

Market Report week 16/2011

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for Natural Rubber in week 15/2011:

	Quality	Price	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
TOCOM	RSS 3	Yen/kg	475,20	459,10	450,40	442,10	435,10
SICOM	RSS 3	USC/kg	612,30	605,00	599,70	589,30	587,30
SICOM	TSR 20	USC/kg	529,20	523,00	513,50	504,20	501,00
MRE	SMR CV	USC/kg	603,30	598,85	594,45	592,40	592,15
MRE	SMR 20	USC/kg	534,45	529,25	519,90	516,15	513,55
Development of EUR/USD during week 15/2011:							
USD Fix			1,4472	1,4460	1,4500	1,4390	1,4315
Oil/WTI	USD/barrel		126,94	126,53	123,84	123,75	124,31

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

The mood in the future-markets has turned mainly „bearish“ during the course of last week. The investment banker Goldman Sachs however recommended their clients to liquidate their positions in commodities as they think that the recent boom in the commodity –markets might come to an end soon. TOCOM lost last week abt. 6,2 %, SICOM fall on RSS 3 abt. 4 % and TSR 20 abt. 5,3. Also at the beginning of this week the downward correction continued with further heavy losses. Up to Tuesday TOCOM lost compared with Friday another 5,8 %.

The production situation seems to improve as the end of the wintering is almost reached. Because of the strong corrections in the future-markets the potential for technical corrections is for sure increasing. The big tyre companies take the opportunity to cover consistently to improve their average price as the demand is too big to stay away for too long.

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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