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### **AISU Implements the “Rebar and Wire Rod Rolling Technology” program in cooperation with Ezz Steel.**

As part of the objectives of the Arab Iron and Steel Union to support human development and enhance skills in the iron and steel sector among Arab steel companies, the Arab Iron and Steel Union, in cooperation with Ezz Steel, is implementing the third program in a series of joint training programs entitled “Rebar and Wire Rod Rolling Technology”, held from 14 to 25 December 2025.

The program witnessed the participation of a distinguished group of technical professionals from member companies, including Emsteel, Qatar Steel, Bahrain Steel, Saudi Steel, the Libyan Iron and Steel Company, and El-Fouladh Tunisia.

The program offers an integrated training curriculum that combines theoretical knowledge with practical application, covering the following key areas:

- Orientation and occupational safety, including an overview of rebar and wire rod rolling mills.
- Fundamentals of rolling technology, covering rolling lines, their components and functions, and roll pass design.
- Reheating furnaces, focusing on operating principles, in addition to field visits to reheating furnaces at rebar and wire rod mills.
- Thermo-mechanical processes in bar and wire rod mills, including Quenching and Tempering (QTB) systems.
- Operating lines and areas, including rebar and wire rod rolling lines, rolling mill workshops and equipment, and non-twisting block units.
- Finishing facilities for rebar and wire rod products.
- Troubleshooting in rolling lines, along with an introduction to overhead crane systems.
- Quality and testing, including long product quality and the role of central laboratories.
- Maintenance, through an overview of the integrated maintenance system, the central repair workshop, and participation in maintenance day activities in accordance with the monthly plan.

The organization of these programs falls within the Arab Iron and Steel Union’s strategy to strengthen the technical and technological capabilities of professionals in the iron and steel sector across Arab countries, through specialized training programs conducted at Ezz Steel’s facilities in the Arab Republic of Egypt. These programs address strategic topics, including direct reduction technologies, melting plant concepts, rebar and wire rod rolling, as well as hydraulic and pneumatic applications in the steel industry.

This program represents the third phase in a series of joint training initiatives between the Union and Ezz Steel, with more advanced programs planned for the coming period. This reflects the joint commitment to developing technical and managerial skills, enhancing cooperation, and promoting the exchange of expertise among member companies, thereby contributing to improving the regional and international competitiveness of the Arab iron and steel industry.



### North Africa

#### Sonarem Group and Tosyali Algeria Materialize a Strategic Partnership to Develop the Gara Djebilet Mine

The CEO of Sonarem Group, Reda Belhaj, received in Algiers the Vice President of Tosyali Algeria, Alp Topkocoglu, as part of the implementation of the major strategic partnership between Sonarem Group—through its subsidiary, the Algerian Iron and Steel Company (FERAL)—and Tosyali Algeria to develop the Gara Djebilet mine, according to a statement issued by the group.

The statement noted that, through this ambitious partnership, both parties reaffirmed their commitment to a shared vision reflecting mutual trust and future aspirations, positioning the Gara Djebilet mine as a strategic mining and industrial hub at both regional and international levels.

It added that the meeting, attended by executives from both sides, represented an important milestone in reaffirming the strength of cooperation and partnership relations, as well as the shared determination to elevate bilateral cooperation to advanced strategic levels, particularly in the mining and downstream industrial sectors.

The statement further explained that the meeting comes within the framework of implementing the project of a joint venture specialized in processing iron ore at the Gara Djebilet mine. It also referred to the convening of the constituent general assembly of this company, which aims to produce iron concentrate with an initial production capacity of 4 million tons per year, using the latest phosphorus removal processing technologies.

The statement concluded by noting that the project constitutes “a cornerstone of the national strategy to valorize mineral resources, consolidate industrial sovereignty, enhance industrial integration and technology transfer, in addition to creating real added value and supporting the national economy through partnerships based on efficiency and sustainability.”

#### Egypt: Customs extends export duty on stainless steel scrap for one year

The Egyptian Customs Authority, headed by Ahmed Amoui, has issued Tariff Circular No. 67 of 2025 regarding the implementation of the decision of the Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade No. 530 of 2025, which provides for the continuation of the export duty imposed on scrap and waste of stainless steel alloys, classified under customs tariff heading (7204.21).

