This is some of the interesting coal industry related news we found today. Enjoy!

Drive to divest fossil fuel investments gathers steam: The campaign to sell off investments in fossil fuel projects, particularly those involving coal, is no longer a fringe movement as big players like banks and investment funds get on board. The...

Right expertise holds key to success in coal seam gas exploration in China: AAG Energy chairman Stephen Zou sticks with production expansion plans despite rising cheaper imports as gas price reform and cost reduction measures will boost demand and sales

Clean coal unlikely in Australia, says Hunt: Federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt said it was unlikely new low-emissions coal technology would be built in Australia, despite the International Energy Agency’s positive outlook for coal as part of the global energy mix.

China to Defend Use of Coal-fired Power Plants in Paris Climate Summit: China will defend its use of coal-fired power plants at the United Nations 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) scheduled to begin Monday in Paris. In an interview with CNN, China’s special env...

Coal auction: Govt to meet potential bidders this week: Taking forward the process of fourth round of coal mines auction, the government has organised a pre-bid conference this week.

Innovation will save our warming planet – so where is the investment? | Will Hutton: Governments must commit themselves to greater R&D; or their vows on climate change will just be hot air
China — the world’s biggest polluter — will use this week’s UN conference in Paris to stake a global leadership claim on climate change. While all the attention has been trained on BHP Billiton and its mounting woes, arch rival Rio Tinto has been executing long-held growth plans.

Top 5 threats to a Paris climate deal: US Republicans, terrorism and even unruly activists risk derailing the delicate UN negotiations starting next week.

UK joins NZ in closing down all coal: UK joins NZ in closing down all coal.

Chief of Alberta First Nation files lawsuit over coal tailings pond spill: EDMONTON — The chief of an Alberta First Nation is suing three companies over spill from a coal tailings pond that went into waterways that feed the Athabasca River. Ronald Krueitzer of the Fort McM...

Coal CEO thanks Lamar Smith, asks him to expand probe of climate scientists: In recent remarks Robert E. Murray, the chief executive officer of Murray Energy, the largest privately-held coal mining company in America, enthusiastically praised Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Tex., the c...

The fall in PCI coal prices: a temporary blip: The sharp fall in China’s PCI import demand this year has seen seaborne prices for PCE soften significantly.

Ukraine seeks imports of anthracite coal as shortages loom: Ukraine is seeking extra imports of anthracite coal from South Africa and other sources on...

DTEK Energy coal performance results for 9 months of 2015: DTEK Energy, a Ukraine energy company, has reported its coal mining companies coal production, supply and electricity generation for nine months of 2015.

Vietnam’s Vinacomin to import 1.5-2 mil mt coal in 2016, up from 500,000 mt: Vietnam National Coal-Mineral Industries, or Vinacomin, plans to import1.5 million-2 million mt of coal...

TAURON mining business earnings increase: TAURON has reported coal extraction and higher sales volumes have helped the company's mining business to increase earnings.

UPDATE 1-Russia-Ukraine row over Crimea escalates as Moscow cuts coal to Kiev: KIEV, Nov 27 (Reuters) - Russia has begun to restrict coal supplies to Ukraine, Energy Minister Volodymyr Demchyshyn told parliament on Friday, days after the Kremlin threatened to punish Kiev for a power blackout of Russian-annexed Crimea.

German mining machinery manufacturers anticipate 3% sales decline: Mining machinery manufacturers in Germany are expecting a 3% fall in international sales for the current year, 2015, but are positive for the future, according to the Mining Association in the German Engineering Federation.

Anglo to close NSW mine as horse studs trump coal mining: Mining major Anglo American said on Friday that it would wind down its Drayton South coal operation, in New South Wales, in 2016, resulting in the loss of some 500 jobs, after the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) blocked the mine expansion. The PAC this week said that the proposed Drayton South expansion would critically impact stud-farming operations in the region, and that mining and horse-breeding activities were not compatible in close proximity.

