# **SMU Community Chat**

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# 2021 Steel Market Update Events



Date	Conference	Status	Venue
March 30-31	Steel Hedging 101	Virtual	Online
April 21	Galvanized Hedging	Virtual	Online
May 5-6	Steel Hedging 201	Virtual	Online
May 11-12	Steel 101	Virtual	Online
May TBD	Steel 201	Virtual	Online
June 2-3	Steel Hedging 101	Virtual	Online
July 14	Galvanized Hedging	Virtual	Online
July 20-21	Steel 101	Virtual	Online
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#### Ken Simonson – March 31





Ken Simonson has been Chief Economist for the Associated General Contractors of America, the leading trade association for the construction industry, since 2001. He provides insight into the economy and what it implies for construction and related industries through frequent media interviews, presentations and the *Data DIGest*, his weekly one-page e-newsletter that goes to over 50,000 subscribers.

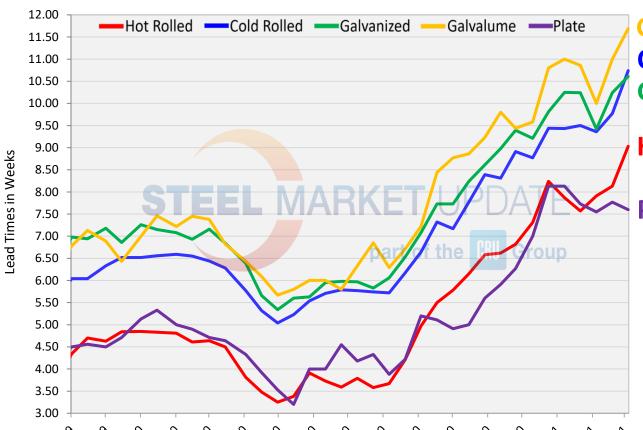
Ken has more than 40 years of experience analyzing, advocating and communicating about economic and tax issues.

He currently serves on the Census Bureau's Scientific Advisory Committee. He is a Fellow and past president of the National Association for Business Economics, and he is co-director of the Tax Economists Forum, a professional meeting group he co-founded in 1982.

