

Market Report week 22/2014

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for natural rubber in week of May 19, 2014:

| | QUALITY | PRICE | MON | TUE | WED | THUR | FRI |
|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| TOCOM | RSS 3 | YEN/kg | 206,50 | 203,40 | 203,40 | 204,50 | 204,30 |
| SGX | RSS 3 | USC/kg | 213,00 | 210,50 | 210,00 | 209,70 | 210,10 |
| SGX | TSR 20 | USC/kg | 171,70 | 170,70 | 171,30 | 170,30 | 170,20 |
| MRE | SMR CV | USC/kg | 238,80 | 239,05 | 238,60 | 239,60 | 239,10 |
| MRE | SMR 20 | USC/kg | 173,15 | 222,65 | 171,65 | 172,50 | 171,20 |

Development of EUR/USD and BRENT crude oil during week of May19, 2014:

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|-------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| EUR/USD Fix | | 1,3717 | 1,3697 | 1,3676 | 1,3670 | 1,3626 |
| USD/JPY Fix | | 101,20 | 101,36 | 101,09 | 101,60 | 101,90 |
| Oil/BRT | USD/Barrel | 110,08 | 109,36 | 109,92 | 110,39 | 110,44 |

(TOCOM RSS 3: 6th month closing, SGX RSS 3 & TSR 20: 1st pos. settlement, MRE SMR CV & SMR 20: closing quotation)

Last week prices further improved slightly, TOCOM RSS 3 rose abt. 2 % during the week, SGX RSS 3 gained abt. 0,9 %, TSR 20 abt. 0,7 %. At the beginning of the new week prices further rose slightly. However, the upside seems to be capped at the moment, because of the prospect of a large surplus this year earlier announced by the International Rubber Study Group (IRSG) even with the low-production season and of course, due to China's ongoing weak demand.

After the coup in Thailand, it is unlikely that the intervention stock of abt. 200.000 mt will be released soon, estimates the IRCO (International Rubber Consortium). Market players fear that a sale now could cause a further significant slide of the prices at the NR future markets of TOCOM and SGX.

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Abbreviations:

RSS3 = Ribbed Smoked Sheets 3
TSR 20 = Technically Specified Rubber 20
SMR = Standard Malaysian Rubber

TOCOM = Tokyo Commodity Exchange
SGX = Singapore Exchange
MRE = Malaysian rubber Exchange
BRT = crude oil "BRENT"