

Methodology and price specifications – February 2024





# Mission statement

Fastmarkets Metals, Minerals And Mining is the leading global provider of pricing intelligence for the non-ferrous metal, steel, steelmaking raw materials, industrial minerals, ferrous and non-ferrous scrap markets, producing price assessments via Fastmarkets MB and Fastmarkets AMM since 1913 and 1882 respectively.

Fastmarkets Forest Products is the leading global provider of pricing intelligence for the global forest products industry, incorporating Fastmarkets RISI, Fastmarkets FOEX and Random Lengths.

And Fastmarkets Agriculture Products has delivered pricing transparency to opaque agriculture and energy markets in the form of market-moving reporting and commentary, trusted pricing and price forecasting since 1865.

Our mission is to meet our markets' data requirements honestly and independently, acting with integrity and care to ensure that the trust and confidence placed in the reliability of our pricing methodologies is maintained. We do not have a vested interest in the markets on which we report.

### Introduction

Fastmarkets' reporters are required to abide by a <u>code</u> <u>of conduct</u> and clear pricing procedures during their market reporting and pricing activities. Fastmarkets is completely independent and has no vested commercial interest in any of the markets it prices.

We are the world's largest dedicated price-reporting team for metals and minerals, agricultural products and forest products. We have hubs in London, New York, Boston, San Francisco, Eugene, Charlottesville, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Memphis, Sao Paulo, Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Melbourne, Mumbai, Istanbul, Brussels and Helsinki.

The aim of this document is to provide a clear overview of Fastmarkets' methodology and specifications for the prices it assesses. If you have any questions, please contact Global Head of Editorial & Pricing Perrine Faye at <a href="mailto:perrine-faye@fastmarkets.com">perrine-faye@fastmarkets.com</a> for metals and minerals, Forest Products Senior VP of Indices Matt Graves at <a href="mailto:mgraves@fastmarkets.com">mgraves@fastmarkets.com</a> for forest products or Editorial Director Tim Worledge at <a href="mailto:tim.">tim.</a>, <a href="mailto:worledge@fastmarkets.com">worledge@fastmarkets.com</a> for agricultural products.



# Price discovery and methodology

### Methodology rationale

Fastmarkets produces independent, fair and representative price assessments and indices of metals and forest products prices on a daily, bi-weekly, weekly, monthly or quarterly basis. Fastmarkets' rationale for adopting the price-discovery process described in this methodology document is to produce consistent and representative indicators of value for specific markets over defined trading periods.

### Assessment objective

The assessor's intended aim is to reflect Fastmarkets' assessment price definition:

'The prevailing level at which a commodity of stated specification has, or could be expected to have transacted over a defined period of time.'

We summarize this for effective use as the prevailing 'tradeable level' of the market.

#### Time window

The time period, or window, identified to assess a market (e.g., daily, bi-weekly, weekly, fortnightly, monthly) is determined by Fastmarkets after considering the number of data points that Fastmarkets can reasonably expect to collect on a consistent basis over the selected period to support the price assessment process.

Unless otherwise specified, the assessed timeframe will be the period since the conclusion of the previous price quotation. If, for instance, the last price assessment published by Fastmarkets was on Friday 2-3pm London time and our next assessment is due on the following Friday at 2-3pm London time, we will accept price data for business conducted and reported to Fastmarkets between Friday afternoon of the last price assessment and the following Friday afternoon. Where deemed appropriate for a particular market, Fastmarkets may specify a narrower window of time closer to the publication date where activity is given greater consideration in the price assessment, though this is stated in the specifications relating to those prices.

### Data contribution

Fastmarkets reporters aim to collect data from a broad sample of market participants specifically involved in the buying and selling of the metal, mineral or forest product of interest, with a good representation of both sides of the market, including producers and consumers, as well as traders and intermediaries.

Data is collected from industry participants directly involved in the relevant market primarily by telephone but also by email, digital messaging, face-to-face interaction or by direct submission. All data supplied to Fastmarkets is kept confidential and stored in our secure online pricing database system MlnD (Market Information Database). Fastmarkets may sign a Data Submitter Agreement (DSA) with any data provider, if requested to do so, to maximize the number of data points collected for inclusion in the assessment process. Any data received subject to a DSA will be used in the pricing assessment but will not be commented on.

Market participants may contribute data following a review by Fastmarkets of their activities. The aim is to ensure that submitters have sufficient visibility and understanding of the market in question to be able to provide reliable price data. We expect that data submitters taking part in the pricing process are authorized to report market data on behalf of their organizations. Fastmarkets encourages organizations to submit all their pricing data, especially all the concluded transactions. Price reporters generally speak to, and collect data from, front office staff directly involved in the commercial activity of buying and selling the relevant product(s). Fastmarkets also welcomes organizations to submit transaction data from authorized back-office functions. Fastmarkets' <u>Data Submitter Policy</u> provides guidelines to ensure the high level of data quality and integrity we expect from contributing organizations providing pricing data. The policy can be found on Fastmarkets' website, or is available on request.