#### Mill Lead Times







Galvalume: 11.69

Cold Rolled: 10.74

Galvanized: 10.61

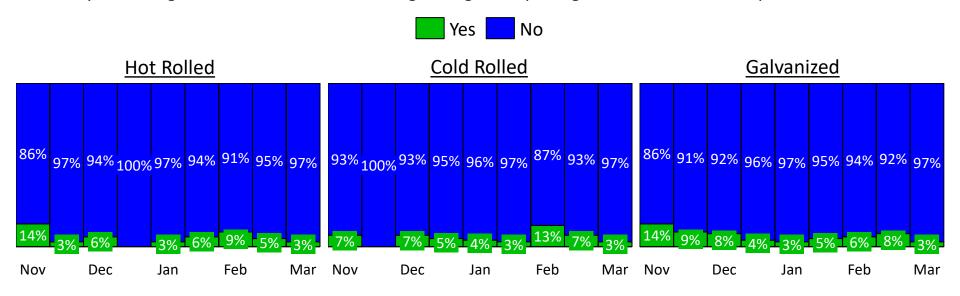
Hot Rolled: 9.03

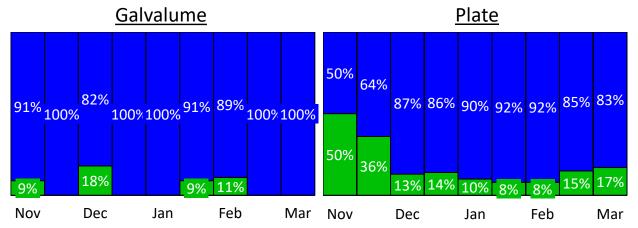
**Plate: 7.60** 

# Mill Negotiations



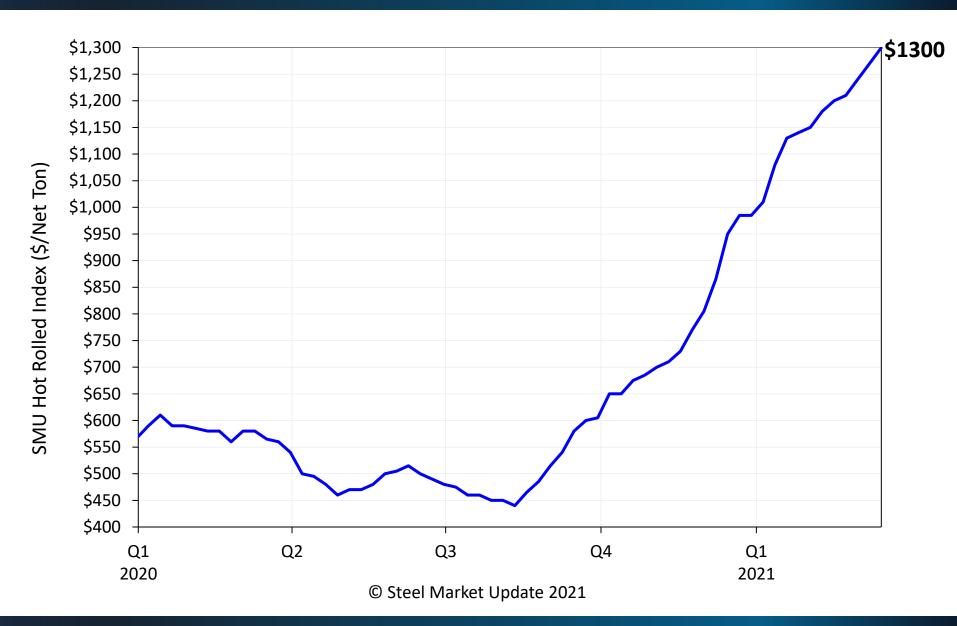
Are you finding the domestic mills are willing to negotiate pricing on brand new orders placed this week?





