

**Summary of Workshop-2
on
Technology Roadmap
for
Coal Sector Organized by
Coal India Limited

Volume-II (Part B)**

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Workshop on Technology Roadmap for Coal Sector
Organized by Coal India Limited under the aegis of Ministry of Coal
Date: 15th March 2022
Venue: CIL, Kolkata and through Weblink.

1. Inaugural Session

Chairman, Coal India Limited along with Director (Marketing), Director (Technical), CVO, Sr. Advisor (Finance), CIL and Advisor (Project), MoC inaugurated the workshop on Technology Roadmap at Auditorium, CIL and virtually.

Director(Technical) in his address welcomed all the dignitaries, delegates and all the speakers, authors. In his address, he drew the attention towards the fact that in the coming decade opencastable coal of all shallower depth shall be exhausted & in order to maintain production level of 1 Billion Tonne, it is imperative that more & more of production is to be from highwall mining and other reliable method. The revival of growth of high capacity UG mines shall be the top priority.

Advisor (Project), MoC in his address, informed the audience that this is the 2nd workshop is being organised in the series on Technology Roadmap in coal sector. The 1st workshop was held in January 2022 at CMPDI, Ranchi and the subject covered viz. exploration, underground coal mining technology, Transportation, Surveying and remote sensing, communication, opencast mining technologies, environment, new technologies and R&D, mine planning & scheduling, information technologies, artificial intelligence. He talked about the relevance of the workshop on Technology Roadmap on present mining scenario.

Chairman, CIL in his Keynote address emphasised mainly on three important aspects. He emphasised on resilience of an organisation, mainly technical, financial & environmental. He further stressed that digitization shall play a crucial role in growth and sustenance of the company in the future. He also concurred with D(T), CIL and reiterated that in view of environmental & social compulsions underground mining has to be taken up on priority.

Total ten papers were presented in the whole day workshop from 10.00am to 5.30pm. Around 130 nos. delegates were joined physically and virtually from India, Australia and UK.

2. Technical Session IA

Insights shared by Dr.Rao on applicability of Highwall Mining in India with special reference to the design guidelines of Highwall mining index (HMI) and the odd parameters that are to be considered prior to selection of highwall mining, special mention of applicability of Punch Longwall can be explored by subsidiaries of CIL for higher extraction of coal.

Experience sharing on Highwall coal mining case study by Sharda Project highlighted the challenges and lessons learnt from the project.

3. Technical Session IB

1st presentation was made by Mr. Subhankar Bhattacharya & Mr. Rajat Chakraborty from Larsen & Toubro. Through this presentation they had enlightened about different conditions where we can adopt of Surface miner and Ripper successfully. From their valuable inputs we have learned that removal of OB is also feasible through surface miner.

2nd speaker Dr. Bhattacharya highlighted about Sustainable Mining in coal with Environmental Sustainability in wake of climate change narrative. We are committed to responsible coal production through smart, safe and sustainable mining with coal as primary driver of energy in the nation. The valuable inputs of Dr. Bhattacharya on different aspects of underground coal mining would be surely taken into consideration by the attendees.

3rd speaker Mr. Jonas Stahlbage, MD, STM Construction Equipment Pvt. Ltd. gave a blast free open cast mining operation option, i.e. Xcentric Ripper. This gave ensure our commitment towards safety while keeping the economics under consideration. Our subsidiary company SECL has already adopted this kind of OBR technique.

4. Technical Session II

Sri Jayanth Bhattacharya presented on behalf of Gainwell Commosales Pvt. Ltd. on Highwall Mining potential in India. He presented that Highwall Miners have potential for mining seams from 1m to 5m to a depth of 300 meters. Production rates vary from 40,000 Tonnes to 100,000 Tonnes per month depending on thickness of seam. Machines are being manufactured in India from their plant near Asansol under license from Caterpillar USA.

Sri Ajay Kumar Sharma, GM Jhanjra Area presented case studies on Jhanjra Coal Mine of ECL. He presented that longwall are suitable at standard heights whereas Continuous Miners may be used for low heights. This UG mine has highest production in CIL. It is poised to achieve highest production in 2021-22 of 3.6 Million Tonnes. Panel length needs to be increased from present length of 700m to 1500m so as to increase production and productivity. For greater productivity & viability, panel lengths upto 1.5 kms are crucial.

5. Technical Session III

Shri N V K Srinivas, GM, SCCL presented case studies on Adriyala Project. The best practices shared by SCCL Adriyala Project needs to be replicated, specially how SCCL integrated learning from previous LW projects and incorporated the best technical advice on Length of LW face, Width of LW face, Modernization of Equipment, face automation.

Shri Manish Mishra, GM, West Bokaro, TATA steel shared the best practices on optimizing the coal beneficiation using the best available resources, digital and technological upgradation, infrastructure for eco-friendly transport and strict quality assurance along with customer centric approach.

Such case studies help cross learning across the industry and helps in introspect on what can be done to improve safety, productivity and upgrade the technology.

Sri Debashri Mitra on behalf of M/s Eimco Elecon, presented on Mining Machineries product. He covered on Technical & Operational details of mining machineries viz. Mechanised Loading and Drilling Machine, Side Discharge Loader(SDL), Load Haul Dumper(LHD), Universal Drilling Machine, Continuous Miner(CM) package, CM-3000, TRS-Roof Bolter, 10 Te Shuttle Car.

Participation by the manufactures/vendors like Gainwell, L&T, Emico Elecon, STM Construction Equipment pvt. Ltd. helped the stakeholders to get aligned on the technological options available in the Highwall and Blast free mining while keeping the economics under consideration.

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CIL, Kolkata, on 15th March 2022
Programme

Time	Session		Presenting Organisation
10.00 – 10.45 hrs.	Inaugural session		
10.45 – 11.15 hrs.	Technical Session IA	(1)	Dr.Rao Balusu, Reasearch team leader(Mining), CSIRO(Australia)
	TS 1A - Technology Roadmap	(2)	Prof. R M Bhattacharya, IIT(ISM), Dhanbad
11.15 – 11.30 hrs	Tea Break		
11.30 – 13.00 hrs	Technical Session IB	(1)	Mr. Partha Mookherjee, Head(BD), Larsen & Toubro
	TS 1B - Blast free technology	(2)	Mr. Rajendra Khoda, CGM, Puzzolana Machinery Fabricators
		(3)	Mr. Jonas Stahlbage, MD, STM Construction Equipment (I) Pvt. Ltd
13.00 – 14.00 hrs.	Lunch Break		
14.00 – 15.30 hrs.	Technical Session II	(1)	Mr. John Priddle, MD,ADDCAR Highwall Mining System
	TS 2 - Highwall Mining – Prospect in India	(2)	Mr.Dipankar Banerjee, COO,Gainwell Commosales Pvt. Ltd.
		(3)	Mr. Biswanath Pan, Advisor, CBL (Cuprum Bagrodia Limited)
15.30 – 15.45 hrs.	Tea Break		
15.45 – 17.15 hrs.	Technical Session III	(1)	Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, GM Jhanjra Project
	Case Studies / Continuous Miners/SDL/ LHD	(2)	Shri M K Prasad, DT(OP), SECL - Sharda Project
		(3)	Mr. N V K Srinivas, GM, Adriyala Project, SCCL
		(4)	GM, West Bokaro, TATA Steel
		(5)	Mr.Mukil Dwivedi, ED,Emico Elecon (India) Ltd
17.15 – 17.30 hrs.	Valedictory		

Prospects for Highwall Mining in India

Rao Balusu

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Presentation to Coal India Ltd (CIL)

