin America, India, and some Arab and African countries.

Mr. Rami Saleh considered the Brazilian market to be one of the most prominent opportunities for Egyptian steel at the present time, especially in light of European restrictions such as the "quota" and the decline in export opportunities to the United States. He also noted that some Balkan countries and Albania offer limited export opportunities, although competition there is difficult due to the absence of customs duties on imports from other countries.



Gulf Area

Al Jazeera Steel profits amounted to 4.12 million riyals (+60%) in H1 2025

Al Jazeera Steel Company, which operates in the iron pipes industry, reported profits of OMR 4.12 million (33 baisas per share) by the end of the first half of 2025, compared to profits of OMR 2.57 million achieved in the same period in 2024, as shown in the following table:

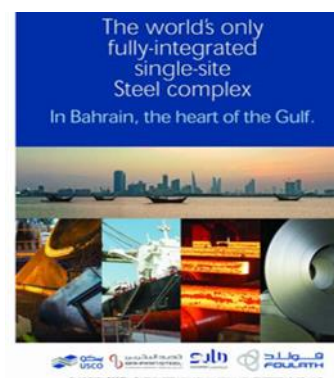
Income Statement

Period	Q1 2024	Q1 2025	Change
Revenue (OMR Million)	69.98	76.56	9.4 %
Net Income (OMR Million)	2.57	4.12	+60.5 %
Average Number of Shares (Million)	124.90	124.90	—
Earnings per Share (Baisa/Share)	20.56	33.00	+60.5 %

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Steel prices in the third 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 \$102/ tonne, \$1cup compared to to last week's prices.

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

The following is the **steel prices** statement in the global markets on 19 July 2025:

Product	Place	Min	Max	Date	w-0-w
ScrapHMS 1&2(mi x 80:20)	ex,USA,CFR Turkey	347	347	19/07/2025	0
Iron ore Fe 62%	CFR- Australia	101	101	19/07/2025	1
Billet	FOB Russia	430	440	19/07/2025	0
	Turkey FOB	445	455	19/07/2025	5
Rebar	FOB Turkey	530	540	19/07/2025	3
	FOB Ukraine	505	525	28/06/2025	-
Wire Rod	FOB Turkey	545	550	19/07/2025	3
HR coil	FOB Russia	435	445	19/07/2025	0
HR coil	FOB Russia	540	550	19/07/2025	0

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Commodity	Prices \$	Commodity	Prices \$
Iron ore, 62% Fe – China -\$/t, CFR ex-Australia	102.25 ▲	Brent crude	68.47 ▼
Coking coal Australia \$/t, FOB	180 -	Natural gas	3.58 ▲
Ferrous scrap, HMS 1&2 (80:20) Turkey \$/t, CFR ex-USA	347 ▼	Gold	3,328.30 ▼
Square billet, 125-150 mm CIS \$/t, FOB	432 -	Silver	37.77 ▼
Rebar, 8-32 mm Turkey \$/t, FOB	535 -	Copper	5.51 ▼
Wire rod, 6.5 mm China \$/t, FOB	460 ▲	Aluminium	2,564.50 ▼
HRC, 3-12 mm China \$/t, FOB	463 ▲	lead	1,973.00 ▼



Iron ore futures rise as China-Australia relations improve

Iron ore futures rose, driven by improved relations between the largest producer, Australia, and its largest consumer, China, although gains were capped by ongoing concerns about the weakness of China's property sector.

The most-traded iron ore contract for September delivery on China's Dalian Commodity Exchange rose 1.11% to 773.5 yuan (\$107.71) per tonne by 03:03 GMT.

The benchmark August contract on the Singapore Exchange rose 0.84% to \$99.75 per tonne.

This came after a meeting in Beijing between Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Chinese President Xi Jinping, where the two sides agreed to launch a "new policy dialogue on decarbonizing the steel industry," giving Australia a clearer view of the Chinese government's plans in this area.

Albanese also indicated that the free trade agreement signed a decade ago between China and Australia, Australia's largest trading partner, would be reviewed.

Since Australia's exports to China are dominated by iron ore, Albanese was accompanied on his visit by executives from major mining companies such as Rio Tinto, BHP, and Fortescue, who met with Chinese steel industry officials.

