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### North Africa

#### Rebar prices in Egypt April 22, 2025

Rebar prices in Egypt this week ranged between EGP 34,500 – EGP 38,200. The prices were as follows: Ezz Steel EGP 38,200, Suez Steel EGP 38,100, Bishay Steel EGP 38,200, El Marakby Steel EGP 37,000, Egyptian Steel EGP 38,100, Ashry Steel EGP 35,500. Garhy Steel EGP 36,000, Misr Steel EGP 35,500, El Komy Steel EGP 34,500, El Ola Steel EGP 34,500 and Al Gioshy Steel EGP 35,000.

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	38,200	⊖	0
El Marakby Steel	37,000	⊖	0
Egyptian Steel	38,100	⊖	0
Ashry Steel	35,500	⊖	0
Garhy Steel	36,000	⊖	0
Misr Steel	35,500	⊖	0
El komy Steel	34,500	↓	-700
El Ola steel	34,500	↓	-500
Al Gioshy steel	35,000	↓	-1000

Prices include 14% VAT



### Gulf Area

#### **Al Gharbia Pipe Company Produces 500,000 Tons Since Commencing Operations in Abu Dhabi**

Abu Dhabi-based Al Gharbia Pipe Company has announced a major industrial milestone, achieving a total production exceeding 500,000 tons of steel pipes since commencing operations in 2019 at its facility located in the Khalifa Industrial Zone Abu Dhabi (KIZAD).

This achievement reflects Al Gharbia's reliance on advanced technologies, including artificial intelligence, and underscores its commitment to effectively contributing to the support and development of the country's industrial sector. This success is also in line with the objectives of the "Project 300 Billion" strategy launched by the Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology, which aims to support the adoption of advanced technology, localize production, and strengthen international partnerships.

Noritsugu Mifune, Acting CEO of Al Gharbia Pipe Company, said: "The UAE has made remarkable progress in diversifying its economy by developing strategic sectors such as industry. At Al Gharbia, we draw inspiration from the country's vision to promote the use of advanced technology across various sectors."

Mifune added: "We are extremely proud of achieving this milestone of 500,000 tons of production, which is the result of our continued investments in advanced technologies and the efforts of our dedicated team, and confirms our determination to support the development of the industrial sector in the UAE."



## World

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

According to the prices announced in the global steel markets, scrap prices amounted to \$324/ tonne, \$24 down compared to last week's prices. and iron ore prices \$99/ tonne, \$2 up compared to last week's prices.

While the prices of billets ranged between 420 – 450 Dollars per tonne, while it was between 430 – 460 dollars per tonne last week, and rebar prices ranged between 510 – 550 dollars/tonne, while it was between 515 – 565 dollars per tonne last week.

The following is the steel prices statement in the global markets on 26 April 2025:

Product	Place	Min	Max	Date	w-0-w
ScrapHMS 1&2(mi x 8020)	ex,USA,CFR Turkey	324	324	26/04/2025	↓ -24
Iron ore Fe 62%	CFR- Australia	99	99	26/04/2025	↑ 2
Billet	FOB Russia	420	435	26/04/2025	↓ -8
	Turkey FOB	440	450	26/04/2025	↓ -10
Rebar	FOB Turkey	540	550	26/04/2025	↓ -18
	FOB Ukraine	510	530	26/03/2025	↓ -3
Wire Rod	FOB Turkey	550	560	26/04/2025	↓ -10
HR coil	FOB Russia	445	455	26/04/2025	↓ -8
HR coil	FOB Russia	425	435	26/04/2025	↓ -5

### India Imposes 12% Tariff on Some Steel Imports

India, the world's second-largest producer of crude steel, has imposed a temporary 12% tariff on some steel imports to curb a surge in cheap shipments from China.

The Indian Finance Ministry announced that the safeguard tariffs will be in effect for 200 days starting Monday unless they are revoked, replaced, or modified.

