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**DAILY NEWS**

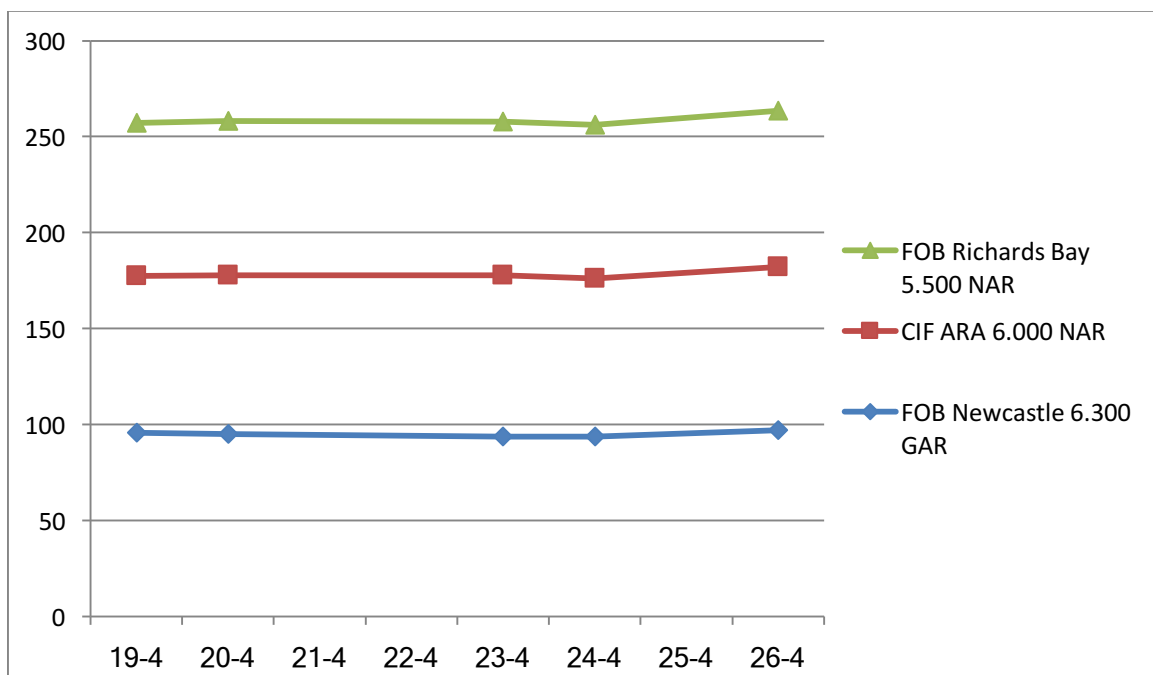
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**INTERNATIONAL COAL PRICE ASSESSMENTS**

Daily prompt physical thermal coal assessments	Window 7 – 45 day	+/-	Window 90 - day	+/-
FOB Newcastle 6,300 GAR	97.10	+1.10	95.75	1.05
CIF ARA 6,000 NAR	84.95	+2.00	84.95	2.00
FOB Richards Bay 5,500 NAR	81.60	+1.95	N/A	N/A
FOB Kalimantan 5,900 GAR	N/A	N/A	75.75	+0.25
FOB Kalimantan 5,000 GAR	N/A	N/A	60750	+0.25

China Coal Assessment	USD/tons	+/-	NDT/tons	+/-
PCC6 (CFR South China 3,800 NAR)	51.15	+0.85	322.49	+5.91
PCC7 (CFR South China 4,700 NAR)	68.65	+0.35	432.82	+2.95
PCC8 (CFR South China 5,500 NAR)	81.00	+1.00	510.69	+7.19

**DAILY PROMPT PHYSICAL THERMAL COAL ASSESSMENTS IN 2018**



*(Source: Platts Coal Trader International – Date 26/04/2018)*

## **NEWS**

### **Australia's Universal coal Jan-Mar rom coal production steady on quarter**

Australia-listed thermal coal miner Universal Coal said its run-of-mine coal production during the January-March period was steady quarter on quarter and it was confident it would reach its fiscal 2017/2018 (July-June) production guidance of 4.6 million mt. Its two thermal coal mines, Kangala and New Clydesdale, produced a total of 1.98 million mt of ROM coal during the January-March quarter, which is up from the 1.95 million mt it had produced during the October-December period, the company Tuesday said. The Kangala mine produced 994,278 mt ROM, down marginally from 996,218 mt a quarter earlier, and NCC's ROM production of 984,134 mt was up by 3% from 951,187 mt. Universal Coal's results were released a day prior to the ANZAC day bank holiday in Australia said. Universal's share of production from the two mines is 70.5% and 49%, respectively.