Depending on market liquidity, Fastmarkets reserves the right to also base its prices on bids, offers, deals heard and market participant indications of prevailing tradeable values or other indications such as trigger prices that might prompt a sale or purchase.



# Price specifications and reference units

Fastmarkets has clear specifications for all the price points that it covers. All the reference units, such as currency and volume, are in line with the trading conventions used in the recognized metals, minerals and forest products markets.

Fastmarkets' specifications detail the material's characteristics or quality, location, incoterm, payment terms and the minimum volume accepted. These specifications are determined in consultation with market participants and follow industry convention. Reporters ensure that the information they receive meet these specifications. Any data that does not fall within the stated ranges of the specification will not be eligible for consideration in the assessment.

# Data analysis and producing the price assessment

### Establishing a data hierarchy

To produce the price assessment, a consideration hierarchy is established based on an evaluation of first, the reporter's confidence in the data's reliability, and second, the significance of the data.

The confidence level, or trustworthiness, of a data point is generally based on the transparency of the activity whether it was reported by a party directly involved or was 'heard' activity, corroboration by other market participants and the level of detail provided by the data submitter, although there may be other contributory factors.

For indications of tradeable levels or other indication of willingness to sell or purchase, confidence may be determined based on the justification provided by the submitter, their visibility and activity level in the market, and their prior reliability. Factors that Fastmarkets may consider during times of low liquidity include, but are not limited to: market fundamentals such as changes in inventory levels, shipments, operating rates and export volumes; relative fundamentals of similar commodities in the same region; relative values of the same commodity in different regions; and changes in the value of the commodity's primary feedstock(s) or primary derived product(s).

The significance of a data point is determined based on its effectiveness in identifying the tradeable level of the market under assessment. Transactions are considered highest in the significance hierarchy, 'tight' bids/offers are of secondary importance, followed by data sources' own indications of a tradeable level when they have no business to report. Tight bids/offers are typically defined as those being within the range of transaction and/or indication data points, thereby helping narrow our assessment of the tradeable range. More speculative bids/offers, outside of the range of other data, would typically be of lowest significance. In some circumstances, firm bids higher than transactions or offers lower than transactions may be considered of high significance if deemed to demonstrate a clear directional change in market floor or ceiling levels.

The published assessment will typically be reflective of the highest-confidence and highest-significance data collected in that pricing session. In pricing sessions with little or no data of sufficient quality, extra caution will be applied and reporters may exercise their judgment to keep a price assessment unchanged as a fallback until activity can be confirmed with greater certainty.

All Fastmarkets price specifications define the minimum lot size accepted. When volume information is available, this is also taken into consideration in the assessment process. For instance, a deal with a bigger volume may typically be considered more significant than a smaller-volume transaction. But price reporters will also consider, for instance, normalizing or discarding a reported deal where it is suspected an abnormally large or small volume may have unduly distorted its price.

Fastmarkets will also compare the information received from a single source with the information provided by the same source in the previous pricing cycle. This way, if a source consistently gives lower or higher indications than the consensus, Fastmarkets can still use the data for directional context without it unduly influencing the assessment.

#### **Normalization**

Where necessary in certain assessments, data that falls within the stated specification ranges for consideration may be normalized to determine the equivalent price for the respective base specification if one exists. This may include, for instance, variances in material type or quality, delivery terms of location, payment terms or cargo size.

Data may be normalized to the base specification using either a statistical or judgement-based method. Where





patterns can be established over time, such as for price differences between product qualities, data may be normalized using in-house developed models based on regression analysis of collected data. The analysis allows Fastmarkets to capture the value-in-use applied by the market to different qualities or terms and to normalize to a single base specification. Where a statistically derived adjustment factor is not possible for a particular variable, editorial judgment may be applied to normalize prices using third party data (such as broker rates for freight adjustments or exchange prices for QP adjustments), or by surveying market participants for an appropriate adjustment.

Where prices cannot be normalized with sufficient confidence or precision, such data may be discarded from the assessment. Fastmarkets' aim is to balance the requirement to keep assessments reflective of their base specifications with the need to source a sufficiently robust data set for consideration.

#### Minimum data threshold

Since commodity markets differ in liquidity levels at different periods, the methodology does not set any minimum number, or threshold, of transactions to be gathered on which to base the assessment.

In each pricing session, reporters aim to source data from a suitably diverse set of market participants. In the unlikely situation that more than half of the pricing data collected in a session is provided by a single source, the assessor may refer to data collected in the previous pricing session to avoid a dependency on a single entity providing an unacceptably significant (50% or more) proportion of data. In markets where, to satisfy their jurisdictional antitrust guidelines, certain companies require us to adhere to a maximum of 25% data concentration from a single entity, Fastmarkets will comply with this stricter threshold.

