AGENDA FOR XITH INDIA COAL MARKET CONFERENCE 2017

DAY 0 (September 11, 2017)
Delegate Registration & Cocktail
19.00-21.00

DAY 1 (September 12, 2017)
Registration: 8.00- 9.00

Session 1: 9.00-11.00:

Inaugural Session:
IS INDIAN COAL READY FOR THE BIG SHAKE-UP?

- Is the short-term surplus in coal leading to long-term shortage?
- When will the discoms regain health and augment coal demand?
- What will be the role of coal in India’s changing energy-mix?

WELCOME ADDRESS:

9.00-9.15: Vinaya Varma, CEO, mjunction services limited (confirmed)

9.15-9.35: Inaugural address:
Opening up the coal sector: Can India do away with linkages?
Speaker: Sushil Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Government of India (invited)

9.35-9.55:
Power’s coal anorexia: What has happened to the power sector’s growth story?
Speaker: Gurdeep Singh, CMD, NTPC Ltd (invited)

9.55-10.15:
Sustainable use of coal as a source of energy
Speaker: Partha S Bhattacharyya, former chairman, Coal India Ltd (CIL) (confirmed)
10.15-10.35: Special address:
Don’t write off coal amid the renewables boom
Speaker: Benjamin Sporton, CEO, World Coal Association (WCA) (confirmed)

10.35-10.55: Keynote address:
Looking beyond 2020: How is CIL bracing up for competition?
Speaker: S N Prasad, Director (Marketing), Coal India Ltd (CIL) (confirmed)

10.55-11.10: Q+A Session

11.10-11.30: Coffee Break

Session 2: 11.30-13.00
GLOBAL COAL MARKET – CHANGING DYNAMICS AND OUTLOOK

- What is the mid-term price outlook for spot coal market?
- How is coal bracing up for competition from renewables?
- What is the industry’s outlook for India’s shrinking imports?

Chairman: John Howland, Managing Director of Coal, IHS Markit (confirmed)

11.30-11.45:
With renewables picking up, will thermal coal prices head for a trough post 2020?
Speaker: Freddie Staermose, VP, Generating Fuels and Dry Bulks, Argus Media (confirmed)

11.45-12.00:
India’s dilemma: Domestic versus imported coal – in search of a perfect balance
Speaker: John Howland, Managing Director of Coal, IHS Markit (confirmed)

12.00-12.15:
Can ASEAN countries boost demand for seaborne coal in the medium term?
Speaker: Deepak Kannan, Managing Editor, Thermal Coal, S&P Global Platts (confirmed)
12.15-12.30:
What ails India’s search for coal assets abroad?
Speaker: Rajender Singh, Chief Operating Officer, Adani Group (confirmed)

12.30-12.45:
With China breathing life into the market, who wants India on board?
Speaker: Rodrigo Echeverri, Head of Energy Coal Analysis, Noble Group (confirmed)

12.45-13.00: Q&A Session

Lunch Break: 13.00-14.00

Session 3: 14.00-15.30
MET COAL: CAN INDIA AUGMENT ITS DOMESTIC SUPPLY?
- How far can India augment its domestic supply through beneficiation?
- Does the industry need a churn-out to optimise its met coal use?
- What is the best procurement-mix through contract and spot market?

Chairman: N C Jha, Advisor, SAIL & former chairman, CIL

14.00-14.15:
Taking stock: India’s met coal and coke demand and supply outlook
Speaker: P Madhusudan, CMD, Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd (RINL) (invited)

14.15-14.30:
Global met coal prices – dancing to the Dragon’s tune?
Speaker: Sandeep Bhargava, Director, Avani Resources (confirmed)

14.30-14.45:
Coal Block Auction - ways to improve attractiveness & participation
Speaker: Somesh Biswas, Chief, Raw Material Strategy Group, Tata Steel Ltd

14.45-15.00:
Alternative sources of met coal for Indian steel mills
Speaker: S.K. Basak, ED, Collieries, SAIL (confirmed)

15.00-15.15:
Global met coke market: The current scenario and future outlook
Speaker: Subhashis Chakraborty, CEO, Kineta Global (confirmed)

15.15-15.30: Q+A Session

Coffee Break: 15.30-15.45

Session 4: 15.45-16.50
IS INDIA’S THERMAL POWER SECTOR LOSING STEAM?

- Will central power utilities stop coal imports altogether?
- Did India overestimate its power demand growth?
- How much coal will the utilities consume by 2030?

Chairman: Partha S Bhattacharyya, former chairman, CIL (confirmed)

15.45-16.00:
SHAKTI scheme: Will it usher a new life for dying projects?
Speaker: A K Khurana, Director General, APP (confirmed)

16.00-16.15:
Life after UDAY: When will be the discoms stage a turnaround?
Speaker: Ravinder Kumar Verma, Chairman, Central Electricity Authority (CEA) (invited)

16.15-16.30:
Power sector’s coal demand – a mid-term outlook
Speaker: Shyam Wardhane, Director (Mining), Mahagenco (confirmed)

16.30-16.45:

Power demand and supply – current position and mid and long term outlook
Speaker: S K Agrawal, Group Head – Central Coal Procurement, Vedanta (confirmed)

16.45-17.00:

Washing the high ash coal – who will bell the cat?
Speaker: R K Sachdev, president, Coal Preparation Society of India (CPSI) (confirmed)

17.00-17.15: Q+A Session

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Session 5: 17.15-17.55

SOUTH AFRICA: PARTNERS IN GROWTH

Chairman: John Howland, Managing Director of Coal, IHS Markit (confirmed)