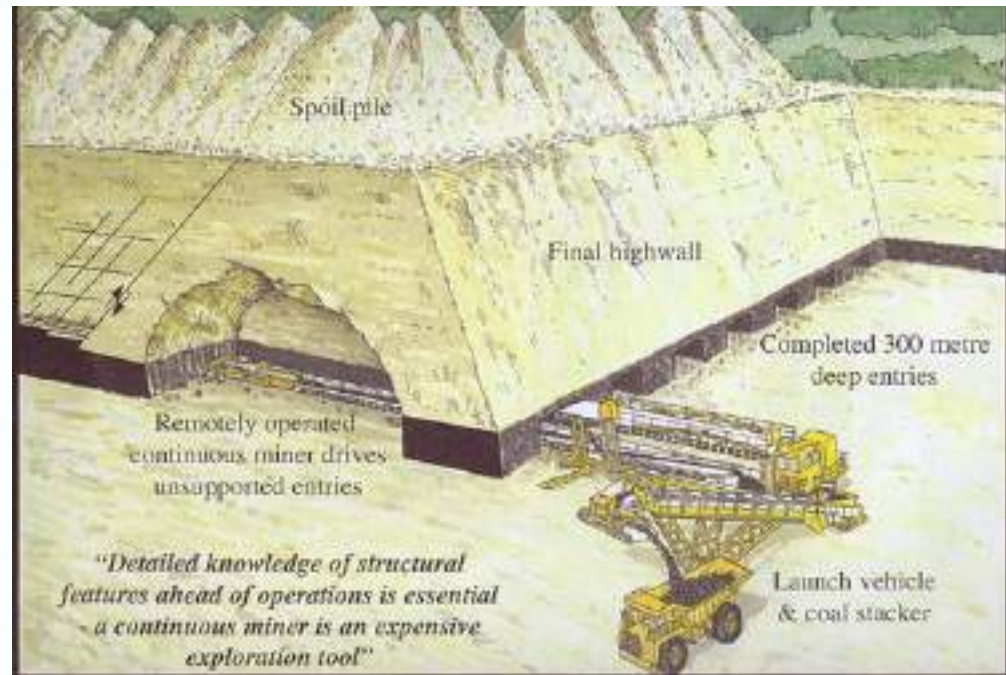
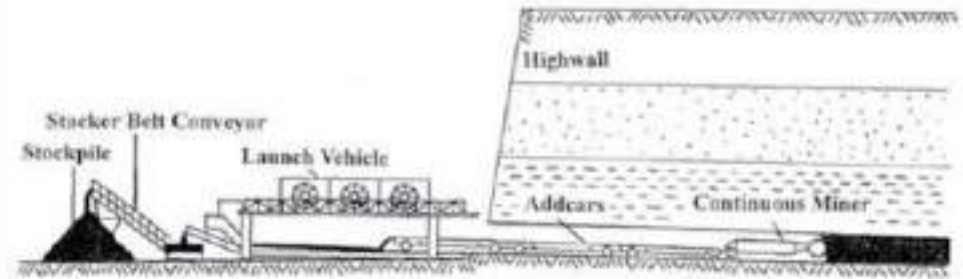


Presentation Outline

- **Introduction – Highwall mining**
- **Highwall mining systems**
- **Geotechnical issues & rating**
- **Guidance Control**
- **Failures and causes**
- **Design guidelines**
- **Summary**

Introduction - Highwall Mining

- Developed in 1980's.
- Widely used in Australia in 1990's
- Driving parallel roadways into highwall/ coal seam using remote controlled mining machinery (Continuous Miner)
- 200 - 500 m long entries
- Feasible to extract reserves that are not suitable for further opencut mining or longwall
- Low capital cost and short lead time
- Can achieve 0.5 to 1.0 MT/year
- High productivity



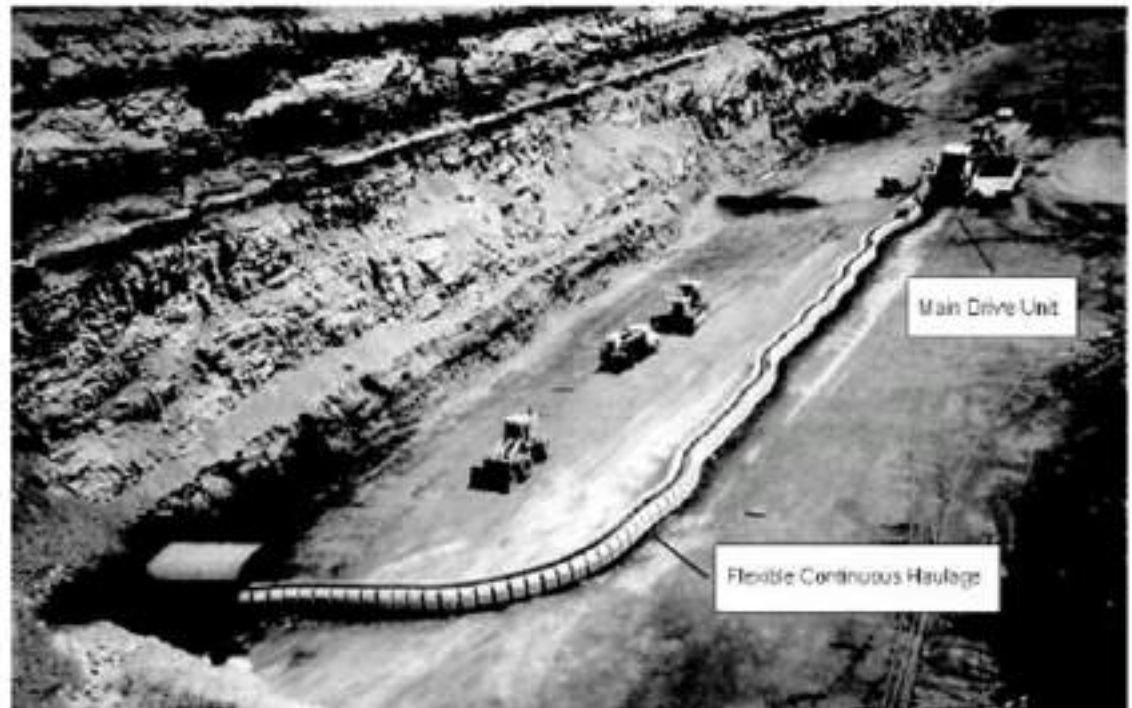
Highwall Mining Systems

- Auger highwall mining system
 - Single or Twin augers
 - Diameter up to 1.9m
 - Penetration depth ~ 200 m
 - Productivity ~ 50,000 t/month



Highwall Mining Systems

- Continuous Highwall Miner (CHM)
- Archveyor system – Flexible continuous haulage system behind Miner



Highwall Mining Systems/ Methods

- **Addcar highwall mining system**

- Launch vehicle
- Conveyor cars (7.5m long)
- Cars added progressively

- Roadway width ~ 3.5m
- Penetration depth ~ 500m
- Productivity ~ 100,000 T/month

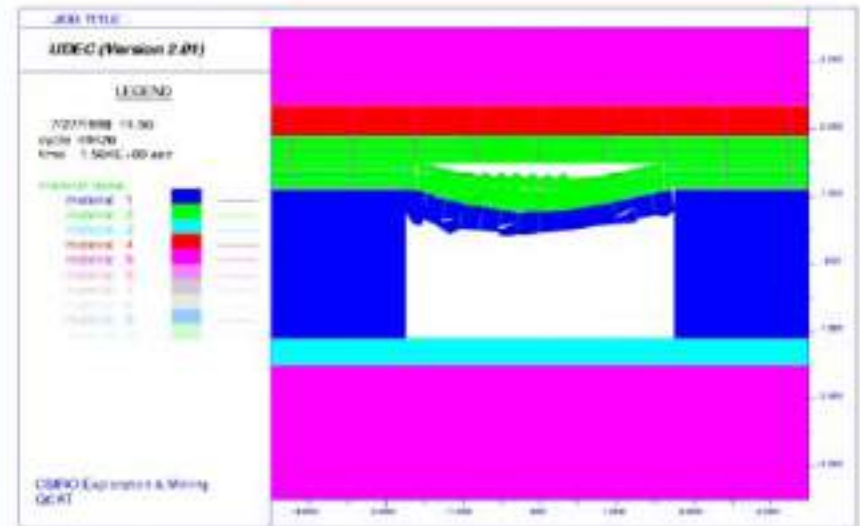


Geotechnical, Design & Guidance

- **Unsupported span stability**
- **Pillar stability**
- **Panel stability**
- **Failures - case studies**
- **Design guidelines**
- **Guidance control**

Unsupported span stability

- Typical failure mechanism – delamination & snap-through
- Simple analytical – based on thickness of roof plate
- Probabilistic approach
- Numerical modelling techniques



Pillar stability

Mechanisms

- Pillars fail from excessive compressive stress
- Coal strength governed by a Hoek-Brown yield criterion
- Pillars stable if there is an elastic core (yield in ribs)
- Once the yield zones coalesce, the pillar stress-carrying capability reduces
- With further applied stress the pillar strength decreases rapidly to its residual value

1. **Emphasise that it is the layout design of the panels that is important – Panel Stability**
2. **However, in the context of underground pillar design it has always been found useful to look at empirical pillar strength relationships**

