International Coal Report

AUGUST 2017



INTERNATIONAL OVERVIEW

- August 2017 saw a 37% decrease in volumes on the previous month with a total of 31,884,000 metric tonnes traded at CME across both the coal futures and the options markets.
- > 30,084,000 metric tonnes were in the futures contracts.
- Open Interest was down slightly on the previous month and sat at a total of 72,485 across all contracts.
- The biggest trade day was on 29th July with a total of 2.339.000 m/t traded.

International Coal (lots) Futures and Options						
August 2017						
	Monthly Volume	Previous Month	ADV	Previous Month	Open Interest (end of month)	Previous Month
API2 cif ARA	28,387	47,804	1,234	2,390	64,204	70,643
API4 fob Richards Bay	3,457	3,151	150	158	8,216	9,509
API 8 CFR South China	-	-	-	-	-	-
API 5 fob Newcastle	40	25	2	1	65	95
Indonesian Coal Sub-bit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	31,884					

^{*}lots = 1,000 metric tonnes

NEW PRODUCT LAUNCH

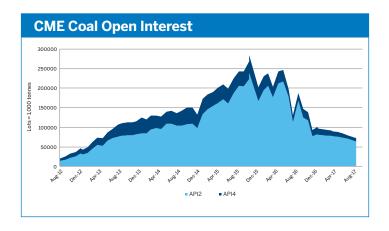
Futures-Style Coal Options - NOW LIVE

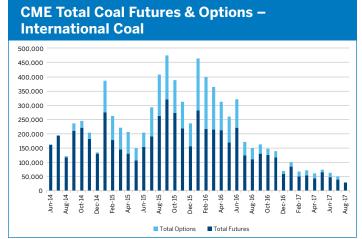
CME Group has launched futures-style Coal options alongside the existing equity-style options to further bolster your coal portfolio and are now ready to trade.

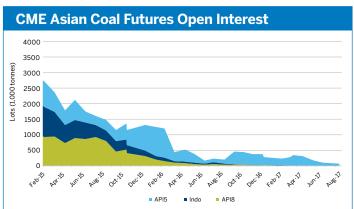
In addition to giving you more collateral flexibility, futuresstyle Coal options has launched with an earlier exercise time, allowing all participants more time to manage their complex positions on expiry day.

With futures-style Coal options on NYMEX, you can trade the Coal options you know on the marketplace you trust.

To learn more go to: cmegroup.com/trading/energy/coal/coal-futures-style-margin-options.html

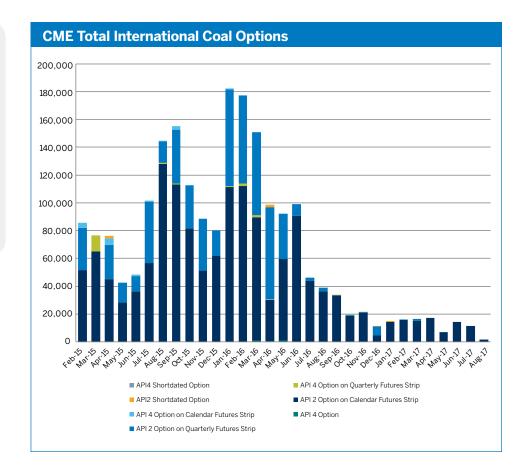






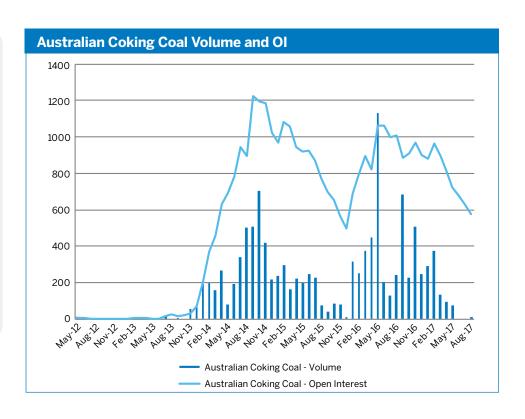
OPTIONS HIGHLIGHTS

- > CME options activity was particularly quiet this month with a total of 1,800,000 m/t traded.
- > This equated to only 6% of the overall coal volume traded at CME.
- > 100% of the volume was in API2 options contracts.
- > Our highest options day was also on the 29th July with 600,000 m/t traded.



COKING COAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Ready for trading on Monday, 2 October, CME Group will launch FOB Australia
 Premium Hard Coking Coal (TSI) Futures to complement our existing suite of ferrous metals, coking and thermal coal products
- The NYMEX/Platts coking coal market was still relatively quiet this month with 10,000 m/t traded.
- OI remained relatively flat with 576,000 m/t





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