

Shanghai Metals Market Price Assessment Methodology —Cobalt Sulphate

SMM Cobalt Sulphate Spot Prices

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1. Guidelines to SMM price assessment methodology

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This document specifies the standards and management methods for the SMM cobalt sulphate spot price assessment. These standards are formulated to establish a transparent and verifiable SMM price setting mechanism and provide market participants with an important pricing indicator.

To ensure that SMM Benchmarks and indices are constructed, maintained and operated to the highest standards, the administrator of the SMM Benchmarks – Shanghai Metal Markets (“SMM” or “the Administrator”, herein known as “SMM”) employs a robust governance framework to manage and approve new Benchmarks and also approve changes to the methodologies of existing Benchmarks.

The SMM Benchmark Management Committee (“the Committee”) is responsible for all aspects of the design, management governance and calculation of the SMM Benchmarks, and is responsible for approving all policies and procedures relating to the provision of the Benchmarks. The Committee will regularly - and no less frequently than annually - review the methodology and its evaluation and publication process. Additionally, the Committee will review the methodology and all other relevant policy and procedure documents in response to changes to market conditions or any aspect of the dynamics of the underlying market the Benchmarks seek to measure.

The Committee maintains oversight of the SMM Benchmark methodology and its compilation process, ensuring that SMM prices and indices reflect as closely as possible

the objective conditions of physical markets of relevant commodities. The Committee will immediately point out any problem it finds, and propose external consultations and modifications to the existing methodologies or processes, in order to improve the quality of prices or indices published by SMM. The Committee can only propose changes to the methodologies and processes used in future Benchmark assessments, rather than modifying the already published prices or indices.

2. Guidelines to SMM cobalt sulphate

2.1 Definition

The SMM cobalt sulphate is assessed and reported based on the methodology defined in this document. As a benchmark, it can be referred to by both parties of cobalt sulphate spot transaction as their settlement price. The prices reflect the actually traded and the most tradable levels of spot cobalt sulphate at the time of publication on each complete trading day. The prices are assessed mainly based on prices of spot transactions nationwide on the day, including transportation costs, taxes, and capital costs.

2.2 Introduction of price assessment

SMM collects data information used to evaluate cobalt sulphate spot prices by means of standard acquisition (that is, the collection of raw data information that complies with the SMM Data Standards Policy). The data include the bids and offers of the buyer and seller that were not traded on the same day, and the actually traded prices of spot transactions provided by the price submitters. The amount of each transaction that can be deemed as the standard cobalt sulphate quotes or trades in the price collection will be not less than 30 mt. Data collection, assessment (calculation) and daily management of SMM cobalt sulphate spot prices are conducted by SMM cobalt sulphate operational team (consists of position A and B as well as a price manager).

SMM's objective is to collect price (or data) reflecting arm's length spot market activity. Types of data collected can include, but not limited to:

- Concluded transactions
- Firm bids that are available to the whole marketplace, with market accepted terms
- Firm offers that are available to the whole marketplace, with market accepted terms
- Expressions of interest to trade, with market accepted terms
- Third party reports of transactions
- Any other data that may be relevant to SMM prices

The price published by SMM is intended to reflect the real transactable value of a commodity in a time point or period during the day. As such, where a confirmed deal is done for the same specification and loading range as confirmed bids and offers, and when all are declared to the market simultaneously, the deal will take precedence over the bids and offers. During the assessment process, we may consider other information. However, actual transactions, bids and offers will always take precedence. *Please read this paragraph with the SMM Benchmark Guidelines on Hierarchy of Data*

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