Under the decision, an export duty of EGP 9,000 per ton will continue to be levied for a period of one year, starting from the expiry date of the previous decision. The measure aims to regulate exports of this strategic product and support the needs of the domestic market.

The decision clarified that the export duty applies to shipments exported abroad, while excluding consignments destined for free zones within the Arab Republic of Egypt, provided that the competent authorities ensure implementation in accordance with the applicable rules and procedures.

The tariff circular also noted that the decision is based on the laws and regulations governing exports, without prejudice to the rights of the relevant supervisory authorities, and stressed the need to notify all customs outlets and export centers to comply with its provisions.

The decision aims to rationalize the export of stainless steel scrap and ensure its availability for local industries, amid growing demand for this material as a key input in steel production.



## Rebar Prices in Egypt – December 15, 2025

Rebar prices in Egypt ranged this week between EGP 31,200 and EGP 34,200 per ton.

Major producers maintained stable prices compared to the previous week. Ezz Steel held steady at EGP 34,200 per ton, Suez Steel at EGP 33,700, Beshay Steel at EGP 34,000, and El Marakby Steel at EGP 34,000. Egyptian Steel also kept its price unchanged at EGP 34,500, while Ashry Steel remained at EGP 33,500, Garhy Steel at EGP 33,400, Misr Steel at EGP 31,600, and El Komy Steel at EGP 31,500.

In contrast, El Ola Steel recorded a price of EGP 30,800, down by EGP 400, while Al Gioshy Steel declined by EGP 300 to EGP 31,200 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	34,000	-	0
Egyptian Steel	34,500	-	0
Ashry Steel	33,500	-	0
Garhy Steel	33,400	-	0
Misr Steel	31,600	-	0
El komy Steel	31,500	-	0
El Ola steel	30,800	▼	400-
Al Gioshy steel	31,200	▼	300-

Prices include 14% VAT



Gulf Area

**Oman: Green Hydrogen Drives the Production of 2.5 Million Tons of Low-Carbon Steel in Duqm**

The Amena Energy Consortium has signed a strategic memorandum of understanding with Meranti Green Steel to supply green hydrogen for a major industrial project aimed at producing low-carbon iron in the Special Economic Zone at Duqm, with an annual capacity of 2.5 million tons. This step marks an important milestone in Oman’s journey toward carbon neutrality and represents a practical implementation of plans to channel clean hydrogen into heavy industries, strengthening domestic demand while keeping pace with the expected expansion of renewable energy production by 2030.

The project is underpinned by large-scale infrastructure. The Amena consortium has allocated an area of 320 square kilometers to develop a facility capable of producing approximately 200,000 tons of green hydrogen per year, supported by renewable power plants with a combined capacity of around 4.5 GW, as part of the government’s first auction for integrated hydrogen projects. Meanwhile, Meranti plans to build a hot briquetted iron (HBI) plant in Duqm, leveraging the regulatory framework and national energy infrastructure.

The partnership aims to establish an integrated value chain linking green hydrogen production with industrial use, enabling the supply of competitively priced, low-carbon iron products to global markets. The agreement reflects a shared vision to advance industrial decarbonization, support the energy transition, and create new investment and employment opportunities, reinforcing Oman’s position as a regional hub for sustainable industries.

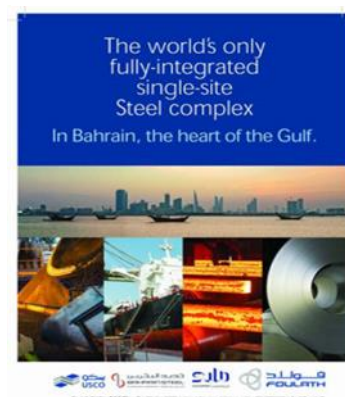
**EMSTEEL supplies low-carbon sheet piles for UK rail infrastructure project**

EMSTEEL, one of the region’s largest publicly listed steel and building materials companies, said its low-carbon sheet piles were used in one of the UK’s major rail infrastructure projects, supporting the expansion of Oxford Railway Station through its UK partner, Sheet Piling (UK) Limited.

The sustainable sheet piles were installed as part of a GBP 161 mln (USD 215 mln), multi-stage upgrade led by main contractor Kier and Network Rail. The foundations were used to form retaining walls for bridge and underpass expansion works, enabling the addition of a new fifth platform and higher service frequency at the station.

