



MONTHLY UPDATE – MAY 2024

COAL & COKE



INDIAN COAL PRODUCTION

- India’s coal production increased by 7.42% to 78.69 MT from 73.25 MT during Apr'24 as compared to Apr'23. During Apr'24, CIL and Captives/Others registered a positive growth of 7.32% & 12.99% by producing 61.78 MT & 11.43 MT of coal respectively. Whereas SCCL registered a negative growth of 1.69% by producing 5.48 MT.

Coal Production						
Subs	Apr'24	Apr'23	% Growth	Upto Apr'24	Upto Apr'24	% Growth
CIL	61.78	57.57	7.32	61.78	57.57	7.32
SCCL	5.48	5.57	-1.69	5.48	5.57	-1.69
Captives /Others	11.43	10.12	12.99	11.43	10.12	12.99
Total	78.69	73.25	7.42	78.69	73.25	7.42

Coking Coal Production						
Subs	Apr'24	Apr'23	% Growth	Upto Apr'24	Upto Apr'24	% Growth
CIL	4.73	4.39	7.74	4.73	4.39	7.74



INDIAN COAL DISPATCH TO DIFFERENT SECTORS

- India’s coal despatch increased by 6.14% to 85.15 MT from 80.23 MT during Apr'24 as compared to Apr'23. During Apr'24, CIL and Captives/Others have registered a positive growth of 3.18% & 26.90% by despatching 64.26 MT & 15.16 MT of coal respectively.
- The Power utilities despatch has increased by 5.43% to 69.83 MT during Apr'24 as compared to 66.23 MT during Apr'23.

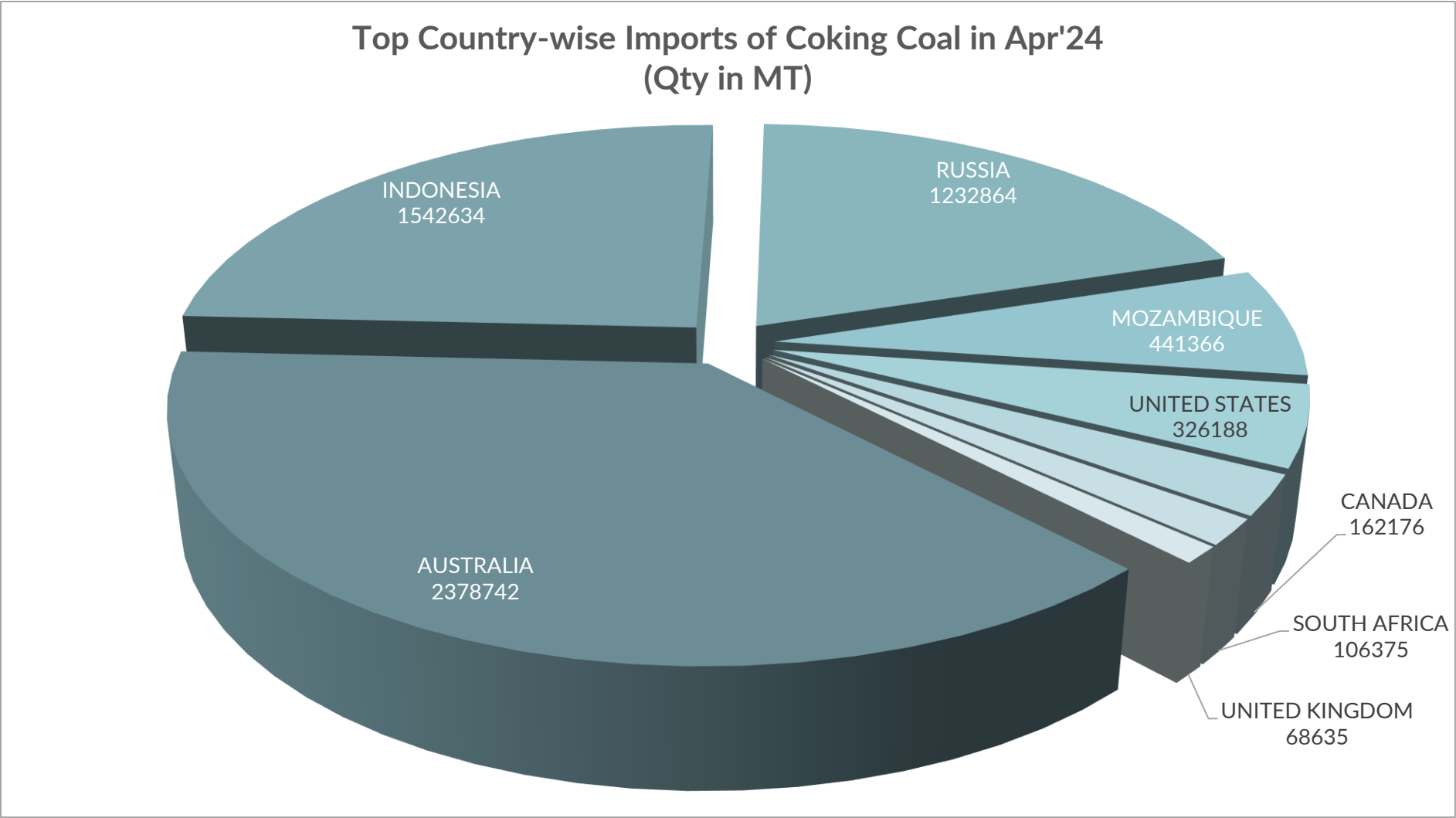
Coal Dispatch to different sectors						
Sectors	Apr'24	Apr'23	% Growth	Upto Apr'24	Upto Apr'24	% Growth
Power	69.83	66.23	5.43	69.83	66.23	5.43
CPP	4.86	4.80	1.40	4.86	4.80	1.40
Steel	0.91	0.74	23.05	0.91	0.74	23.05
Cement	0.66	0.81	-18.89	0.66	0.81	-18.89
Sponge Iron	0.35	0.74	-52.64	0.35	0.74	-52.64
Others	8.54	6.91	23.59	8.54	6.91	23.59
Total	85.15	80.23	6.14	85.15	80.23	6.14