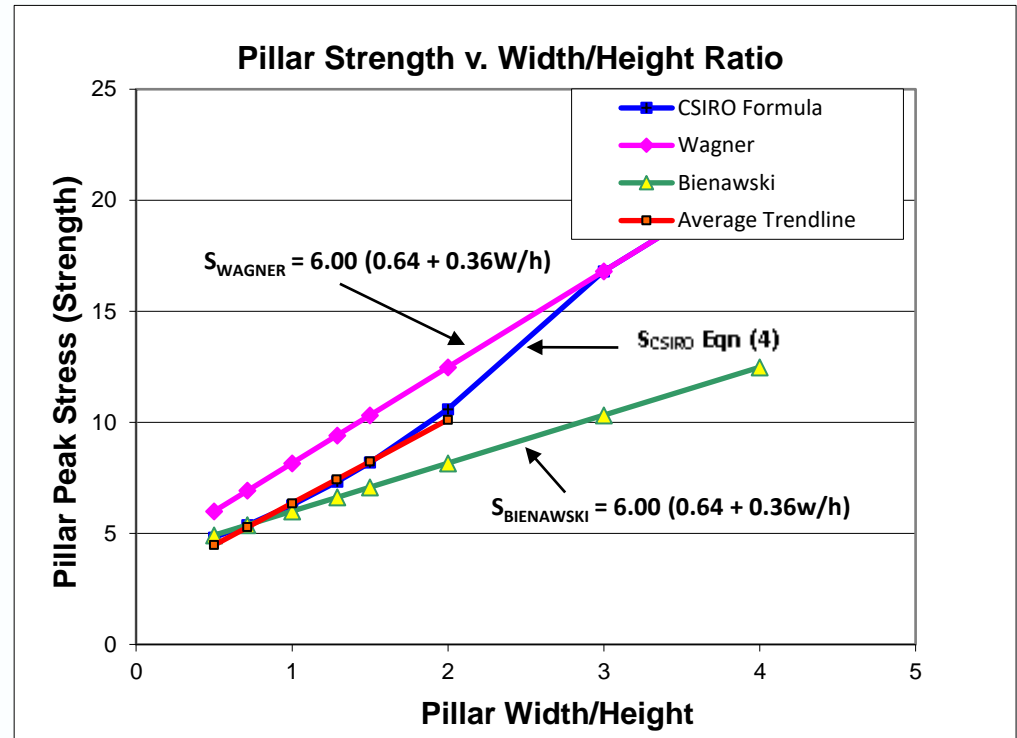
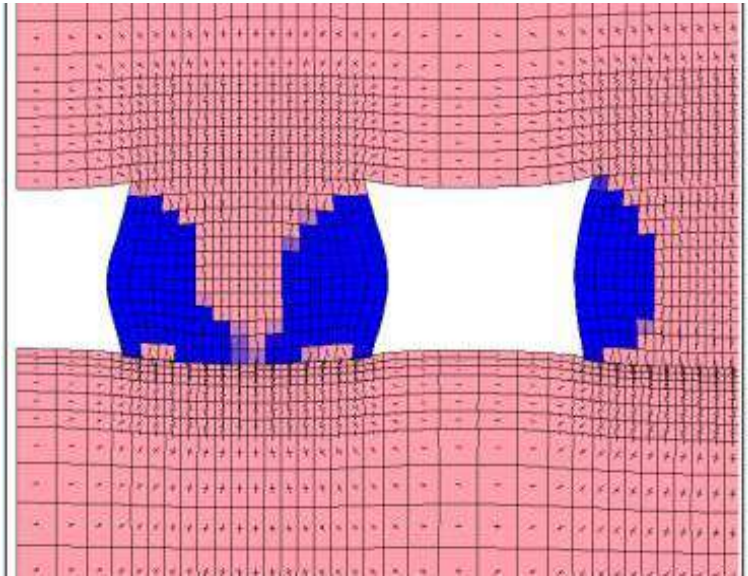
SUMMARY OF TOOLS

Any one of the following three codes may be used for the CSIRO pillar design technique:

1. FESOF, a CSIRO Finite Element Code
(Duncan Fama et al., 1993)
2. FLAC, a Finite Difference Code
(ITASCA 1995)
3. UDEC, a Discrete Element Code
(ITASCA 1995)

Pillar stability

- Coal strength – lab studies
- Empirical Pillar Strength
- Pillar Stability Modelling



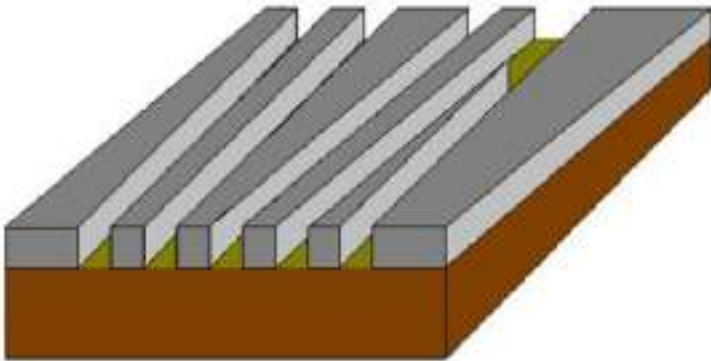
In Wagner strength formula, $W = 2w$ for very long rectangular pillars

$$S_{csiro} = 6.00 * (0.64 + 0.36(0.69 + 0.44 \frac{w}{h}) \frac{w}{h}) \quad [0.5 \leq \frac{w}{h} \leq 3.0] \quad \text{Eqn 4}$$

**HWM Pillars – very long and narrow – Average coal strength
(mass cube strength 6MPa, mass UCS 4.8MPa)**

Panel stability

- Panel stability depends on local mine stiffness
- Factor of safety – for whole panel
- One pillar failure may lead to total panel failure
- Roadways to be driven in perfect parallel



Factors contributing to Pillar/ Panel failure

- Lack of site investigations
- Lack of knowledge on insitu stresses
- Poor knowledge on span stability
- Inadequate pillar design
- Inadequate panel width design
- Poor guidance control of the miner
- No monitoring and feedback

Panel Failures



Highwall before failure



Highwall after failure

Panel Failures



Panel failure – Mine A



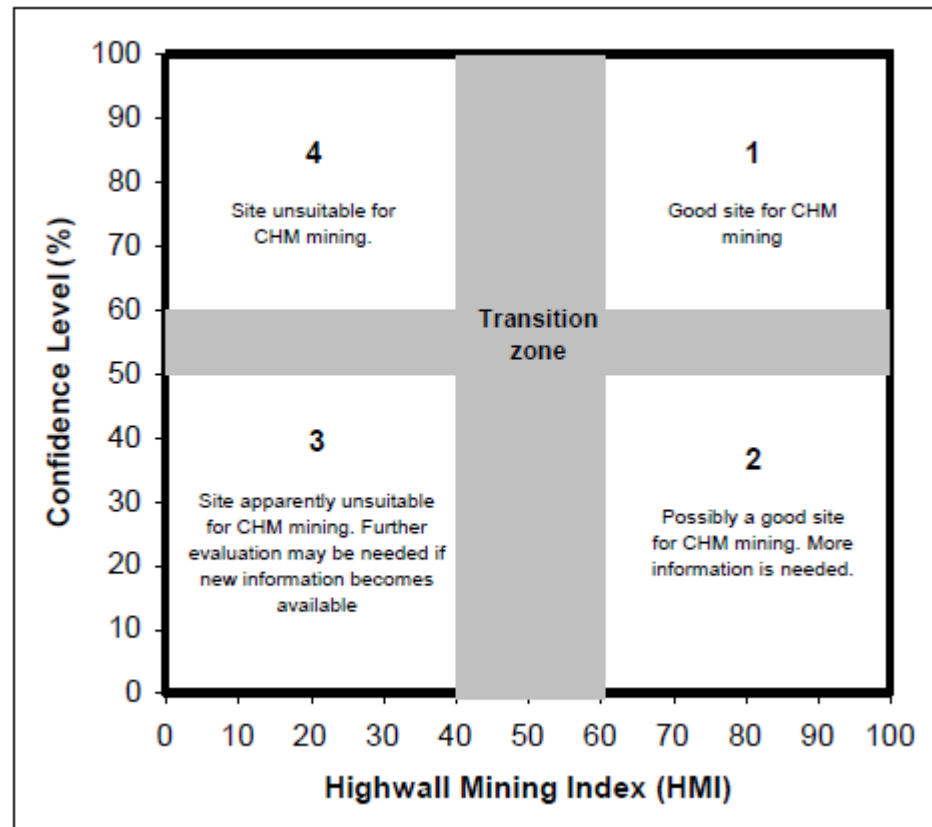
Panel failure – Mine B

Design guidelines – No go conditions

- *Limited mining reserve*
($<250\text{m}$ – new site; $<100\text{m}$ existing site)
- *Poor roof conditions*
(Extremely weak roof, heavily jointed, weathered)
- *Seam dip $>20^\circ$*
($>10^\circ$ - 15° for CHM, $>18^\circ$ for Archveyor, $>20^\circ$ for Auger)
- *Seam methane content $> 10 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonne}$*
- *Unstable highwall and/or lowwall*
- *Seam thickness $<1.0 \text{ m}$*
- *Pit width $<30 \text{ m}$*
- *Stone bands in coal seam (Auger)*