Indian Steel Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said in a statement that the measure aims to protect domestic steel manufacturers from the adverse effects of rising imports and will ensure fair competition in the market.

The tariffs target China, which was India's second-largest steel exporter after South Korea in 2024. India is a net importer of finished steel for the second consecutive year, with shipments reaching a nine-year high of 9.5 million tons.



## world crude steel production increased by 2.9% in March 2025

World crude steel production for the 69 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 166.1 million tonnes (Mt) in March 2025, a 2.9% increase compared to March 2024.

Africa produced 1.9 Mt in March 2025, up 0.6% on March 2024. Asia and Oceania produced 123.6 Mt, up 3.9%.

The EU (27) produced 11.7 Mt, up 0.2%. Europe, Other produced 3.6 Mt, down 7.2%. The Middle East produced 5.3 Mt, up 1.9%.

North America produced 9.2 Mt, up 1.4%. Russia & other CIS + Ukraine produced 7.1 Mt, down 3.5%. South America produced 3.7 Mt, up 6.5

### Crude steel production by region

Area	Mar 2025 (Mt)	% change Mar 25/24	Jan-Mar 2025 (Mt)	% change Jan-Mar 25/24
Africa	1.9	0.6	5.7	1.4
Asia and Oceania	123.6	3.9	348.8	0.5
EU (27)	11.7	0.2	32.4	-2.5
Europe, Other	3.6	-7.2	10.5	-8.1
Middle East	5.3	1.9	13.3	-8.0
North America	9.2	1.4	26.9	0.0
Russia & other CIS + Ukraine	7.1	-3.5	20.5	-2.6
South America	3.7	6.5	10.5	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>166.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>468.6</b>	<b>-0.4</b>

China produced 92.8 Mt in March 2025, up 4.6% on March 2024. India produced 13.8 Mt, up 7.0%. Japan produced 7.2 Mt, up 0.2%. The United States produced 6.7 Mt, down 1.5%.

Russia is estimated to have produced 6.2 Mt, down 3.2%. South Korea produced 5.0 Mt, down 5.3%.

Türkiye produced 3.1 Mt, down 2.8%. Germany is estimated to have produced 3.1 Mt, down 11.7%. Brazil produced 2.9 Mt, up 6.6%. Iran produced 3.3 Mt, up 3.7%.



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## Top 10 steel-producing countries

Country	Mar 2025 (Mt)	% change Mar 25/24	Jan-Mar 2025 (Mt)	% change Jan-Mar 25/24
China	92.8	4.6	259.3	0.6
India	13.8	7.0	40.1	6.8
Japan	7.2	0.2	20.4	-4.9
United States	6.7	-1.5	19.7	-0.6
Russia	6.2e	-3.2	17.7	-3.8
South Korea	5.0	-5.3	15.5	-3.6
Türkiye	3.1	-2.8	9.3	-3.4
Germany	3.1e	-11.7	8.5	-12.6
Brazil	2.9	6.6	8.5	2.8
Iran	3.3	3.7	7.3	-12.8

### American Steelworkers Union Rejects Nippon Steel's Acquisition of U.S. Steel

The United Steelworkers union informed Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent that it remains categorically opposed to Nippon Steel's \$15 billion bid for U.S. Steel or any deal that would give Nippon influence over the company.

USW President David McCall told Bessent in a letter sent late yesterday that the union does not believe any mitigating measures offered during the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States' preliminary review of the deal addressed its deep economic and security concerns. "We remain categorically opposed to Nippon Steel's acquisition of U.S. Steel," McCall said.

McCall added that the union's concerns have intensified since former President Joe Biden blocked the deal in January, noting that Nippon has continued practices that have fueled excess capacity in global markets, including through the 1 million tons of production capacity it maintains in China through joint ventures.

He explained that the US Department of Commerce this month imposed a preliminary 205 percent tariff on Nippon Steel in a previous administrative review of non-directional electrical steel from Japan.

