

## Market Report week 24/2008

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for Natural Rubber in week 23/2008:

	<b>Quality</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUE</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THU</b>	<b>FRI</b>
TOCOM	RSS 3	Yen/kg	314,80	321,60	318,30	327,40	334,10
SICOM	RSS 3	USC/kg	302,50	310,00	309,00	315,50	320,50
SICOM	TSR 20	USC/kg	297,75	304,25	302,50	308,75	314,50
MRE	SMR CV	USC/kg	333,65	333,05	330,90	328,10	331,25
MRE	SMR 20	USC/kg	311,00	307,35	303,80	301,75	306,40
Development of EUR/USD during week 23/2008:							
USD Fix			1,5530	1,5590	1,5480	1,5400	1,5556

*(TOCOM RSS 3 - 6. month closing , SICOM RSS 3 & TSR 20 – 1<sup>st</sup> pos. settlement, MRE SMR CV & SMR 20 – closing quotation)*

Commodities are actually facing a bull-run, that has never seen before in this intensity . The crude-oil prices weakened at the beginning of last week to levels of abt. 120/121 USD/barrel, after various Asian countries announced to reduce sharply the local subsidies for fuel, that could lead in the middle term to a reduced demand in crude-oil. However, towards the weekend crud-oil raised to the highest level ever, with an increase of abt. 11 USD/barrel within one day, the highest daily increase ever seen. This price jumps were caused by an Israel minister , who said that military action against Iran becomes "unavoidable" , as well as speculators who took the chance to step in again after prices dropped before sharply. The actual price for crude-oil is around 138,00 USD/barrel.

Pushed by oil the future markets at TOCOM and SICOM also increased substantially. Since last Monday almost 8 %. For sure, demand mainly from China and the major tyre boys is very good and the supply is slow after wintering and consistent bad weather thereafter, but this price increase is exaggerating, as mainly speculation can cause such unreal scenarios. As long as the sentiment at the future markets will be that bullish, the price level for NR can hardly change.

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