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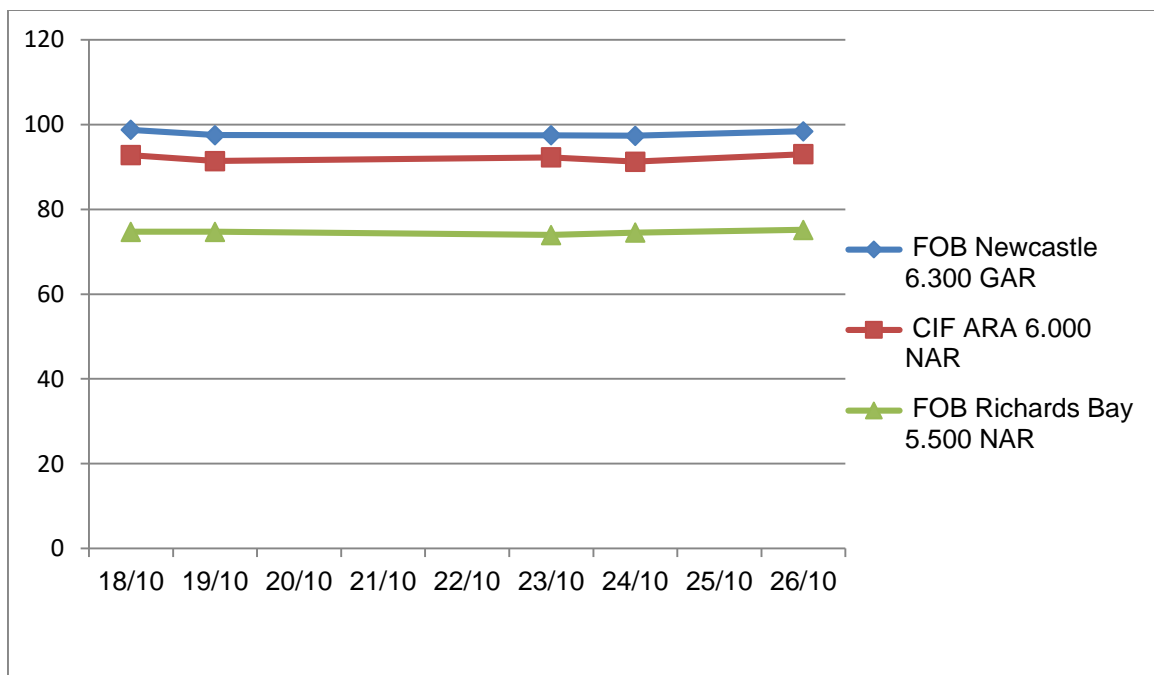
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INTERNATIONAL COAL PRICE ASSESSMENTS

Daily prompt physical thermal coal assessments	Window 7 – 45 day	+/-	Window 90 - day	+/-
FOB Newcastle 6,300 GAR	98.40	+0.45	98.10	+0.30
CIF ARA 6,000 NAR	93.00	+0.90	92.75	+0.00
FOB Richards Bay 5,500 NAR	75.15	+0.25	N/A	N/A
FOB Kalimantan 5,900 GAR	N/A	N/A	83.20	+0.00
FOB Kalimantan 5,000 GAR	N/A	N/A	66.00	+0.00

China Coal Assessment	USD/tons	+/-	NDT/tons	+/-
PCC6 (CFR South China 3,800 NAR)	54.55	-0.20	421.75	-2.13
PCC7 (CFR South China 4,700 NAR)	74.80	-0.20	578.32	-2.33
PCC8 (CFR South China 5,500 NAR)	89.00	+0.00	688.11	-0.93

DAILY PROMPT PHYSICAL THERMAL COAL ASSESSMENTS IN 2017

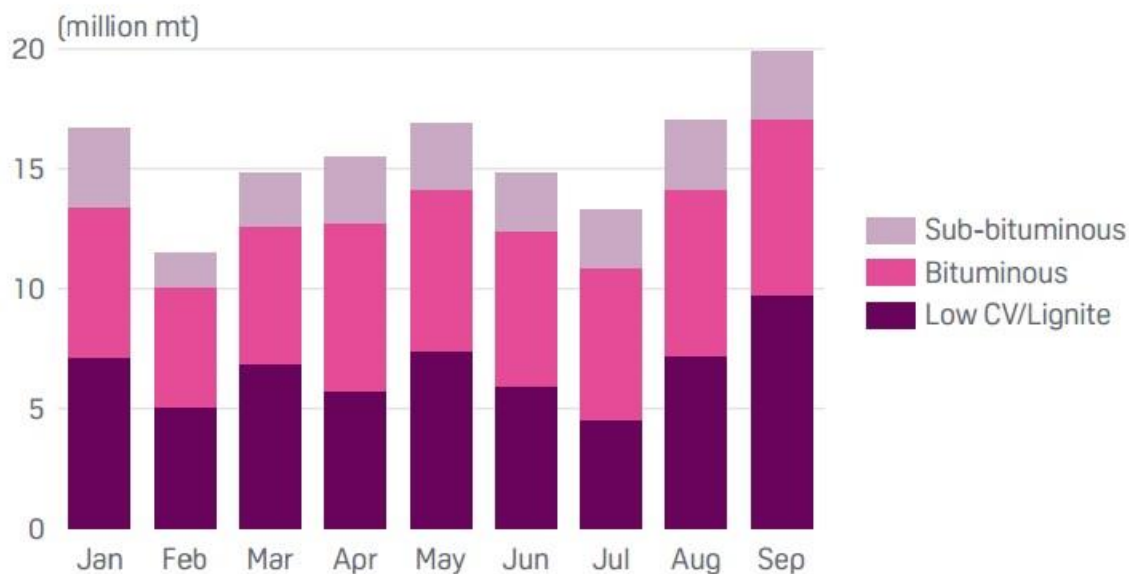


(Source: Platts Coal Trader International – Date 26/10/2017)