Rio Tinto, the world's largest iron ore producer, reported a 13% increase in shipments quarter-on-quarter and its strongest second-quarter production since 2018.

Brokerage firm Galaxy Futures said that steel demand in the manufacturing sector remains strong, and expectations of supportive government measures on the supply side also contributed to the upward movement in prices.

However, weak fundamentals continue to weigh on market sentiment. Amid the ongoing slowdown in China's property market, crude steel production in June fell 9.2% year-on-year, making the first-half of the year the weakest since 2020.

ANZ analysts noted in a note that this decline has weakened the positive momentum that had been building in recent weeks due to signs of strong demand.

On the Dalian Stock Exchange, other steel components declined, with metallurgical coal falling 0.6% and coking coal falling 0.96%.

On the Shanghai Futures Exchange, most steel indices declined, with rebar falling 0.26%, hot-rolled coils falling 0.25%, wire rod falling 0.09%, and stainless steel rising 0.12%.



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China's steel exports up 9.2% in H1 2025

In the January-June period this year, China's finished steel exports amounted to 58.147 million mt, up 9.2% year on year, according to the latest data released by China's General Administration of Customs (GACC).

If the current monthly export volumes continue until the end of the year, total finished steel exports from China in 2025 may reach as high as 116 million mt, exceeding expectations, which were for around 100 million mt in late 2024.

In the given period, China's finished steel imports amounted to 3.023 million mt, down 16.4% year on year

But increasing protectionism globally may hit Chinese steel exports in the second half of the year, while the size of any decrease will depend highly on the situation in the domestic market and on production cuts.

In June, China's finished steel exports totaled 9.678 million metric tons, down 8.5% month on month, while up 10.7% year on year.


In the same month, China's finished steel imports totaled 470,000 metric tons, down 2.3% month on month, while down 17.5% year on year

Since July 7, Vietnam has imposed anti-dumping tariffs on ex-China HRC, with the rate ranging from 23.1% to 27.83%, effective for five years. Last week, Vietnam and the United States reached a tariff agreement, including a 40% tariff on re-exports.

The two moves announced by Vietnam will hit China's steel exports hard, both directly and indirectly, as Vietnam is not only China's largest direct market for steel but also the biggest indirect exporter of its steel products

Due to slack demand in the traditional off-season, rebar and HRC in the Chinese domestic market have come under strong pressure from increasing inventories, which will reduce steelmakers' profitability, likely negatively affecting production activities.

Steelmakers will implement maintenance works at blast furnaces against the backdrop of environmental production restrictions and the official parade in September.




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US steel imports rise 19.6% in May 2025

US steel imports increased 19.6% month-on-month in May 2025, reaching 2.26 million tons, according to preliminary data from the US Department of Commerce. Despite this increase, imports declined 12.9% year-on-year.

The total value of steel imports reached \$2.39 billion, compared to \$2.19 billion in April and \$3.13 billion in May of the previous year. The main sources of US steel imports in April were Canada (367.6 thousand tons), Brazil (363.5 thousand tons), South Korea (283.5 thousand tons), Mexico (271.3 thousand tons), Germany (97.5 thousand tons), and Vietnam (88.4 thousand tons).

Imports were distributed by product category as follows:

Product	May 2025 (thousand tons)	April 2025 (thousand tons)	May 2024 (thousand tons)
Semi-finished	627.6	412.5	546.6
Flat	735.9	652.7	1,012.1
Long	340.3	318.9	487.7
Pipes	460.7	419.3	450.2

The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported that the share of imports in the domestic market reached 20%, unchanged from April.

Nippon Steel Plans to Double Its US Steel Production in 5 Years

Eiji Hashimoto, Chairman and CEO of Japan's Nippon Steel, revealed the company's plan to double its steel production in the United States within three to five years in an interview with the Yomiuri Shimbun newspaper.

The company aims to achieve this growth by increasing production efficiency at US Steel, which Nippon Steel acquired in June of this year. As part of this strategy, Nippon Steel plans to invest \$11 billion through 2028 to modernize US Steel's aging infrastructure and production facilities.

The Japanese company also seeks to enhance the quality of US products by introducing advanced manufacturing technologies, including high-performance electrical steel sheets, which are particularly used in electric vehicle motors. Regarding the US government's "golden stake" in US Steel—which gives it veto power over key management decisions—Hashimoto confirmed he was not concerned, noting that the US administration's drive to revive the manufacturing sector aligns with Nippon Steel's vision and global strategy.