## Criteria for discarding pricing data and the removal of outliers

Fastmarkets price assessments are intended to reflect the 'open and competitive' market level. Reporters therefore may apply expert judgment to exclude data deemed unrepresentative, questionable or unreliable prior to consideration in the final assessment. Data that falls outside of the respective assessment specifications, or which cannot be normalized to a base specification with sufficient confidence, is also discarded. Decisions to discard data points are recorded in the form of a written rationale in our internal pricing database, where they are reviewed and approved under the two-tier peer review process.

Data may be discarded as outliers based on the identification of external factors that may be distorting the price. Price-affecting side terms, inconsistencies in information reported, or suspected motivation to unfairly influence the price discovery process would typically be grounds for removal of data, as would activity not considered to have taken place at 'arm's length'. Outliers will be investigated; more detail may be requested to determine possible reasons behind an anomalous price, and efforts will be made to identify the counterparty to cross-verify information. Suspected attempts to influence the assessment unfairly may result in the data provider being warned or excluded. Fastmarkets reserves the right to see contracts and signed paperwork before inclusion of the data in the assessment. If this is refused, the data supplied may be excluded from the assessment process.

## Data publication

#### Peer review process

All Fastmarkets' price assessments are set by a first reporter who covers that specific market, peer reviewed by a second reporter, and always signed-off by a senior reporter or editor prior to publication. This peer review process, which takes place in Fastmarkets' MInD system and is fully auditable, is in place to make sure that pricing procedures and methodologies are correctly and consistently applied and to ensure integrity and quality of the published prices. Relevant information, including all price inputs and editorial judgements, are securely retained in MInD for at least five years to maintain a full audit trail. Price reporters are formally trained in the price discovery process and must abide by a written Code of Conduct and Pricing Procedures.

For certain prices Fastmarkets also publishes pricing rationales to explain the assessment, describing why a particular price or range was determined based on the market information collected. These notes explain for instance whether any data has been excluded and why, information on the data collected and whether fallback procedures have been applied.

#### **Publication**

At the end of the peer review process, Fastmarkets MB and AMM publish their price assessments via MInD and on the Fastmarkets Dashboard and on product-specific websites and in the Price Book. Fastmarkets RISI, FOEX and Random Lengths publish their price assessments on the Intelligence Center, mobile app and in dedicated newsletters.



Most Fastmarkets assessments (aside from a small number of single-figure assessments) are quoted as ranges reflecting Fastmarkets' evaluation of the market's prevailing tradeable level over the observation window.

To enhance market transparency and to provide evidence of data inputs that support the price discovery process, Fastmarkets may publish trade logs in accordance with industry demand (while maintaining full counterparty confidentiality) detailing pricing data and volumes received from data contributors.

Fastmarkets' price assessments are published at the time and frequency stated under each individual specification. The pricing schedules vary according to markets and locations in which they are assessed. For more details on the pricing holiday calendar and alternative pricing dates for each assessment or index, refer to Fastmarkets' Pricing Holidays schedule on Fastmarkets.com or on the RISI, FOEX and Random Lengths websites.

#### Corrections and delays

If an assessment is published incorrectly, it will be rectified and republished as soon as possible. A pricing notice explaining the reasons for the correction will also be published promptly.

Fastmarkets uses several procedures and measures to avoid delays in the publication of its assessments. In the event of a delay, however, Fastmarkets will inform subscribers as soon as possible.

In the event of late publication, only data that has been received within the correct standard timeframe will be included in the assessment. No assessment will be amended due to the emergence of new data or market activity after the initial publication. Retrospective changes to the published values will only be made in cases of technical, administrative or interpretation error in line with Fastmarkets' Correction Policy.

# Methodology and price specification review process

### Methodology review and pricing notices

Fastmarkets aims to continually develop and periodically review its methodologies in consultation with industry participants, with the objective to adopt product specifications, trading terms and conditions that reflect and are representative of typical working practices in the industries it serves.

Fastmarkets carries out a formal review and approval of its methodology and price specifications on an annual basis. The process is initiated by Fastmarkets publishing on its website an open consultation at least one month (or around 20 working days) before the annual methodology review is due, inviting market feedback over the duration of that period. The timeframe for the consultation and method of submission are both clearly stated.

Following a review of market participants' feedback, comments and suggestions, Fastmarkets concludes the consultation by publishing a notice stating whether or not any methodology changes are proposed. If suggested, changes are classified either as 'material' or 'immaterial'. Material changes are those that, once implemented, may result in fundamental changes to the published price. These include specification changes or structural changes to assessments. Immaterial changes are those that will not result in a different price level once they are implemented.

If a material change to the methodology is required, Fastmarkets includes in its pricing notice: the outline of the proposed change; the rationale or motivation for proposing such a change; and a proposed timetable for the date on which, if the change goes ahead, it would be implemented. If received feedback is considered insufficient to support a material change, Fastmarkets publishes a new notice extending the consultation and inviting comments on the new proposal.

A record of the methodology review is sent to the Risk & Compliance team. All comments received from the market are assumed to be confidential and are treated as such unless stated otherwise.

