



PETROVIETNAM OIL & GAS GROUP
PETROVIETNAM POWER CORPORATION
WEEKLY NEWS – THIRD WEEK OF
DECEMBER
 (From 18/12 – 22/12/2017)

I. COAL MARKET ANALYSIS

1. INTERNATIONAL COAL PRICE ASSESSMENTS

Unit: USD/ton

Price index	Week 27/11-01/12	Week 04/12-08/12	Week 11/12-15/12	Week 18/12-22/12
PCC 6 (CFR South China 3,800 NAR)	51.58	52.94	54.22	54.66
PCC 7 (CFR South China 4,700 NAR)	70.86	72.42	73.76	74.24
PCC 8 (CFR South China 5,500 NAR)	83.82	85.18	85.88	86.82
FOB Newcastle 6,300 GAR	94.92	95.5	101.11	102.65
CIF ARA 6,000 NAR	92.63	93.92	96.68	96.76
FOB Richards Bay 6,000 NAR	78.20	79.04	79.95	78.44
NEWC (FOB Newcastle 6,000 NAR)	96.24	96.8	100.71	104.14

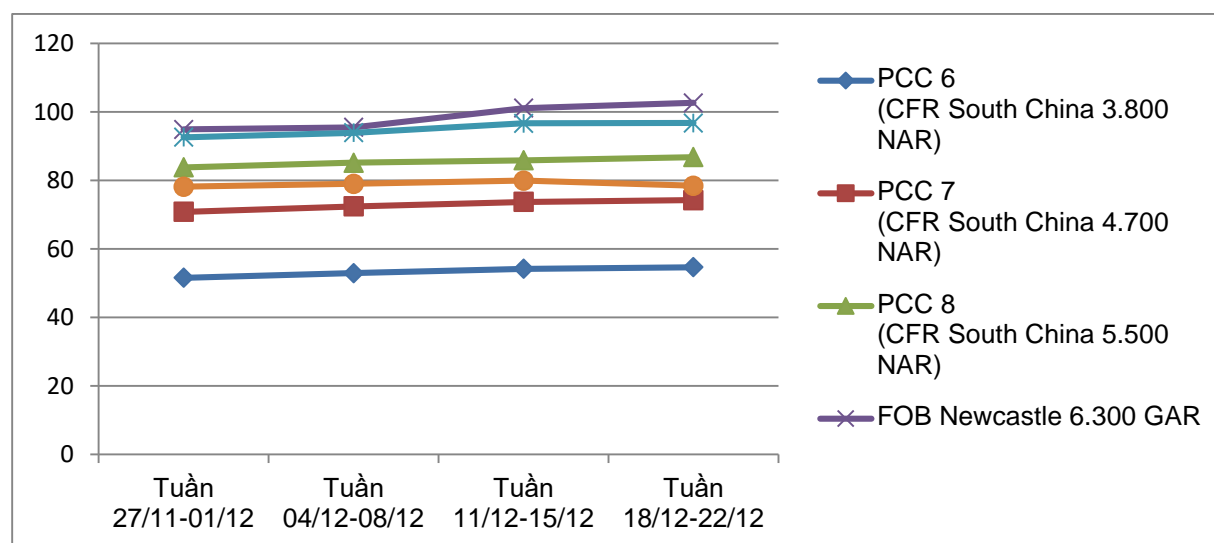


Chart 1: Average coal price week 3rd December (2017)

(Source: Platts Coal Trader International)