Nippon Steel also plans to increase its global steel production from the current 58 million tons to 100 million tons through expansions in several key markets. These expansions include its joint venture with ArcelorMittal in India, where one of the world's largest steel mills is planned. It also plans to more than double the production capacity of US Steel's facilities in Slovakia, along with new investments in Thailand.

These steps aim to strengthen the company's position in the global market and position it as the world's leading steel producer. In a related context, Hashimoto expressed concern about the impact of cheap Chinese steel exports on global markets.



India reviews plans to impose tariffs in response to US measures on steel and aluminum

The Indian Finance Ministry announced that New Delhi is considering a proposal to impose tariffs in response to the US tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, under World Trade Organization rules.

India informed the WTO that the tariffs imposed by the Trump administration have hurt Indian exports by \$7.6 billion, indicating that the tariffs it may impose on targeted US goods will amount to \$3.82 billion.

This position comes in response to the US decision to double tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from 25% to 50%. India confirms that it reserves the right to adjust the list of eligible goods and tariff rates as the situation evolves.

India's response may include suspending certain trade concessions or commitments by raising tariffs on specific US products.

Last May, India proposed imposing similar tariffs on some US goods, as permitted by World Trade Organization rules, to counter the negative impact of US tariffs on the metals sector. At the time, it indicated that the tariffs imposed on its imports of US metal products amounted to approximately \$1.91 billion.

This move comes amid ongoing trade negotiations between the two sides. An Indian delegation is expected to visit Washington, D.C., next week, where talks will include interim and long-term strategic trade agreements.

In a related development, trade data showed that India's imports of rolled products declined by 27.6% year-on-year during April and May of the 2025/26 fiscal year, reaching 0.9 million tons. Rolled steel exports also declined by 18.1% during the same period, reaching 0.8 million tons, with Belgium topping the list of India's largest steel importers.

Iron ore prices rise to two-month high

Iron ore futures prices rose, driven by Beijing's intention to reduce excess industrial capacity as part of its efforts to improve steel companies' profit margins. Expectations of new incentives to support the real estate sector also boosted demand prospects in China.

On Thursday, the September iron ore contract on the Dalian Exchange rose 1.3% to 781.5 yuan (\$108.87) per ton.

On the Singapore Exchange, September iron ore futures rose 0.5% to \$100.65 per ton at 8:32 a.m. Mecca time, the highest level since May, according to Bloomberg.

Economic data showed that China's steel production recorded its largest decline in ten months in June, falling 9.2% year-on-year to 83.2 million tons. This makes total production in the first half of the year the weakest since 2020.





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Two Chinese and Indian companies selected Danieli Breda steel extrusion technology

To address the increasing demand of the market for stainless steel and Corrosion Resistance Alloy (CRA) pipes, mainly for oil and gas, chemical, food processing, and automotive applications, two companies relied on Danieli for their investments.

Chinese company Zhejiang Jiuli Hi-Tech Metals reconfirmed its trust in Danieli Breda by ordering a new, 20-MN steel extrusion plant capable of producing seamless stainless-steel pipes with diameters ranging from 33 to 68 mm and wall thicknesses from 3 to 8 mm. This order follows those for a 35-MN steel extrusion press and its upgrading to 42 MN.

In India, Stella Metal & Tubes awarded Danieli Breda the order for a 20-MN steel extrusion plant to be installed in the Gujarat state, in the western part of India.

Seamless stainless-steel pipes produced by Stella Metal & Tubes will range from 33 to 68 mm dia, and wall thicknesses from 3 to 8 mm, according to market request.

Both plants will feature intensive use of robotic solutions for management of tools and the other critical phases of the cycle. Automated control of tool sizes will be implemented using 3D vision systems. The temperature of billets and extruded tubes at press exit also will be monitored and controlled to minimize process parameter fluctuations and collect data for process visualization, post-processing analysis and optimization.

This will allow a high level of process stability and therefore to maintain the highest product quality, with extrusion cycles taking place in less than 60 seconds.

With equipment manufactured at Danieli quality workshops, both plants are expected to be commissioned in 2026.





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