When Fastmarkets proposes a change to the methodology, it should be understood that no decision has yet been made and that the proposal to make a



change should not automatically be understood as confirmation that the change will happen.

For prices subject to EU Benchmark Regulation (BMR), any change to the methodology requires approval from the Managing Director of our benchmark administrator, Fastmarkets Benchmark Administration Oy.

Outside of the formal methodology review process, editors may from time to time suggest changes or additions to reflect market developments. As with the formal review, changes to the existing methodology will either be classed as 'material' or 'immaterial'. The process for implementing the change will be the same as outlined above for formal reviews. The minimum duration of one month (or around 20 working days) for the consultation process normally provides market participants sufficient opportunity to analyze and comment on the impact of the proposed change.

For more details on the formal review of the methodology and the consultation process to propose changes to the methodology, refer to Fastmarkets'

Methodology Review and Change Consultation Process available on the Fastmarkets website.

# Queries and complaints

Fastmarkets encourages engagement from the market on its pricing principles and methodology. The company promotes understanding of its pricing procedures and is committed to responding to requests for further information and clarification on a timely basis.

There are multiple channels for interaction with the pricing team including email, telephone and instant messenger services.

If a subscriber has an issue with the published prices, then they may contact the pricing team. In the event that the response is not satisfactory the issue may be escalated to the internal compliance department. For more details refer to Fastmarkets' Complaint Handling Policy available on Fastmarkets' website.

Fastmarkets takes all queries and complaints seriously and will seek to provide an explanation of the prices wherever possible. It is important to note, however, that input data remain confidential and cannot be provided to third parties.

# Become a contributor to the price discovery process

Fastmarkets continually seeks to increase the number of market sources willing to take part in the price discovery process. The main condition Fastmarkets requires from contributors is for them to be active participants in the relevant market being priced.

Fastmarkets' Data Submitter Policy provides guidelines defining the high level of data quality and integrity that Fastmarkets expects from contributing organizations providing pricing data. Market participants that wish to provide pricing data and be part of the price discovery process should first read the Data Submitter Policy available on the Fastmarkets website. The Policy is communicated to all data submitters at least on an annual basis.

All data sources are subject to review before their data submitted is fully taken into account in the pricing process. Our Contributor Approval Policy (CAP) requires this review or probation period to last no more than three months. The aim is to make sure that submitters are trustworthy and have sufficient visibility and understanding of the market to be able to provide viable price data.

# Calculation of averages

Fastmarkets produces independent, fair and representative price assessments and indices for ferrous, non-ferrous and scrap metal prices on a daily, bi-weekly, weekly, bi-monthly or monthly basis. Fastmarkets calculates and publishes monthly averages based on these independent, proprietary assessments and indices by using simple averages.

The simple monthly averages are calculated by dividing the sum of the price quotations by the number of quotations published during the calendar month. For assessments, Fastmarkets derives both the monthly average high price and the Fastmarkets monthly average low price using this method. For indices, a single monthly average price point is calculated.

For example, there were five weekly price quotations



for Chrome Ore South Africa UG2 concentrates index basis 42% cif China, \$ per tonne during the month of June 2018. Prices were published each Friday from June 1, 2018, with the assessments reading \$206 per tonne, \$208 per tonne, \$210 per tonne, \$211 per tonne and \$208 per tonne during the period. The simple monthly average is calculated by taking the sum of the five assessments and dividing that by the number of total assessments over the period - in this case, five. The simple monthly average for June 2018 was \$208.60 per tonne.

Most prices produced from the Americas prior to 2021 were calculated on a rolling-average basis. Rolling monthly averages were calculated by dividing the sum of the daily price quotations - including prices republished on non-assessment days - by the number of quotations published during the calendar month. Please contact <a href="mailto:pricing@fastmarkets.com">pricing@fastmarkets.com</a>, adding the subject heading 'Re: calculation of averages' for more information about Fastmarkets existing or legacy averages.

# Third-party price data

Fastmarkets also publishes prices from external sources including: Exchange prices – London Metal Exchange, Comex and the Shanghai Futures Exchange.

For contract specifications and pricing information on these prices please refer to the individual company' website.



Base metals **Aluminium** 

MB-AL-0020

Quality:

Location:

Quantity:

Payment terms:

Publication:

MB-AL-0231

Location:

Quantity:

Publication:

Unit:

Notes:

Unit:

Form:

MB-AL-0338 Aluminium P1020A warrant premium, in-whs US, \$/tonne Grade:

P1020A or 99.7 % Minimum Al purity

(Si 0.10% max, Fe 0.20% max)

Location: In any LME-approved warehouse in

the USA (10 delivery points in June 2017), premium on top of LME cash

prices

London Metal Exchange specification P1020A or 99.7% minimum Al purity Unit: USD per tonne (silicon 0.10% max, iron 0.20% Quantity: 25 tonnes

max, zinc 0.03%, gallium 0.04%, Ingot, T-bars, Sow Form:

> Payment terms: Cash against documents (7 days

> > after bill of lading date); other terms normalized Delivery window: Prompt

Release

Delivery: Within four weeks Publication: Weekly. Wednesday between 3pm

and 4pm London time

normalized

100 tonnes

vanadium 0.03%)

US cents per pound

Ingot, T-bar, Sow

vanadium 0.03%)

100 tonnes

Daily

Twice a week, every Tuesday and

30 days, other payment terms

Friday between 3pm and 4pm

Aluminum P1020A all-in price,

delivered Midwest US, US cents/lb

Aluminium P1020A premium, ddp

Delivered consumer works Midwest

Midwest US, US cents/lb

London time Quality:

MB-AL-0277 Aluminum alloy C355.2 ingot, delivered, \$/lb

Silicon 4.50-5.50%, iron 0.13%,

copper 1.00-1.50%, manganese

0.05%, magnesium 0.50-0.60%, zinc 0.05%, titanium 0.20%, aluminium

remainder

London Metal Exchange specification Delivered. Domestic producer Quality: Location:

> P1020A or 99.7% minimum Al purity estimated price. (silicon 0.10% max, iron 0.20% Unit: US dollars per pound

max, zinc 0.03%, gallium 0.04%, Formula: Calculated. Formula: LME cash

aluminium official price (ask) Delivered consumer works Midwest + Fastmarkets AMM Midwest US cents per pound aluminium premium (average) +

Fastmarkets AMM alloy surcharge

assessment.

20 tons London Metal Exchange cash Quantity:

aluminium AM bid price plus AMM Publication: Daily Midwest aluminium premium



MB-AL-0276  Quality:	Aluminum alloy A356.2 ingot, delivered, \$/lb Silicon 6.50-7.50%, iron 0.12%,	MB-AL-0040 Quality:	Aluminum alloy A380.1, delivered Midwest, US cents/lb Copper 3.00-4.00%, iron 1.00%,
	copper 0.10%, manganese 0.05%, magnesium 0.30-0.45%, zinc 0.05%, titanium 0.20%, aluminium remainder		magnesium 0.10%, manganese 0.50%, nickel 0.50%, silicon 7.50-9.50%, tin 0.35%, zinc 2.90%, aluminium remainder. Form: Ingot
Location:	Delivered. Domestic producer	Location:	Delivered Midwest
	estimated price.	Unit:	US cents per pound
Unit:	US dollars per pound	Quantity:	Truckload/20 tons
Quantity:	20 tons	Payment terms:	Net 30 days post delivery
Publication:	Daily	Publication:	Weekly, Thursday
Notes:	LME cash aluminium official price (ask) + Fastmarkets AMM Midwest		
	aluminium premium (average) +	MB-AL-0041	Aluminum alloy 319.1, delivered
	Fastmarkets AMM alloy surcharge	MB AL COM	Midwest, cents/lb
	assessment.	Quality:	Copper 3.00-4.00%, iron 0.80%,
		,	magnesium 0.10% , manganese
			0.50%, nickel 0.35%, silicon 5.50-
MB-AL-0045	Aluminum 6061 alloyed ingot, US		6.50%, titanium 0.25%, zinc 1.00%
	cents/lb	Location:	Delivered Midwest
Quality:	Aluminium 99.45%, silicon 0.40-	Unit:	US cents per pound
	0.80%, iron 0.70%, copper	Quantity:	20 tons
	0.15-0.40%, manganese 0.15%,	Publication:	Weekly, Thursday
	magnesium 0.80-1.20%, chromium 0.15-0.35%, zinc 0.25%, titanium		
	0.15%	MB-AL-0042	Aluminum alloy 356.1, delivered
Location:	Delivered. Domestic producer	MB-AL-0042	Midwest, cents/lb
	estimated price.	Quality:	Copper 0.25%, iron 0.50%,
Unit:	US cents per pound	,	magnesium 0.25-0.45%, manganese
Quantity:	20 tons		0.50%, silicon 6.50-7.50%, titanium
Publication:	Monthly		0.25%, zinc 0.35%
		Quantity:	min 20 tons
		Location:	Delivered Midwest
MB-AL-0046	Aluminum 6063 alloyed ingot, US	Unit:	US cents per pound
0 11	cents/lb	Publication:	Weekly, Thursday
Quality:	Aluminium 99.45%, silicon 0.20-		
	0.60%, iron 0.35%, copper 0.10%,	MB-AL-0043	Alumainum allay AZ40 1 daliyanad
	manganese 0.10%, magnesium 0.45-0.90%, chromium 0.10%, zinc 0.10%,	MB-AL-0043	Aluminum alloy A360.1, delivered Midwest, cents/lb
	titanium 0.10%	Quality:	Copper 0.60%, iron 1.00%,
Quantity:	20 tons	addity.	magnesium 0.45-0.60%, manganese
Location:	Delivered		0.35%, nickel 0.50%, silicon 9.0-
Unit:	US cents per pound		10.0%, tin 0.15%, zinc 0.40%
Publication:	Monthly	Quantity:	Min 20 tons
		Location:	Delivered Midwest
		Unit:	US cents per pound
		Publication:	Weekly, Thursday