According to contractor, Sheet Piling (UK) Limited, the sheet piles were integrated with existing retaining structures and installed in carefully coordinated shifts to minimize disruption. Track sections were temporarily removed to allow piling works, before being reinstated within scheduled possession windows. All works were completed on time without delays, the company said.

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.



## World

### Steel prices in the third week of December 2025

Global steel markets recorded limited price fluctuations during the third week of December 2025, according to data obtained by the Arab Iron and Steel Union.

Imported 2&HS1 steel scrap (80:20 mix) from the United States to Turkey remained stable at USD 369 per tonne CFR, with no week-on-week change. Meanwhile, the price of 62% iron ore shipped from Australia rose to USD 106 per tonne CFR, marking a USD 2 weekly increase.

In contrast, billet prices declined. Russian billet prices fell to USD 430–440 per tonne FOB, down USD 2, while Chinese billet prices increased to USD 435 per tonne FOB, up USD 3. Turkish billet prices (ex-CIS, CFR) remained stable within the range of USD 455–460 per tonne.

Rebar prices came under downward pressure, with Turkish rebar falling to USD 555–570 per tonne FOB, recording a weekly decline of USD 8. Meanwhile, rebar prices from CIS countries stabilized at USD 495–510 per tonne FOB.

In addition, Turkish wire rod prices declined to USD 565–580 per tonne FOB, down USD 13. Russian hot-rolled flat steel prices remained unchanged at USD 425–435 per tonne FOB.

On the other hand, cold-rolled coil (1 mm) prices from China increased to USD 520–535 per tonne FOB, up USD 8.

The following is the steel prices statement in the global markets on 20 December 2025:

Product	Place	Min	Max	Date	W-0- W	
ScrapHMS 1&2(mi x 80:20)	ex,USA,CFR Turkey	369	369	20/12/2025	-	0
Iron ore Fe 62%	CFR- Australia	106	106	20/12/2025	▲	2
Billet	FOB Russia	430	440	20/12/2025	▼	-2
	China FOB	435	435	20/12/2025	▲	3
	Turkey FOB	455	460	20/12/2025	-	0
Rebar	FOB Turkey	555	570	20/12/2025	▼	-8
	FOB Ukraine	495	510	20/12/2025	-	0
Wire Rod	FOB Turkey	565	580	20/12/2025	▼	-13
HR coil	FOB Russia	425	435	20/12/2025	-	0
HR coil 1mm	FOB China	520	535	20/12/2025	▲	8

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## Metal Exchange 20/12/2025

Commodity	Prices \$	Commodity	Prices \$
Iron ore, 62% Fe – China -\$/t, CFR ex-Australia	105.75 ▲	Brent crude	60.47 ▲
Coking coal Australia \$/t, FOB	217.3 -	Natural gas	3.98 ▲
Ferrous scrap, HMS 1&2 (80:20) Turkey \$/t, CFR ex-USA	369 ▲	Gold	4,387.30 ▲
Square billet, 125-150 mm CIS \$/t, FOB	435 ▼	Silver	67.14 ▲
Rebar, 8-32 mm Turkey \$/t, FOB	560 ▼	Copper	5.51 ▲
Wire rod, 6.5 mm China \$/t, FOB	468 -	Aluminium	2,962.50 ▲
HRC, 3-12 mm China \$/t, FOB	468 ▼	lead	1,983.00 ▲

## India: Iron ore and pellet exports jump 27 percent month-on-month in November 2025

India's iron ore and pellet exports rose sharply in November, climbing 27.2 percent month-on-month to 2.76 million metric tons (MT), supported by a rise in overseas buying interest. The volumes comprised 2.51 million MT of fines and lumps (up from 1.96 million MT) and 250,000 MT of pellets (210,000 MT last month).

On a year-on-year basis, exports surged 51.6 percent, while cumulative shipments for 11M CY25 reached 37.75 million MT, up 5 percent compared with the same period last year

The rise was driven by several factors coming together. A shift in seaborne benchmark trades from Fe 62 percent to Fe 61 percent made Indian material more competitive, while firmer prices and steady overseas inquiries helped keep trade active. Miners led export volumes during the month, often securing premiums for single-mine cargoes. November also saw some movement in lump cargoes, mainly shipped by exporters from the West Coast.

This is the highest export figure so far in this financial year; earlier it was last seen in March 2025 with 3.13 million MT. China remained the largest importer with 1.79 million MT, followed by Malaysia with 110,000 MT.

