

Domestic Scenario:

Iron ore Prices stay stable since the second week of January, 2008. Prices lower down in the beginning of February with the approach of Chinese New Year and quiet buying activity.

The Indian export market is presently quiet due to insufficient buying activities in China and weak demand prevailing due to approach of Chinese New Year holiday.

At present, major traders are quoting USD135-140/t FOB Indian main ports for iron ore fines 63.5%min.

The table below gives the price trend of Indian Iron Ore Fines (63.5%) exported to Chinese market

Date	Price Base	Low price(US\$/t)	High Price(US\$/t)	Trend
03.12.07	FOB	130	135	↔
10.12.07	FOB	130	135	↔
17.12.07	FOB	135	140	↑
24.12.07	FOB	135	140	↔
05.01.08	FOB	138	143	↑
12.01.08	FOB	135	145	↔
19.01.08	FOB	136	140	↔
28.01.08	FOB	136	140	↔

Source: Steel Trade Today

International Scenario:

Iron-Ore prices remained firm. Scrap prices move up fast and strong, surge by \$50/tonne on an average over a week in the international market.

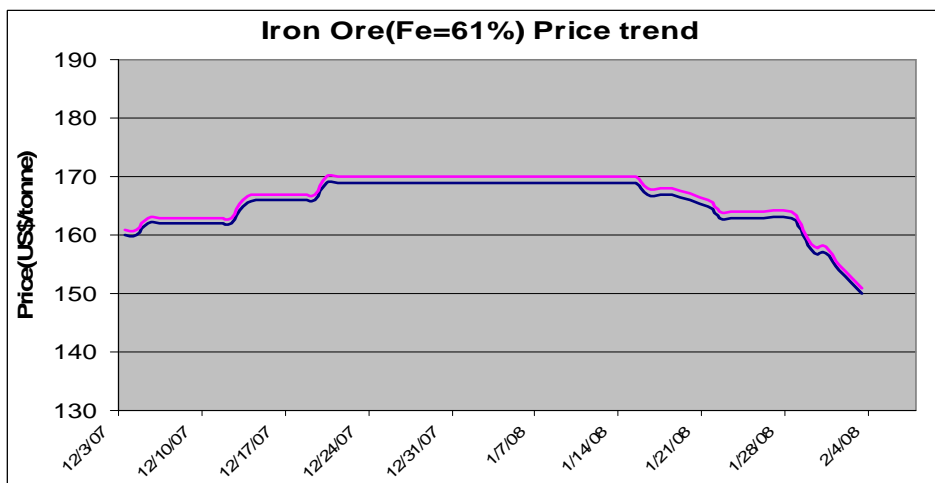
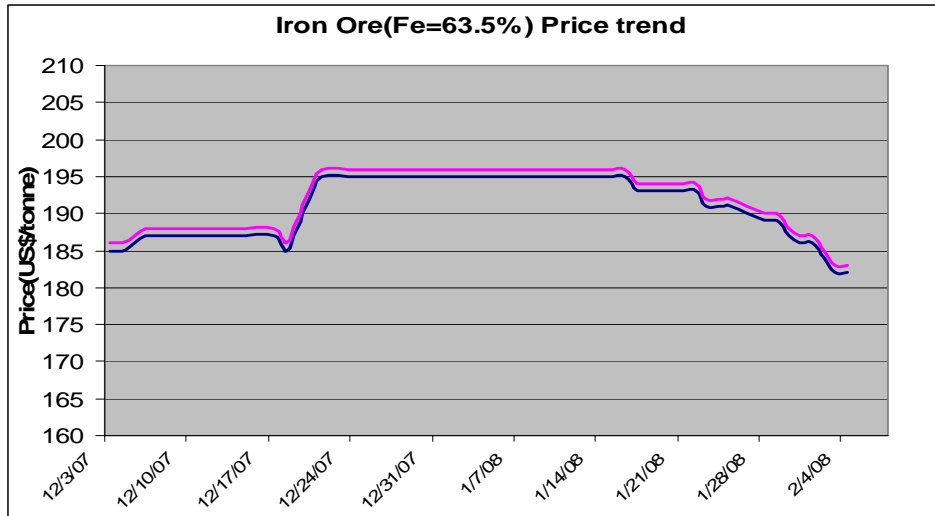
Jan'08 Week 1: The average reference prices for import transactions of Fe 63.5% Indian iron ore ruled at US\$ 138-143/ton (FOB), up US\$ 3/ton from that posted on Dec 24, 2007.

Jan'08 Week 2: Prices remained stable.

Jan'08 Week 3: Prices ruled at US\$ 136-140/ton (FOB).

Jan'08 Week 4: Prices remained stable.

Feb'08 Week 1: Prices lower down by 4 USD/tonne for Fe=63.5%.



Price is CNF China in US\$/t, **Source: Asian Metal**

Auction Feedback:

Eastern India

62% Fines – Auction conducted in Mid Dec’07 for PSU clients from Orissa fetched a price range of Rs.2545.00 to Rs.2565.00 PMT. The movement was by Rail. The lot size was for 4000MT and lifting was for three months from the date of sale offer.

62.5% Fines-Auction conducted in Mid Jan’08 for SAIL-RMD for Gua Iron Ore Mines fetched a price of Rs.2550.00 PMT. The Lot size was 150,000MT and movement was by Rail.

Central India

64% Fines – Auction conducted in Mid Jan’08 for PSU clients in Chattisgarh fetched a price of Rs.4020.00PMT. The lot size was 15000MT and movement was by Rail.