



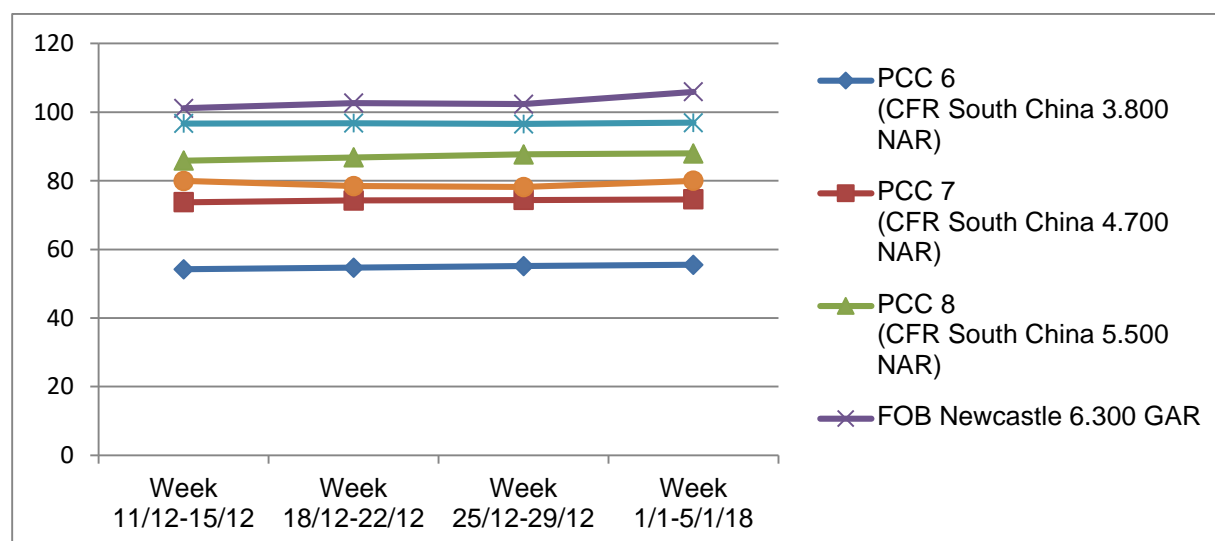
**PETROVIETNAM OIL & GAS GROUP**  
**PETROVIETNAM POWER CORPORATION**  
**WEEKLY NEWS – SECOND WEEK**  
**OF JANUARY**  
 (From 08/01 – 12/01/2018)

**I. COAL MARKET ANALYSIS**

**1. INTERNATIONAL COAL PRICE ASSESSMENTS**

*Unit: USD/ton*

Price index	Week 18/12-22/12	Week 25/12-29/12	Week 1/1-5/1/18	Week 8/1-12/1/18
<b>PCC 6</b> (CFR South China 3,800 NAR)	54.66	55.13	55.49	56
<b>PCC 7</b> (CFR South China 4,700 NAR)	74.24	74.40	74.60	75.79
<b>PCC 8</b> (CFR South China 5,500 NAR)	86.82	87.70	87.98	90.55
<b>FOB Newcastle 6,300 GAR</b>	102.65	102.33	105.94	107.26
<b>CIF ARA 6,000 NAR</b>	96.76	96.55	96.93	96.15
<b>FOB Richards Bay 6,000 NAR</b>	78.44	78.15	80.00	80.94
<b>NEWC</b> (FOB Newcastle 6,000 NAR)	104.14	103.91	104.9	106.16



**Chart 1: Average coal price week 2<sup>nd</sup> January (2018)**

*(Source: Platts Coal Trader International)*

## 2. INTERNATIONAL SPOT DRY BULK FREIGHT ASSESSMENTS

Unit: USD/ton

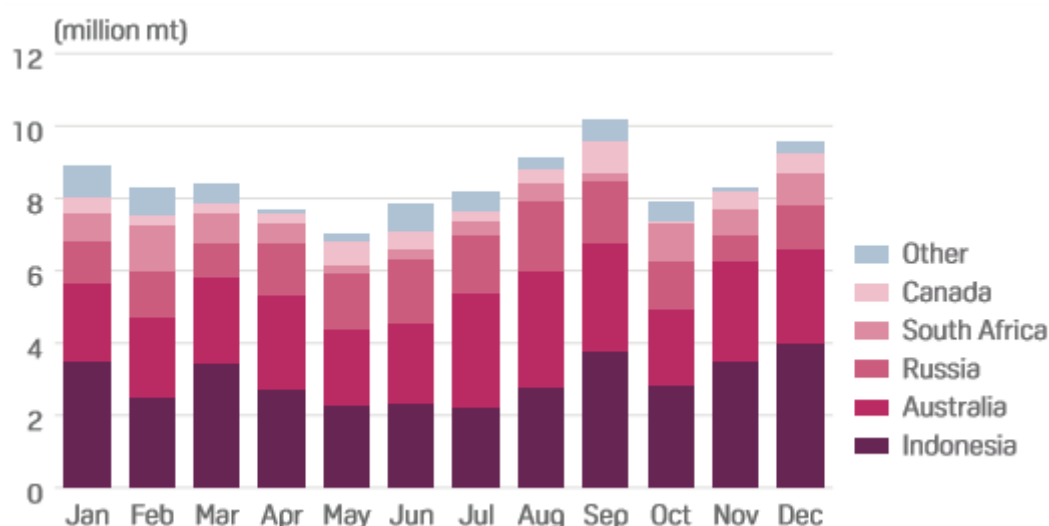
	Week 2 <sup>nd</sup> - January	08/01	09/01	10/01	11/01	12/01
<b>Capesize (150,000 tons)</b>						
1	Australia – China	8.55	8.30	7.60	7.55	7.35
2	Queensland – Japan	9.20	8.95	8.25	8.20	8.00
3	New South Wales – South Korea	9.45	9.20	8.50	8.45	8.25
<b>Panamax (70,000 tons)</b>						
1	Richards Bay - India West	12.45	12.45	12.45	12.40	12.35
2	Kalimantan - India West	8.40	8.55	8.55	8.45	8.40
3	Richards Bay - India East	12.65	12.65	12.65	12.60	12.55
4	Kalimantan - India East	7.10	7.25	7.25	7.15	7.10
5	Australia - China	12.10	12.10	12.10	11.50	11.50
6	Australia - India	13.65	13.65	13.65	12.85	12.85

