How have Steel Raw Materials Costs Been Affected by War, Politics, and COVID? What's Next on the Horizon?

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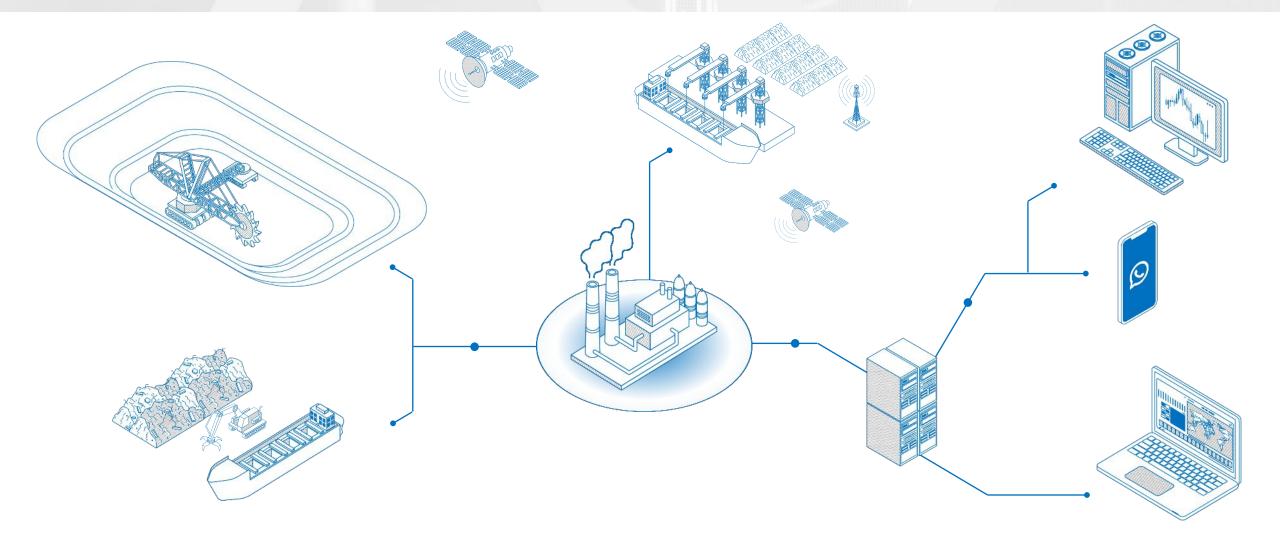
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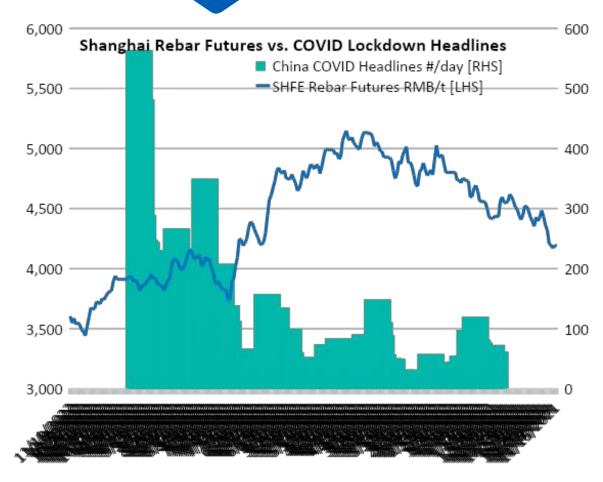


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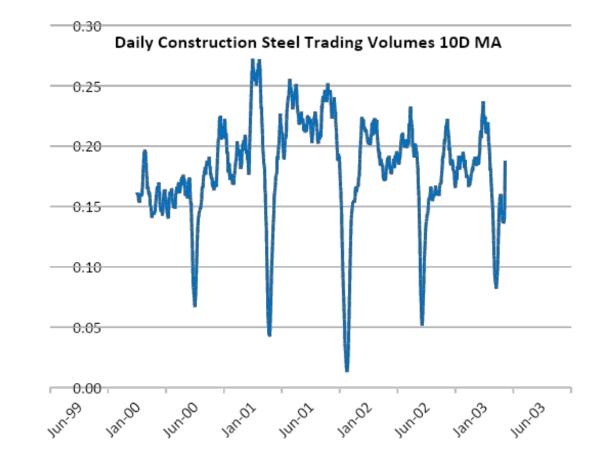
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- C\*VID
- Politics
- War