Major exporters Rungta Mines and the Vedanta Group were the leading exporters in November, and their export volumes increased significantly this month. The export tender for fines received a positive response, despite the narrowed discount for low-grade fines in the sea market.



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## Canadian Prime Minister: No Near-Term Deal with the U.S. on Steel Tariffs

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said that his country is unlikely to reach an agreement with the United States in the near term to reduce tariffs on sectors such as steel and aluminum.

Carney explained that negotiations to lower tariffs on certain sectors will be integrated into talks over the United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement (USMCA), making a quick agreement unlikely.

He added that Canada is prepared to resume trade talks on lumber products, after former U.S. President Donald Trump imposed tariffs of around 45% on Canadian lumber imports, a move that drew criticism from U.S. construction companies.

It is worth noting that President Trump suspended trade talks with Canada last October following a dispute over television broadcasts in Ontario that quoted statements by former U.S. President Ronald Reagan opposing tariffs.

## Ukraine's semi-finished steel exports decline by 30.5% in January–November

Ukrainian steel companies recorded a significant drop in exports of semi-finished steel products during the January–November 2025 period. Export volumes fell by 30.5% compared with the same period of 2024, reaching approximately 1.22 million tons, according to data from the State Customs Service and analysis by the GMK Center.

Bulgaria ranked as the leading destination for these exports, with total shipments of 426.64 thousand tons, despite a year-on-year decline of 21.5%. Turkey followed with around 205.66 thousand tons, showing virtually no change year-on-year, while Poland imported 249.42 thousand tons. By contrast, exports to Egypt dropped sharply to just 99.26 thousand tons, representing a 71.3% decrease compared with the previous year.

On a monthly basis, exports in November reached about 145.81 thousand tons, up 5.8% compared with October and marking a strong year-on-year increase of 62.4% compared with November 2024.

In terms of revenues, export earnings from semi-finished steel products declined by 33.2% year-on-year in the first eleven months of the year to \$581.09 million. However, November saw a notable improvement, with revenues rising by 8.6% month-on-month and by 60.7% year-on-year to \$68.13 million.

In 2024, Ukraine achieved strong growth in semi-finished steel exports, which rose to 1.89 million tons from 1.2 million tons in 2023, an increase of 56.7%.

This growth was attributed to the resumption of maritime shipments to distant markets, particularly Egypt, which imported 356.17 thousand tons, posting an exceptional year-on-year surge of 1,233%. Bulgaria's imports reached 595.02 thousand tons, up 30%, while shipments to Turkey totaled 215.76 thousand tons.



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## US Rebar Imports Decline by 40.8% in August

According to preliminary data from the US Census Bureau under the Department of Commerce, US rebar imports totaled 36,016 mt in August this year, down 40.8% month on month and 43.1% year on year.

In value terms, rebar imports amounted to \$19.7 million in August, compared with \$33.0 million in July and \$41.4 million in August last year.

Bulgaria was the largest supplier of rebar to the US in August, with imports totaling 13,481 mt, compared with 15,544 mt in August last year. Other major sources of rebar imports in August included South Korea with 8,136 mt, Vietnam with 7,736 mt, and Egypt with 4,107 mt.

## China's Crude Steel Output Drops Below 70 Million Tons in November

China's crude steel production recorded a notable decline in November 2025, falling below 70 million tons to its lowest monthly level so far this year. According to data from China's National Bureau of Statistics, crude steel output reached 69.87 million tons, down 10.9% year on year and 2.96% month on month.

Pig iron production totaled 62.34 million tons, marking a 8.7% year-on-year decline, while finished steel output stood at 115.91 million tons, down 2.6% year on year. The monthly drop was driven by production cuts in several provinces aimed at curbing pollution and meeting annual production targets.

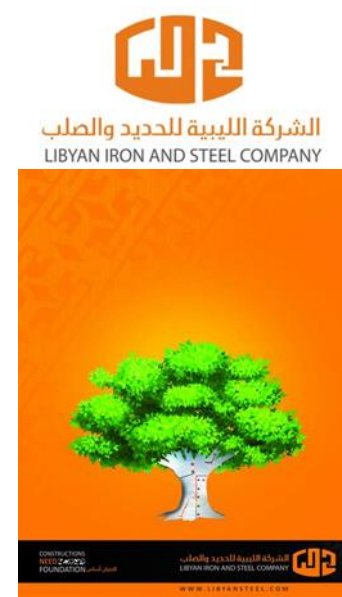
For the January–November 2025 period, China's total crude steel output amounted to 891.67 million tons, representing a 4.0% year-on-year decrease, while pig iron production fell 2.3% to 774.05 million tons. In contrast, finished steel output increased 4.0% year on year to 1.33277 billion tons, indicating resilient demand for downstream steel products despite production restrictions.