Design guidelines – Highwall Mining Index developed

- 15 key factors – Rating guidelines are given in the Tables
- Key factors are weighed differently in HMI
- Uncertainty on judgement is incorporated
- A given site has two index values: HMI rating & Confidence level



Design guidelines – HMI

Rank	Parameter	Condition				
		Excellent (100≥rating>80)	Good (80≥rating>60)	Fair (60≥rating>40)	Poor (40≥rating>0)	No-go (rating=0)
A	Roof condition	Strong to very strong roof rocks; thickly bedded; joints with wide spacing. No alternation and weathering.	Moderately strong roof rock; medium bedded; joints with moderate spacing. Slight alternation and weathering.	Moderately weak roof rocks; thinly bedded; joints with close spacing. Alternation and weathering.	Weak roof rocks; very thinly bedded; joints with very close spacing. Strong alternation and weathering.	Extremely weak to very weak rock; laminated; joints with very close spacing. Severe weathering.
B1	Mineable Reserves	>1500 m highwall	500 m to 1500 m highwall	250 m to 500 m highwall	100 m to 250 m highwall	<100 m highwall
B2	Seam gas (methane)	Very low methane content (<0.1m ³ /t). No concern to mining	Low methane content in general. (0.1-1m ³ /t). Higher gas only in localised pockets.	Seam methane = 1-5m ³ /t. Gas problems could be encountered occasionally in reserve.	Seam gas (5-10m ³ /t). Gassy seam and gas problems are expected to be encountered throughout.	Seam methane >10m ³ /t
B3	Seam Dip	+0° to -4°	+0° to +1°, or -4° to -7°	+1° to +2°, or -7° to -10°	+2° to +4°, or -10° to -15°	>+4°, <-15°
B4	Highwall /lowwall stability	Smooth highwall wall. No hanging blocks. No major joint sets or faults. No risk of large scale lowwall instability	Localised loose rock blocks. Slight weathering. Minor joints/cracks. No discernible risk of lowwall instability	Common small rock falls. Dense jointing. No risk of large scale highwall instability. Very low risk of lowwall instability. Possible block falls.	Large rock falls. Weathered. Wedges and slabs formed by joints. Some risk of local lowwall instability but manageable.	Grossly unstable highwall. Significant risk of large scale lowwall instability.
C1	Seam continuity	Seam is consistent with no faulting or folds	Structures which slightly reduce seam thickness. Only small faults and undulations	Structures which reduce thickness by up to 50%. Seam changes direction by 5° in folds	Structures which reduce thickness over 50%. Faults and distinct folds are common.	Seam heavily affected by faulting and folding.
C2	Pit condition,	No loose material, dry, no floor work.	<0.5 m loose material. Water puddles. Shave	<2 m loose material. Pumping required. Some	>2 m loose material. Major pumping and mud clean up.	Pit width <30 m.

Design guidelines – HMI

Rank	Parameter	Condition				
		Excellent (100≥rating>80)	Good (80≥rating>60)	Fair (60≥rating>40)	Poor (40≥rating>0)	No-go (rating=0)
	preparation		floor.	mud. Soft floor.	Floor repairs required.	
C3	Seam quality	Medium to hard export coking coal. No in-seam parting or stone bands	Soft coking coal and export steaming coal. 1 or 2 stone bands.	Any unwashed product which is saleable. Many partings and stone bands.	Coal not in previous categories which must be washed for sale. Many stone bands.	
C4	Floor condition	Strong floor rocks. Unaffected by water.	Weak to moderately strong floor rocks. May be wet but not muddy.	Weak floor rocks. Occasionally muddy.	Very weak floor rocks (clay). Wet and muddy throughout.	
C5	Ground water	Dry environment. No water gets into the mining entries.	Seasonal dry and wet environment. Some water into entries but is manageable.	Generally wet environment. Some water problems could be expected at fault zones.	Very wet environment. Water gets into entries from the pit and from the ground. It may flood the entry.	
D1	Coal strength	Lab coal UCS > 30MPa. Limited coal joints with wide spacing.	Lab coal UCS=20-30MPa. Coal joints with moderate spacing.	Lab coal UCS=10-20MPa. Coal joints with close spacing.	Lab coal UCS <10MPa. Heavily cleated. Coal joints with very close spacing.	
D2	Cover depth (overburden + spoil)	Overburden depth <80 m in the reserve	Overburden depth 50 – 100 m.	Overburden depth 60 – 120 m, possible stress concentration near highwall	Overburden depth 80 – 150 m, possible significant stress concentration near highwall	
D3	Subsidence	Surface subsidence not an issue.	Minor subsidence effects but all contained on lease. Minimal rehabilitation efforts.	Some subsidence or water effects off site but controllable. Rehabilitation could be costly.	No subsidence is allowed. Significant water effects off site. Major rehabilitation costs. Subsidence control is critical.	
D4	Seam thickness	>3.5 m	2.5 m- 3.5 m	2.0 m – 2.5 m	1.5 m - 2.0 m	<1.5 m.
D5	Mobilisation and service	Equipment, service capacity and skilled mining crew are available on site.	Equipment, service capacity and skilled mining crew are available in mines nearby.	Equipment, service capacity and skilled mining crew are available interstate.	Equipment and service capacity are available overseas. New mining crews need to be trained.	

Design guidelines – HMI

The geometric mean value of the parameters in each of the four groups is given by:

$$\bar{A} = A$$

$$\bar{B} = (B1 \cdot B2 \cdot B3 \cdot B4)^{1/4}$$

$$\bar{C} = (C1 \cdot C2 \cdot C3 \cdot C4 \cdot C5)^{1/5}$$

$$\bar{D} = (D1 \cdot D2 \cdot D3 \cdot D4 \cdot D5)^{1/5}$$

The HMI is the weighted mean value of the four groups: :

$$HMI = (\bar{A}^{1.6} \cdot \bar{B}^{1.2} \cdot \bar{C}^{0.8} \cdot \bar{D}^{0.4})^{1/4}$$

The weighted geometric mean of the confidence levels of the four groups is given by:

$$C_{\bar{A}} = C_A$$

$$C_{\bar{B}} = (C_{B1} \cdot C_{B2} \cdot C_{B3} \cdot C_{B4})^{1/4}$$

$$C_{\bar{C}} = (C_{C1} \cdot C_{C2} \cdot C_{C3} \cdot C_{C4} \cdot C_{C5})^{1/5}$$

$$C_{\bar{D}} = (C_{D1} \cdot C_{D2} \cdot C_{D3} \cdot C_{D4} \cdot C_{D5})^{1/5}$$

The overall confidence levels of HMI is given by:

$$C_{HMI} = (C_{\bar{A}}^{1.6} \cdot C_{\bar{B}}^{1.2} \cdot C_{\bar{C}}^{0.8} \cdot C_{\bar{D}}^{0.4})^{1/4}$$

Design guidelines – HMI – Example 1

Rating of the 15 key parameters and their confidence level

Rank	Parameter	Judgement Rating	Confidence level (%)
A	Roof condition	70	70
B1	Mineable reserve	80	70
B2	Seam gas	75	80
B3	Seam dip	75	70
B4	Highwall stability	75	70
C1	Seam continuity	90	60
C2	Pit condition (pit preparation)	100	100
C3	Coal quality	90	95
C4	Floor condition	60	50
C5	Ground water	70	70
D1	Coal strength	75	90
D2	Cover depth	80	90
D3	Environmental aspect – subsidence	100	95
D4	Seam thickness	80	70
D5	Mobilisation and services	90	90
Highwall Mining Index (HMI) = 75			
Confidence level of HMI = 73%			

