

Shanghai Metals Market Price Assessment Methodology

SMM Nickel Sulfate (Battery Grade) spot price

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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 Nickel Sulfate (Battery Grade) 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.

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2. Guidelines to SMM Nickel Sulfate (Battery Grade) spot price

2.1 Definition

The SMM Nickel Sulfate (Battery Grade) (hereinafter referred to as nickel sulfate) spot prices are assessed and reported based on the methodology defined in this document. As a benchmark, it can be referred to by both parties of nickel sulfate spot transaction as their settlement price. The prices are a price range of the most tradable levels of spot nickel sulfate ahead of publication on each complete trading day. The prices are assessed based on trading situation nationwide on the day.

2.2 Introduction of price assessment

SMM collects data information used to evaluate battery-grade nickel sulfate spot prices by means of standard acquisition (that is, the collection of raw data information that complies with the SMM Data Standards Policy), from data providers that have signed agreement with SMM or have not signed agreement with SMM but meet SMM standards. 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 submitted by the price providers. The amount of each transaction that can be deemed as the standard nickel sulfate quotes or trades in the price collection will be 100-1,000 mt. Data collection, assessment (calculation) and daily management of SMM nickel sulfate spot prices are conducted by SMM Nickel Operational Team (consists of position A and B as well as a price manager).

The price published by SMM is intended to reflect the real transact-able 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 (Priority over bids and offers), bids and offers will always take precedence.

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