McCall reported that Nippon Steel also appeared willing to divest from some US Steel assets and had not committed in various meetings to maintaining production at its plants in Mon Valley, Pennsylvania, and elsewhere.



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## Indian Steel Minister: Coke Imports to Reach 160 Million Tons by 2030

India's steel minister said coke imports will accelerate due to limited availability of the key steelmaking ingredient amid increased steel production capacity.

Steel Minister Sandeep Pundrik explained that coke imports will reach 160 million tons by 2030, compared to about 58 million tons currently.

Coke imports declined 0.7% year-on-year in fiscal 2025 due to lower shipments from Australia and the United States, despite increased steel production.

Pundrik said earlier this week that India is on track to achieve its target of expanding steel production capacity to 300 million tons by 2030.

The country's steel production reached 151.1 million tons in fiscal 2025, with total steel production capacity reaching 200 million tons.

The minister pointed out that the problem of adding steel production capacity in the country is related to logistics, adding that the preferred mode of transportation for steel, which is in high demand across the country, is railways because it is cheaper than road transport.

Bundrick noted that the concentration of major steel mills in the states of Odisha and Karnataka poses a problem due to railway congestion.

Major Indian steel companies, such as Tata Steel, JSW Steel, and Jindal Steel, have plants in Odisha.

## US CRC Exports and Imports Decline in February 2025

According to export data from the US Department of Commerce, US exports of cold rolled coils totaled 48,412 mt in February this year, down 34.9% month on month and down 19.2% year on year.

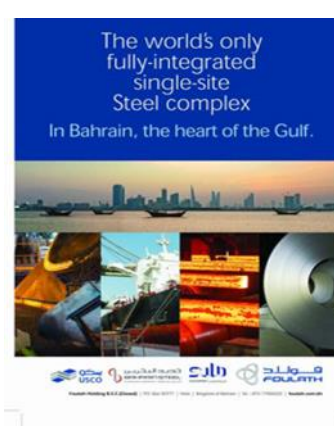
By value, CRC exports totaled \$64.2 million in February, compared to \$89.2 million in the previous month and \$78.1 million in the same month last year.

The US shipped the most CRC to Mexico in February with 32,112 mt, compared to 55,523 mt in January and 42,144 mt in February last year. The other top destination was Canada with 15,958 mt.

US imports of cold rolled coil also declined. US imports of cold rolled coil totaled 102,110 mt in February this year, down 29.1% month on month and down 7.5% year on year.

By value, CRC imports totaled \$106.3 million in February this year, compared to \$139.9 million in January and \$127.4 million in February last year.

The US imported the most CRC from Canada in February with 39,027 mt, compared to 47,417 mt in January and 47,339 mt in February last year.



## POSCO Invests in Hyundai Steel's US Steel Mill Project

POSCO Group, a leading South Korean steelmaker, said it will invest in Hyundai Steel's US steel mill project as part of its strategy to address the comprehensive tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump on steel imports.

According to a press release, POSCO signed a memorandum of understanding with Hyundai Motor Group to participate in Hyundai Steel's US plant and enhance cooperation in the steel and rechargeable battery sectors.

POSCO President Lee Ju-tae said in the statement: "Through the partnership, POSCO will be able to find solutions for sustainable growth across its businesses, from steel to rechargeable batteries, by leveraging commercial synergies amid global trade pressures and a changing paradigm."

Last month, Hyundai Steel unveiled plans to invest \$5.8 billion to build an integrated electric arc furnace steel plant in Louisiana by 2029, with production scheduled to begin that year.

The 2.7 million-ton-per-year plant is expected to supply not only Hyundai Motor and Kia, but also other automakers in the United States, the world's most important automotive market.

POSCO's investment decision came after the Trump administration began imposing 25% tariffs on all steel and aluminum imports in mid-March.

POSCO previously said it was "actively considering" investing in its U.S. steel production operations, with equity participation being one of several options under review. "We have not yet determined the size of our stake in the plant project. Discussions will begin soon to determine the investment percentage and other relevant matters," according to a company spokesperson.