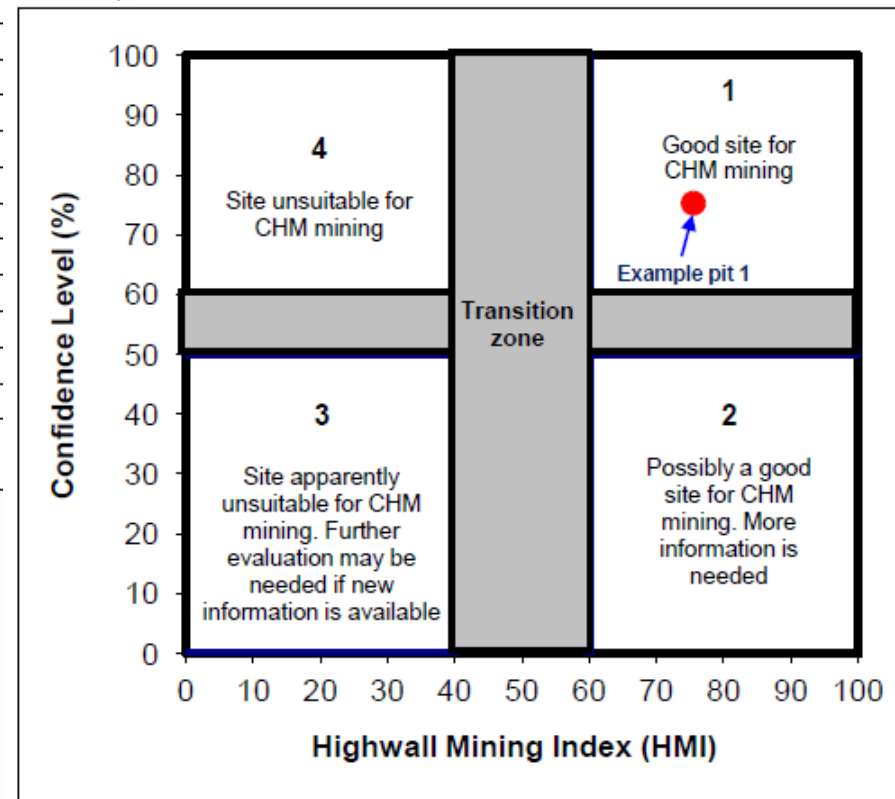
$$\bar{A} = A = 70$$

$$\bar{B} = (B1 \cdot B2 \cdot B3 \cdot B4)^{1/4} = (80 \cdot 75 \cdot 75 \cdot 75)^{1/4} = 76$$

$$\bar{C} = (C1 \cdot C2 \cdot C3 \cdot C4 \cdot C5)^{1/5} = (90 \cdot 100 \cdot 90 \cdot 60 \cdot 70)^{1/5} = 81$$

$$\bar{D} = (D1 \cdot D2 \cdot D3 \cdot D4 \cdot D5)^{1/5} = (75 \cdot 80 \cdot 100 \cdot 80 \cdot 90)^{1/5} = 84$$

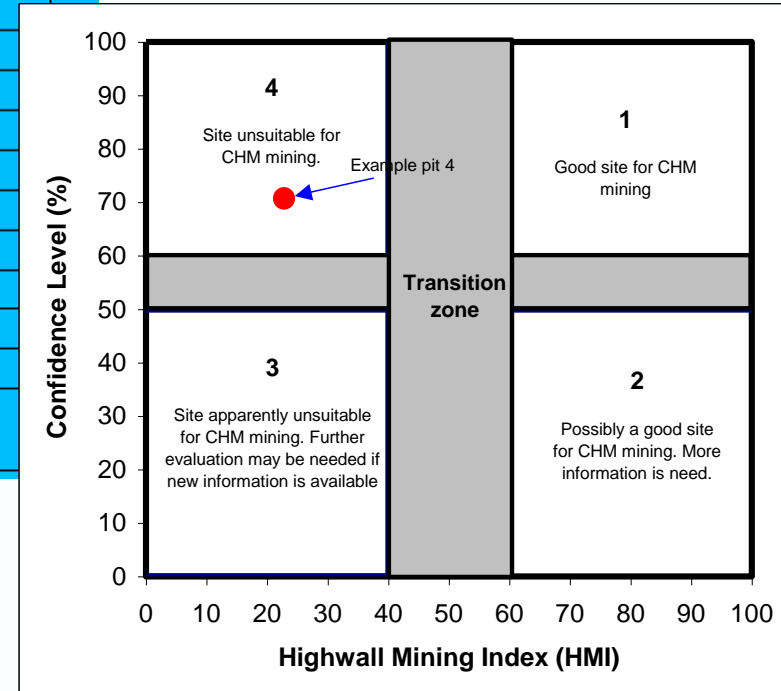
$$HMI = (\bar{A}^{1.6} \cdot \bar{B}^{1.2} \cdot \bar{C}^{0.8} \cdot \bar{D}^{0.4})^{1/4} = (70^{1.6} \cdot 76^{1.2} \cdot 81^{0.8} \cdot 84^{0.4})^{1/4} = 75$$



Design guidelines – HMI – Example 2

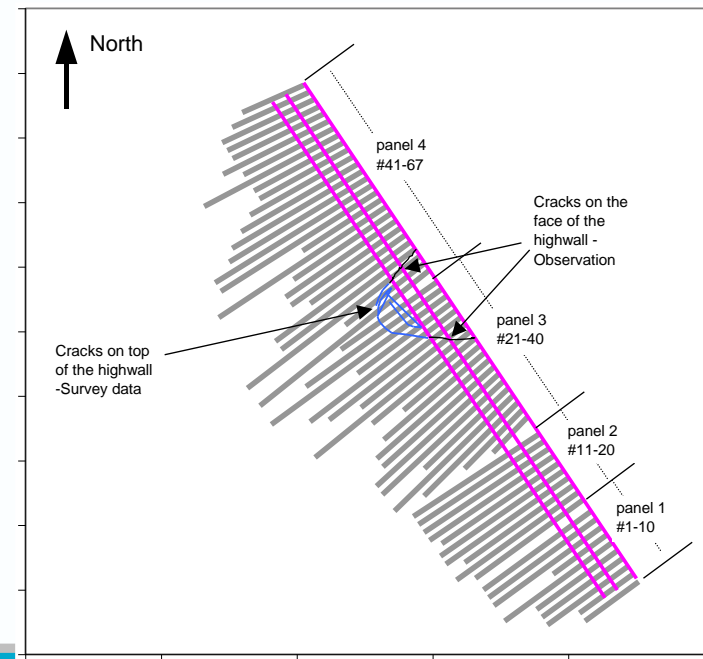
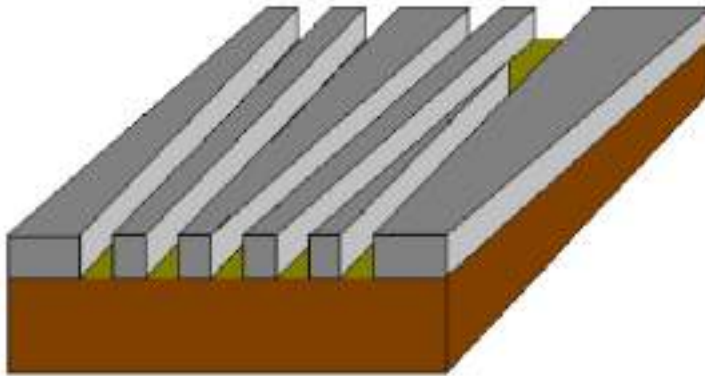
Rating of the 15 key parameters and their confidence level

Rank	Parameter	Judgement Rating	Confidence level (%)
A	Roof condition	5	80
B1	Mineable reserve	80	80
B2	Seam gas	60	50
B3	Seam dip	90	60
B4	Highwall stability	70	60
C1	Seam continuity	60	50
C2	Pit condition (pit preparation)	70	80
C3	Coal quality	70	70
C4	Floor condition	10	60
C5	Ground water	80	70
D1	Coal strength	50	60
D2	Cover depth	50	60
D3	Subsidence	90	90
D4	Seam thickness	80	60
D5	Mobilisation and services	60	60
Highwall Mining Index (HMI) = 23		Confidence level of HMI = 70%	



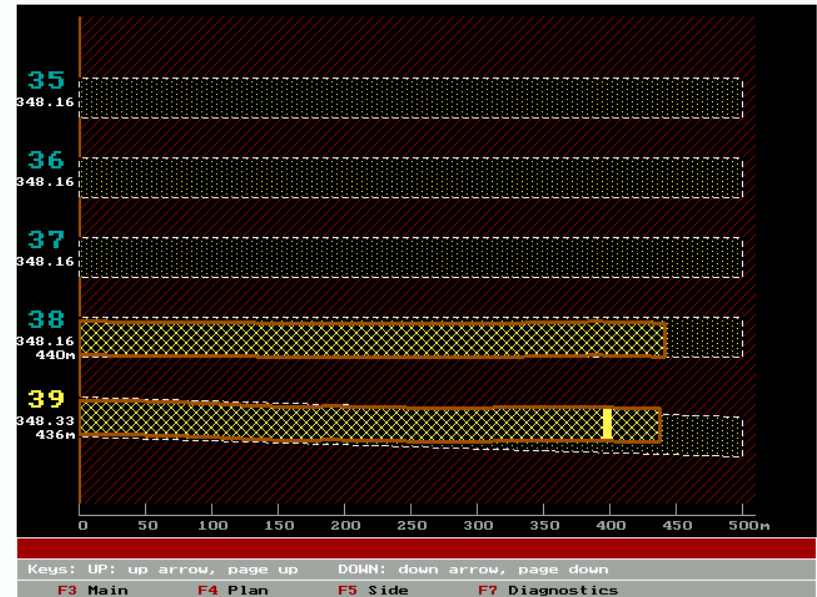
Guidance control – issues to address

- Driving parallel roadways
 - Remote miner
 - 200m to 500m depth
- Problems
 - Cut-through's connection
 - Pillar failure – frequent roof falls
 - Limited penetration depth



