

## Market Report week 22/20007

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for Natural Rubber in week 21/2007:

|   | Qualität | Preis  | MON    | TUE    | WED    | THU    | FRI    |
|---|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| TOCOM                                       | RSS 3    | Yen/kg | 292,00 | 292,40 | 295,50 | 297,00 | 297,00 |
| SICOM                                       | RSS 3    | USC/kg | 244,00 | 244,00 | 245,25 | 244,75 | 244,25 |
| SICOM                                       | TSR 20   | USC/kg | 228,00 | 227,50 | 228,25 | 228,75 | 229,00 |
| MRE   | SMR CV   | USC/kg | 272,00 | 271,90 | 272,45 | 269,60 | 267,15 |
| MRE   | SMR 20   | USC/kg | 230,10 | 231,20 | 232,00 | 233,35 | 232,85 |
| Development of EUR/USD during week 21/2007: |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| USD Fix                                     |          |        | 1,3435 | 1,3444 | 1,3453 | 1,3445 | 1,3444 |

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

While the market tended very firm during the last week and it seemed that the psychologically important mark of 300 YEN/kg at the TOCOM could be reached, the quotations beginning of this week dropped sharply as they failed to break the 300 YEN/kg – mark repeatedly, causing long liquidation for profit-taking. As the production in the main areas in Asia is still not picking up substantially and the demand from China for nearby shipments increases consistently, physical prices will stay firm in the near term.

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