# SMU Hot Rolled Price Average

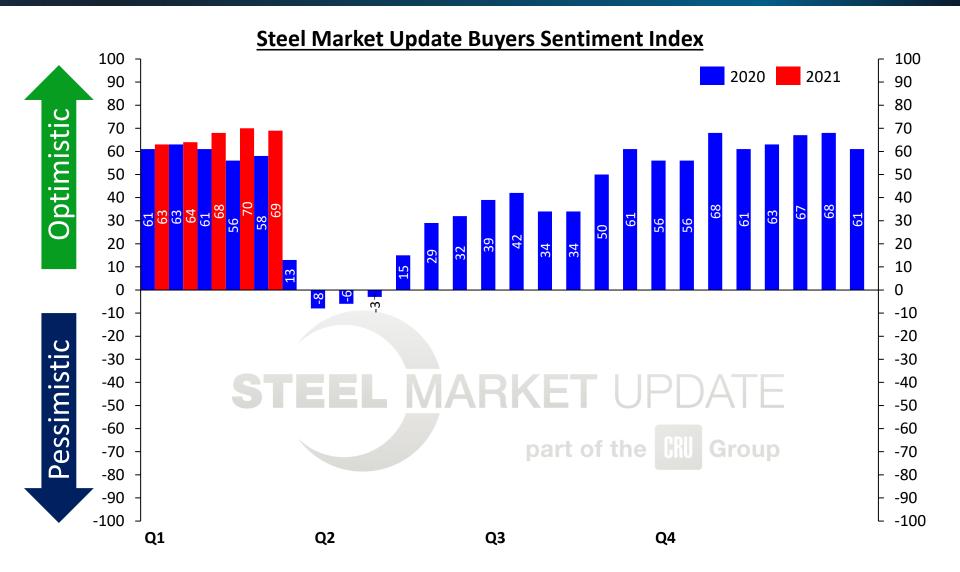




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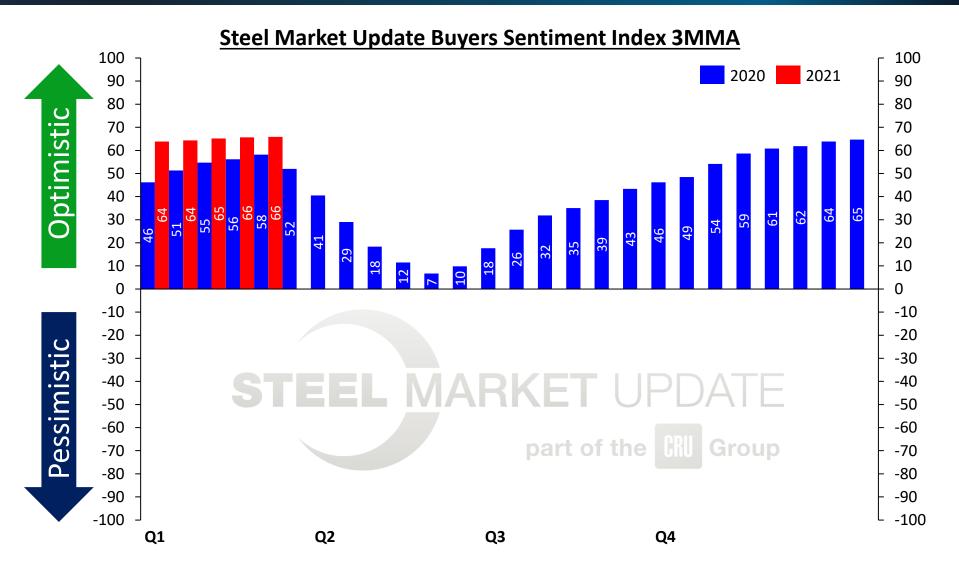
Down 1 point to +69



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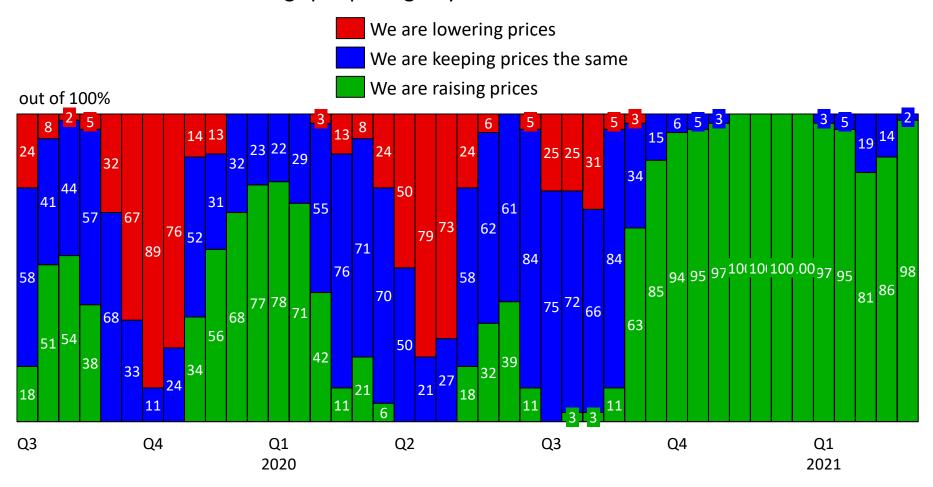


Three Month Moving Average at +65.83



# Service Center View of Selling Prices History STEEL MARKET UPDATE part of the Group

**Service Centers-** Compared to two weeks ago, how is your company handling spot pricing to your customers at this time?



