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Market Report week 51/2017

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for natural rubber week 50/2017:

	QUALITY	PRICE	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
ТОСОМ	RSS 3	YEN/kg	203,00	204,00	204,20	205,30	204,80
SGX	RSS 3	USC/kg	159,60	159,80	159,70	161,10	161,20
SGX	TSR 20	USC/kg	143,10	143,30	143,00	144,60	145,00
MRE	SMR CV	USC/kg	189,05	189,00	189,00	189,00	189,00
MRE	SMR 20	USC/kg	141,35	142,60	141,75	143,70	144,00

Development of EUR/USD and BRENT crude oil during week 50/2017:

EUR/USD Fix		1,1794	1,1775	1,1737	1,1829	1,1801
USD/JPY Fix		113,3535	113,4445	113,3085	112,7075	112,1830
Oil/BRT	USD/Barrel	63,35	65,77	63,89	62,05	63,48

(TOCOM RSS 3: 6^{th} month closing, SGX RSS 3 & TSR 20: 1^{st} pos. settlement, MRE SMR CV & SMR 20: closing quotation)

Uncertainty has driven markets this week. Uncertainty about China's demand. Waiting for IRCo meeting with announcement about volumes for export cutting. Uncertainty about next steps of Thai government's plan in supporting the smallholders (approved THB 20B to reduce supply by 350,000mt)

The FED has raised the interest rate last week already the third time this year, three more increases are planned for 2018. Other countries follow the example. However, ECB will wait at least one and a half year for the next rate increase.

We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a successful New Year!!

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Abbreviations:TOCOM= Tokyo Commodity ExchangeRSS3= Ribbed Smoked Sheets 3SGX= Singapore ExchangeTSR 20= Technically Specified Rubber 20MRE= Malaysian rubber Exchange

SMR = Standard Malyasian Rubber BRT = crude oil "BRENT"