# China Coal-Coking Industry & Listed Companies Report, 2007-2008

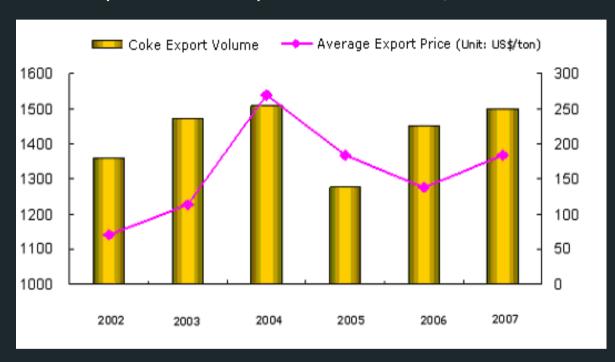


Coal-coking, as an auxiliary sector for the metallurgical industry, is the most mature sector in technology and the most representative of the coal chemical industry. China's coking technology is advanced in the world and China is the biggest coke producer, consumer and exporter in the world. In recent years, coking market has had a gradual recovery, which has brought about a continuous rise in prices of coking products. We herein believe that the coking industry is on the upward trend from the perspective of industry cycles.

Since the second half of 2005, the average export price of coke had dropped dramatically. However, coke market had a rally in 2006 and once had the largest gain, hitting US\$33 per ton, in the year. Since entering the year of 2007, the month-on-month growth in coke price has even picked up. The third quarter of 2007 had the biggest gain, which made coke price stand at US\$203 per ton, representing an accumulated rise of nearly US\$60/ton in coke price compared to US\$144 per ton posted in the same period of 2006.



#### **Export Volume and Export Price of China Coke, 2002-2007**



Source: The National Bureau of Statistics of China

It is forested that in the period 2007 to 2008, China's growth of apparent consumption volume of crude steel will remain around 11%, which will be a powerful impetus to coke demand in China. Domestic coke market, stimulated by steel price and coking cost, will also strengthen coke price.



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