The miner said Kangala was currently producing at the planned production rate and was approximately 5% ahead of budgeted production for the year to date. Its domestic sales rose by 2%, with sale tonnages of 610,000 mt in Q3 2018 compared to 567,000 mt in Q2. Export sales for the quarter totaled only one train volume of 83,000 mt, compared with 360,000 mt in the previous quarter, the company said. Export sales from NCC increased by 17% during the January-March quarter, with 215,000 mt delivered to market. "The current period benefited from a normalized train schedule, unlike the previous quarter," the company said. Eskom sales from NCC increased by 7% to 356,000 mt, it said. "The previous quarter's sales had been affected by the early December close due to the Christmas period," it added.

### **Thailand's Mar coal imports down 17% on year to 1.96 mil mt**

Thailand imported 1.96 million mt of coal in March, falling 16.9% year on year, with bituminous coal declining sharply, Customs Department data released Tuesday showed. Of the total, the country imported 560,304 mt of bituminous coal during March, down 55.3% year on year. Most of the coal was imported from Indonesia, which sent 274,983 mt, down 49.4% year on year, and Australia which sent 283,876 mt, down 35.6% year on year. The imports of other coal, however, increased 24.8% year on year to 1.37 million mt in March, mostly from Indonesia, which sent 1.32 million mt, up 25.4% from March 2017, and Cyprus which sent 51,301 mt, up from none a year ago. Thailand imported 22,291 mt of anthracite coal in March, significantly higher compared with the 104 mt it had imported a year ago, mostly from Vietnam.

In the first quarter, Thailand imported 5.48 million mt of coal, down 1.8% year on year. Thailand imported mainly bituminous coal at 1.75 million mt, down 37% year on year, and other coal at 3.69 million mt, up 34.4% from March 2017. Indonesia and Australia remained key suppliers of coal to Thailand during the quarter. Meanwhile, Thailand produced 2.37 million mt of lignite in the first two months of this year, down 9.4% year on year, Energy Policy and Planning Office data released April 12 showed. The country consumed a total of 6.29 million mt of coal and lignite during January-February, up 1.9% year on year. Of the total, coal-fired power plants consumed 3.71 million mt, up a slight 0.4% year on year, while the rest was consumed by other industrial users. Data of production and consumption for March and the first three months was scheduled to be released next month.

### **Strong market sentiment drives Asian thermal coal prices up**

Asian thermal coal prices inched further up Thursday as market sentiment strengthened ahead of the anticipated summer season demand, sources said. Despite the import restrictions, Chinese demand for seaborne cargoes has picked up again and sources noted some confusion in the sudden shift in market direction. "The market is in a confusing state," a China-based trader said, as he expected the port restrictions to put downward pressure on imported coal prices. He said the current buying activities could be stemming from traders stocking up in anticipation of the peak coal consumption period in June.

According to a Singapore trader, market participants must have learned to maneuver China's import policies by now. "Traders have experienced port restrictions in the past year and would know how to better manage exposures," he said. A second China-based trader said the push in buying prices

was mostly driven by positive sentiment over expected increase in demand for the upcoming summer season. Spot shipments of Indonesian coal were also hard to secure, possibly because of sellers holding their cargoes anticipating a further rise in prices, he said. But fundamentals were still rather weak, he said, noting that stockpile levels at the northern ports have gone down a bit but there are still enough to last 20 days. He expected prices to remain stable in the coming months, adding that he heard bids for May-loading geared shipments of 3,800 kcal/kg NAR — 4,200 kcal/kg GAR — coal at \$42.50-\$43/mt FOB. The trader also said that buying price expectation for 3,400 kcal/kg NAR coal was at \$34-\$34.50/mt FOB. An Indonesia-based trader said he had not yet seen bids for 4,200 kcal/kg GAR coal at \$43-\$43.50/mt FOB, “but inquiries are definitely there.” Indian bid for this grade was still at \$41/mt FOB, he noted.

A major Indonesian coal miner said demand for the lower cv grades such as 3,400 kcal/kg NAR and 3,800 kcal/kg NAR coal has picked up but buying interest for the mid-cv coal material has been flat. He said India has not been actively buying this grade either, noting that buyers normally start stocking up around this time before the monsoon season starts later in May. Spot cargoes of 5,100 kcal/kg GAR coal for May loading were offered at \$62/mt FOB versus bids at \$61-\$61.50/mt FOB either on geared or gearless basis. “In this volatile market, it becomes very difficult to take positions. I really don’t know where prices are headed to,” an India-based trader said.

*(Source: Platts)*

### **INTERNATIONAL SPOT DRY BULK FREIGHT ASSESSMENTS**

<b>Size</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Freight rates</b>	<b>Change</b>
				<i>Unit: USD/ton</i>
<b>Capesize</b>	Australia	China	9.15	+0.40
(150,000 tons)	Queensland	Japan	10.70	+0.50
	New South Wales	South Korea	11.25	+0.50
<b>Panamax</b>	Richards Bay	India West	13.20	+0.30
(70,000 tons)	Kalimantan	India West	8.90	+0.15
	Richards Bay	India East	13.40	+0.30
	Kalimantan	India East	7.50	+0.15
	Australia	China	11.75	+0.30
	Australia	India	13.10	+0.30

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