
Monday Market Monitor - Iron Ore (WEEK 49) - Slide begins

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The iron ore spot prices exhibited a typical pattern of reversal last week post rally. The prices for Iron ore fines dipped by 2% to 5% and are expected to slide further during this week.

The sinusoidal trend has become a certainty although for different reasons in each phase. The latest rally can be largely imputed to hike in freight rates , increasing steel prices in China and curtailed supply owing to mess in the Indian mines.

The prime mover has always been demand from Chinese mills in conjunction with steel price in the domestic market. Currently steel prices in China have started meltdown after a month long rally as demand fundamentals remain weak making all flowery predictions of revival of academic importance.

However, a momentary flurry cannot be ruled out during the second half of December as manufactures and traders would like to stock for their requirement during and immediately after holidays till normal activity resumes.

Iron ore fines

FOB India

Grade	Change
Fe 63.5/63%	-2%
Fe 63.5/62.5%	-2%
Fe 63/62%	-3%
Fe 62/61%	-3%
Fe 61/60%	-3%
Fe 60/59 %	-3%
Fe 59/58 %	-3%
Fe 58/57%	-3%
Fe 57/56 %	-4%
Fe 56/55%	-4%
Fe 55/54 %	-4%
Fe 54/ 53 %	-4%
Fe 53/52 %	-5%

Change is on December 4th as compared to November 27th 2009

Bellary

Domestic price

EX mines

Product	Grade	Size	Change
Iron Ore Calibrate	Fe 65%	10-40	0%
Iron Ore Calibrate	Fe 64%	10-40	0%

Iron Ore Calibrate	Fe 62%	10-40	0%
Iron Ore Calibrate	Fe 60%	5-20	0%
Iron Ore Calibrate	Fe 62%	5-20	0%
Iron ore - Fines	Fe 63%	Fines	0%

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Burbil
Domestic price
EX mines

Product	Grade	Size	Change
Iron ore - BF	Fe 65%	10-40	0%
IOS-Primary	Fe 63%	5-18	0%
IOS - Secondary	BF	-	0%
Iron ore - Fines	Fe 63%	Fines	0%

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The accuracy and the speed of reporting changes is well appreciated by not only Indian miners, but by global iron ore majors as well as Chinese mills as many of them have subscribed to this service to maintain another but solid listening post as far as Indian spot market is concerned.

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