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Iron ore shipments from Brazil rise 9% in January

Brazil's iron ore exports in January 2021 amounted to 29 million tonnes, up almost 9% from the same month in 2020, according to data from the Ministry of Economy. In the first month of the year, the average value of exports was USD 94.70 per tonne, compared to USD 65.20 per ton in January last year. Industry analysts reported that shipments increased 37% in the last week of January to 8.2 million tonnes, due to lower rainfall. The increase in the volume shipped was due to an increase in all ports, with the exception of Porto do Açú, located in the state of Rio de Janeiro.

PETROBRAS derivatives production grows and export breaks record in 2020

Even in a year marked by contraction in demand, PETROBRAS increased by 2.8% the production of oil products in the country. In all, the company produced an average of 1,828 million barrels per day (barrels / day). To this end, the company's refineries recorded a utilization factor of 79% on average for the year, slightly above the one registered in 2019, which was 77%. In the

accumulated result for the year, however, the company had a drop in the total sale of derivatives in the national market. In the fourth quarter of 2020 alone, the state company produced a total of 1,898 million barrels / day of oil products, an increase of 5.9% in the annual comparison. Between October and December 2020, the volume of sales of oil products on the domestic market averaged 1.76 million barrels / day, up 2.1% from the fourth quarter of 2019.

White sugar price advances with tight supply in the short term

White sugar futures contracts traded at ICE (Intercontinental Exchange) rose slightly on this week, with the market consolidating after registering a high of almost four years on this week, given the continued support linked to tightening offers in the short term. The March white sugar contract closed at an increase of USD 2.80, or 0.5%, at USD 465.40 per ton. Still on this week, the maturity reached a maximum of three and a half years, of USD 470.40. The availability of white sugar remains limited by the robust demand and the scarcity of containers, which has led those who need sugar to look for the product in the bag.

PORTS OF BRAZIL

Port of Imbituba

The Port of Imbituba, located in the state of Santa Catarina, registered in January 2021 a growth of approximately 18.9% in cargo handling, compared to the same period last year. Altogether, 407.5 thousand tons per month were transported in the public port, the best volume since January 2016, when the mark of 414.9 thousand tons was reached. The Port of Imbituba received 19 vessels in the first month of the year, which transported 12 products. Solid bulk accounted for approximately 78% of the handling. In this group, the largest volumes were mainly petroleum coke (176,200 tonnes), which grew 128.3% in relation to January 2020, followed by salt (35,600 tonnes), bituminous coal (33,500 tonnes) and iron ore (31,500 tonnes).

Shipping Agency

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Consultancy

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companies. The technical, pre-operational and operational follow-up is performed of vessels in ports, ensuring that contract clauses will be achieved and complied.

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