

Market Report week 02/2013

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for Natural Rubber in week 02/2013:

	Quality	Price	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
TOCOM	RSS 3	Yen/kg	303,70	305,60	308,00	313,30	312,20
SICOM	RSS 3	USC/kg	329,00	331,00	334,00	337,00	334,30
SICOM	TSR 20	USC/kg	301,30	302,10	304,00	307,20	304,00
MRE	SMR CV	USC/kg	323,35	324,65	325,90	329,40	332,65
MRE	SMR 20	USC/kg	305,50	305,60	306,90	309,70	309,80
Development of EUR/USD during week 02/2013:							
USD Fix			1,3031	1,3120	1,3120	1,3100	1,3250
Oil/BRT	USD/barrel		113,51	114,95	114,49	115,74	112,60

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

In the past week quotations at the future markets changed only slightly. While TOCOM RSS 3 gained abt. 1,4 % during the week, SGX remained nearly unchanged.

At the moment the main problem is raw material availability in the top producing areas of SE-Asia and an expected early start of the wintering by the end of January /early February. Demand remains more or less unchanged, only China shows a bit of activity, probably because of the upcomming Chinese New Year celebrations (10-12. February).

NR- Trading department, January 14th

Abbreviations:

RSS 3 = Ribbed Smoked Sheets 3 - TSR 20 = Technically Specified Rubber 20

SMR = Standard Malaysian Rubber