



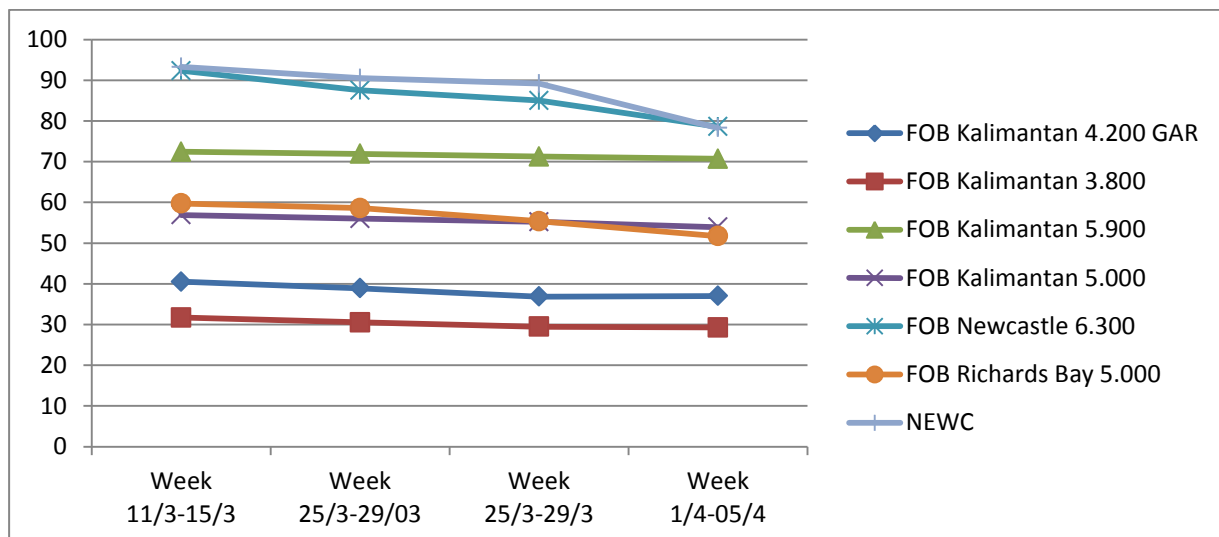
**PETROVIETNAM POWER CORPORATION**  
**PETROVIETNAM POWER COAL IMPORT AND SUPPLY COMPANY**  
**WEEKLY NEWS – FIRST WEEK OF APRIL**  
 (From 1/4 – 5/4)

**I. COAL MARKET ANALYSIS**

**1. INTERNATIONAL COAL PRICE ASSESSMENTS**

*Unit: USD/ton*

Price index	Week 11/3-15/3	Week 18/3-22/03	Week 25/03-29/03	Week 01/04-05/04
FOB Kalimantan 4.200 GAR	40.50	38.88	36.85	37
FOB Kalimantan 3.800 GAR	31.70	30.53	29.45	29.25
FOB Kalimantan 5.900 GAR	72.42	71.9	71.25	70.7
FOB Kalimantan 5.000 GAR	56.92	56	55.2	53.9
FOB Newcastle 6,300 GAR	92.3	87.51	85	78.6
FOB Richards Bay 5,500 NAR	59.75	58.6	55.37	51.7
NEWC (FOB Newcastle 6000 NAR)	93.25	90.51	89.17	78.30



**Chart 1: Average coal price 1<sup>st</sup> week of April (2019)**

*(Source: Platts Coal Trader International)*

## 2. INTERNATIONAL SPOT DRY BULK FREIGHT ASSESSMENTS

Unit: USD/ton

	Week 1 <sup>st</sup> – April	01/04	02/04	03/04	04/04	05/04
<b>Capesize</b> (150,000 tons)						
1	Australia – China	5.75	5.55	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	Queensland – Japan	6.25	6.05	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	New South Wales – South Korea	7.10	6.90	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Panamax</b> (70,000 tons)						
1	Richards Bay - India West	11.50	11.90	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	Kalimantan - India West	7.70	7.70	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	Richards Bay - India East	11.60	12.05	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	Kalimantan - India East	6.35	6.35	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	Australia - China	10.60	10.60	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	Australia - India	11.80	11.80	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Source: Platts Coal Trader International)

### II. NEW

#### Japan Jan thermal coal imports rise 6.8% on the year to 10.66 million mt: ministry

Japan imported 10.66 million mt of thermal coal in January, up 19% on the month and 6.8% from the year-ago month, the highest monthly total since August 2018, trade data released from the Ministry of Finance showed Tuesday.