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China Sept thermal coal imports hit year-to-date high

CHINA THERMAL COAL IMPORTS, YTD 2017



Source: China Customs

Chinese imports of thermal coal soared to a year-to-date high of 19.94 million mt in September, up 23% on the year-ago period and 17% higher than October, according to customs data released Wednesday. Bituminous coal imports in September were 7.3 million mt, up 26% on the year and also a year-to-date high, while sub-bituminous imports totaled 2.92 million mt, the highest monthly intake since January. Imports of lower calorific value coal classified as lignite were 9.72 million mt, also a year-to-date high. China's thermal coal imports over the first nine months of 2017 were 21% higher than the year-earlier period at 140.57 million mt, or an annualized rate of 187.42 million mt, which sets the country on course to record its highest annual thermal coal imports since 2014.

Whitehaven expects coal production to rise 6%-11% in FY 2017-18

Australia's Whitehaven Coal expects its saleable coal production to rise 6%-11% year on year to 22 million-23 million mt in fiscal 2017-2018 (July-June), company data released Wednesday showed. The miner's actual saleable coal production in fiscal 2016-2017 of 20.80 million mt fell a little below guidance, which was at 21 million- 22 million mt, company data showed. Looking ahead, the miner is expecting saleable coal production to break through the 25 million mt/year mark by fiscal 2020-2021, with the Vickery project coming online. "Our next major development is the Vickery Project, an already approved coal mine located in the Gunnedah basin on land that has previously been mined. Whitehaven is seeking approval for an extension that will see it increase production from 4.5 [million mt/year] to up to 10.0 [million mt/year]," Whitehaven Chairman Mark Vaile said Wednesday. He said the company is in the final stages of preparing to submit its Environmental Impact Statement for the project. The project can be started up at any time, but is scheduled after Maules Creek is fully ramped up, Whitehaven said. Production at Maules Creek is scheduled to step up early in fiscal 2018-2019, it said.

As power plants turn super critical, Centre asks Coal India to ramp up supply by 25%

The government has asked Coal India Ltd (CIL) to increase coal production and supply to thermal power plants which saw acute coal shortage just before Diwali. The government has asked CIL to

ramp up coal production and dispatch from 1.6 million tonne (mt) daily to 2 mt. The coal offtake has already increased over 8% this fiscal. DNA Money had reported that just before Diwali as many as 27 thermal power plants across the country were in super critical and critical situation due to coal shortage. A power plant is classified as super critical if coal stock is less than four days, likewise, those having coal stock of below seven and over four days are termed as ‘critical’.

“Coal demand is robust...I have asked CIL to start dispatching and producing 2 mt per day. Currently, they are doing about 1.6 mt of dispatch. So, the goal for CIL is to produce 2 mt per day, dispatch 2 mt per day against the current 1.6 mt,” coal secretary Susheel Kumar said. With monsoon over, there is a possibility of CIL being able to meet the increased target. CIL officials claim that the sole reason for increased demand for domestic coal is fall in hydro and nuclear power generation. “In spite of supplying adequate coal during August-October 2017, coal stocks at power plants further depleted to 7 mt due to higher coal-based power generation because of less generation by hydro, nuclear, wind, etc,” said a CIL official. In August and September, there was a reduction in power generation from nuclear, wind and hydro by 2,000 mw, 1,000 mw and 1,000 mw, respectively. Nuclear generation was lower by 35% in August 2017 over August 2016, and 14% in September 2017 as compared to September 2016, and hydro generation was 12% less in August 2017 vis-à-vis August 2016, 0.1% in September 2017 over September 2016. Elaborating the reasons behind power crisis in the states of Rajasthan and Maharashtra, CIL official told DNA Money that in FY2016-17 coal stock at thermal power plants started increasing and plants regulated coal intake in 2016-17 which continued till June-July during the current year. As a result of regulated coal intake, in April fuel stock at power plants was 28 mt whereas the CIL pitheads stock increased to 68 mt this year, a record high. Now, CIL has been asked to liquidate its stock at pitheads to zero by March 31, 2018, from the present 30 mt.

(Source: Platts)

INTERNATIONAL SPOT DRY BULK FREIGHT ASSESSMENTS

<i>Unit: USD/ton</i>				
Size	From	To	Freight rates	Change
Capesize (150,000 tons)	Australia	China	9.80	-0.15
	Queensland	Japan	11.30	-0.15
	New South Wales	South Korea	11.65	-0.15
Panamax (70,000 tons)	Richards Bay	India West	13.30	+0.00
	Kalimantan	India West	10.25	+0.25
	Richards Bay	India East	13.75	-0.10
	Kalimantan	India East	8.95	+0.25
	Australia	China	12.90	+0.00
	Australia	India	14.70	+0.00

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