Guidance control

- Problems to solve
 - Uncertainty in pillar size
 - Frequent cut-throughs
 - Reduced penetration depth
 - Pillar/ Panel failure
- Guidance system
 - Military grade Inertial Navigation System
 - Independent odometer
 - Controlling computers
 - Operator display and interface
- Achievements
 - Used in every HWM system
 - No mining equipment lost due to collapse
 - Penetration depths increased to 500m



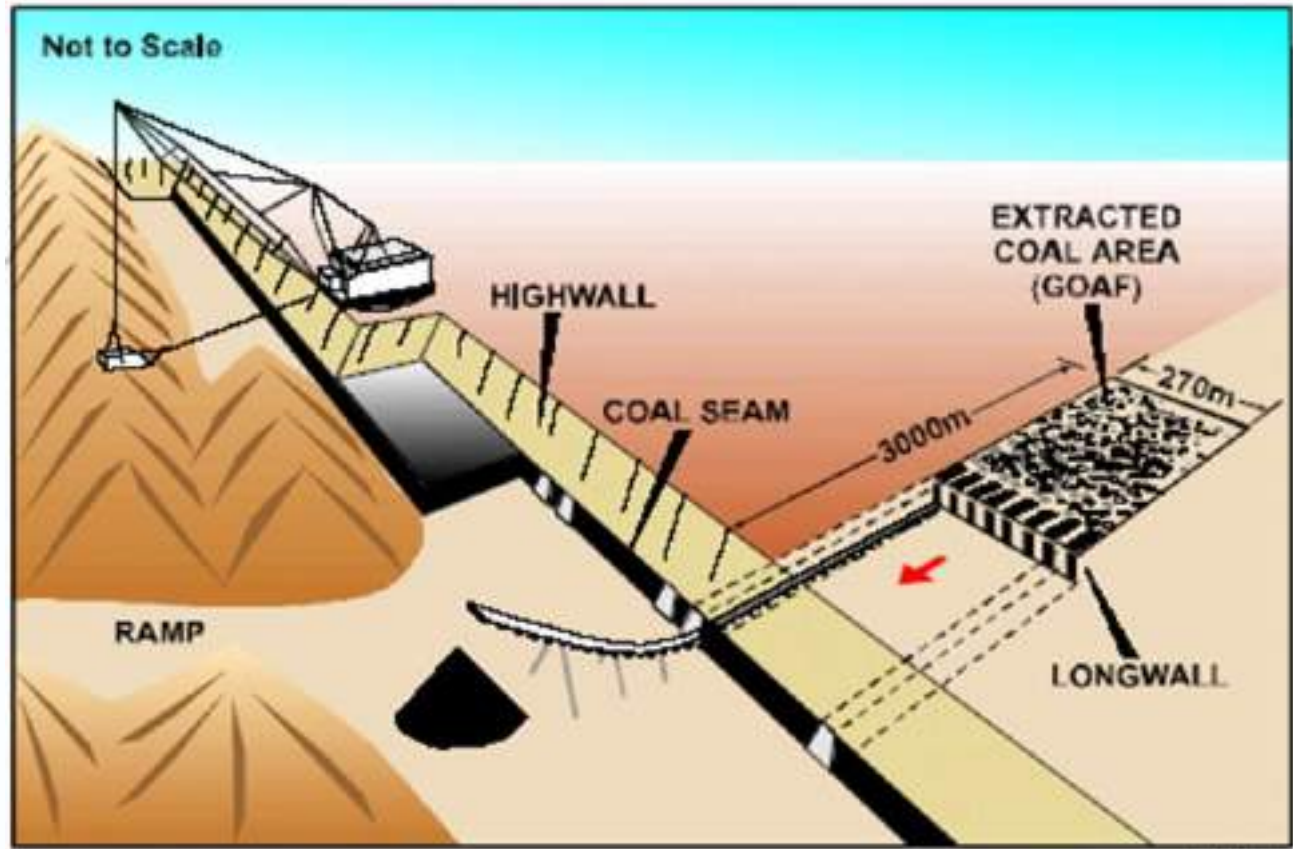
Summary

- Low capital cost and short lead time
- High productivity
- Design and Guidance critical for success
- Inadequate design – leads to low % of extraction
- Appropriate for some site-specific blocks
 - Blocks that are not suitable for OC or longwalls
- Punch longwall offers more advantages, if feasible

Punch Longwall

Punch Longwall

- Developing longwall panels directly off highwalls
- All gateroads from highwall



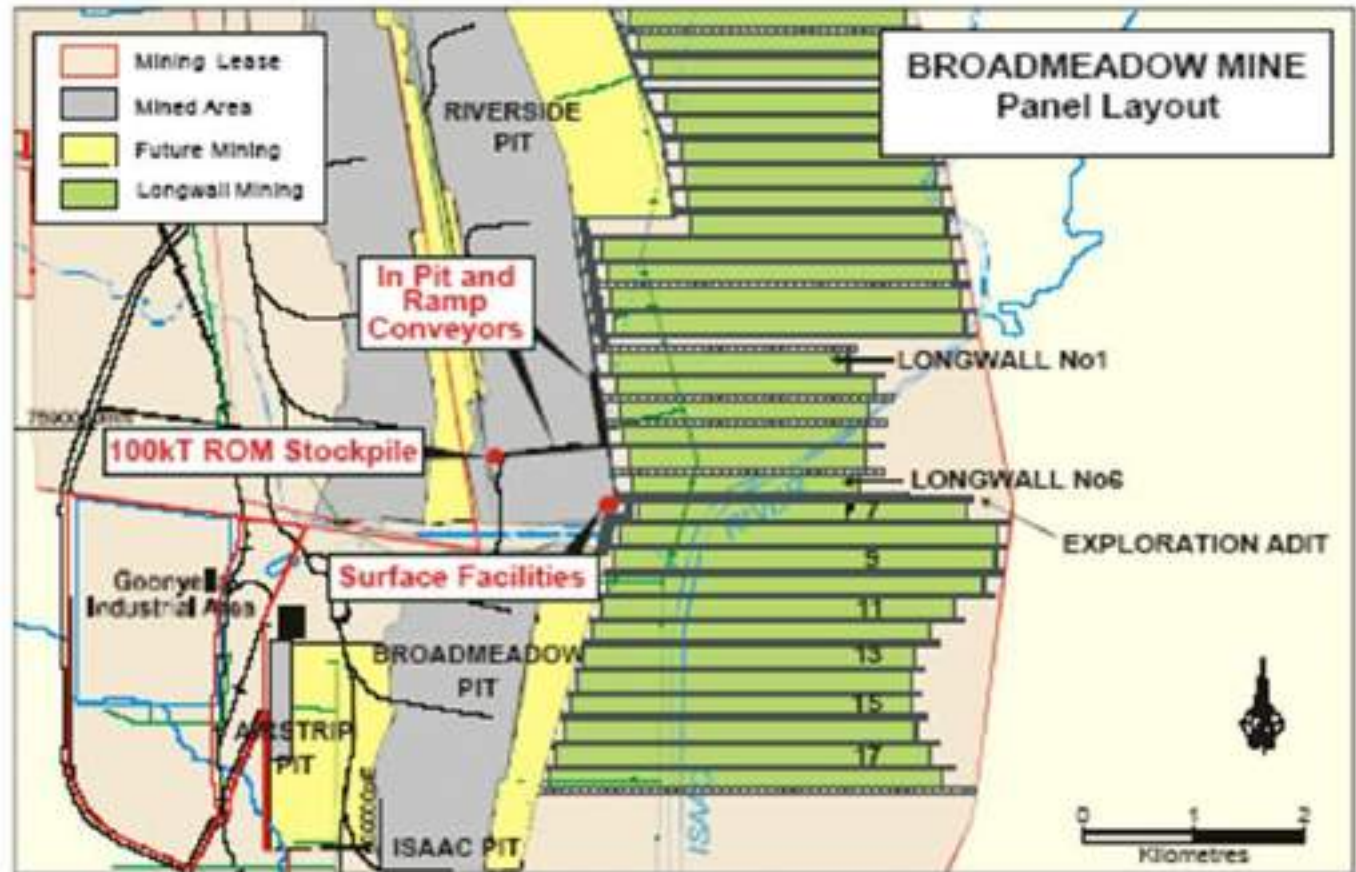
Punch Longwall

- Developing longwall panels directly off highwalls
- All gateroads from highwall
- Case study – Mine A in Australia