## Oil Prices Fall to Their Lowest Level in 4 Years

Oil prices declined at settlement on Tuesday, December 16, to their lowest levels since February 2021, amid ongoing concerns over excess supply and growing expectations of a potential peace agreement between Russia and Ukraine, which has reinforced forecasts of a possible easing of sanctions imposed on Moscow.

Brent crude futures fell by \$1.64, or about 2.71%, to settle at \$58.92 per barrel. Meanwhile, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude declined to \$55.27 per barrel, down \$1.55, or 2.73%. U.S. crude has fallen by around 23% since the beginning of the year, marking its worst annual performance since 2018, while Brent crude has dropped by about 21%, recording its weakest year since 2020.

The oil market has come under pressure this year as members of the OPEC+ alliance ramped up production rapidly after years of supply cuts. Investors are also factoring in the possibility of reduced geopolitical risks, as U.S. President Donald Trump has been pressing Ukraine to accept a peace agreement with Russia.



#### JSW Steel collaborates with SMS Group to start up the world's first RH ladle rocker with fast vessel exchange

JSW Vijayanagar Metallics Ltd. (JVML), a subsidiary of JSW Steel Ltd., one of India's leading integrated steel producers, has commissioned a new 350-ton Ruhrstahl Heraeus (RH) unit from SMS group at Vijayanagar Works Steel Plant 4 in Toranagallu, India. This installation marks the world's first operational combination of an RH Ladle Rocker with Fast Vessel Exchange (FvE), representing a major advancement in secondary metallurgy and plant efficiency.

The facility enables JVML to produce various grades of high-quality steel for demanding industries, including construction, infrastructure, manufacturing, automotive and energy. The unique RH configuration provides significantly higher process effectiveness, safety and throughput compared to conventional installations. The total production capacity is three million tons per annum (mtpa).

The RH vacuum treatment yields cleaner steel with superior mechanical properties. JVML's RH plant features both a Ladle Rocker for controlled lifting and tilting of the ladle, and a proven FvE system. This combination delivers substantial strategic and operational improvements, including greater production flexibility, through reduced exchange times, longer vessel lifetimes and faster grade changes.

By merging the ergonomic and accessibility advantages of the Ladle Rocker with the rapid handling capabilities of the FvE system, the plant enhances safety while reducing maintenance requirements. The FvE system shortens exchange cycles and reduces idle time, enabling higher annual output without a proportional increase in manpower or footprint.

Additionally, the installation of an on-top ferro-silicon (FeSi) bunker increases on-site alloy availability. This prevents charging interruptions and shortens process times for electric steel production, leading to higher process stability and improved yields.

Nikhil Agashe, Vice President of JSW Steel, highlighted the advantages: "The new 350-ton RH unit with Fast Vessel Exchange represents a step change in our production capability and grade flexibility. It integrates seamlessly into JVML Steel Plant 4 and maximizes our operational efficiency, while improving safety and maintainability. SMS group's solution directly supports our commitment to delivering higher-quality steel to our customers."

Christina Godolt, Contract Manager at SMS group, commented: "Commissioning the world's first 350-ton RH Ladle Rocker combined with FvE is a proud moment for us and our partnership with JSW Steel. This technology milestone underscores SMS group's engineering leadership while offering clear, quantifiable benefits for our customer in terms of plant effectiveness, lifecycle costs and safety. We are delighted by JSW Steel's longstanding trust in our secondary metallurgy plants and look forward to extending these gains across future projects."

JSW Steel and SMS group previously collaborated on the company's first 350-ton RH unit at Dolvi Works in 2023, followed by a second unit in 2024. Based on the demonstrated performance of these installations, JSW Steel chose to equip all RH units at Vijayanagar Works Steel Plant 4 with SMS group's 350-ton Ladle Rocker FvE solution. This decision reinforces JSW Steel's strategic position in the Indian market and expands its capacity to produce premium-quality steel.



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