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### Arab Iron and Steel Union trains a group from Ezz Dekheila Steel in maintenance management

As part of the Arab Iron and Steel Union's objectives to promote human development and enhance skills in the iron and steel sector, the Union trained a group of technicians from Ezz Dekheila Steel through the "Maintenance Management Systems" training program. The program covers the following topics:

- The concept of maintenance systems management
- Maintenance organizations
- The concept of an integrated maintenance system
- The concept of preventive maintenance
- Methods of implementing preventive maintenance
- Computer-based practical examples
- Maintenance measurement
- Factors for the success of maintenance programs

Training is a key objective of the Union, which aims to enhance the capabilities and expertise of human resources, including engineers and technicians, in the iron and steel industry and develop them through various training programs organized by the Union in technical, organizational, and administrative fields.

The Union has implemented a number of training courses in cooperation with Arab institutions and organizations, benefiting thousands of employees from major steel companies in the Arab world.



### North Africa

#### Rebar prices in Egypt, May 19, 2025

Rebar prices in Egypt this week ranged between EGP 33,700 – 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 32,500.

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	↓	700-
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	⊖	0
Al Gioshy steel	32,500	↑	500

Prices include 14% VAT

#### Egypt: Iron and Steel Mines Company's Profits Jump 281.4% in 9 Months

The Iron and Steel Mines and Quarries Company recorded a jump in profits during the first nine months of the current fiscal year, with a growth rate of 281.42% year-on-year.

The company stated in a statement to the Egyptian Exchange that it achieved a net profit after taxes of EGP 431.96 million during the period from July to the end of March 2025, compared to EGP 113.25 million during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Revenues also jumped to EGP 834.72 million, compared to EGP 252.58 million in the same period, reflecting a significant improvement in operational performance.

The first-half results for the fiscal year previously revealed a net profit of EGP 154.91 million, compared to EGP 73.77 million in the same period in 2023, with revenues growing to EGP 312.47 million compared to EGP 167.22 million.

These results reflect a positive trend in the company's performance, supported by increased production and improved operational efficiency.

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### Gulf Area

#### Saudi Arabia: Rebar Prices Increase by 2.3% in January-April 2025

The rebar market in Saudi Arabia witnessed a slight increase in prices during the period January-April 2025, recording a 2.3% increase compared to the same period last year, according to data from the General Authority for Statistics.

According to the official report, the average price per ton of rebar during the months of January-April of this year was approximately 2,951.14 riyals, compared to 2,883.40 riyals during the same period in 2024, a difference ranging between 50 and 80 riyals per ton.

Despite this increase compared to last year, prices have remained relatively stable on a monthly basis, with minor changes recorded between January and April 2025, as shown in the following table:

Month	2025	2024	Change
January	2,961.57	2,878.09	2.9%
February	2,958.90	2,883.31	2.6%
March	2,945.73	2,885.91	2.1%
April	2,938.36	2,886.27	1.8%
Average	2,951.14	2,883.40	2.3%

#### Aldar and Emsteel Collaborate to Promote Sustainable Steel Use

Aldar Group has announced that it will become the first real estate developer in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region to use rebar manufactured using green hydrogen in a development project. The rebar, which will be locally sourced from Emsteel Group, one of the largest listed steel and building materials companies in the region, will significantly reduce carbon emissions during the construction of Abu Dhabi's first zero-emission mosque on Yas Island's Sustainable City. The mosque, which spans 1,595 square meters and can accommodate over 850 worshippers, is aiming for carbon neutrality certification from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system.

Aldar will work to achieve net-zero carbon emissions during construction and operations by using clean energy sources and low-carbon building materials, including rebar manufactured using green hydrogen through low-emission manufacturing processes. The partnership between Aldar and Emsteel aims to support innovation in the construction sector and accelerate the transition to sustainable construction. The two companies' collaboration also contributes to stimulating demand for sustainable materials in the region and achieving mutual value by redistributing benefits across the national economy as part of the In-Country Value Added program.

Steel is the second largest source of carbon emissions in the construction sector after concrete, contributing approximately 20% of total building emissions. Steel manufactured using green hydrogen can reduce these emissions by up to 95% compared to conventional steel. The partnership was announced during the "Make in UAE 2025" event, dedicated to supporting the country's rapidly growing industrial sector, in the presence of Talal Al Dhiyebi, Group CEO of Aldar Properties, and Saeed Ghumran Al Romaihi, Group CEO of Emsteel.