MB-AL-0044 Aluminum alloy A413.1, delivered

Midwest, cents/lb

Copper 1.00%, iron 1.00%, Quality:

magnesium 0.10%, manganese 0.35%, nickel 0.50%, silicon 11.0-13.0%, tin 0.15%, zinc 0.40%

Min 20 tons

Quantity: Location: Delivered Midwest Unit: US cents per pound Publication: Weekly, Thursday

MB-CU-0410 Copper rod premium, ddp Midwest

US, US cents/lb

Purity of 99.95-99.99%. Thicknesses Quality:

of 8 millimeters or 0.3125 inches

Lead 99.97% ingot premium, ddp Midwest US, US cents/lb

Delivered premium over cost of lead

ingot of 99.97% purity conforming to

BS EN 12659:1999, GB/T 469/2005 or

Delivered consumer works, Midwest

Quantity: Min 25,000 pounds Location: Delivered Midwest Unit US cents per pound Publication: Monthly, first Thursday

### Lead

MB-PB-0006

Quality:

Location:

Publication:

Unit

Copper

MB-CU-0310 Copper grade 1 cathode premium,

ddp Midwest US, \$/tonne

Quality: Delivered premium over cost of

> Grade 1 Electrolytic Copper Cathode as adopted by the American Society

for Testing and Materials (B115-00)

Location: Delivered Midwest Unit: US cents per pound Min 20 tonnes Quantity: Within 4 weeks

Delivery: Form: Cathode

Payment terms: 30-day payment, other payments

terms normalized

Publication: Weekly, every Tuesday between 3pm

and 4pm London time

Copper grade 1 cathode all-in

price, ddp Midwest US, US cents/lb

MB-PB-0056 Lead 99.97% ingot all-in price,

ASTM B29-03 (2009)

US cents per pound

ddp Midwest US, US cents/lb

Quality: Lead ingot of 99.97% to 99.99%

Daily

purity conforming to LME

specification BS EN 12659:1999, GB/T 469/2005 or ASTM B29-03 (2009)

Min 20 tonnes Quantity:

Location: Delivered consumer works, Midwest

Within 5 weeks Delivery: US cents per pound Unit:

Grade 1 Electrolytic Copper Cathode 30 days, other payment terms Payment terms: as adopted by the American Society

normalized

for Testing and Materials (B115-00) Publication: Weekly, Tuesday Delivered Midwest

Location: Notes: Unit: US cents per pound

Publication: Daily

MB-CU-0309

Quality:

Notes: Comex spot close price plus AMM

copper premium

London Metal Exchange cash lead

AM bid price plus AMM lead premium



MB-PB-0099	Lead 99.99% ingot premium, delivered Midwest US, US cents/lb	MB-NI-0242	Nickel 4x4 cathode all-in price, delivered Midwest US, US cents/lb
Quality:	Lead ingot of 99.99% minimum	Quality:	99.8% minimum primary 4x4
	purity conforming to LME		cut cathodes conforming to LME
	specification BS EN 12659:1999, GB/T		specification: ASTM B39-79 (2013)
	469/2005 or ASTM B29-03 (2009)		or GB/T 6516-2010 - Ni9990 grade
Quantity:	Min 20 tonnes		specification: ASTM B39-79 (2013)
Location:	Delivered consumer works, Midwest		or GB/T 6516-2010 - Ni9990 grade.
Delivery:	Within 5 weeks		Smaller cut cathode dimensions may
Unit:	US cents per pound		be normalized.
Payment terms:	30 days, other payment terms normalized	Quantity: Location:	Min 20 tonnes  Delivered consumer works US
Publication:	Weekly, Tuesday	Delivery:	Within four weeks
r ablication.	Weekly, Idesday	Unit:	US cents per lb
		Payment terms:	30 days, other terms normalized
MB-PB-0097	Lead 99.97% ingot warrant	Publication:	Daily
	premium, in-whs US, \$/tonne	Notes:	London Metal Exchange cash nickel
Quality:	Lead cathode of 99.97% to		AM bid price plus AMM nickel 4x4
,	99.99% purity conforming to LME		cathode premium
	specification BS EN 12659:1999, GB/T		
	469/2005 or ASTM B29-03 (2009)		
Quantity:	Min 25 tonnes	MB-NI-0241	Nickel briquette premium,
Location:	In any LME-approved warehouse in		delivered Midwest US, US cents/lb
	the US, premium on top of LME cash	Quality:	99.8% minimum primary nickel
	prices		briquette conforming to LME
Delivery:	Prompt release		specification: ASTM B39-79 (2013)
Unit:	USD per tonne		or GB/T 6516-2010 - Ni9990 grade
Payment terms:	Cash, other payment terms		specification: ASTM B39-79 (2013) or
D. delia estia es	normalized	O + : +	GB/T 6516-2010 - Ni9990 grade
Publication:	Weekly. Wednesday between 3pm	Quantity: Location:	Min 20 tonnes  Delivered consumer works US
	and 4pm London time	Delivery:	Within four weeks
		Unit:	US cents per lb
		Payment terms:	30 days, other terms normalized
Nickal		Dilling	T 1 7 4

