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The domestic coal market is still weak but is slowly accumulating power. Supply side, the up trend continues while the demand is slowly going up as well. CNY comes to a full stop on 26th Feb, which is the Lantern Festival and factories/companies work at full capacity now. On the other hand, the extraordinary high international market has made the international coal more expensive than domestic coal when it arrives China, thus power plants/factories are more interested in buying domestic coal. Some mines have increased their sales price, although it has not been widely accepted by the market. Daily consumption level is increasing. As of 25th Feb, it is abt 1.471 million tons per day for major coastal power plants, with abt 18.9 days inventory, up by abt 0.106 million tons with abt 20.4 days inventory compared to 23rd Feb. Thus it won't be far away when power plants start to re-stock at a large scale. All these support the domestic coal price to stabilize, for Calorie 5,500, it is abt 572 - 576 RMB now and for Calorie 5,000 it is abt 500 - 502 RMB now.

The domestic freight market is recovering fast. The hire level for SMX from N China to S China has reached low-mid 20K APS from Jingtang to Guangzhou and still increasing with coal and other cargoes like cement/aggregates coming out, especially for spot tonnage. The inventory level at the major loading ports is abt 22.957 million tons but expected to slowly increase and then to decrease as there is a stronger idea to purchase from downstream.

3/16/2020	3/23/2020	3/30/2020	4/6/2020	4/13/2020	4/20/2020	4/27/2020
39	40	42	43	41	39	37
5/4/2020	5/11/2020	5/18/2020	5/25/2020	6/1/2020	6/8/2020	6/15/2020
36	36	35	33	32	32	34
6/22/2020	6/29/2020	7/6/2020	7/13/2020	7/20/2020	7/27/2020	8/3/2020
36	39	42	44	45	45	46
8/10/2020	8/18/2020	8/24/2020	8/31/2020	9/7/2020	9/14/2020	9/21/2020
47	47	44	44	43	43	42
9/28/2020	10/12/2020	10/19/2020	10/26/2020	11/2/2020	11/9/2020	11/16/2020
44	46	46	45	45	43	44
11/23/2020	11/30/2020	12/7/2020	12/14/2020	12/21/2020	12/28/2020	1/4/2021
44	45	45	44	42	40	39
1/11/2021	1/18/2021	1/25/2021	2/1/2021	2/8/2021	2/22/2021	3/1/2021
37	36	36	37	37	40	43