## **Overall Demand History**

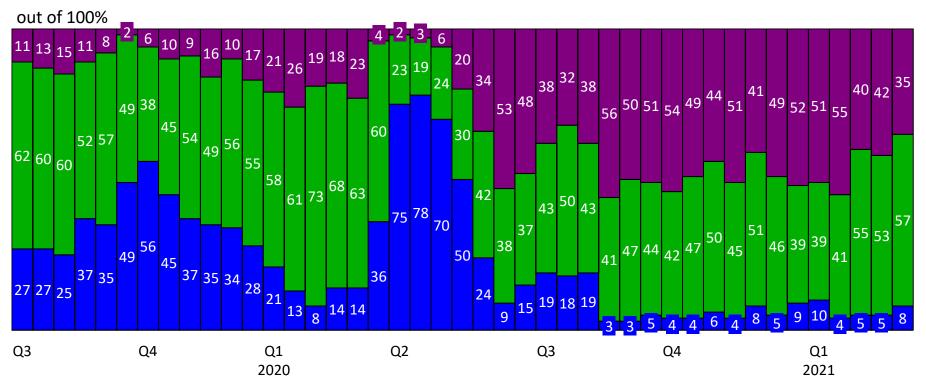


Are you seeing demand for your products improving, remaining the same or declining?

Demand is improving

Demand is remaining the same

Demand is declining

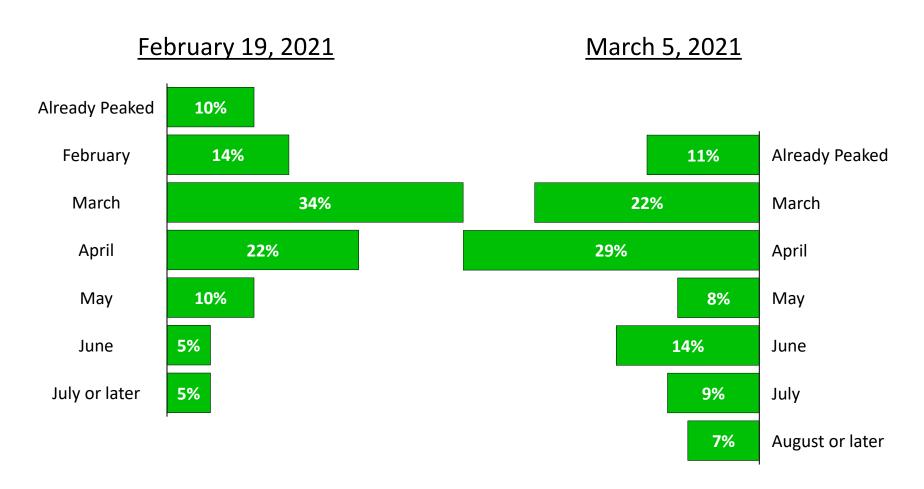


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#### When Will Prices Peak?



When do you see prices peaking?



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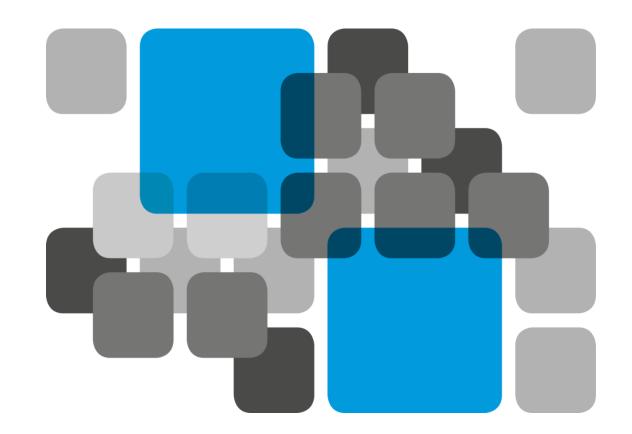
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# Steel industry decarbonisation and costs

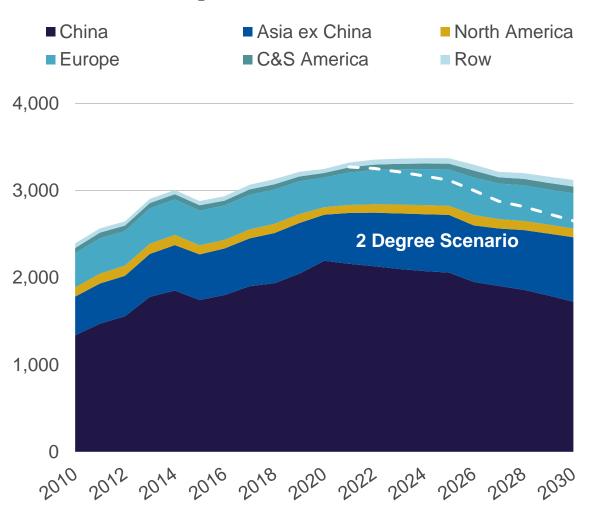
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#### The steel industry emitted over 3,200 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-e in 2020