South Africa’s coal exports to India: Past trend and future outlook
Speaker: Dr. Tsengwa Nombasa, Executive Head (coal operations), Exxaro (confirmed)

South African mining output and reserves to support domestic and international demand
Speaker: Divyesh Kalan, Executive Head, Makoya Group (confirmed)

Rail capacity creation and sustaining performance to support coal exports and investments
Speaker: Lloyd Tobias, COO, Transnet Freight Rail (confirmed)

Port operations in support exports of coal for Junior and mid-tier Miners
Speaker: Bongani Biyela, CEO, Richards Bay Terminal Grindrod (confirmed)

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18.00-21.30: Awards night and Cocktail Dinner
End of Day 1

Day 2: September 13, 2017
Session 6: 9.00-10.50
COMMERCIAL COAL MINING: THE BIG SHAKE-UP

- How profitable will be commercial coal mining on Indian soil?
- Will it bring a dynamic pricing model for coal in India?
- What will be the impact on consuming sectors?

Chairman: Rana Som, chairman, Bengal Birbhum Energy / P R Mandal, Advisor, Essel Mining

9.00-9.20:
Reinventing the wheel or a fresh start?
Speaker: Niladri Bhattacharjee, Partner, KPMG (confirmed)

9.20-9.40:
Commercial mining – in whose interest?
Speaker: R Vineel Krishna, IAS, managing director, Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. (invited)

9.40-10.00:
Commercial mining – the states’ perspective
Ch Venkaiah Chowdary, IRS, vice chairman and managing director, APMDC Ltd. (confirmed)

10.00-10.20:
Linkage auctions: key takeaways for commercial mining
Speaker: Supriyo Gupta, VP, SBI Caps (confirmed)

Safety First: How will the revised safety criteria in mining equipment import norms impact Indian miners’ procurement strategies?
Speaker: P K Sarkar, DG, DGMS (confirmed)

10.20-10.40: Q+A session

Coffee Break: 10.40-11.10

Session 7: 11.10-11.50

CAN INDIA PARE ITS HIGH LOGISTICS COSTS?

- Transport cost from east to west coast higher than cost of importing from China?
- What ails Railway’s new connectivity projects and DFC?

Chairman: V K Arora, Chief Mentor, KCT Group (confirmed)

11.10-11.30:

How will Indian Railways win back coal freight from road?

Speaker: H S Bajwa, Director – TT, Railway Board (confirmed)

11.30-11.50:

How new technologies can bring down India’s high logistics costs?

Speaker: V K Arora, Chief Mentor, KCT Group (confirmed)

11.50-12.00: Q+A session

Session 8: 12.00-12.55

INDIAN PORTS AND SHIPPING: OUTGROWING DEMAND?

- As of 2016-17, the 12 major ports have an idle capacity of nearly 40%
- How are changing demand and supply dynamics affecting dry bulk shipping market?
- What is the outlook for the ocean freight rates?

12.00-12.15:

Tracking the international sea freight rates: A mid-term outlook

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Speaker: John Kearsey, Head of Research, Simpson Spence and Young (confirmed)

**12.15-12.30:**
The riddle of India’s reducing coal imports and increasing port capacity
Speaker: Anil Yendluri, Director & CEO, Krishnapatnam Port Co. Ltd. (invited)

**12.30-12.45:**
How long will tonnage oversupply plague the container shipping market?
Speaker: Capt. Anoop Kumar Sharma, CMD, Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) (invited)

**12.45-13.00:** Q&A Session

**Lunch: 13.00-14.00**

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**Session 9: 14.00-14.55**

**WILL RENEWABLES GIVE COAL A RUN FOR ITS MONEY?**

**Chairman:** S P Gon Chowdhury, Solar Power (confirmed)

**14.00-14.15:**
CBM: Will it be India’s answer to shale gas?
Speaker: Vilas Tawde, Project Director, CBM, Essar Oil (confirmed)

**14.15-14.30:**
Is integrated electricity system the answer to India’s future power woes?
Speaker: S P Gon Chowdhury, Solar Power (confirmed)

**14.30-14.45:**
Solar power: A panacea or disruptor for India’s future energy mix?
Speaker: Ivan Saha, Chief Technical Officer, Vikram Solar Private Limited (invited)
14.45-14.55: Q+A Session

Session 10: 15.00-16.25

PET COKE AND INDIA’S CEMENT INDUSTRY: MADE FOR EACH OTHER?

- Can steam coal regain its share in cement if pet coke prices soar?
- Will increased quality assurance bring back cement makers to CIL?
- What will be the impact of GST on coal consumers?

Chairman: K C Gandhi, Jt. President, Shree Cement

15.00-15.15:

How will the increased number of refineries change the pet coke market in India?
Sanjay Kumar, Group Head (procurement), Lafarge-Holcim (confirmed)

15.15-15.30:

The vanishing linkages: Where are cement makers sourcing coal from?
Speaker: Satya Raj, Head, Procurement, Ultratech (invited)

15.30-15.45:

Quality issues in coal: how effective is third-party sampling?
Speaker: Dr P K Singh, Director, CIMFR (confirmed)

15.45-16.00:

Is there a strong case for banning pet coke in India?
Speaker: R C Saxena, Regional Director, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) (confirmed)

16.00-16.15: Q+A Session

Vote of Thanks: Pankaj Mittal, VP, Horizon 1, mjunction services limited

Coffee Break: 16.15-16.30

End of Day 2 and End of Conference