## Emsteel Expands Production Lines at AED 625 Million

Saeed Ghumran Al Rumaithi, CEO of Emsteel Group, said that the group is serving as the metals and manufacturing sector partner for the 2025 edition of the forum, supporting the national industrial strategy.

Al Rumaithi revealed that the group is expanding its production lines to supply the market with new steel products at a cost of AED 625 million. This expansion is expected to be completed by the end of 2027.

In statements to the media, he explained that Emsteel contributes 10% of Abu Dhabi's total industrial production and 60% of the UAE's steel production. It also invests approximately AED 3.5 billion in local procurement as part of the local content program.

Al Rumaithi said, "The group plays a pivotal role in developing national capabilities and achieving self-sufficiency in the supply chain. It is also participating in the "300 Billion Project" to enhance the national strategy for industry and advanced technology in the UAE."

Al Rumaithi stated that the group invested AED 3.5 billion in local procurement, in collaboration with 1,365 suppliers within the UAE.

He said, "In 2024, 48.2% of total procurement was secured from local sources."

Regarding Emsteel's efforts to consolidate its position in sustainable industrial practices, Al Rumaithi explained, "The group operates with a carbon intensity 45% lower than the global steel sector average and is the first plant in the region to produce green steel using hydrogen from a solar-powered pilot plant."

Regarding the achievements that enhance Emsteel's role in industrial growth, he said, "Spending on innovation and investment increased by 127% between 2020 and 2024, and the launch of an AED 625 million asset enhancement program to expand production capacities. The first phase includes the production of high-strength rebars and advanced heavy sections, while the second phase focuses on special alloy bars."

## NMDC Energy and Al Gharbia Pipe Company Sign MoU to Boost Steel Pipe Manufacturing in UAE

NMDC Energy, a leading provider of engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) services to offshore and onshore energy customers, announced the signing of a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Abu Dhabi-based Al Gharbia Pipe Company to explore opportunities to accelerate steel pipe production within the UAE, in line with growing local and regional demand.

Al Gharbia Pipe Company is a leading global manufacturer of longitudinally submerged arc welded steel pipes, distinguished by its technological advancements and among the first manufacturers to adopt the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) applications in its operations.

This partnership is an extension of the "Make in the UAE" objectives aimed at driving industrial development in the country and represents a new model for effective integration between key players in the UAE's industrial and energy sectors.

On this occasion, Engineer Ahmed Salem Al Dhaheri, CEO of NMDC Energy, said: "As a leading company operating in strategic sectors, we are keen to explore synergistic opportunities that will develop practical solutions that meet the changing requirements of these vital industries."



## World

### Steel prices in the fourth week of May 2025

According to the prices announced in the global steel markets, scrap prices amounted to \$347/ tonne, unchanged compared to last week's prices. and iron ore prices \$99/ tonne, \$2 down compared to last week's prices.

While the prices of billets ranged between 420 – 455 Dollars per tonne, while it was between 420– 450 dollars per tonne last week, and rebar prices ranged between 505– 565 dollars/tonne, while it was between 505 – 565 dollars per tonne last week.

The following is the **steel prices** statement in the global markets on 24 May 2025:

Product	Place	Min	Max	Date	w-0-w
ScrapHMS 1&2(mi x 80:20)	ex,USA,CFR Turkey	347	347	24/05/2025	0
Iron ore Fe 62%	CFR- Australia	99	99	24/05/2025	-2
Billet	FOB Russia	420	430	24/05/2025	0
	Turkey FOB	445	455	24/05/2025	0
Rebar	FOB Turkey	555	565	24/05/2025	3
	FOB Ukraine	505	525	24/05/2025	0
Wire Rod	FOB Turkey	565	575	24/05/2025	5
HR coil	FOB Russia	445	450	24/05/2025	0
HR coil	FOB Russia	525	535	24/05/2025	-10

### Trump Gives Green Light to Nippon Steel-US Steel Merger

In a move aimed at strengthening domestic industry and stimulating the job market, US President Donald Trump announced his approval of a strategic partnership between Japan's Nippon Steel and US Steel to produce steel in the United States.

Trump explained in a post on Truth Social on Friday that this deal will contribute to the creation of at least 70,000 jobs and inject \$14 billion into the US economy over the coming period.