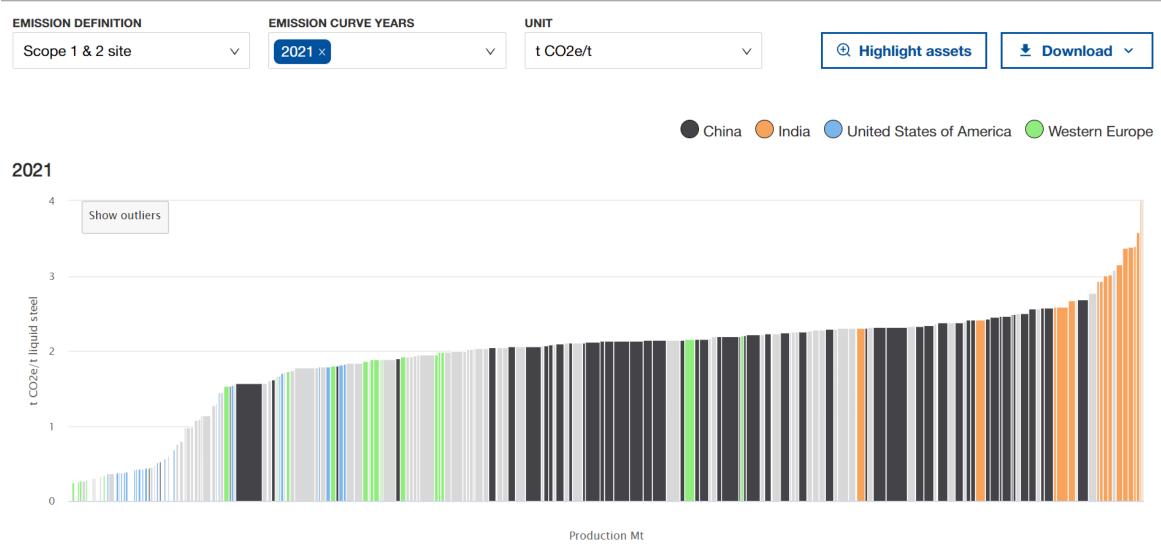
#### Steel emissions, CO<sub>2</sub>-e Mt



- The steel industry contributes ~8% of global CO<sub>2</sub>-e emissions
- Most major steel producing countries and regions now have some form of emissions reduction target
- There is growing pressure on steel producers globally to reduce their emissions, this has implications for costs
- The industry must abate ~600Mt of CO<sub>2</sub>-e by 2030 to achieve the 2DS pathway (~3x the emissions of the European steel industry)