# China's C\*VID strategy undermines 2022 recovery

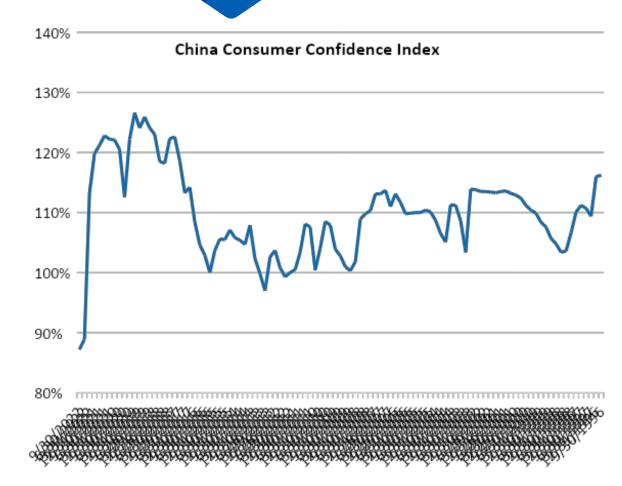


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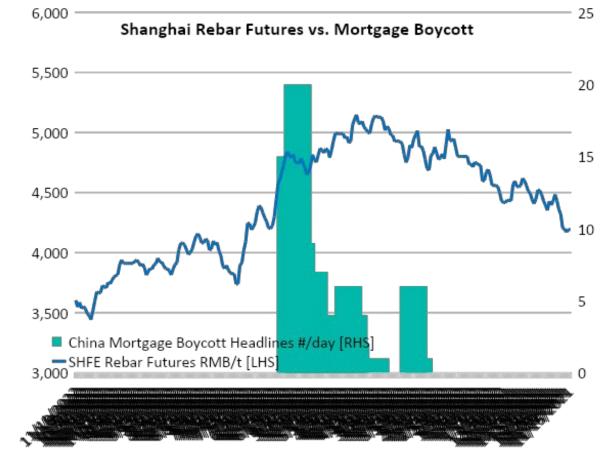


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# Three Red Lines the gift that keeps on giving

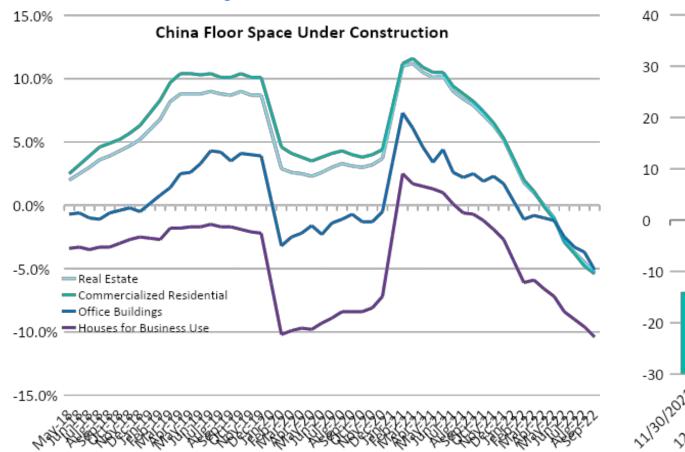


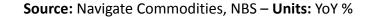
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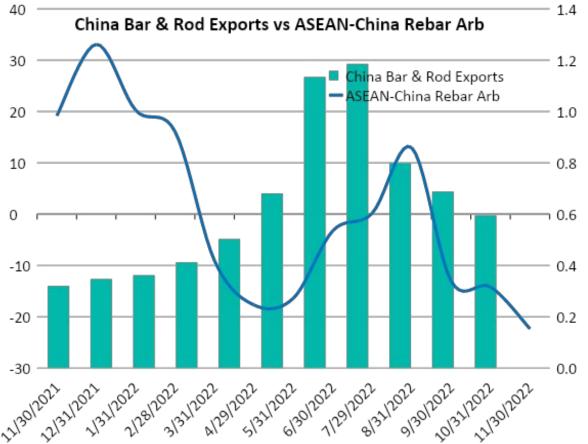


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### **Excess Chinese Steel penetrating SEA – again**