PORT ANALYSIS

Coking Coal Import Traffic at Indian Ports

- Coking coal imports through Indian ports was recorded at 6903599 MT during Apr'24.
- During Apr'24, Paradip Port recorded the highest traffic at 1119349 MT followed by Magdalla port at 958596 MT.

Major Coking Coal Importers (Qty in Metric Tonnes) (Apr'24)	
Importers	Import Qty
JSW GROUP	1402674
STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA LTD.	1257193
JINDAL STEEL AND POWER LTD.	705299
AGARWAL COAL	689308
MOHIT MINERALS PVT. LTD.	437226
TATA STEEL LTD.	314187
TATA INTL. LTD.	258470
BHUSHAN POWER AND STEEL LTD.	253083
RASHTRIYA ISPAT NIGAM LTD.	192844
ARCELORMITTAL NIPPON STEEL INDIA LTD.	162049

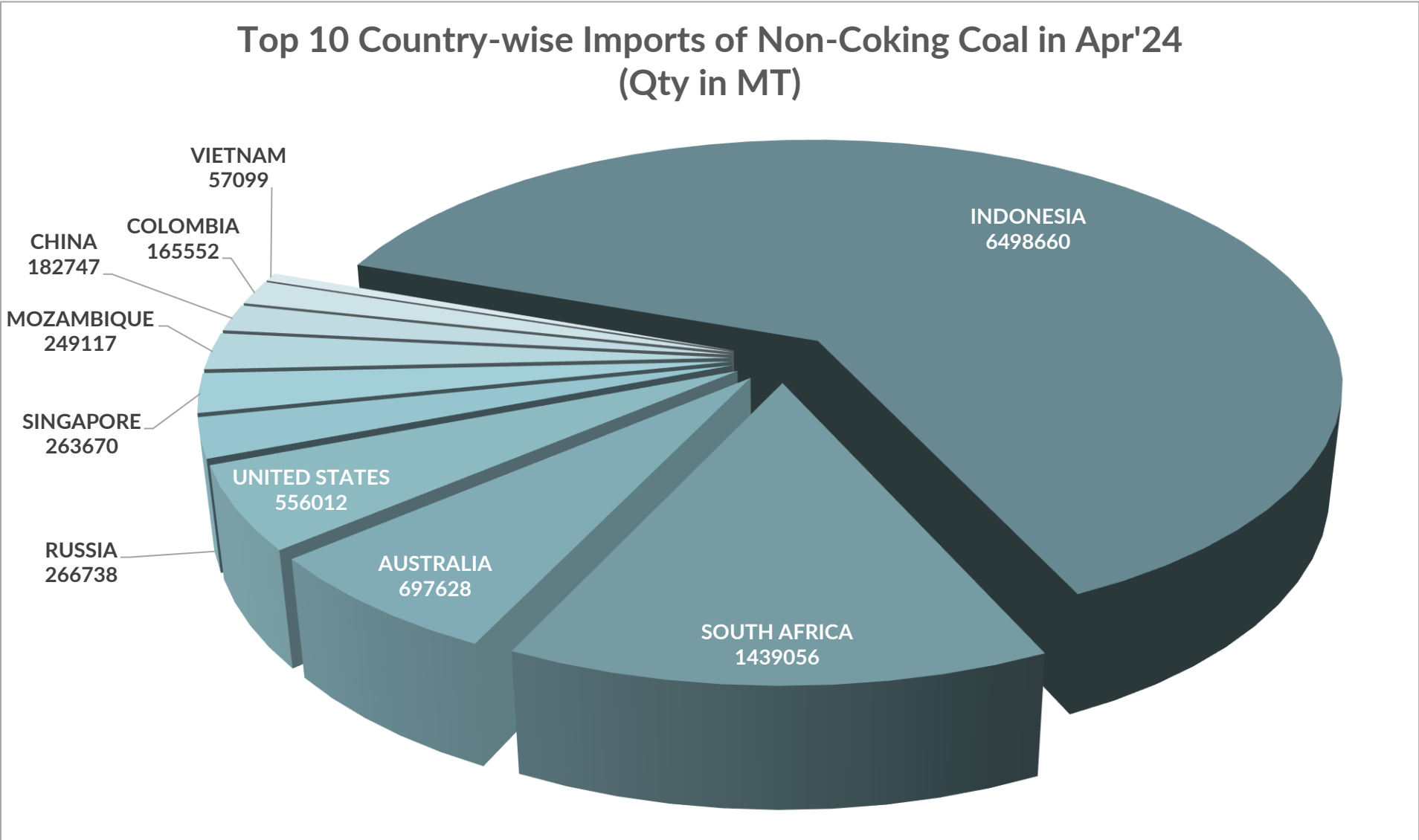


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Non-Coking Coal Import Traffic at Indian Ports

- Non-Coking coal imports during the Apr’24 have been recorded at 16960872 MT.
- During Apr’24, Krishnapatnam Port recorded traffic at 2993963 MT and Mundra Port followed it at 2938677 MT.

Major Non-Coking Coal Importers (Qty in Metric Tonnes) (Apr’24)	
Importer	Qty imported
ADANI ENTERPRISES LTD.	2304987
ADANI POWER LTD.	1980300
TATA POWER CO. LTD.	1168102
TAMILNADU ELECTRICITY BOARD	883693
SEMBCORP ENERGY INDIA LTD.	857395
IL AND FS TAMILNADU POWER CO. LTD.	591763
ANDHRA PRADESH POWER GENERATION CO.	573875
TAMILNADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPN.	512291
NEYVELI LIGNITE CORPN.	493251
RELIANCE INDUS. LTD.	474459



MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Thermal coal imports inch up to a five-month high in April

- Rising temperature waves to push up thermal coal imports during May as well

Thermal coal imports continued to rise for the fourth straight month in April 2024 with cargoes hitting a five-month high as thermal power plants (TPPs) stocked up on the critical commodity in anticipation of a rise in summer temperatures and projections of extended heat waves during the current month.

According to data from energy intelligence firm Kpler, India's imports of thermal coal, largely consumed by the power sector, rose almost 11 per cent m-o-m and 10 per cent y-o-y to 16.23 million tonnes (MT) last month. Thermal coal shipments during Q1 2024 were already the highest in the last two years. Kpler data shows that imports rose 23 per cent y-o-y to 42.95 MT during January-March 2024 from 34.85 MT a year ago. Compared to Q1 2022, the inbound shipments rose even higher by 36 per cent from 31.51 MT.

