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## TO CURB MINING PERMITS

Director General of Mineral and Coal Bambang Gatot Ariyono promised that this year the task to curb the problematic mining permits will have been concluded. As known, the effort to curb the problematic mining permits in the year 2015 was stalled because any of the provincial governments has yet to dare to take strict action against the holders of the permits of mining undertakings (IUPs).

## NOT FOR AUCTION

Most of the mining areas resulted from the relinquishment of PKP2B work areas will not be auctioned and the areas will be included in the State's reserve areas (WPN). As estimated the coal reserves have so far been depleting, said Director of Coal Business Development under Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM) Adhi Wibowo.

## INVESTMENT IN RENEWABLE ENERGY RISES

China is committed to reducing the air pollution in the country by cutting the use of coal. Observer of mining commodities Deddy Yusuf Siregar said Chinese investment in renewable energy in the year 2015 rose 17 percent from the previous year to US\$110.5 billion.

## INDIA'S IMPORT RISES

Observer of commodity market Andri Hardianto predicted, the coal price will rise as in accordance with the indication of the increase of demand of coal from India. India's government has targeted the country's coal import until the year 2025 will reach a total of 1.5 billion tons. However, Bloomberg Intelligence projected India's import of coal would reach only 850 million tons.

## ACTION OF ACQUISITION

In the first quarter of the year 2016 PT Bukit Asam Tbk is to plan to expand its business by acquiring a maximum of 30-percent shares at Ignite Energy Resources Ltd (IER) of Australia. President Director of Bukit Asam Milawarma said IER is a company that has a technology of Coal Liquefaction and Coal Up-Grading.

## TO CUT TARGET OF PRODUCTION

PT United Tractors Tbk is again to cut 10 percent of the target of its coal production and 15 percent of the target of overburden by PT Pamapersada Nusantara. The company's coal production from last year to November 2016 is to reach 100 million tons. It was said by Corporate Secretary Sara K Loebis.

## IMPORT FELL 30 PERCENT

China's coal import in the year 2015 fell 30 percent to the lowest level in the last four years. China has also cut 70 million tons of its coal production. Observer of mining commodities Deddy Yusuf Siregar said by the year 2016 China will again cut 60 million tons of its coal production.

## INTEGRATED WAREHOUSING ZONE

PT Adaro Indonesia of South Kalimantan through its subsidiary namely Adara Persada Mandiri (APM) develops an integrated warehousing zone in an area of 150 hectares. It was said by Head of Regional Integrated and Support Area (RISA) Benidictus Aryudi Oktavian.

## 15.130 HECTARES RETURNED TO GOVERNMENT

Director of Coal Business Development under Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM) Adhi Wibowo disclosed that his office has taken back the areas of coal mining of 15.130 hectares from 12 companies as referring to the result of amendment of the agreements on coal mining authorization (PKP2B).

## CIREBON'S SEAPORT RESUMES

A number of vessels of coal deliveries at the seaport of Cirebon in West Java were almost on fire. Harbor Master of Cirebon Port Authority had to resume the coal loading and unloading activities at the seaport. Cirebon's KSOP Head Rivolindo explained that coal is a sedimentary rock and it can easily ignite fire.

## BERAU'S COAL FOR PLTU

After the acquisition of PT Berau Coal Energy Tbk, Sinarmas Group will utilize the company's coal production to meet the energy needs of the coal-fired power plant (PLTU) to be developed by the subsidiary of Sinarmas. It was said by Managing Director of Sinarmas Gandi Sulistiyanto.

## COAL SUPPLIES NOT INTERRUPTED

Although only one dock namely Muara Teak 1 is operated, but PT Pelindo II of Cirebon Seaport guaranteed that the coal supplies will not be interrupted. The activities of unloading are carried out 24 hours a day. The guarantee was expressed by Manager of Operations of PT Pelindo II of Cirebon Seaport Yossianus Marciano.

## UP TO 5 YEARS TO CONTINUE DETERIORATING

China's economy grew only 6.9 percent during the year 2015, making the industries of electricity, coal, and steel became negative. "Such a situation will be worsening in the next five years," said Xu Zhongbo, an Analyst of Steel Industry of China.

## NEW CONTRACT WORTH RP622 BILLION

PT Petrosea Tbk managed to obtain a new contract in January 2016 for the removal of overburden and coal hauling from PT Anzawara Satria. Director of Petrosea Johanes Ispurnawan said the contract period is for 36 months. The contract is worth Rp622.09 billion.

## 4843 IUPS WITHOUT INDEX NUMBERS OF TAXPAYERS

Of the total of the permits of mining undertakings (IUPs), said Director General of Minerals and Coal Bambang Gatot Ariyono, the holders of 4,843 IUPS have yet to own their index numbers of taxpayers (NPWPs).

## BUSINESS CONVERSION INTO POWER GENERATION

Head of Research of PT Universal Brokers Securities Satrio Utomo said, one of the ways that can currently be taken by the issuers of coal mining concerning the low price of the commodity is to do business conversion into coal-fired power generation.

## PRICE DECREASES 13 PERCENT

World Bank projected the coal price will decline 13 percent in the year 2016 to US\$50 per ton due to weak demand and over supply of coal. The difficult condition in the market of coal is caused by the policy to support the use of clean energy in the power sector; moreover, the natural gas as one of the clean energy sources is also cheap.