

Market Report week 18/2013

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for Natural Rubber in week 18/2013:

	Quality	Price	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
TOCOM	RSS 3	Yen/kg	Holiday	262,60		253,50	Holiday
SICOM	RSS 3	USC/kg	297,00	297,00	Holiday	296,00	302,00
SICOM	TSR 20	USC/kg	245,50	246,00	Holiday	251,00	254,20
MRE	SMR CV	USC/kg	319,20	321,55	Holiday	320,25	326,70
MRE	SMR 20	USC/kg	245,10	249,65	Holiday	252,90	259,15
Development of EUR/USD during week 18/2013:							
USD Fix			1,3078	1,3048		1,3145	1,3115
Oil/BRT	USD/barrel		103,59	104,35		100,86	103,57

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

Many holidays splitted the last trading-week. Towards the end of the week prices increase significantly, because of better job-data from the US and an historical decrease of the interest-rate in the Euro zone through the ECB. Effects from the wintering are still there, but on the other hands the high inventories in Chinese warehouses are still excessive. The TRE, that was closed on Friday and Monday rose compared to Thursday by abt. 5 %.

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<u>Abbreviations:</u> 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