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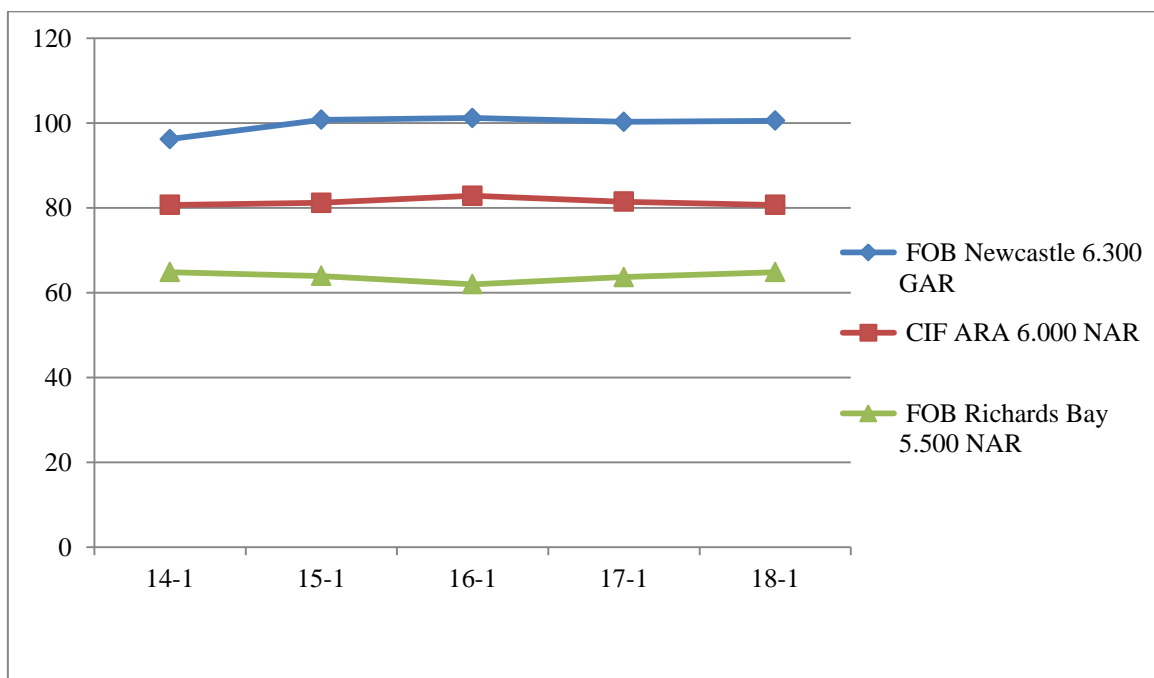
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INTERNATIONAL COAL PRICE ASSESSMENTS

Daily prompt physical thermal coal assessments	Window 7 – 45 day	+/-	Window 90 - day	+/-
FOB Newcastle 6,300 GAR	100.55	+0.25	N/A	N/A
CIF ARA 6,000 NAR	84.35	-0.75	N/A	N/A
FOB Richards Bay 5,500 NAR	69.65	+1.50	N/A	N/A
FOB Kalimantan 5,900 GAR	N/A	N/A	69.95	+0.00
FOB Kalimantan 5,000 GAR	N/A	N/A	51.00	+0.00

China Coal Assessment	USD/tons	+/-	NDT/tons	+/-
PCC6 (CFR South China 3,800 NAR)	41.00	+0.50	276.69	+3.56
PCC7 (CFR South China 4,700 NAR)	58.20	+0.20	392.77	+1.62
PCC8 (CFR South China 5,500 NAR)	72.50	+0.25	489.27	+2.02

DAILY PROMPT PHYSICAL THERMAL COAL ASSESSMENTS IN 2019



(Source: Platts Coal Trader International – Date 18/1/2019)

NEWS

RBCT says 2018 coal exports fall

South Africa's Richards Bay Coal Terminal (RBCT) said on Thursday 2018 coal exports fell to 73.47 million tonnes from its record high of 76.47 million tonnes in 2017, on lower exports to South Korea. Africa's largest coal export facility said it aimed to export at least 77 million tonnes of coal in 2019, the same as its 2018 target. "The markets are a reality, they are outside RBCT's control," said Nosipho Siwisa-Damasane, RBCT chairwoman. Asia took the bulk of the coal exports, with a share of 81.6% of all exports in 2018 while Europe took 10.1% of the exports. RBCT said it experienced port closures of 36 days in 2018 compared to 38 days in 2017 due to weather conditions.

Coal India reports 8% increase in supplies to power sector

Coal India Limited has supplied 389.63 million tonne of coal to the power sector during current year (up to January 22, 2019) registering a growth of 8 per cent over the same period last year. A Coal Ministry statement said, "Railway rake loading of CIL, including loadings from washery and Good-Shed siding, has increased by 8 per cent during the current year as compared to the same period last year." "As on January 22, 2019 power plants have 18.663 million tonne (mt) coal, which is stock sufficient for 11 days. Last year on the same date it was 13.759 mt coal stock which was sufficient for 9 days," the statement added.

India's Coal Sector Is In Need Of A Boost

India's coal sector clearly needs some urgent initiatives from the government in order to give it a boost. Some analysts say it's time the government opened up commercial coal mining to the private sector. This would have a dual effect - it would attract global coal mining companies and also bring new technology and best practices into the country. Despite government promises to the contrary, there's been heavy reliance on imported coal.

Last February, the government decided to open the sector to private participation, touted as a historic move. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs also approved the methodology for the auction of coal mines and coal blocks. But there's not been much forward movement from then. A report by B2B e-commerce company mjunction showed imports in India going up 6.7% to 171.81 million tons (MT) in the April-December period of the present financial year. The December figures, however, show a dip of 8.09%, to 17.25 MT from 18.77 MT in December 2017. This could be because of two reasons: demand has waned somewhat and/or the local, public-sector coal producers dispatched more to end-users in December. Of the total imports in December last year, non-coking coal was at 12.52 MT as compared to 13.01 MT imported in November 2018.

No one is sure whether the December figures were an aberration or a new trend, though some say the demand for imported coal will come down even more in the coming months. The International Energy Agency (IEA), on the other hand, has said an inadequate rise in coal production riding on the back of higher demand would continue to push imports till 2023. Coal is responsible for almost 70% of the power generated in India. Despite claims by the Narendra Modi government of boosting local production in order to stop reliance on imported coal, things are otherwise on the ground.

(Source: www.spglobal.com)

INTERNATIONAL SPOT DRY BULK FREIGHT ASSESSMENTS

				<i>Unit: USD/ton</i>
Size	From	To	Freight rates	Change
Capesize	Australia	China	8.45	+0.80
(150.000 tons)	Queensland	Japan	9.50	+0.95
	New South Wales	South Korea	10.35	+0.95
Panamax	Richards Bay	India West	11.20	+0.00
(70.000 tons)	Kalimantan	India West	7.50	-0.15
	Richards Bay	India East	11.35	+0.00
	Kalimantan	India East	6.20	-0.15

Australia	China	10.45	+0.00
Australia	India	11.70	+0.00

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