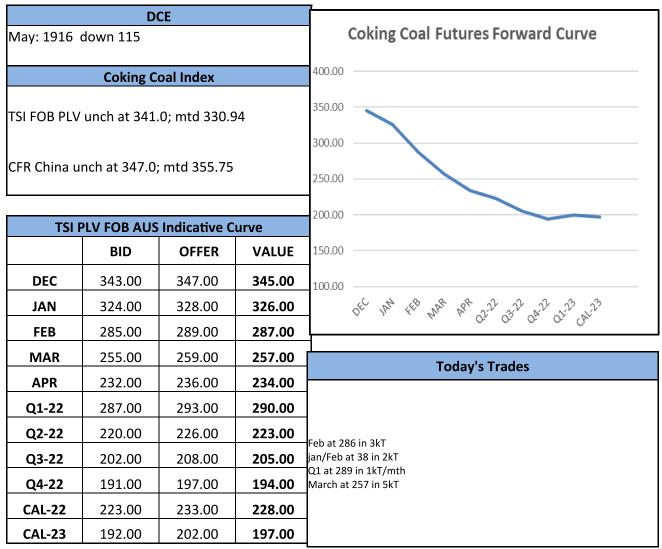
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Commentary

Supply tightness and a rallying market is the story of this week, and the month so far. Sellers are in no rush to shift Jan & Feb tonnes as heavy rains have hampered the usual accelration in shipments that we tend to see in Q4. Year on year production is of course higher but for November IHS Markit reported a slight drop in met coal production. Futures are choppy. Buying interest has been strong but yesterday we saw Q1 trade at 285 and we were offered over and bids pulled. Today, despite the index not moving, offers pulled back and Q1 traded up at 289. There remains a huge monthly backwardation from Jan to March. Possibly the correct curve shape but worth noting that the Dec/Jan index touched \$40 not long ago and is now sub 25. The markets expects a trade early next week, possibly above 350 although this of course can all change.

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