## Nickel

MB-NI-0240	Nickel 4x4 cathode premium, delivered Midwest US, US cents/lb	MB-NI-0243	Nickel briquette all-in price, delivered Midwest US, US cents/lb
Quality:	99.8% minimum primary 4x4 cut cathode conforming to LME specification: ASTM B39-79 (2013) or GB/T 6516-2010 - Ni9990 grade specification: ASTM B39-79 (2013) or GB/T 6516-2010 - Ni9990 grade	Quality:	99.8% minimum primary nickel briquettes conforming to LME specification: ASTM B39-79 (2013) or GB/T 6516-2010 - Ni9990 grade specification: ASTM B39-79 (2013) or GB/T 6516-2010 - Ni9990 grade
Quantity:	Min 20 tonnes	Quantity:	Min 20 tonnes
Location:	Delivered consumer works US	Location:	Delivered consumer works US
Delivery:	Within four weeks	Delivery:	Within four weeks
Unit:	US cents per lb	Unit:	US cents per lb.
Payment terms:	30 days, other payment terms normalized	Payment terms: Publication:	30 days, other terms normalized Daily
Publication:	Every Tuesday between 3pm and 4pm London time	Notes:	London Metal Exchange cash nickel AM bid price plus AMM nickel briquette premium

Publication:

Tuesday 3-4pm London time



# Tin Zinc

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MB-SN-0011	Tin grade A min 99.85% ingot premium, ddp Midwest US, \$/tonne	MB-ZN-0005	Zinc SHG min 99.995% ingot premium, ddp Midwest US, US cents/lb
Quality:	Delivered premium over cost of tin of 99.85% purity (min) conforming to BS EN 610:1996	Quality:	Ingot. Min 99.995% special high grade zinc, conforming to LME specifications: BS EN 1179:2003,
Location:	ddp US Midwest		ISO 752:2004 - ZN-1 grade, ASTM B6-
Unit:	US dollars per tonne		12 - LME grade or GB/T 470-2008
Quantity:	Min 20 tonnes	Quantity:	20 tonnes
Delivery:	Within 2 weeks	Location:	Delivered consumer works, Midwest
Payment terms:	30-day payment, other payments	Delivery:	Within 4 weeks
	terms normalized	Unit:	US cents per pound
Publication:	Every two weeks. Tuesday between 3pm and 4pm London time.	Payment terms:	30 days, other payment terms normalized
		Publication:	Weekly, Tuesday
MB-SN-0012	Tin grade A min 99.85% ingot all-		
	in price, ddp Midwest US, \$/tonne	MB-ZN-0061	Zinc SHG min 99.995% ingot all-in
Quality:	Tin of 99.85% purity (min)		price, ddp Midwest US, US cents/lb
	conforming to BS EN 610:1996 (LME)	Quality:	Zinc of 99.995% purity (min.)
Location:	ddp US Midwest		conforming to BS EN 1179: 2003
Unit:	USD per tonne.	Location:	Delivered consumer works, Midwest
Publication:	Daily	Unit:	US cents per pound
Notes:	London Metal Exchange cash tin AM	Publication:	Daily
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bid price plus AMM tin premium	Notes:	London Metal Exchange cash zinc
		AM bid price plus AMM zinc premium

MB-SN-0036	Tin 99.85% ingot premium, in-whs		
	Baltimore, \$/tonne	MB-ZN-0104	Zinc SHG min 99.995% warrant
Quality:	Ingot. Minimum 99.85% tin purity		premium, in-whs US, \$/per tonne
	conforming to LME specification: BS	Quality:	Ingot. Special High Grade zinc
	EN 610:1996, max 500ppm lead, total		of minimum 99.995% purity,
	impurities must not exceed 0.15%		conforming to LME specifications
Location:	In-warehouse Baltimore		and relevant standards: BS EN
Unit:	USD per tonne		1179:2003, ISO 752:2004 - ZN-1 grade,
Quantity:	Min 20 tonnes		ASTM B6-12 - LME grade or GB/T 470-
Delivery:	Within 4 weeks		2008
Payment terms:	Cash against documents, other	Quantity:	Min 25 tonnes
	payment terms normalized	Location:	In any LME-approved warehouse in
Publication:	Every two weeks. Tuesday between		the US
	3pm and 4pm London time	Delivery:	Prompt release
Notes:	Premium on top of LME cash prices	Unit:	USD per tonne
		Payment terms:	Cash, other terms normalized
		Publication:	Weekly, every Wednesday between
			3pm and 4pm London time
		Notes:	Premium on top of LME cash prices



# Ferro-alloys

Ferro-chrome high carbon 6-8% MB-FEC-0007

> C, basis 60-65% Cr, max 2% Si, in-whs Pittsburgh, US cents/lb

Quality: Chromium min. 62.00%, silicon max.

