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The domestic coal market is adjusting/flat and slowly increasing this week. The price for Calorie 5,500 is abt 630 - 634 RMB (flat/slightly down compared to last week) and for Calorie 5,000 is abt 551 - 555 RMB (flat/slightly down compared to last week). The daily consumption of power plants is abt 711KT and the inventory is abt 21.1 days, both flat. More coal from Indo to China start to appear in the market, expecting more as the charterers are starting to get used to current high freight market. Traditionally, the coal consumption should be expected to decrease with central heating season finishing and other sources of energy, such as hydro, start to kick in. But this year with higher than usual production level, the electricity demand is higher. In Jan and Feb, the monthly total electricity usage is 732.4 and 526.4 billion KWH, which is 26.17% and 18.5% increased compared to Jan and Feb in 2020 and for Industrial usage, it is 479.4 and 321.8 billion KWH, which is 29.64% and 22.5% increase compared to Jan and Feb in 2020. The coal market is still very positive at the moment and the fasting period will start in abt one month with slower production in Indo.

The domestic freight market is flat as well. The hire level for SMX from N China to S China is slightly down to abt 23K APS (frt abt 55 RMB for qinhuangdao to Guangzhou). The stock level at the major loading ports is abt 22.638 million tons (down by abt 0.772 million tons). The tonnage supply is still quite tight with dual licensed vsls still preferring the international market. With the "Two Sessions" finished, the production level is estimated to increase and the market is expected to go up.

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

3/8/2021	3/15/2021					
46	47					

