

## Market Report week 05/2008

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for Natural Rubber in week 04/2008:

|   | <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       | 285,30     | 278,20     | 277,80     | 279,90     | 287,80     |
| SICOM                                       | RSS 3          | USC/kg       | 263,00     | 258,50     | 258,50     | 259,00     | 263,00     |
| SICOM                                       | TSR 20         | USC/kg       | 252,75     | 248,00     | 248,50     | 250,00     | 255,25     |
| MRE   | SMR CV         | USC/kg       | 273,45     | 271,65     | 271,65     | 275,80     | 278,55     |
| MRE   | SMR 20         | USC/kg       | 248,70     | 245,95     | 245,95     | 250,10     | 257,10     |
| Development of EUR/USD during week 04/2008: |                |              |            |            |            |            |            |
| USD Fix                                     |                |              | 1,4488     | 1,4515     | 1,4585     | 1,4675     | 1,4700     |

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

What a week last week ! A crash at various stock-exchanges of the world at the beginning of the week with losses up to 9 % , caused by the finance-crisis in the US, followed by strong profits towards the end of the week, determined by an unexpected decrease of the key interest rate by 0,75 % from the US-federal reserve bank as well as a big financial package from the US government.

The physical market is constantly stable, the Chinese New Year- celebration is getting nearer and the production in Vietnam, Thailand and Malaysia is more and more influenced by the upcoming wintering

On 22.01.08 the Import-Statistics from China were released for December 2008:

|                  | December 2007 | Change    | January – December 2007 | Change (y/y) |
|------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Natural Rubber   | 146.557 to    | - 7,70 %  | 1.647.638 to            | + 2,20 %     |
| Synthetic Rubber | 127.799 to    | + 35,00 % | 1.413.732 to            | + 8,80 %     |

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