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SHIP RECYCLING REPORT WEEK 46 - 47 (2013)

India

After USD vs INR stability (62-63 range), volatile stock market has been creating a sense of uncertainty in every business house in India. Stable INR accelerates the purchase decision from Alang ship breakers. Fresh demand in local steel and scrap market have improved across the segment. Low supply and High demand have spiked up the rates by 4-5 pct from USD 390 levels for all types of ships.

Container being the favorite for Alang ship breakers have defiantly being attracting attention-grabbing numbers. But these offers are breaker specific rather market specific. 19 k Ldt Containers as is Colombo sold for USD 420 levels is indicating an upside trend.

Bulkers now inching at USD 405 mark has given owners a sigh of relief who wanted to get USD 400 mark as a safe price. Bulkers have received a price ranging from USD 390-425 depending upon the spares and extra bunkers.

15 ships beached in Alang so far this month. Lack of ships supply vis a vis firming price index is the factor for low beaching.

On a side note there is a bulker with spares which has been stuck with alterations with cash buyer over mortgage/Nec Issues. Latest news suggests the cash buyers have left owners high and dry while the breaker is looking to detain the vessel.

<u>Pakistan</u>

Heavy competition across the subcontinent has given confidence to prices in Pakistan . Tankers have been attracting levels USD 420 region once again.

Good momentum and healthy price have come back to sub continent demo industry after 7 months of depressed market. Owners, cash buyers, brokers and ship breakers see economies of scale in the current market environment.

<u>China</u>

Stable month for ship breakers in PRC. USD 340-350 proves to be the good business range for the Chinese breakers. Cash Buyers in china though now have started to feel the heat in the price competition from Bangladesh and India which is now above USD 410 mark.

Bangladesh

Heavy tonnages awarded with top dollar in the range of USD 440. Bangladesh is catching all the spot light. Rolling plates at TAKA 33,500.00 supports the price levels of USD 430-435 range. Owners have started assessing the market to take advantage of this price index. Handy Bulkers have not seen much movement; they are priced at USD 410 region.

INDIA

BULKERS – 405 USD / L.T CONTAINERS – 430 USD / L.T TANKERS - 420 USD / L.T (CLEAN)

BANGLADESH

BULKERS - 405 USD / L.T CONTAINERS – 430 USD / L.T TANKERS – 420 USD / L.T

PAKISTAN

BULKERS - 405 USD / L.T CONTAINERS - N/A* USD / L.T TANKERS - 420 USD / L.T

CHINA

BULKERS – 350 USD / L.T CONTAINERS – 350 USD / L.T TANKERS – 350 USD / L.T

* Container vessels are usually not accommodated at Pakistan due to draft issues