

Market Report week 05/2013

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for Natural Rubber in week 05/2013:

	Quality	Price	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
TOCOM	RSS 3	Yen/kg	313,70	312,60	315,90	315,60	323,50
SICOM	RSS 3	USC/kg	325,00	327,00	328,10	326,20	334,00
SICOM	TSR 20	USC/kg	303,80	307,40	308,50	304,80	311,50
MRE	SMR CV	USC/kg	Holiday	335,55	336,65	334,70	Holiday
MRE	SMR 20	USC/kg	Holiday	307,30	310,40	309,00	Holiday
Development of EUR/USD during week 05/2013:							
USD Fix			1,3442	1,3425	1,3540	1,3548	1,3635
Oil/BRT	USD/barrel		114,54	115,34	117,11	116,74	117,93

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

The last week generated irregular changes in the Asian future-markets. While TOCOM RSS 3 gained almost 4 % , mainly caused by a weaker YEN against the US-Dollar, SGX RSS 3 rose abt. 2,2 & while SGX TSR 20 lost abt. 2,1 %. This Monday markets rose further and TOCOM RSS 3 gained another 3 % compared with Friday's quotes , based on a continuous weak YEN. Quotations at the SGX rose only moderate.

Markets firmed by trend recently, but main reasons seemed to be currency effects as well as the upcoming Chinese New Year - festival. Also better data from the US and Asia raises hopes of a recovery of the global economy.

The ARNPC announced today, that the China imports of NR rose 39,5 % to 265.000 tons and the forecast for NR imports of China in 2013 is estimated to reach abt. 3,4 Mio tons.

NR- Trading department , February, 4th

Abbreviations:

TOCOM = Tokyo Commodity Exchange - SICOM = Singapore Commodity Exchange
MRE = Malaysian Rubber Exchange - WTI =crude oil "Western Texas Intermediate"
RSS 3 = Ribbed Smoked Sheets 3 – TSR 20 = Technically Specified Rubber 20
SMR = Standard Malaysian Rubber