In Q1 2008, China coke output increased while its export decreased. Coke output reached 81.30 million tons, up 13.61% compared to Q1 2007; coke export was 2.93 million tons, down 19.69%. In Q1 2008, Average export FOB price was USD $357.38 per ton (including 25% export tax), up 127.16% compared to Q1 2007, and up 79.24% for the price after tax. Export FOB price of conventional metallurgical coke was USD $535 per ton (including 25% export tax).

Since 2007, oil price surge and enlarging gap between coal supply & demand have driven international coal price increase. As benchmark coal price in Asia, the steam coal export price at Australia Newcastle Port exceeded USD $200 per ton for the first time in Aug 2008. By the end of August 2008, coal price has been doubled; while it had already increased by 73% in 2007.
Coal supply and demand in China will keep balance in 2009; however structural strain will be sustained; due to slight growth, coking coal supply will maintain little tight and its price maybe higher than or keep the same as it in 2008. Moreover, coking coal price will also effects by international contract price and political costs; however, steam coal price will be further increased considering the continue gap between contract price and market price, as well as electricity price growth.

Based on the authoritative statistics from State Information Center, the National Bureau of Statistics and company financial reporting, this report makes an in-depth analysis of the current situation of China coke industry as well as key players. Meanwhile, it forecasts the development tend of China coke industry.
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