Scorching summers

Kpler's Lead Major Dry Bulks Analyst, Alexis Ellender pointed out that the outlook for Indian coal demand remains firm as hot weather drives up thermal coal consumption. Thermal coal imports climbed to a five-month high of 16.23 MT in April, up by 1.50 MT y-o-y, Kpler data shows. April also included the two highest weeks for inbound shipments since November 2023; both above 4 MT, he told businessline. "Import demand has remained firm even as domestic coal production continues to rise strongly. Despite this increase in availability, consumption is such that coal stockpiles retreated from their late April peak to the lowest level since March in the first week of May. Nevertheless, stocks remain well above the year-ago level," Ellender pointed out. As per government data, coal stocks at domestic coal-based (DCB) power plants stood at 36.05 MT on February 1 rising to 41.77 MT a month later and then to 47.34 MT and 45.40 MT during April 1 and May 1, respectively. At the end of March, coal stocks at DCB plants stood at 47.30 MT after which they declined to 45.48 MT on April 30 and 44.45 MT on May 17. Thermal power generation in April was up by 10.69 per cent y-o-y, while hydropower generation was down by 8.43 per cent y-o-y, he said. Cumulative thermal power generation in April stood at 123,504 gigawatt hours (GWH) in April 2024, while hydro power generation totalled 7,993 GWH.

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MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

India's coal import rises 8% to 268 MT in FY24

- India's coal import surged by 7.7% to 268.24 MT in FY24, driven by lower seaborne prices and anticipated rise in power demand during summer. March FY24 saw an increase to 23.96 MT. Non-coking coal import was 15.33 MT, while coking coal import stood at 5.34 MT. Domestic coal production in FY24 grew by 11.65% to 997.25 MT.
- Coal import in March FY24 also rose to 23.96 MT, over 21.12 MT in the corresponding month of the previous fiscal. Of the total volume recorded in March 2024, non-coking coal import stood at 15.33 MT, against 13.88 MT in March FY23. Coking coal import in March 2024 was 5.34 MT against 3.96 MT a year ago. During FY24, non-coking coal import was at 175.96 MT, higher than 162.46 MT imported during FY23. Coking coal import was at 57.22 MT in 2023-24, against 54.46 MT in 2022-23.
- "There was an increase in coal import volumes due to the continued softness in seaborne prices and expectation of a demand uptick during the summer season. However, as there is ample availability of domestic coal in the market, it is to be seen if import demand remains strong in coming months," The all-India production of coal during 2023-24 was at 997.25 MT, registering a growth of 11.65 per cent over FY23.

Coal India production rises 7% in April

- Coal India Ltd (CIL) reported a 7.3% increase in coal production to 61.8 million tonnes (MT) in April compared to 57.6 MT in the same period last year. CIL, which contributes over 80% of domestic coal production, also saw a 3.2% rise in coal offtake to 64.3 MT. Despite producing 773.6 MT in FY24, CIL fell short of its target of 780 MT.



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Thermal coal imports					(million tonnes)
	January	February	March	April	Total
2022	7.38	7.74	16.39	12.56	44.07
2023	10.55	10.78	13.52	14.73	49.58
2024	13.68	14.15	15.12	16.23	59.18

More imports

“Hot weather conditions are likely to persist into at least mid-May. We expect this month to represent the annual peak for Indian thermal coal imports. Hire rates for dry bulk carriers sailing from Indonesia (the world’s largest thermal coal exporter) to India rose to the highest level since October 2022 in the final week of April, supporting the case for further strong arrivals this month,” Ellender said. Senior government officials said that power demand will rise as mercury soars further north. The week beginning May 19 is expected to witness severe heat waves, leading to a higher demand for cooling. This will also push up imports during May. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted that heat wave to severe heat wave conditions are very likely in many pockets over Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana- Chandigarh-Delhi during May 18-22 and in some parts of West Uttar Pradesh on May 18 and May 19. Heat wave conditions are very likely in some parts of East Uttar Pradesh during May 18-22; West Uttar Pradesh during May 20-22; in isolated pockets over Uttarakhand, Gujarat State, Madhya Pradesh during May 18-22; Bihar, Gangetic West Bengal during May 18-20; Jharkhand on May 19-20; Odisha during May 20-22

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