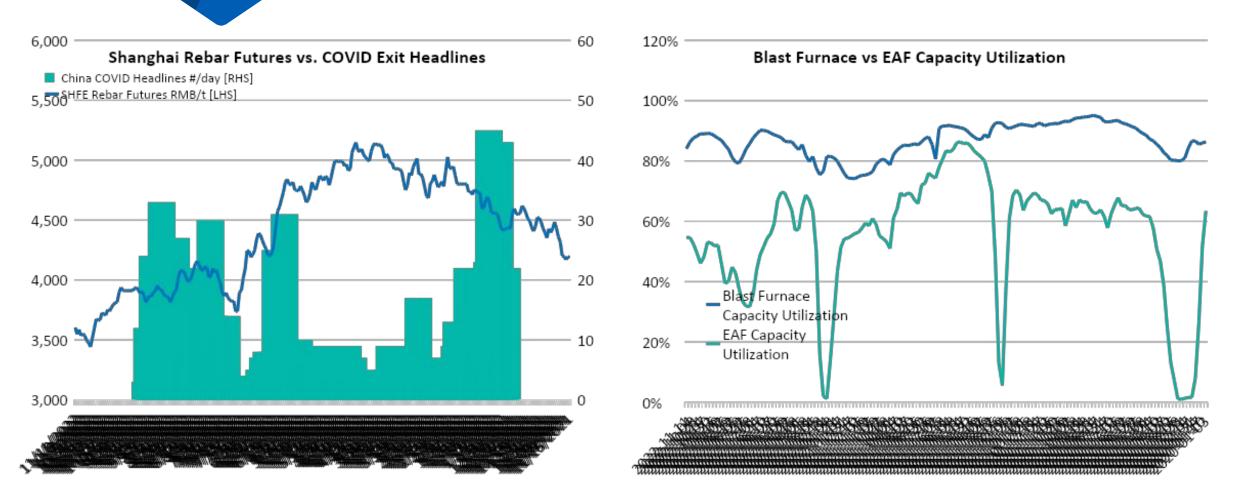






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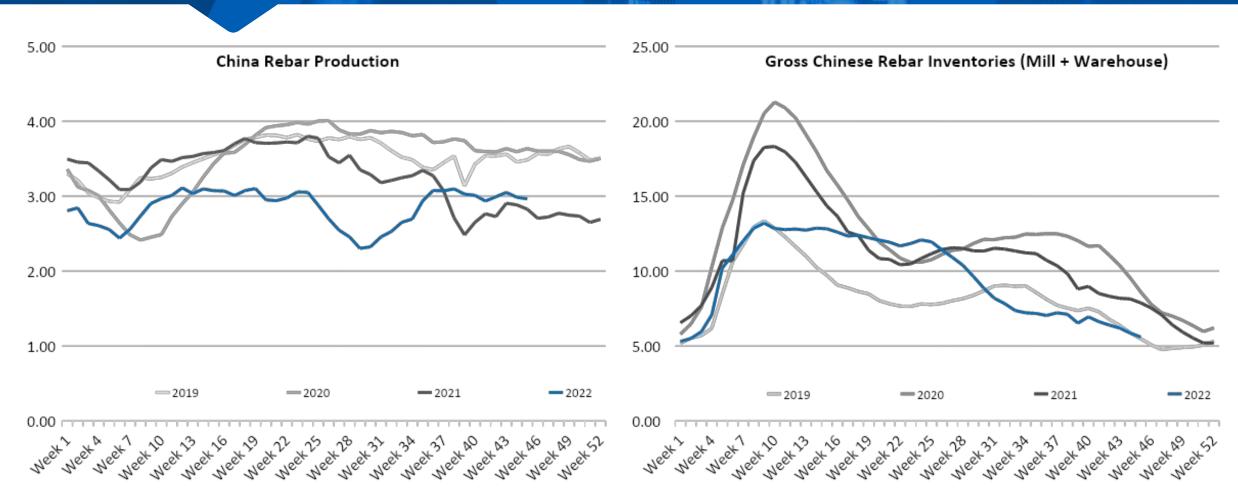
### But it's not all terrible news for Steel