In a recent letter to employees, POSCO Chairman Chang In-hwa emphasized the importance of global expansion.

"With a sense of crisis that the company could fall behind if we don't act quickly, we must invest in steel mills in fast-growing, high-margin regions, such as the United States and India, to achieve significant results," he said.

POSCO expects the MOU to deepen its five-decade partnership with Hyundai Motor Group. POSCO is a major supplier of steel used in the automotive industry. Under the initial agreement, POSCO will supply steel produced at the new Louisiana plant to customers in the United States and Mexico and will collaborate with Hyundai on developing materials for rechargeable batteries to support future mobility solutions, according to the company.

In North America, POSCO operates a steel processing center in the United States and a steel processing facility and an automotive steel plant in Mexico.

Hyundai Motor Group is expanding its partnerships with global suppliers to secure a stable supply of key rechargeable battery materials, including lithium and anode materials, for its next-generation vehicles.

The group aims to sell 3.26 million fully electric vehicles globally by 2030, more than eight times the 397,355 units it sold last year.



## China warns countries against any negotiations that would harm its interests regarding US tariffs

China has denounced countries that are practicing “appeasement” with the United States in trade negotiations regarding US tariffs, stressing that it “firmly opposes” any agreement that harms its interests.

Washington imposed 145% tariffs on most Chinese goods, even as high as 245% on some products, such as electric cars.

In response, China imposed 125% tariffs on US products and said it would continue the trade war “to the end.”

However, other US trading partners, who were subject to additional 10% tariffs, benefited from a 90-day suspension of much higher tariffs. Several countries are currently negotiating with the United States to reduce these tariffs.

Beijing responded by warning these countries against any agreement with the United States that would harm its interests.

A spokesperson for the Chinese Ministry of Commerce said in a statement that “appeasement will not bring peace, and concessions will not be respected.”

The spokesman was responding to a question about the possibility of Washington asking some countries to limit their trade with China in exchange for exemption from US tariffs, according to the statement.

He added that his country “firmly opposes any party reaching an agreement at the expense of China’s interests.”

He stressed that “if such a situation occurs, China will never accept it and will take resolute countermeasures.”

In its statement, the Chinese Ministry of Commerce warned that “pursuing temporary selfish interests at the expense of others’ interests... will ultimately fail and harm others.”

## Oil falls as US tariffs resurface demand concerns

Oil prices fell 1.5% as investors refocused on concerns that US tariffs will create economic headwinds that will dampen fuel demand growth.

Brent crude futures fell 97 cents, or 1.4%, to \$66.99 a barrel at 06:40 GMT, after closing up 3.2% on Thursday.

US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude fell 96 cents, or 1.5%, to \$63.72 a barrel, after closing up 3.54% in the previous session. Thursday was the last day of settlement last week due to the Good Friday holiday.

“The overall trend remains bearish, as investors seem to be struggling to convince themselves of an improving supply and demand outlook, especially given the impact of tariffs on global growth and rising OPEC+ supply,” said Yep Jun Rong, market strategist at IG.

OPEC+, which includes the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and allies including Russia, is still expected to increase its production by 411,000 barrels per day starting in May, but some of the expected increase could be offset by cuts from countries that exceeded their agreed quotas. Prices also fell as some supply concerns eased following signs of progress in nuclear talks between the United States and Iran on Saturday.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said Iran and the United States had agreed to begin developing a framework for a potential nuclear deal, following talks described by a US official as having made “very good progress.”

The progress in the nuclear discussions follows additional US sanctions imposed last week on a private Chinese refinery for handling Iranian crude, increasing pressure on Tehran amid the talks.