2. INTERNATIONAL SPOT DRY BULK FREIGHT ASSESSMENTS

Unit: USD/ton

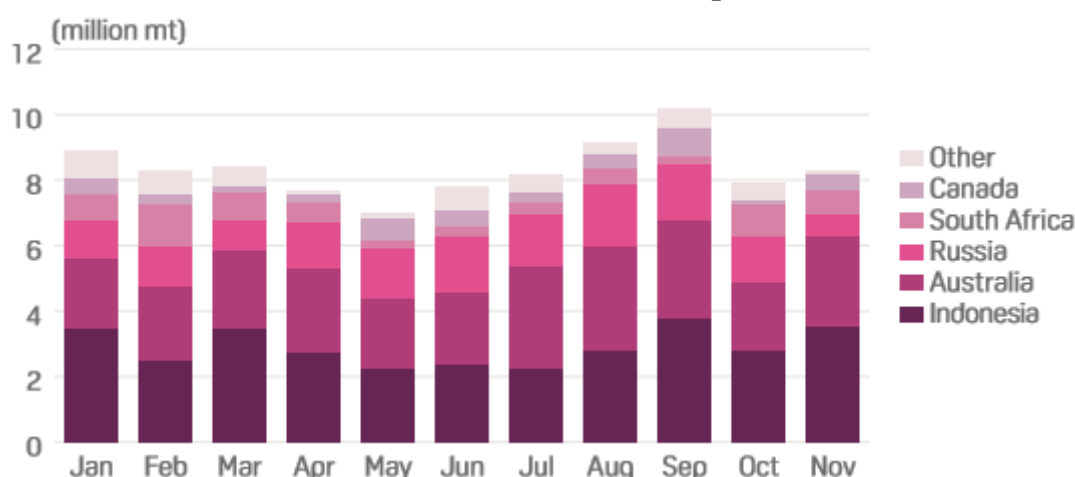
	Week 3 rd - December	18/12	19/12	20/12	21/12	22/12
Capesize (150,000 tons)						
1	Australia – China	11.75	11.30	10.85	10.40	9.95
2	Queensland – Japan	13.30	12.85	12.40	11.95	11.50
3	New South Wales – South Korea	13.65	13.20	12.75	12.30	11.85
Panamax (70,000 tons)						
1	Richards Bay - India West	12.55	12.55	12.05	12.05	12.05
2	Kalimantan - India West	9.25	9.00	8.95	8.85	8.85
3	Richards Bay - India East	12.80	12.80	12.30	12.30	12.25
4	Kalimantan - India East	7.75	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
5	Australia - China	12.00	11.90	11.60	11.40	11.30
6	Australia - India	13.70	13.45	12.75	12.45	12.45

(Source: Platts Coal Trader International)

II. NEWS

South Korean November thermal coal imports rise 6% to 8.3 mil mt

South Korea thermal coal imports



(Source: Customs Data)

South Korean thermal coal imports totaled 8.3 million mt in November, an increase of 5% month on month and 6% year on year, customs data showed Monday. Of the imports, 7.31 million mt was bituminous coal and the remaining 991,146 mt was sub-bituminous. Indonesia was once again the largest exporter to South Korea, shipping 3.5 million mt, up 24% month on month and 12% year on year, the data show. South Korea's imports from Australia were 2.77 million mt, up 33% month on month and 41% year on year. South Africa overtook Russia as the third largest supplier to South Korea, shipping 725,853 mt in November to the east Asian nation, up 76% year on year but down 29% month on month from October's eight-month high of 1.02 million mt. South Korea's imports from Russia were 682,833 mt in November, down 50% month on month and 52% year on year, as well as being the lowest monthly total since February 2014, according to S&P Global Platts data. Canada exported 498,229 mt to South Korea, up more than five fold month on month and year on year, while its imports from the US were 29,679 mt, the lowest monthly volume since June and down 76% year on year.

China's November coal imports from Australia slip on port congestion

Chinese imports of coal from key supplier Australia slipped in November from a year ago, customs data showed, hit by heavy traffic congestion in Australian ports. Shipments from Australia fell 0.3 percent in November from the same month a year ago to 5.59 million tonnes, data from the General Administration of Customs showed on Tuesday. That compared with October's 5.61 million tonnes. More than 300 large dry cargo ships have been waiting outside Chinese and Australian ports in a maritime traffic jam for over a month, choking supplies to the world's second largest economy.

"Demand for high-quality coal is surging as the country has imposed stringent rules to curb emissions and improve energy efficiency," said Wang Fei, a coal analyst at Huaan Futures. High-grade coal from Australia, with lower pollutants such as sulphides and higher energy value, has seen increasing demand from utilities and industrial plants in China. As part of battle against air pollution, China aims to reduce consumption of low-grade bulk coal by 200 million tonnes by 2020. China is expected to import around 260 million tonnes of coal in 2017, according to data from China National Coal Association.

Arrivals from Russia rose 10.9 percent from a year earlier to 1.92 million tonnes in November, while imports from Mongolia were down 17.8 percent at 2.76 million tonnes, customs data showed. Indonesian coal supplies tumbled 33.9 percent from a year ago to 3.41 million tonnes.

Combined coal stocks at China's key Bohai Sea ports rise 2% on week

Combined coal stocks at China's key Bohai Sea ports of Qinhuangdao, Caofeidian, and Jingtang totaled 12.9 million mt on December 25, up 1.6% from 12.7 million mt on December 18, according to figures released by the operator of Qinhuangdao Port Monday. Demand from downstream power plants remained high, maintaining the stock levels at the northern sea ports, the port operator said.

Coal stocks were highest at Qinhuangdao Port at 6.74 million mt on December 25, slightly down from 6.75 million mt on December 18. Caofeidian port held 2.34 million mt of coal on December 25, slightly down from 2.35 million mt on December 18. Jingtang Port held 3.82 million mt of coal on December 25, up from 3.60 million mt on December 18. Stocks at Huanghua port, Shenhua Group's captive coal port in northern China's Hebei province, stood at 2.155 million mt on December 25, up from 2.08 million mt on December 18, according to figures from the Huanghua Port Authority.

(Source: Platts)