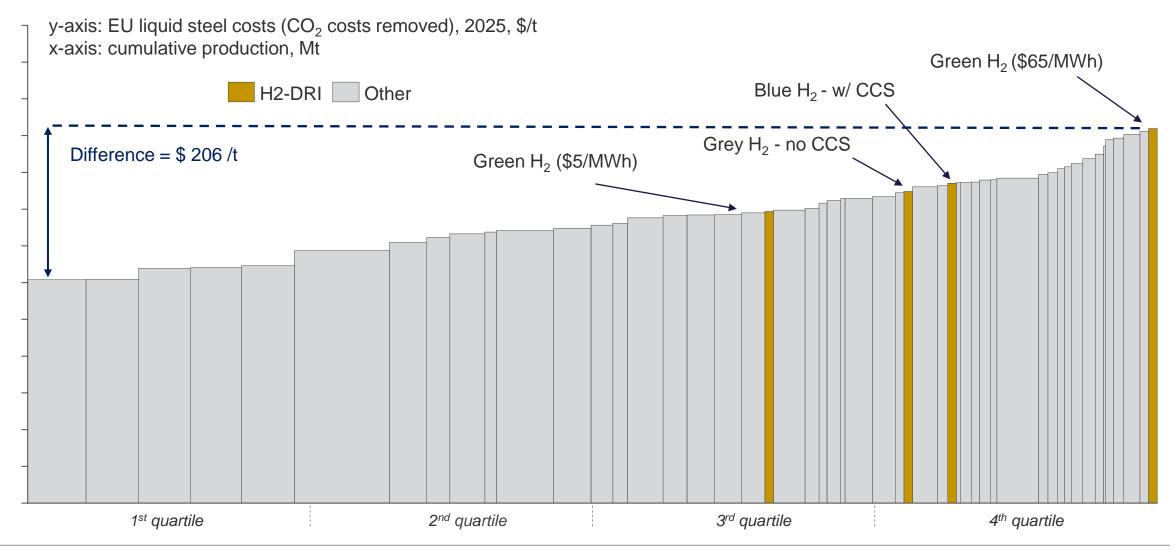


### **CRU Emissions Analysis Tool**



DATA: CRU Emissions Analysis Tool

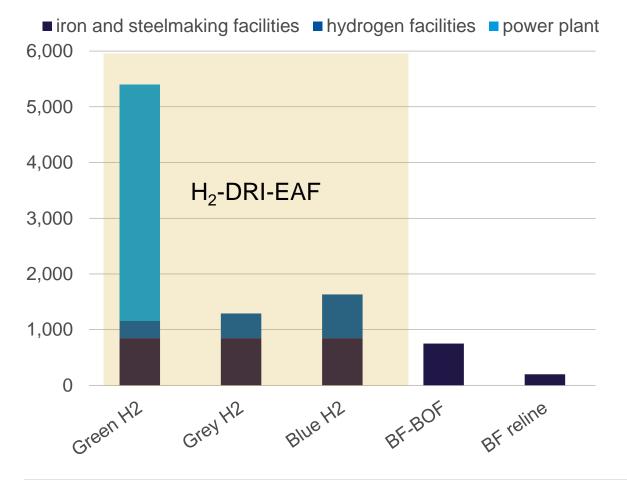
## The operating costs of low CO<sub>2</sub> steelmaking are high

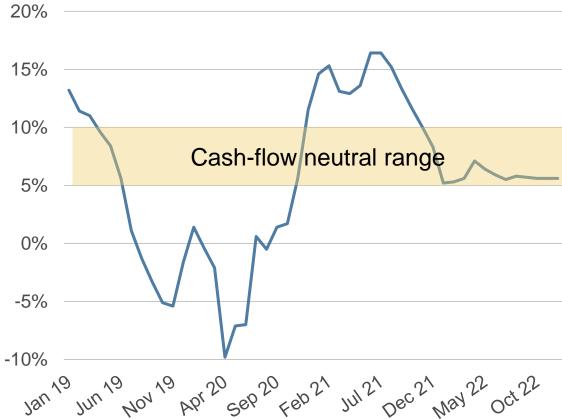


#### High capital intensity and low margins constrain decarbonisation

Capital intensity estimates for H<sub>2</sub> steelmaking vs BF-BOF \$/t installed capacity