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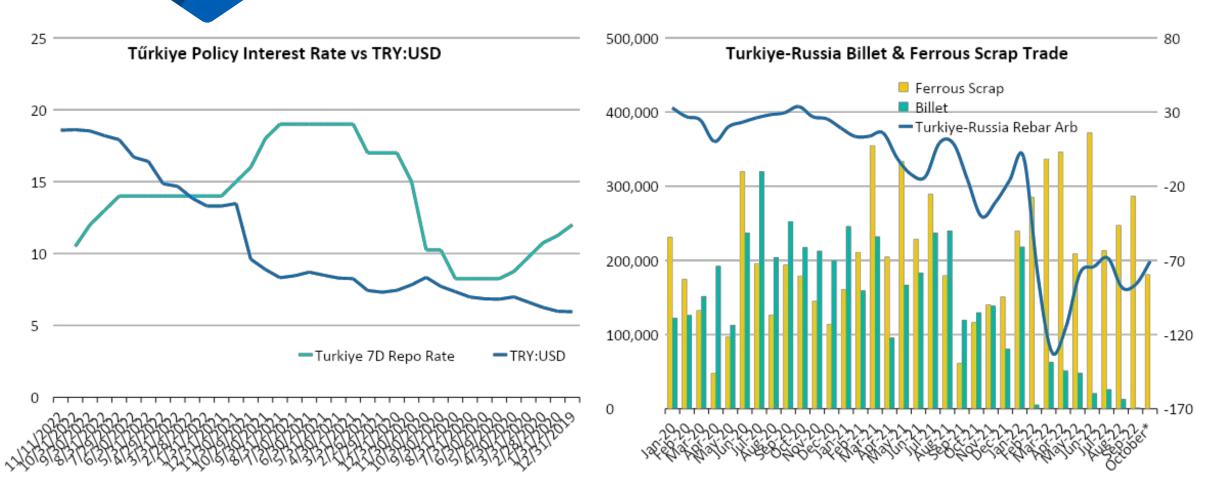
## **Rebalancing Chinese S&D should provide support**



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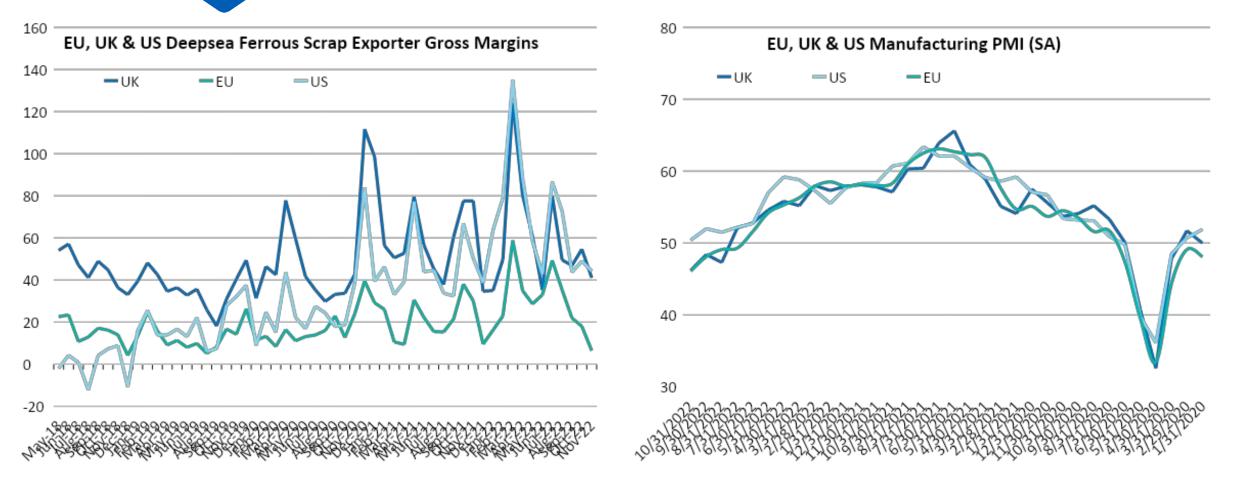
# **Unorthodox EM policies & war inflate costs**