## Global carbon emissions from energy to reached all-time high in 2024

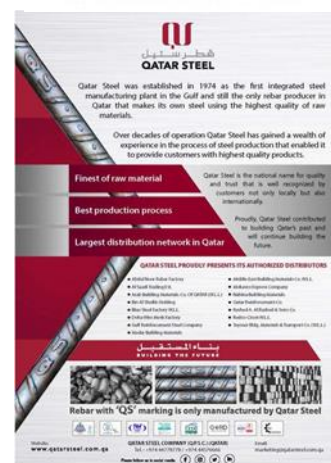
Global energy-related carbon emissions increased by 0.8% year-on-year in 2024, reaching an all-time high of 37.8 Gt. This is stated in a recent report by the International Energy Agency (IEA).

Last year, CO2 emissions from fuel combustion increased by about 1%, or 357 million tons, while those from industrial processes decreased by 2.3%, or 62 million tons. The increase was lower than global GDP growth (+3.2% in 2024), restoring the trend of decoupling emissions growth from economic growth, which was broken in 2021.

In 2024, emissions trends varied across regions. Emissions increased in emerging and developing countries, as well as in international aviation and marine bunkering, outweighing the decline in developed countries (EU, Japan, USA, and others).

In transition and developing countries, energy-related carbon emissions increased by 1.5% year-on-year in 2024. In China, this figure increased by about 0.4% yoy, with most of the growth occurring in the first quarter. The country's energy demand grew throughout the year thanks to record heatwaves, economic stimulus measures, industrial growth, and recovery in the residential and service sectors. However, the development of clean energy, particularly wind and solar, helped to offset this impact.

China is expanding its emissions trading system to include the steel, cement, and aluminum industries. This means that another 1.5 thousand companies will have to buy carbon credits. This will bring the total volume of covered carbon dioxide emissions to 8 billion tons, which is more than 60% of the country's total.



## Tariffs Dominate IMF and World Bank Meetings

Hundreds of global financial and economic leaders are flocking to Washington, D.C., this week for the 2025 semi-annual Spring Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group. The atmosphere is tense, with one major concern: how to negotiate relief from the latest US tariffs.

While these meetings typically focus on coordinating global policies in areas such as climate change, inflation, and support for Ukraine, the dominant theme this year is the “trade war.”

This comes in the wake of a new wave of tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump since his return to the White House last January.

### US Treasury Secretary in the Spotlight

Attention is particularly focused on the new US Treasury Secretary, Scott Bessent, who is considered the main negotiator in the tariff deals, especially since his ambiguous positions on support for the IMF and World Bank raise many questions among the participating delegations. Economists describe this round of meetings as “unprecedented,” as most countries seek to hold bilateral meetings with Bessent to negotiate agreements that mitigate the effects of US tariffs, which have begun to affect global economic growth forecasts.

### The Impact of Tariffs on Economic Outlook

The International Monetary Fund is expected to release its World Economic Outlook report on Tuesday, which will include significant downward revisions, according to statements by Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva.

Georgieva explained that “extreme uncertainty” and market volatility resulting from trade policies are negatively impacting economic activity, although economic fundamentals remain relatively sound.

### The US’s Role in International Institutions

Amid the rise of right-wing movements calling for Washington’s withdrawal from international financial institutions, observers are anticipating whether the Trump administration will adhere to its previous pledges, such as funding the US’s \$4 billion share for poor countries in the World Bank. For his part, Bessent affirmed his support for a new \$20 billion IMF loan program for Argentina, considering such initiatives to provide an alternative to “unfair” Chinese loans, a reference to Washington’s efforts to contain Beijing’s economic influence in developing countries.



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## Trump's Heavy Tariffs Hit Steel Companies

The world's largest steel miners face a difficult start to 2025, with production impacted by extreme weather conditions, while China, the largest buyer of the ore, prepares for a trade war.

BHP Group, Rio Tinto Group, and Vale SA all announced lower quarterly shipments this week compared to last year, due to disruptions caused by cyclones in Australia's Pilbara region and heavy rains in northern Brazil. Rio Tinto was the hardest hit, with exports falling 9% to their lowest level in six years.