The former president indicated that the bulk of this ambitious project will be implemented within the next 14 months, adding that US Steel's headquarters will remain in Pittsburgh, reinforcing the symbolism of preserving America's industrial identity in one of the most prestigious steel cities.

The deal represents further evidence of the return of economic policies focused on domestic manufacturing and demonstrates that Washington seeks to strengthen its production infrastructure by attracting foreign investment to the US in strategic sectors such as the steel industry.





**Top 10 steel-producing countries**

Country	Apr 2025 (Mt)	% change Apr 25/24	Jan-Apr 2025 (Mt)	% change 25/24
China	86	0	345.4	0.4
India	12.9	5.6	53.2	6.9
Japan	6.6	-6.4	27	-5.3
United States	6.6	-0.3	26.4	0
Russia	5.8	-5.1	23.4	-4.5
South Korea	5	-2.5	20.5	-3.4
Türkiye	3	7	12.3	-1
Germany	3	-10.1	11.4	-11.9
Brazil	2.6	-3.1	11	-0.3
Iran	3.3	4.6	10.6	-8

**China's crude steel production fell 7% in April, m-o-m**

In April this year, China's outputs of pig iron, crude steel, and finished steel totaled 72.58 million mt, 86.02 million mt, and 125.09 million mt, increasing by 0.7%, remaining stable, and rising by 6.6%, respectively, all on a year-on-year basis, as announced by China's National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

Nevertheless, compared to March, crude steel production in April fell by 7%, or 6.82 million mt, which is well above the expectations of market sources, as most major mills kept their production stable or further increased it in the first half of the month.

In the January-April period of this year, China's outputs of pig iron, crude steel, and finished steel totaled 288.85 million mt, 345.35 million mt, and 480.21 million mt, increasing by 0.8%, 0.4%, and 6% year on year, respectively.

In early May (May 1-10) of this year, the average aggregate daily crude steel output of large and medium-sized steel enterprises in China—all CISA members—totaled 2.205 million mt, up 0.2% compared to late April (April 21-30) of this year, as announced by the China Iron and Steel Association (CISA).



## Tata Steel completes 5 MT expansion project at Kalinganagar

Tata Steel has completed Phase II of its expansion project at Kalinganagar in Odisha, increasing the plant's crude steel capacity from 3 to 8 mln tons per annum. This brings the company's total steelmaking capacity in India to 26.1 mln tons per year.

The upgraded Kalinganagar facility features advanced technologies focused on sustainability, efficiency, and future-ready manufacturing. Tata Steel plans to cater to high-growth sectors such as automotive, infrastructure, power, shipbuilding, and defence with advanced high-strength steels from the plant.

At the heart of the expansion is the country's largest blast furnace, with a volume of 5,870 m<sup>3</sup>. It includes four top combustion stoves, a first in India, and two preheating stoves to enhance fuel efficiency and support eco-friendly steel production.

Other major additions under Phase II include a pellet plant, coke plant, and cold rolling mill, all designed with cutting-edge technologies and sustainable practices.

## India increased steel exports by 12% y/y in April

India's steel exports increased by 11.7% year-on-year – to 725.54 thousand tons in April this year. Compared to March, these volumes decreased by 2.7%, according to BigMint. In April, the country reduced supplies to the United States and Saudi Arabia, but increased exports to the EU, reaching a 13-month high of more than 358 thousand tons (+33% m/m).

Total exports of flat products from India in the period amounted to 556.5 thousand tons (+1% m/m), the highest since March 2024. Shipments of semi-finished products increased by 30% month-on-month to 78.64 kt, while long products fell by 32% m/m – to 90.4 kt. All figures include stainless steel. Exports of hot-rolled coils (excluding stainless steel) in April decreased by 12% compared to March, to 130.6 thousand tons.

Indian steel exports in April were affected by a number of factors. First, the EU import quota was renewed at the beginning of the new quarter. This led to a sharp increase in supplies to the bloc, as Indian producers redirected their products away from the Middle East due to low demand. India's exports to the US are also restricted by US steel tariffs. Overall, the impact of the duties on Indian steel supplies to this market is expected to be minimal, given that they are generally limited. However, in January-March, India shipped about 80 thousand tons of steel to the United States, compared to about 20 thousand tons in the previous months, probably because buyers increased their supplies in anticipation of the tariffs.

