# **INDONESIAN COAL ROAD TO THE FUTURE**

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## **TOTAL COAL RESOURCES**

Million Tons (2020)



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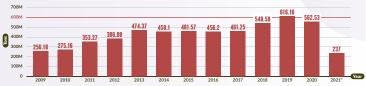
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# **COAL PRODUCTION**



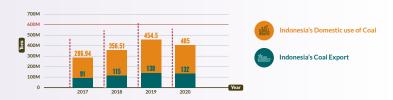
The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR) has raised the coal production target in 2021 by 75 million tons to 625 million tons from the initial target of 550 million tons. The consideration for this decision was the impact of Covid-19 pandemic on the mining sector in 2020, resulting in a decline in economic mining activities globally. Government support is needed through the addition of 2021 coal production for export.





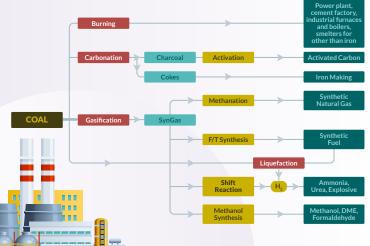


## DOMESTIC USE AND EXPORT OF COAL



#### INDONESIA'S COAL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMS Following Indonesia's Paris Agreement ratification with Law 16/2016, in the context of optimizing NRE without

neglecting Indonesia's abundant coal resources, Indonesia applies co-firing technology, Coal Gasification and Liquefaction as a bridging fuel and chemicals. As much as 76% of the current national LPG needs are met through imports. In 2020, the value of LPG imports reached USD 2.8 billion. Thus, it becomes part of the current account deficit and becoming a concern for the government. In the National Energy Plan (RUEN) compiled by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Dimethyl Ether (DME) is an alternative energy to substitute LPG in order to reduce LPG imports. In the beginning of 2021, MEMR has projected DME equivalent to 3.5 million tons of LPG is



Source: PYC Data Center, 2021 and MEMR, 2021

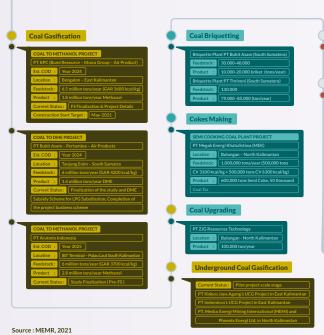
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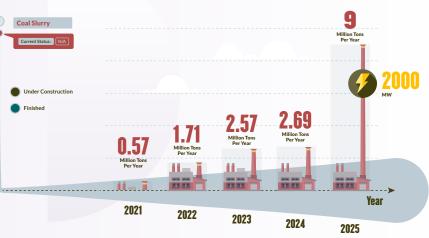


### INDONESIA COAL DOWNSTREAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS





Co-firing is a co-combustion technology of partial substitution of coal with biomass while still paying attention to the quality of the fuel as needed. In 2025, Indonesia has targeted to employ 52 co-firing power plants. Additionally, MEMR will soon retire 1 GW of capacitors of the second ty coal-fired steam power plant by 2025 to accommodate net-zero emission by 2060.



Source : Bisnis Indonesia, 2021 and MEMR, 2021

# **ALLENGES AND RECOMMENDA**

**Coal Liquifaction** 

Current Status: N/A



The economic viability of coal utilization requires a high investment. The coal to chemicals project investment can reach a value of more than 2 Billion USD.



#### Readiness of the market •----

The strategy on how the market can absorb products at competitive prices is needed.



### Risk mitigation

As a coal company that penetrates the chemicals industry through gasification, it takes a lot of learning, preparation of resources and collaboration with various parties to understand and manage the business, technological and commercial risks of a gasification project.



#### Incentive and policy

Coal to chemicals projects require support from the government in the form of regulations and incentives to accomplish project feasibility (such as tax holidays and coal price formulas).



All the process in the downstream life cycle analysis needs to be conducted to know the greener chemical process in the industry. Because the longer the process it requires, potentially more waste and emission will be produced. Additionally, the extension of the mining contract will likely hinder the energy transition.



#### **ABBREVIATIONS:**

: Commercial Operation Date : Liquified Petroleum Gas : Dimethyl Ether

: Gross as Received GAR GW

: Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources MEMR

: New and Renewable Energy

RUEN : National Energy Plan (Rencana Umum Energi Nasional) MW : Megawatt

Pre-FS : Pre-Feasibility Study : Not Available