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The domestic coal price increase is slowing down this week. The price for Calorie 5,500 is abt 785 - 790 RMB (up by abt 17 RMB) and for Calorie 5,000 is abt 697 - 701 RMB (up by abt 14 RMB compared to last week). With the price reaching a high level, together with the coming holiday, buyers are holding their offer or reluctant to purchase while sellers are more eager to sell. The supply remains tight but it is expected to become better as the government is starting to put more efforts into it and by all means to increase the supply volume. So maybe the price will soften down later on but still hard to say as the stock level of power plants is pretty low. Some are even only abt 5 - 7 days of inventory. The paper price for Jun/Jul/Aug/Sep are all increasing, showing people's strong confidence in future price increase, as it is traditional high demand for electricity. On the other hand, as the domestic coal price is so high, there appears a price advantage for international coal and it is said that in Apr/May, the power plants will import more coal for re-stocking/bringing down the domestic coal price. For CV3800 from Indo, the FOB price is abt US\$55 now. So in May, there may be more shipments of coal from Indo/CIS to China.

The domestic freight market is cooling down a bit after one week's increase. The index started to drop since end of last week and continues this week, after reaching a new historical high last week. The hire level for SMX from N China to S China is abt 31K APS (frt 68.5 RMB from Huanghua to Guangzhou). The number of dual licensed vsIs in the international market is still increasing last week to 91. And the stock level at the major loading ports is abt 18.873 million tons (down by another 0.193 million tons compared to last week). The trend continues: strong demand, insufficient supply and lower stock level at both power plants and ports. As mentioned above, this trend is expected to change soon, with the main rail way will finish maintenance soon. Now, as of 25th of Apr, the stock level at the major power plants is abt 13.9 days and the daily consumption is abt 1.81 million tons, a bit down compared with 3 weeks, with the temperature increasing. It is expected to continue to drop due to coming holiday but will come back after summer comes. Owners are still optimistic abt the market after holiday.

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	3/22/2021	3/29/2021	4/6/2021	4/12/2021	4/19/2021
46	47	51	53	54	73	88
4/27/2021						
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