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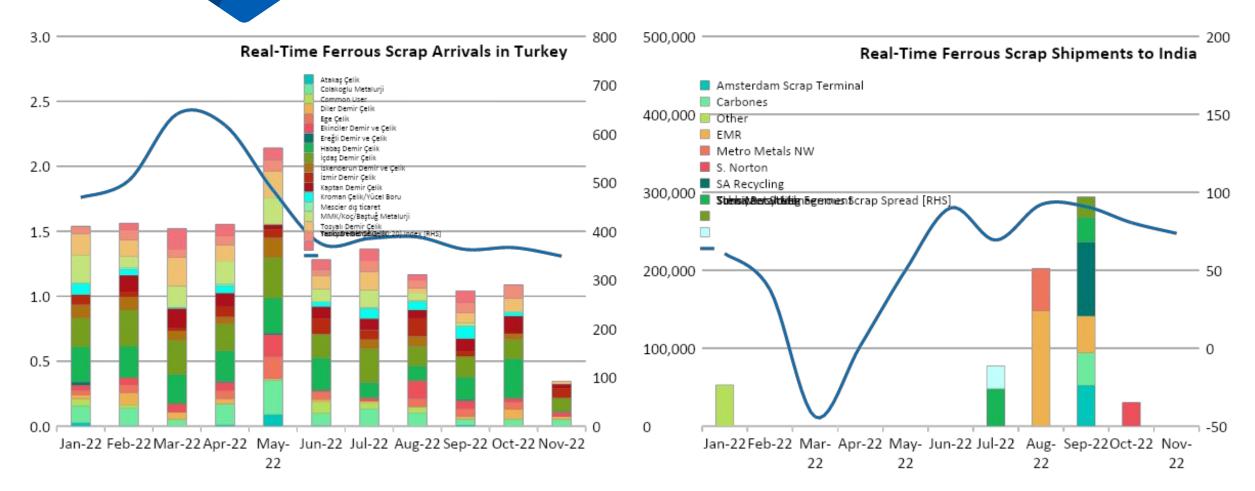
### **DM economic activity limiting Scrap generation**



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# India briefly keeps Ferrous Scrap prices inflated



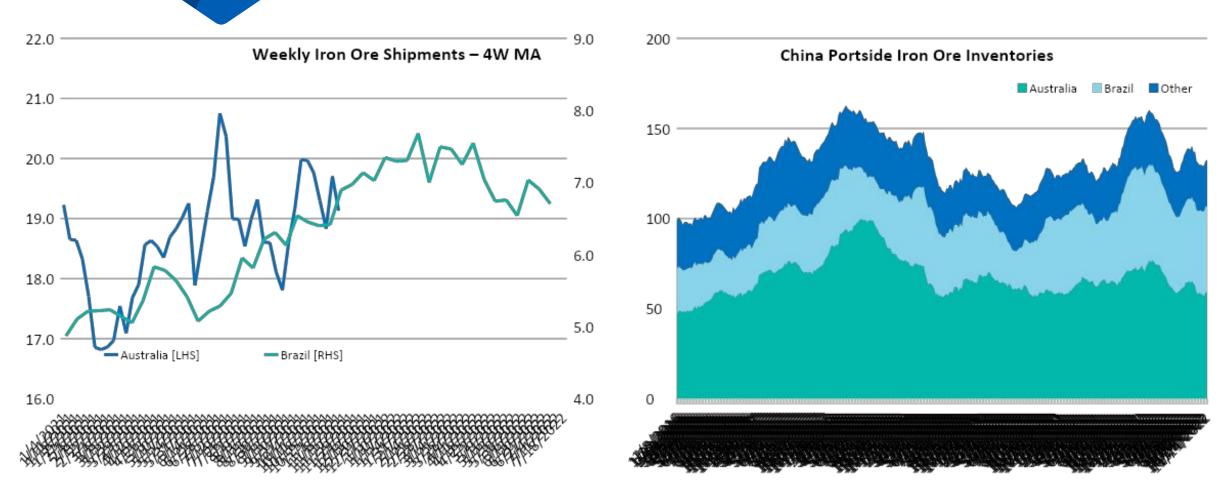
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# Iron Ore supply growth through Q4 2022



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#### Short Term Outlook

- Lagging China fundamentals given staunch COVID strategy until H1 2022 – at the earliest
- Iron Ore & Steel relief rallies on China property sector & "COV-exit" headlines
- Biggest "Unknown" is how long it will take Chinese consumer confidence to recover
- Relatively lower Ferrous Scrap costs on deteriorating US, EU & UK economic outlook
- Uncompetitive Turkish Steel assets will exacerbate availability of Ferrous Scrap

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