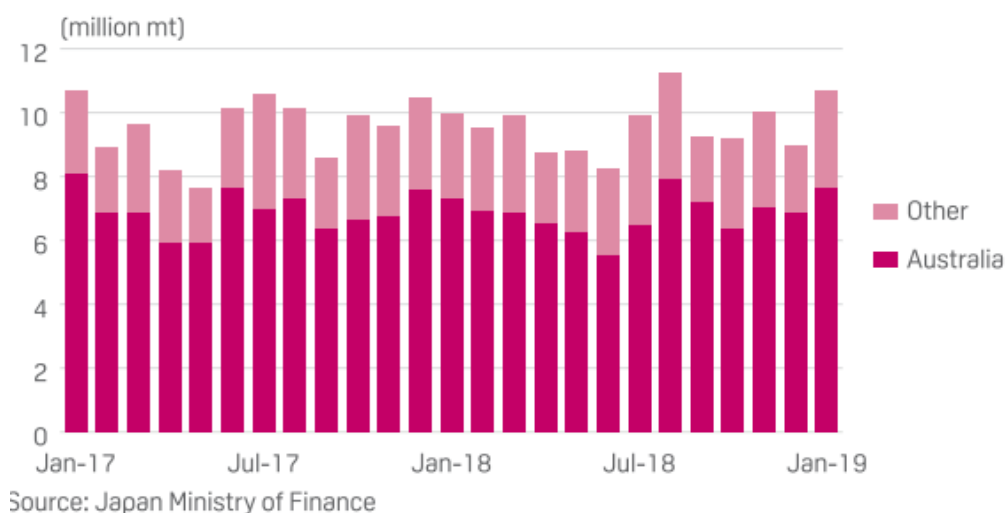
Australia was the single-largest source of coal, as the typically more conservative Japanese utilities procure Australian coal on fixed price, long term contracts where they favor security of supply over a more competitive price. Imports from Australia were 7.65 million mt, up 11.4% on the month and 4.9% from the year-ago month. Imports from Russia leapt both on a month-ago and year-ago basis, being up 154.2% on the month and 102.5% from the year-ago month, the largest January volume since S&P Global Platts began collecting the data in 2016. Of the other major origins for Japan, imports from Indonesia rose to 528,305 mt, up 6.5% on the month and 12% from the year-ago month.

Despite the short-term increase, Japanese thermal coal demand is expected to fall throughout 2019 owing to lower LNG prices and the restarting of some of Japan's nuclear fleet, according to S&P Global Platts analytics.

#### JAPANESE JANUARY THERMAL COAL IMPORTS

Origin	Volume (mt)	% change on-month	% change on-years
Australia	7,652,823	11.36	4.91
Russia	1,093,546	154.23	102.58
Indonesia	528,305	6.43	11.98
Canada	241,147	3.92	195.36
US	236,361	-9.69	98.25
Other	904,724	41.25	-38.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,656,906</b>	<b>19.29</b>	<b>6.78</b>

## JAPANESE THERMAL COAL IMPORTS



### Indian arbitrage wanes for Australia high-ash thermal coal

India was waning as an alternative destination for Australian high-ash thermal coal after its rise to \$57/mt FOB Newcastle, market sources said Monday. Newcastle high-ash thermal coal spot prices were holding steady in Monday trade at around \$57/mt FOB Newcastle, and some buyers in India were still seen seeking late April-loading cargoes, sources said. This grade of Australian thermal coal has a delivered price into India of \$69/mt CFR on a 5,500 kcal/kg NAR basis, including Panamax vessel freight from Newcastle at \$12/mt. Shippers of Australian 5,500 kcal/kg NAR thermal coal have been seeking markets further afield than China after earlier shipments became ensnared in lengthy port delays. Participants in the seaborne market for China are hoping next week's coal industry gathering in Shanghai will provide some answers about the trade's immediate future.

### Adani's Australian coal mine wins further environmental approval

India's Adani Enterprises has taken a step closer to the construction of a controversial thermal coal mine in Australia after winning federal government approval for its groundwater management plan. Environment Minister Melissa Price said on Tuesday the project still needed nine further approvals from the Federal and Queensland state governments before mining can start. "This decision does not comprise the final approval for this project," she said.

### Coal ministry to help private operators raise output

The coal ministry plans to give special attention to private captive coal block operators to help increase output, which has frequently failed to meet targets. This has put tremendous pressure on Coal IndiaNSE 0.63 %, which has been struggling to meet the nation's demand for coal. "This year, the focus among other things would be on private captive block operators," said a coal ministry official. "They have been facing a host of issues in terms of operationalising their blocks and we need to help them expedite the process, so that production from this segment rises at a faster pace. Captive blocks have suffered because of delay in land acquisition and various clearances as well as issues such as rehabilitation and resettlement. In 2018-19, captive mines produced an estimated 33 million tonnes. In the previous years, they produced about 36 million tonnes, including 18 million tonnes by Sasan Power Ltd and 6.2 million tonnes by Tata Steel.

(Source: Platts)