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|  |  **18th November 2010** |
| **Polyethylene Pipe Grade                                                           (Middle East/South Asia)**  |
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| **SPOT PRICES - BLACK Compounded, pressure applications** |
| **HDPE 100** |
| **Click for Price History** |   |   | **Price Range**  |   | **Four weeks ago** | **US CTS/LB** |
| [CFR GCC](http://www.icispricing.com/prices/series.asp?sno=4831001) | USD/TONNE | n/c | **1400-****1430** | n/c | 1380.00-1410.00 | 63.50-64.86 |
| [CFR EAST MED](http://www.icispricing.com/prices/series.asp?sno=4831002) | USD/TONNE | n/c | **1410-****1450** | +20 | 1390.00-1410.00 | 63.96-65.77 |
| [CFR INDIA](http://www.icispricing.com/prices/series.asp?sno=4831003) | USD/TONNE | +20 | **1420-****1460** | +10 | 1380.00-1420.00 | 64.41-66.22 |
| **HDPE 80** |
| [CFR GCC](http://www.icispricing.com/prices/series.asp?sno=4831004) | USD/TONNE | n/c | **1390-****1420** | n/c | 1370.00-1400.00 | 63.05-64.41 |
| [CFR EAST MED](http://www.icispricing.com/prices/series.asp?sno=4831005) | USD/TONNE | n/c | **1400-****1430** | +20 | 1390.00-1400.00 | 63.50-64.86 |
| [CFR INDIA](http://www.icispricing.com/prices/series.asp?sno=4831006) | USD/TONNE | +20 | **1400-****1450** | +10 | 1360.00-1410.00 | 63.50-65.77 |
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| **SPOT PRICES - NATURAL Non-pressure applications** |
| **HDPE 100** |
| [CFR GCC](http://www.icispricing.com/prices/series.asp?sno=4831007) | USD/TONNE | n/c | **1320-****1340** | n/c | 1320.00-1340.00 | 59.87-60.78 |
| [CFR EAST MED](http://www.icispricing.com/prices/series.asp?sno=4831008) | USD/TONNE | n/c | **1330-****1350** | n/c | 1330.00-1350.00 | 60.33-61.23 |
| [CFR INDIA](http://www.icispricing.com/prices/series.asp?sno=4831009) | USD/TONNE | +60 | **1330-****1370** | +70 | 1300.00-1340.00 | 60.33-62.14 |
| **HDPE 80** |
| [CFR GCC](http://www.icispricing.com/prices/series.asp?sno=4831010) | USD/TONNE | n/c | **1310-****1330** | n/c | 1310.00-1330.00 | 59.42-60.33 |
| [CFR EAST MED](http://www.icispricing.com/prices/series.asp?sno=4831011) | USD/TONNE | n/c | **1320-****1340** | n/c | 1320.00-1340.00 | 59.87-60.78 |
| [CFR INDIA](http://www.icispricing.com/prices/series.asp?sno=4831012) | USD/TONNE | +60 | **1320-****1360** | +70 | 1290.00-1320.00 | 59.87-61.69 |
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Market Summary

Polyethylene (PE) pipe grade prices were assessed $60-70/tonne higher for natural grade and $10-20/tonne up for black grade in India on the back of improving demand and strong sentiment in the key China market, although erratic monsoons in the northern part of the country cast a shadow over the Indian market. In the East Mediterranean (East Med) region, prices of black grade PE pipe rose by $20/tonne to reflect higher discussions early in the week although trades were few due to the Eid holidays. In the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region, prices were assessed unchanged as the whole region was on holiday this week to mark Eid.



Sentiment was generally bullish for pipe grade PE on account of low inventories among buyers. In the Middle East, the market was abuzz with rumours that prices of PE would be hiked by around $50/tonne for December cargoes, so end users were anxious to replenish their dwindling inventories next week, when post-Eid trading begins. In India, demand began to pick-up after the Diwali festival lull and was expected to strengthen further in the coming weeks.

MIDDLE EAST

**Black HDPE**

A Thai supplier was heard offering December cargoes of HDPE 100 into Dubai at $,1450/tonne CFR GCC. But no deals were heard as buyers had retreated from the market with the onset of the Eid holidays. The supplier offered cargoes into Jordan and Syria at $1,450-1,470/tonne CFR East Med, but no buying ideas were heard above $1,450/tonne CFR East Med.

**Natural HDPE**

Sentiment for natural HDPE market was downbeat and discussion were sporadically heard at $1,320-1,340/tonne CFR GCC and $1,330-1,350/tonne CFR East Med for HDPE 100 and $10/tonne lower for HDPE 80.

SOUTH ASIA

**Black HDPE**

In India, offers were heard at $1,470-1,500/tonne CFR India but buying ideas were mostly cited no higher than $1,420/tonne CFR India. A few customers were reported to have purchased at $1,460/tonne CFR India. But any transactions higher than $1,460/tonne CFR India were not yet considered reflective of the wider market.

**Natural HDPE**

A Thai supplier was heard offering December cargoes at $1,400/tonne CFR India, but buying ideas were no higher than $1,370/tonne CFR India. A local supplier said buying interest was still not up to expectations due to the erratic monsoon, but it expected the situation to improve by December. Domestic prices were unchanged this week at Rupee (Rs) 68/kg EXW, after having been raised by Rs1/kg earlier this month.

($1=€0.74)

($1=Rs45.31)

***This week:***

***11 Nov 10 07:13 S Korea's Honam shuts No 1 Yosu MEG unit permanently***

***11 Nov 10 07:10 Germany's Brenntag more than doubles Q3 net profit to €43.3m***

***11 Nov 10 07:06 FocusAsian capro prices hit historical high, bubble fears loom***

***11 Nov 10 06:03 LCY Chem eyes full run rate at Kaohsiung IPA unit post restart***

***11 Nov 10 05:23 China inflation rises again as price index hits 25-month high***

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