

Malaysian rubber market this week: ‘Market fundamental for rubber intact’

The Malaysian rubber market is likely to hover at the current level next week with the intervention by the International Tripartite Rubber Council (ITRC) expected to give support to prices, dealers said. A dealer said the decision by the council, comprising Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia, to reduce supply in a move to curb prices from falling further due to the global economic slowdown has showed positive signs.

“The fundamental still remains intact. Demand is there and excessive supply in the market has been reduced,” he said. On a week-to-week basis, the Malaysian Rubber Board sellers’ official physical price for tyre-grade SMR 20 went up six sen to 781.5 sen per kg while latex-in-bulk advanced 27.5 sen to 564 sen per kg. The unofficial sellers’ closing price for tyre-grade SMR 20 climbed half a sen to 781.5 sen per kg and latex-in-bulk rose 19.5 sen to 563 sen per kg. — BERNAMA