Punch Longwall

- Punch longwall panel layout
- After detailed geological and geotechnical investigations



Advantages

- Lower investment (compared to UG longwall)
- High productivity & lower operating cost
- More production capacity + fewer bottlenecks
- Easy logistics – on surface
- Higher gateroad development rates feasible
- Higher and faster return on investment
- Longer term and higher % of reserves extraction (compared to highwall mining methods)

Thank you

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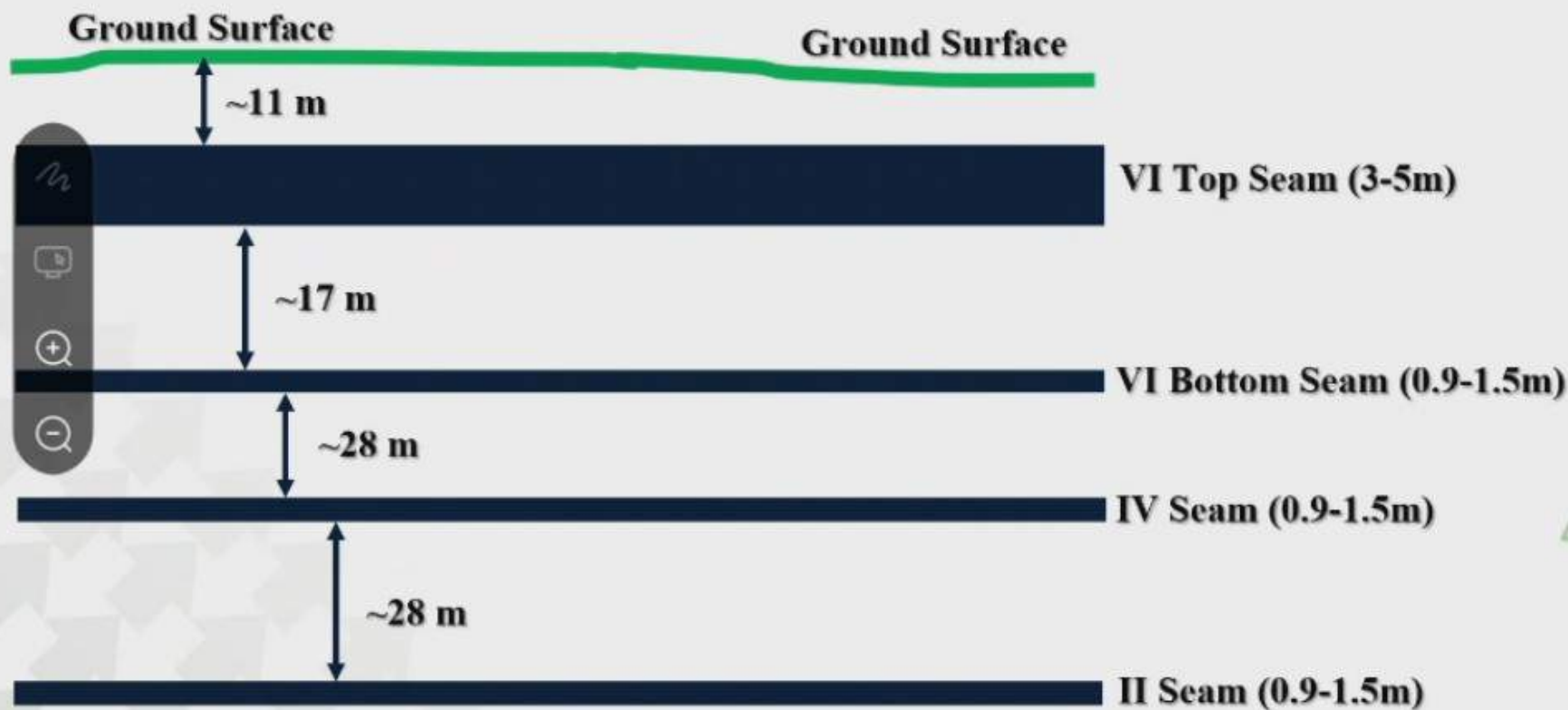
BACKGROUND

Sharda OCM was Started in 1987 as conventional Open Cast Mine to extract coal from Burhar VI Top seam.



BACKGROUND

Besides Burhar VI Top seam, there were other coal seams like Burhar VI Bottom, IV & II seams.



Due to
uneconomic
strip ratio

**Conventional
Open Cast**

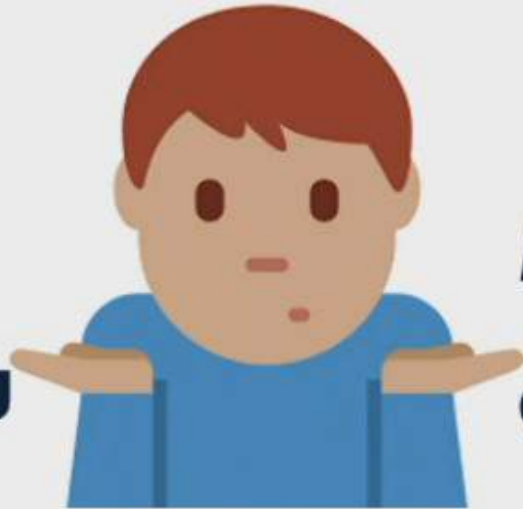
**Conventional
Underground**

Due to low
thickness

BACKGROUND

So What's Next?

**Leave the
coal in-situ
forever?**



**Mine out at
any financial
cost?**

**Perhaps,
none of
these were
the right
decision!!!**

BACKGROUND

After months of brainstorming and analysing Pros-Cons of all available possibilities,



A Pioneer Decision
was made

A Paradigm Shift

- First time in the entire **COAL INDIA**
- A **trailblazer** in the field of Thin seam mining in India



Challenges Apprehended?

FAILURE

- ✓ Economical- Loss
- ✓ Technological- M/c, Strata
- ✓ Social- R&R
- ✓ Environmental- Pollution

Gloomy Future

SUCCESS

- ✓ Economically- \$
- ✓ Technological- Conservation
- ✓ Social- Image
- ✓ Environmental- Sustainable

Replication

Introduction

2011 Onwards.....

About Us...

1st Contract to extract coal by Highwall mining was awarded to the then **M/s Cuprum Bagrodia Limited** (Now known as *Minsol Limited*).

M/s **CBL** holds the prestigious position of **First Privately owned company** to successfully introduce Highwall mining in Coal India.

This contract was awarded to extract **6 Million Tonnes** of coal in **9 APPs** which ever is earlier and which lasted till September last year.

About Us...

Mine Location

Geographical Info

Coal Evacuation Network



SOHAGPUR AREA



Legend

MINE BOUNDARIES

NAME

- AMLAI OCM
- BANGWAR UG MINE
- BATURA HIGHWALL PROJECT (0.5 MTY)
- BATURA OC (0.85 MTY)
- BATURA OCM (2.0 MTY)
- BATURA OCM (4.0 MTY)
- DAMINI UG MINE
- DHANPURI OCM
- KHAIRHA UG MINE
- RAJENDRA UG MINE
- SHARDA OCM/HIGHWALL



Here We Are!

About Us...