(Source: Platts Coal Trader International)

## II. NEWS

**South Korean Dec thermal coal imports up 15.5% on month to 9.58 mil mt**

### South Korea Thermal Coal Imports 2017



(Source: Source: Customs data)

South Korea's thermal coal imports totaled 9.58 million mt in December, a rise of 15.5% month on month but down 6.7% on the year, according to customs data published Thursday. Of the imports, bituminous coal totaled 8.83 million mt and subbituminous coal comprised the remaining 755,446 mt. In 2017, South Korea imported 109.5 million mt of thermal coal, up 17.7% from 2016 and the highest annual volume since S&P Global Platts began collecting data in 2012. The total volume of bituminous coal imported in 2017 was 99.74 million mt, up 14.7% from 2016, while sub-bituminous imports were up 60% at 9.77 million mt.

Indonesia was once again the largest exporter to South Korea in December, shipping 3.99 million mt, up 14% on the month and up 6% year on year. For the full year 2017 Indonesia was also the largest exporter to South Korea, shipping 41.19 million mt, up 13% on year. Australia was the second largest exporter to South Korea, shipping 2.6 million mt in December, down 6% on the month but up 9% year on year, with a full-year volume of 31.23 million mt, up marginally from 2016. Russia regained its position as third largest exporter to South Korea, shipping 1.24 million mt in December, up 82% on month, but down 18% year on year. Annual volume was up

4% at 16.93 million mt. South Korea's imports from South Africa were 850,994 mt for the month, which was down 21% month on month, while the total volume for 2017 was 7.8 million mt, almost four times the 2016 volume. From the Americas, the US shipped 1.76 million mt for the year, up 66% on year, with a total volume from Canada at 5.1 million mt which was almost five times the 2016 volume. Colombia exported 3.77 million mt to South Korea in 2017, over 50% more than in 2016.

#### **Combined coal stocks held by China's key power generators rise 1.3% on week**

Combined coal stocks held by six key coal-fired power generators in southern and eastern China totaled 10.51 million mt on Thursday, up 1.3% from 10.38 million mt the prior week, the Qinhuangdao port operator said. The six power companies are Zhejiang Power, Shanghai Power, Guodian, Datang, Huaneng, and Guangdong Power, which is better known as Yudean. Based on current coal consumption rate, the stocks are able to cover 14.48 days of consumption at the six power plants, up by 0.87 days from 13.61 days a week ago, the figures showed. Average coal consumption at the six power companies stood at 726,000 mt/day on Thursday, down 4.8% from a week ago, figures from the port operator showed. Continued cold weather will sustain the consumption rates at the power plants during the ongoing winter peak season of coal and electricity use, the port operator said.

#### **Indian power utilities' Apr-Dec thermal coal imports down 13% on year**

Indian power utilities imported 43.61 million mt of thermal coal over April-December 2017, down 12.6% year on year, Central Electricity Authority data released Wednesday showed. Around 12.79 million mt of the total was imported for blending with domestic coal and 30.82 million mt for power plants that run on imported coal, the data showed.

Of the total for blending, 2.7 million mt was imported by six state-run utilities and 10.09 million mt by 14 private power producers. The volume for plants that run on imported coal comprised 950,000 mt imported by a state-run utility and 29.87 million mt by 10 private utilities. A further 26 utilities did not import any coal over the first nine months of the current fiscal year 2017-18 (April-March) and one did not provide data. Adani Power imported the highest volume of coal over April-December at 9.89 million mt, followed by Tata's Mundra ultra mega power project at 7.62 million mt and JSW Energy at 3.05 million mt. The data showed 4.82 million mt of thermal coal was imported by utilities in December, down 6.7% year on year. India's power utilities imported a total 65.12 million mt of thermal coal in fiscal 2016-17, down 19% year on year.

*(Source: Platts)*