3.00%, carbon 6.00-8.00%

Min 20 tons Quantity:

Location: In-warehouse Pittsburgh Unit: US cents per pound

Publication: Once a week, every Thursday

MB-FEC-0008 Ferro-chrome low carbon 0.05%C,

65% Cr min, in-whs Pittsburgh,

US cents/lb

Chromium min. 65.00%, carbon Quality:

0.05%, silicon max. 1.00% Location: In-warehouse Pittsburgh US cents per pound

Quantity: 20 tons

Unit:

Publication: Once a week, every Thursday

MB-FEC-0009 Ferro-chrome low carbon 0.10%C,

62% Cr min, in-whs Pittsburgh,US

Chromium min 62.00%, carbon Quality:

0.10%, silicon max 1.00%

Quantity: Min 20 tons

In-warehouse Pittsburgh Location: Unit: US cents per pound

Publication: Once a week, every Thursday

MB-FEC-0010 Ferro-chrome low carbon 0.15%C,

60% Cr min, in-whs Pittsburgh,

US cents/lb

Quality: Chromium min. 60.00%, carbon

0.15%, silicon max. 1.00%

Quantity: Min 20 tons

Location: In-warehouse Pittsburgh Unit: US cents per pound

Once a week, every Thursday Publication:

MB-FEM-0001 Ferro-manganese high carbon

78% Mn, standard 7.5% C, in-whs

Pittsburgh, \$/long ton

Manganese 78.00%, carbon 7.50% Quality:

Min 20 tons Quantity:

Location: In-warehouse Pittsburgh Unit: US dollars per long ton Publication: Once a week, every Thursday MB-FEM-0003 Ferro-manganese medium carbon

80% Mn, max 1.50% C, in-whs

Pittsburgh, US cents/lb

Quality: Manganese min. 80.00%, carbon

max. 1.50%

Quantity: Min 20 tons

Location: In-warehouse Pittsburgh Unit US cents per pound

Publication: Once a week, every Thursday

MB-FEM-0002 Ferro-manganese low carbon

80% Mn, max 0.80% C, in-whs

Pittsburgh, US cents/lb

Manganese min. 80.00%, carbon Quality:

max. 0.80%

Quantity: Min 20 tons

Location: In-warehouse Pittsburgh Unit: US cents per pound

Publication: Once a week, every Thursday

MB-FES-0002 Ferro-silicon 75% Si, in-whs

Pittsburgh, US cents/lb

Silicon 75.00% Quality: Min 20 tons Quantity:

In-warehouse Pittsburgh Location: Unit: US cents per pound

Publication: Once a week, every Thursday

MB-FEO-0002 Ferro-molybdenum 65-70% Mo,

in-whs Pittsburgh, \$/lb

Quality: Molybdenum 65.00-70.00%

Quantity: Min 5 tonnes

In-warehouse Pittsburgh Location:

Unit: US dollars per pound

Publication: Once a week, every Thursday

MB-FEV-0002 Ferro-vanadium 70-80% V, in-whs

Pittsburgh, \$/lb

Vanadium 70.00-80.00% Quality:

Min 10 tons Quantity:

In-warehouse Pittsburgh Location: US dollars per pound Unit:

Publication: Once a week, every Thursday



MB-MO-0001 Molybdenum canned molybdic

oxide, in-whs Pittsburgh, \$/lb

Quality: Molybdenum min. 57.00%, copper

max. 0.50%; phosphorus 0.05%; lead 0.05%; sulfur 0.10%; carbon 0.10%;

moisture 0.10%

Quantity: Min 5 tonnes
Location: FOB warehouse
Unit: US dollars per pound

Publication: Once a week, every Thursday

MB-SIM-0003 Silico-manganese 65% Mn min,

min 16% Si, in-whs Pittsburgh, US

cents/lb

Quality: Manganese min. 65.00%; silicon min.

16.00%

Quantity: Min 20 tons

Location: In-warehouse Pittsburgh
Unit: US cents per pound

Publication: Once a week, every Thursday

MB-SI-0003 Silicon, ddp US, US cents/lb

Quality: Silicon 98.50%, iron 0.50%,

aluminum 0.50%, calcium 0.30%

Quantity: 20 tons Location: Delivered

Unit: US cents per pound

Publication: Once a week, every Thursday

MB-FET-0002 Ferro-titanium 68-72% Ti, ex-whs

US, \$/lb

Quality: Titanium 68-72%, Aluminium 4-5%,

Vanadium max 3%, Carbon max 0.20%,

Oxygen max 2%, Nitrogen max 0.50%

Quantity: 10 tonne min
Location: Ex-US warehouse
Unit: US dollars per lb
Packaging: Supersacks
Form: Lump

Frequency: Once a week, every Thursday



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