

We wish all a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2009!

Market Report week 01+02/2009

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for Natural Rubber in week 52/2008:

| | Quality | Price | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI |
|--|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| TOCOM | RSS 3 | Yen/kg | 138,30 | holiday | 129,30 | 128,50 | 131,60 |
| SICOM | RSS 3 | USC/kg | 138,00 | 137,00 | holiday | holiday | 133,00 |
| SICOM | TSR 20 | USC/kg | 133,00 | 131,00 | holiday | holiday | 127,50 |
| MRE | SMR CV | USC/kg | 171,30 | 171,45 | 172,10 | holiday | 172,10 |
| MRE | SMR 20 | USC/kg | 123,35 | 124,40 | 124,75 | holiday | 125,45 |
| Development of EUR/USD during week 52/2008 & week 01/2009: | | | | | | | |
| USD Fix | | | 1,3970 | 1,4000 | 1,3970 | 1,4000 | 1,4020 |

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

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for Natural Rubber in week 01/2009:

| | Quality | Price | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI |
|---|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| TOCOM | RSS 3 | Yen/kg | 137,00 | 136,10 | holiday | holiday | holiday |
| SICOM | RSS 3 | USC/kg | 136,00 | 137,50 | holiday | holiday | 139,00 |
| SICOM | TSR 20 | USC/kg | 136,00 | 136,50 | holiday | holiday | 137,50 |
| MRE | SMR CV | USC/kg | holiday | 173,15 | 174,10 | holiday | 177,20 |
| MRE | SMR 20 | USC/kg | holiday | 129,15 | 130,00 | holiday | 132,60 |
| Development of EUR/USD during week 01/2009: | | | | | | | |
| USD Fix | | | 1,4240 | 1,4163 | | | 1,3947 |

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

After the Christmas break markets firmed heavily. TOCOM and SICOM increased since end of week 51 by 16-17 %. Very bad weather, good demand from China as well as the upcoming Chinese New Year celebration (26/27/01.2009) don't give hope for sinking prices right now, especially as the situation in the near East is getting worth.

On December, 22nd Import-Data from China for November 2009 was released:

| | November 2008 | Change in % | Jan-Nov 2009 | Veränderung in |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| | in mt | | in mt | % J/J |
| Natural Rubber | 124.815 | - 19,43 | 1.573.771 | + 4,81 |
| Synthese Rubber | 51.316 | - 58,28 | 1.144.979 | - 10,96 |