This decline puts companies under pressure to make up for supply shortages at a time when escalating trade tensions with Washington could severely impact the Chinese economy. The question now is: Will Beijing provide a sufficient stimulus package to support demand for steel and its key components, especially iron?

In this context, David Cachot, director of iron ore research at Wood Mackenzie, said: "We may see a recovery phase during which these companies ramp up production to compensate for the losses," adding: "Market participants are awaiting Beijing's moves to further stimulate its economy, which is an additional burden the country does not need at this time."

Iron ore market: More supply, lower prices

Before supply disruptions worsened and trade tensions intensified, the iron ore market was already suffering from a supply glut, while demand began to decline in the maturing Chinese economy. Despite this, crude futures prices in Singapore stabilized at an average of \$103 per ton during the first quarter, roughly the same level as the previous quarter.

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However, earlier this month, iron ore prices fell sharply, falling below \$95 per ton, after the Trump administration announced punitive tariffs on Chinese imports. Beijing responded with similar measures, including steep tariffs on American goods.

"China: A source of concern for manufacturers"

The changes imposed on Beijing cast doubt on its ability to achieve its economic goals, as officials seek to expand domestic consumption to offset declining exports. This could boost demand for steel used in the manufacture of cars, home appliances, and heavy machinery.

Iron ore traders are counting on Beijing returning to its traditional approach to combating the slowdown by boosting spending on infrastructure projects that consume huge amounts of steel, thereby supporting demand for iron ore.

However, BHP Chief Executive Mike Henry warned on Thursday that slowing global growth and the increasing fragmentation of the global trading system could negatively impact the company's performance.

"China's ability to transition to a consumer-led economy, along with trade flows adapting to the new environment, will be crucial to maintaining a stable global economic outlook," Henry concluded.

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### Technology

#### SMS group successfully renews whole automation system of hot strip mill PT Krakatau Steel

SMS group has completed the automation system upgrade of hot strip mill no. 1 at PT Krakatau Steel (Persero), Tbk. (PTKS) in Cilegon, Indonesia, marking a significant milestone with the production of the first sellable coil.

This achievement underlined PTKS's return to the Indonesian market as a producer of hot rolled coils following a lengthy production stoppage and was therefore a particularly crucial step.

The project was initiated as a recovery plan for the drive and automation cabinets in the finishing mill. Rather than merely replacing the damaged automation parts in the finishing mill, PTKS opted for a comprehensive upgrade to next-generation automation technology throughout the entire hot strip mill.

For the drive system, however, the existing DC drives used for other sections, such as the slab sizing press, roughing mill, down coiler, and other units, were retained. SMS ensured the seamless integration of the new automation system and existing DC drive technology.

"SMS group acted like a partner in every sense, and we worked as a team. We are delighted that SMS could achieve our milestone of starting up the plant within 2024. It was a huge challenge of putting a new automation system on the existing machinery," said Utomo Nugroho, Director of Infrastructure and Operation at PTKS.

The partnership between PTKS and SMS goes back to the 1980s and the delivery of the original mill, and was further solidified when the new hot strip mill no. 2 was put into service in 2016/17.

Atanu Dey, Senior Vice President at SMS, highlighted the importance of this collaboration, stating, "The new system has all the features of a modern hot strip mill. We avoided the temptation to only do the bare necessities and get the mill up and running again. We decided to go the extra mile and give the customer a future-ready system. The cooperation between SMS and PTKS and the never-say-die attitude of the joint team was the secret recipe for success."

The mill has an annual capacity of 2.4 million tons and is capable of manufacturing a diverse range of products, including general structural steels, tubes and pipes, and automotive grades. The mill can handle thicknesses ranging from 1.8 to 25 millimeters and widths from 600 to 2,080 millimeters. This comprehensive upgrade with sophisticated technological capabilities will allow PTKS to regain its market share in the near future and re-establish the value of the robust partnership between PTKS and SMS.

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