Abandoning Coal Is Only a Start for U.K.: There's a way to ensure a clean-energy future.

New Australia PM begs to differ with those calling for coal mine ban, citing economic and job ... : Australia’s newest Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, has taken a practical stance on Australia’s coal future, despite mounting turmoil in the sector as new mines face severe environmental resistance and producers are cutting output in an effort to fight rising costs and decreased prices. In October, 61 prominent Australians, including scientists and economists, called on Turnbull and the Australian government to ban any new coal mines from being developed in the country and to put an international moratorium on the agenda for the Paris climate talks, which started on November 30 and end on December 11.
Bittersweet day for Hunter miners: There were cheers – and tears – across the Hunter Valley today after the Planning Assessment Commission approved one major mining project – but recommended another not go ahead. The Commission has released its determination reports into the Mount Thorley and Warkworth Continuation Projects, as well as its review of […]

Philippines eyes renewable energy as it makes strides in reducing CO2 emissions: The Philippines is making strides in reducing its emissions output, through the use of renewable energy.

Wind, solar, coal and gas to reach similar costs by 2030: report: By 2030 renewable energy sources such as solar and wind will cost a similar amount to fossils fuels such as coal and gas.

The likely winners and losers from the Paris climate talks: The fossil fuel industry stands to lose $34 trillion in revenues in the next two decades if a strong outcome is achieved at the Paris climate change talks. These 7 graphs highlight what is at stake…

World leading experts back call for moratorium on new coal mines for a ‘decarbonised world economy’: World leading experts back the call of the Kiribati President Anote Tong for a global moratorium on new coal mines to limit climate change.

Fact-checking the claim that Australian coal is clean: Australian thermal coal is higher in energy content, true, but its ash content is double Indonesia’s export-coal average.

Shorten lays down gauntlet on climate, but who will call time on coal?: As Malcolm Turnbull heads to Paris climate talks, Labor leader Bill Shorten commits to an emissions reduction target almost twice that set by the Coalition. Meanwhile, neither leader looks likely t…

Mining application withdrawn - good news for Hluhluwe-Imfolozi - Africa Geographic: Good news for the beautiful Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park as coal mine application is withdrawn.

Fact check: Does Australia export cleaner coal than many other countries?: Malcolm Turnbull says Australian export coal is cleaner than the coal from other countries. Is that correct? ABC Fact Check investigates.

Locals Urge Japan to Rule Out Burma Coal Plant Funding: Villagers have urged Japanese government agencies and corporate investors not to underwrite three contentious coal power projects in southern Burma.

Is it immoral to invest in coal? | Climate Home - climate change news: ANALYSIS: Cheap fuel for developing nations; disastrous for the climate. We asked three experts if it is morally defensible to bankroll new mines and power plants.

Coal can help reduce climate change, says Minerals Council of Australia: However, as world leaders head to Paris to discuss carbon emissions, a survey has found most Australians believe coal is an energy source of the past.

Coal industry sponsors climate summit: While climate activists in rich countries demand the phase-out of coal, the Paris summit is being sponsored by companies that run coal-based power generating plants, says an NGO.

Russia Cuts Coal to Ukraine Over Crimea Power Blackout: Russia has begun to restrict coal supplies to Ukraine, days after the Kremlin threatened to punish Kiev for a power blackout of Russian-annexed Crimea.

SSAB and Aspo ESL Shipping to reduce CO2 emissions: SSAB and Aspo Group’s ESL Shipping Ltd have signed a long-term frame agreement reduce CO2 emissions and reduce overall logistics costs.

WCA sets out stall ahead of COP21: The World Coal Association has called for global support for low-emission coal technologies in its COP21 position statement.

The end of the road for CCS in the UK?: The UK government has broken its pledge to support the development of carbon capture and storage commercialisation by withdrawing funding for its CCS Competition just 6 months after it was due to be awarded.

Enhancing research into water connectivity between CBM and aquifers: ANSTO participates in a study, conducted in the Surat Basin in southeast Queensland, for new research that has shown little water…