Global HR coil EBITDA margin, %

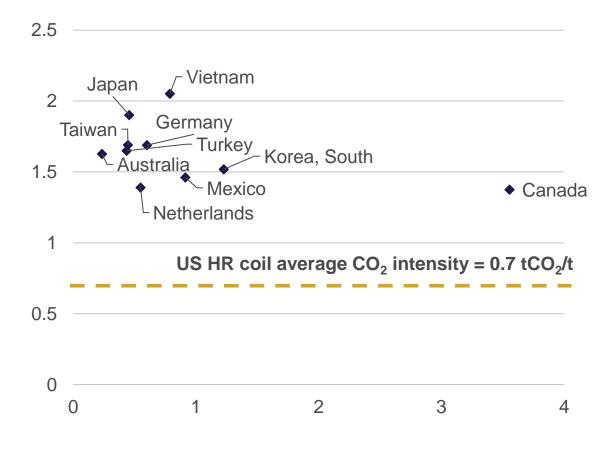




#### The US' CO<sub>2</sub> position provides a competitive advantage vs imports

y-axis: CO<sub>2</sub> intensity of HR steel, t-CO<sub>2</sub>/t flat steel

x-axis: flat steel imports to the US, 2018, t



- The US is well ahead of its import competition in in terms of CO<sub>2</sub> efficiency
- Decarbonisation is going to be a challenge for the steel industry on multiple fronts
- Growing EAF capacity, high quality raw materials and natural gas availability will continue to support low CO<sub>2</sub> steel production in the US
- A carbon border tariff could favour US production of steel and metallics vs imports

#### How could carbon pricing influence steel costs?

Scope 1: Direct emissions costs related to CO<sub>2</sub> intensity of steel production: BF-BOFs lose

competitiveness vs EAFs, Rerollers will see smallest direct cost increase

Scope 2: Costs passed through electricity prices: EAFs and Rerollers lose competitiveness, BF-

BOFs with less onsite power generation lose competitiveness

**Scope 3:** Raw material costs rise (if raw materials production exposed to carbon pricing): Costs

impacts vary depending on raw material CO<sub>2</sub> intensity. Slab costs may rise for Rerollers –

CO<sub>2</sub> intensity of supply key

**Steel consumers:** Higher steel prices if steel producers can pass through higher costs incurred above.

Higher prices also required in order to achieve ROI of higher capital and operating cost

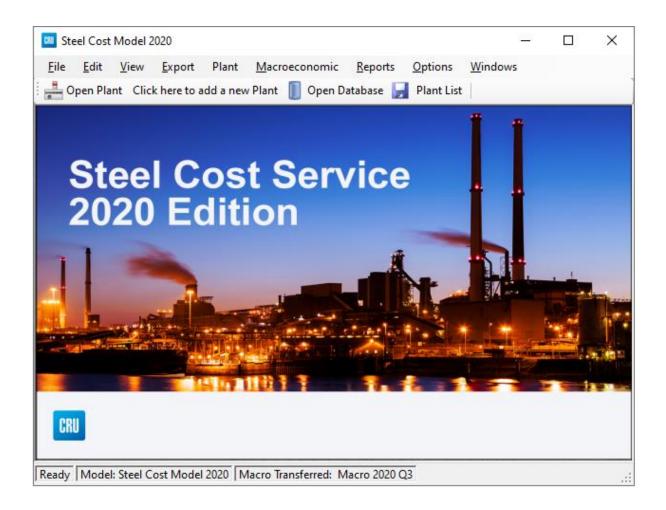
technologies.

An understanding of emissions across the steel value chain is key to understanding how carbon pricing could impact your business





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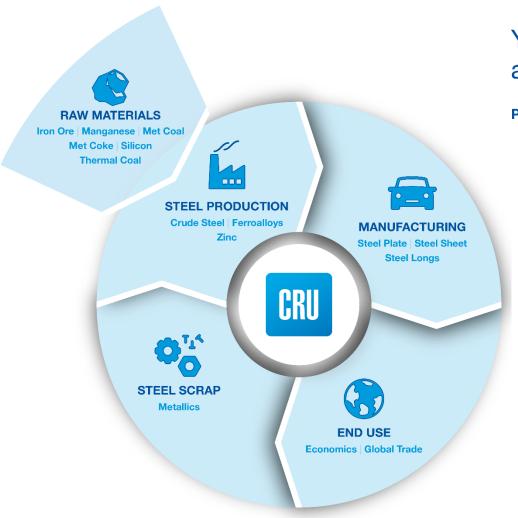


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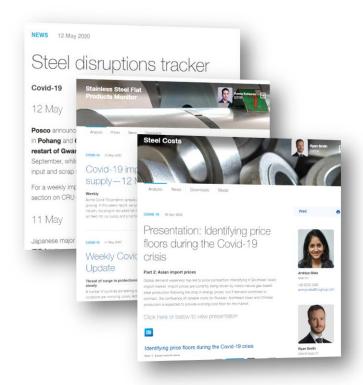
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