In addition, the global export market continues to be dominated by China, which continues to pursue its aggressive pricing strategy.

India recently imposed a temporary 12% safeguard duty on certain steel imports. It will be in effect for 200 days (from April 21, 2025), unless it is lifted, replaced or amended earlier. These measures are aimed at protecting the country's steelmakers from the negative impact of a sharp increase in imports and will ensure fair competition in the market.



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## China's steel bar exports increase by 48.1% in January-April 2025

In the January-April period this year, China's exports of steel bars totaled 5.71 million mt, up 48.1% year on year, while wire rod exports amounted to 940,000 mt, up 10.8% year on year, according to the Chinese customs authorities.

At the same time, China's export volumes of angles/channels came to 2.22 million mt in the given period, increasing by 22.9% year on year

In April alone, China's exports of steel bars, wire rods, and angles/channels amounted to 1.59 million mt, 280,000 mt, and 590,000 mt, up 47.1%, 18.3%, and 18.9% year on year, while decreasing by 4.2%, rising by 3.7%, and declining by 4.8% month on month, respectively.

## US steel imports up 11.6% in March 2025

According to preliminary census data from the US Department of Commerce, US monthly steel imports in March this year were up 11.6% from February and down 0.6% year on year to total 2,271,358 metric tons.

In terms of value, US steel imports in March totaled \$2.61 billion, compared to \$2.30 billion in February and \$2.77 billion in March last year.

Top sources for US steel imports in March include: Canada with 448,626 mt, Brazil with 389,380 mt, Mexico with 352,899 mt, South Korea with 229,327 mt, Taiwan with 106,049 mt, and Germany with 104,371 mt.

By product group, semi-finished imports totaled 596,974 mt in March, up from 543,846 mt in February and 447,657 mt in March last year.

Flat product imports totaled 777,041 mt in March, up from 736,460 mt in February and down from 951,174 mt in March 2024.

Long product imports totaled 368,415 mt in March, up from 353,306 mt in February and down from 409,234 mt in March last year.

Pipe and tube imports amounted to 425,938 mt in March, up from 317,909 mt in February and 399,460 mt in March 2024.

According to the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), the share of imports in the US steel market in March 2025 was estimated at 21% , compared to 25% in February



## Japan's Nippon Steel Raises Bid to \$14 Billion to Save US Steel Deal

Amid political pressure and national security concerns, Japan's Nippon Steel has raised its investment offer to \$14 billion in a desperate bid to secure US approval for its acquisition of US Steel, the venerable company founded in 1901 and an industrial icon in the electorally vital state of Pennsylvania.

According to a document reviewed by Reuters and three sources familiar with the plan, the Japanese plan includes a new \$4 billion steel mill and an \$11 billion investment in US Steel's infrastructure through 2028, including \$1 billion for a new site that could later expand to \$3 billion.

This offer comes after the \$14.9 billion deal faced rare political resistance from both Presidents Joe Biden and Donald Trump amid national bidding wars over the future of American industry. The deal, originally announced in December 2023, was Nippon Steel's attempt to capitalize on the expected momentum for the U.S. steel sector thanks to the bipartisan infrastructure bill.

But from the outset, it ran into a wall of political uncertainty, especially with the presidential election approaching and Pennsylvania's importance as a competitive arena.

President Biden blocked the deal last January, citing national security concerns, prompting both companies to file lawsuits challenging the administration's decision. Now, Nippon Steel is putting its cards on the table again with the Trump administration, which has begun a new review of the deal, which will run until May 21, with the former president having 15 days to make his decision.

In this context, analysts believe that increasing the investment from \$1.4 billion to \$14 billion, which includes the construction of a new plant and maintaining the company's headquarters in Pennsylvania, may be enough to change Trump's position, who had previously expressed conditional openness to the deal.

But uncertainty remains, especially since Trump has publicly expressed his preference for U.S. Steel to remain fully American. Even while welcoming Japanese "investment," he indicated the possibility of allowing only a minority stake for Nippon Steel.

Nippon Steel Vice President Takahiro Mori visited Washington last week to lobby American officials and help push through the deal.

The question remains: Will this massive financial injection and the new steel plant be enough to convince Trump and his supporters? Or will U.S. Steel's symbolism trump any numbers?





  
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