Mine Location

6 km east of Burhar town, Shahdol (M.P.); N-latitude-23°12'10" & 23°13'45", East longitude-81°35'12" & 81°38'08"

Geographical Info

Radial Drainage; Block is free from forest cover; Mine is adjacent to Sone river; elevation ranging from 450-480m MSL

Coal Evacuation Network

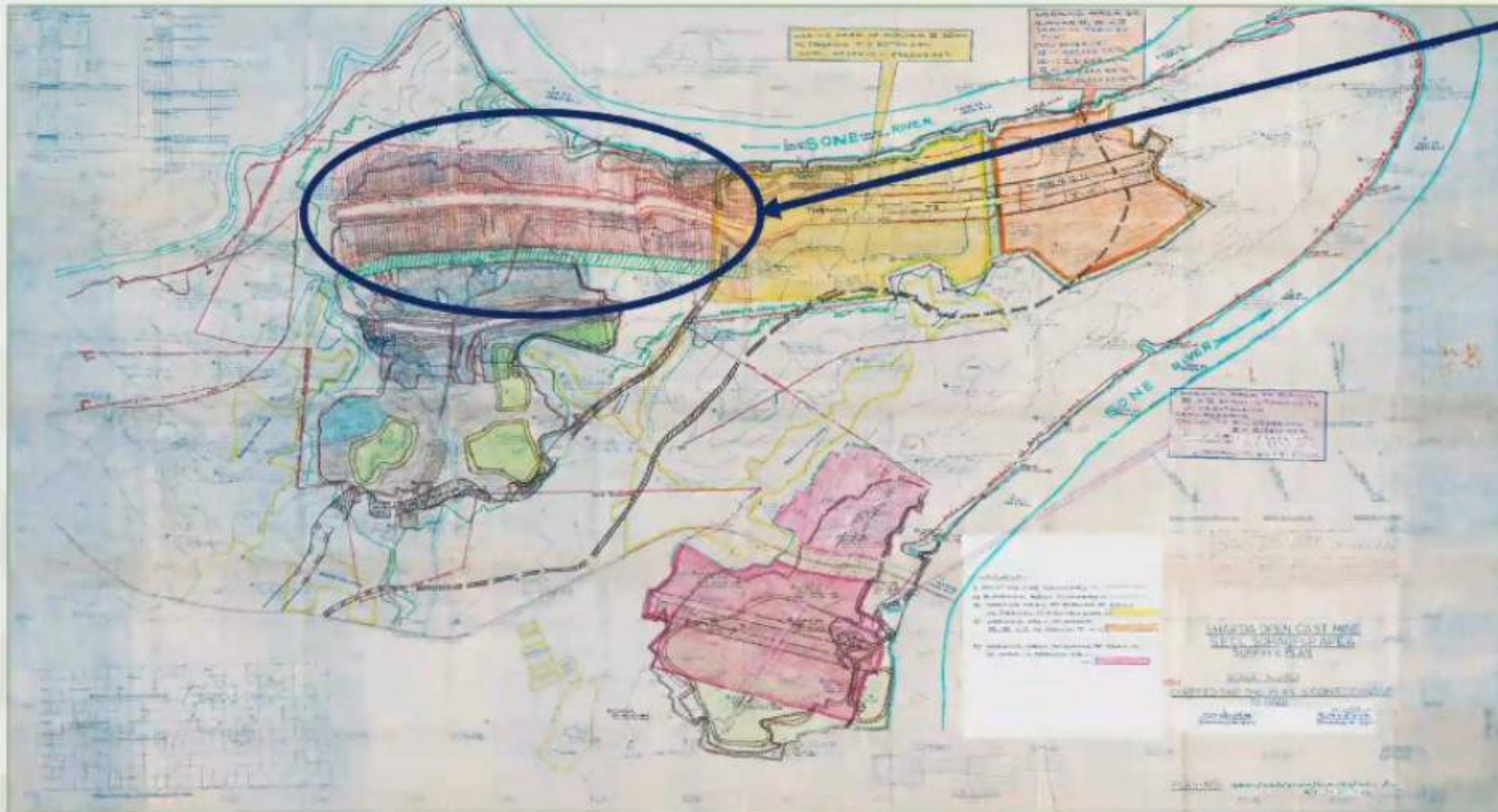
Both **Road** (Near NH-43) & **Rail** (Burhar Railway Siding) transport;

About Us...

Opening Date (HW)	26-10-2010 (1 st APP from 1 st April 2011)
EC Capacity	0.85 MT
Leasehold Area	871.205 Ha
Coal Reserve Left	5.6 MT (As on 01.04.2021)
Coal Extracted by	5.4 MT (By the end of 2021)
Present Working Location	Trench T-3 Extension
Present Contract Status	2.55 MT/3 Years (1 st APP from 1 st Mar 2022)
Present HW Contractor	Minsol Ltd (Erstwhile M/s CBL)
No. of HWM at Present	Two

Important!
This coal was
to be left
unmined in
the absence
of Highwall
Mining
Technology

Mine Plan



Trench T-3;
Seam VIB & IV
Worked out

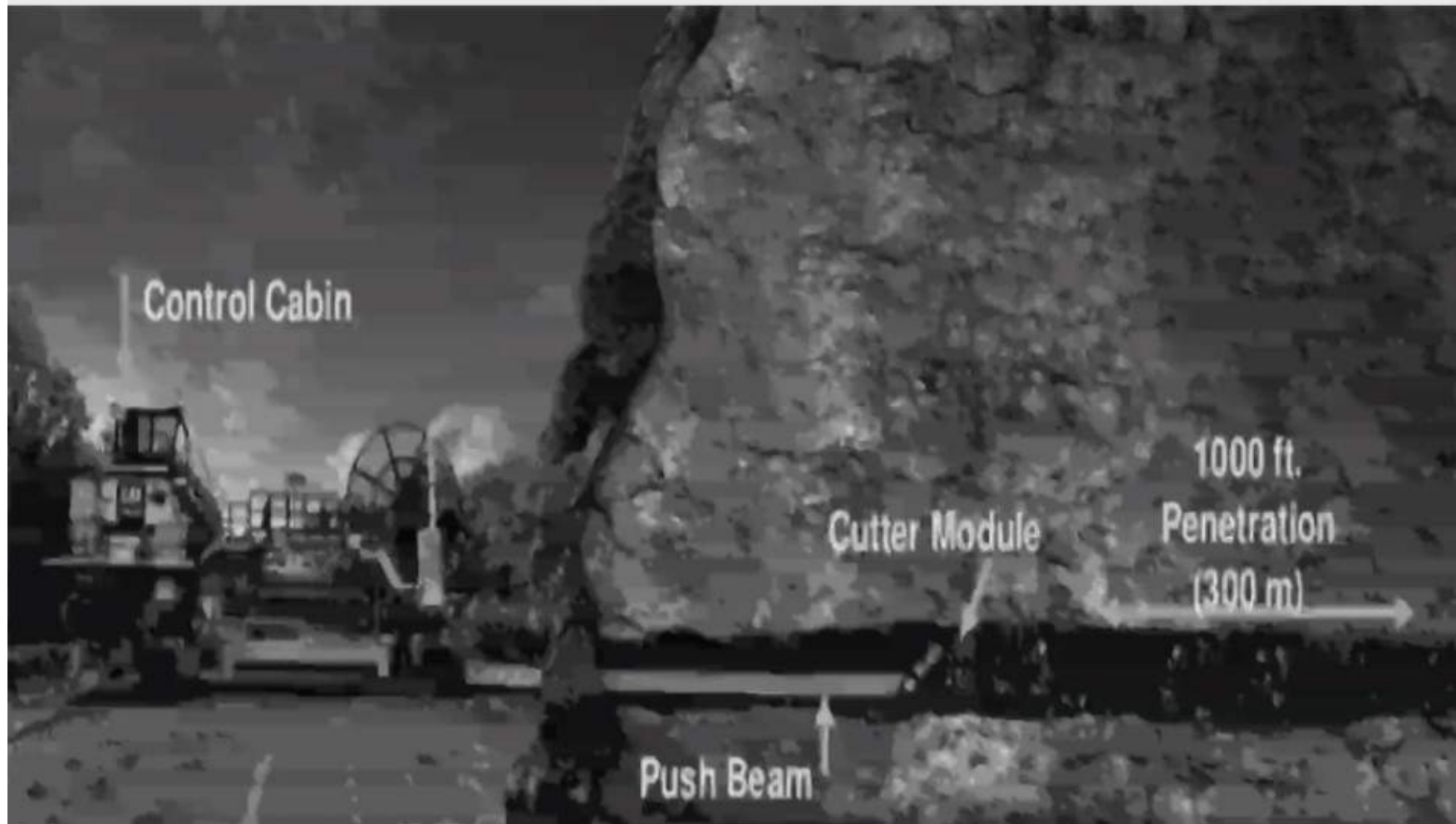
Method of Working

A Closer View of how this Technology Works.....

What Exactly is Highwall Mining?

Definition...?

Illustrative Image



Major Stages...



Trench Preparation

- ✓ Identification & Orientation of proposed trench
- ✓ Drilling & Blasting
- ✓ OB removal, Dumping/Backfilling
- ✓ M/C- Drills, Excavators, Dumpers, rock breakers, Dozers, Grader

Major Stages...



HWM Positioning

- ✓ Assembling of parts to erect Highwall Miner
- ✓ Extending **Power Lines** and supplying power
- ✓ M/C- Highwall Miners, Front End Loaders with Forks & Buckets

Major Stages...

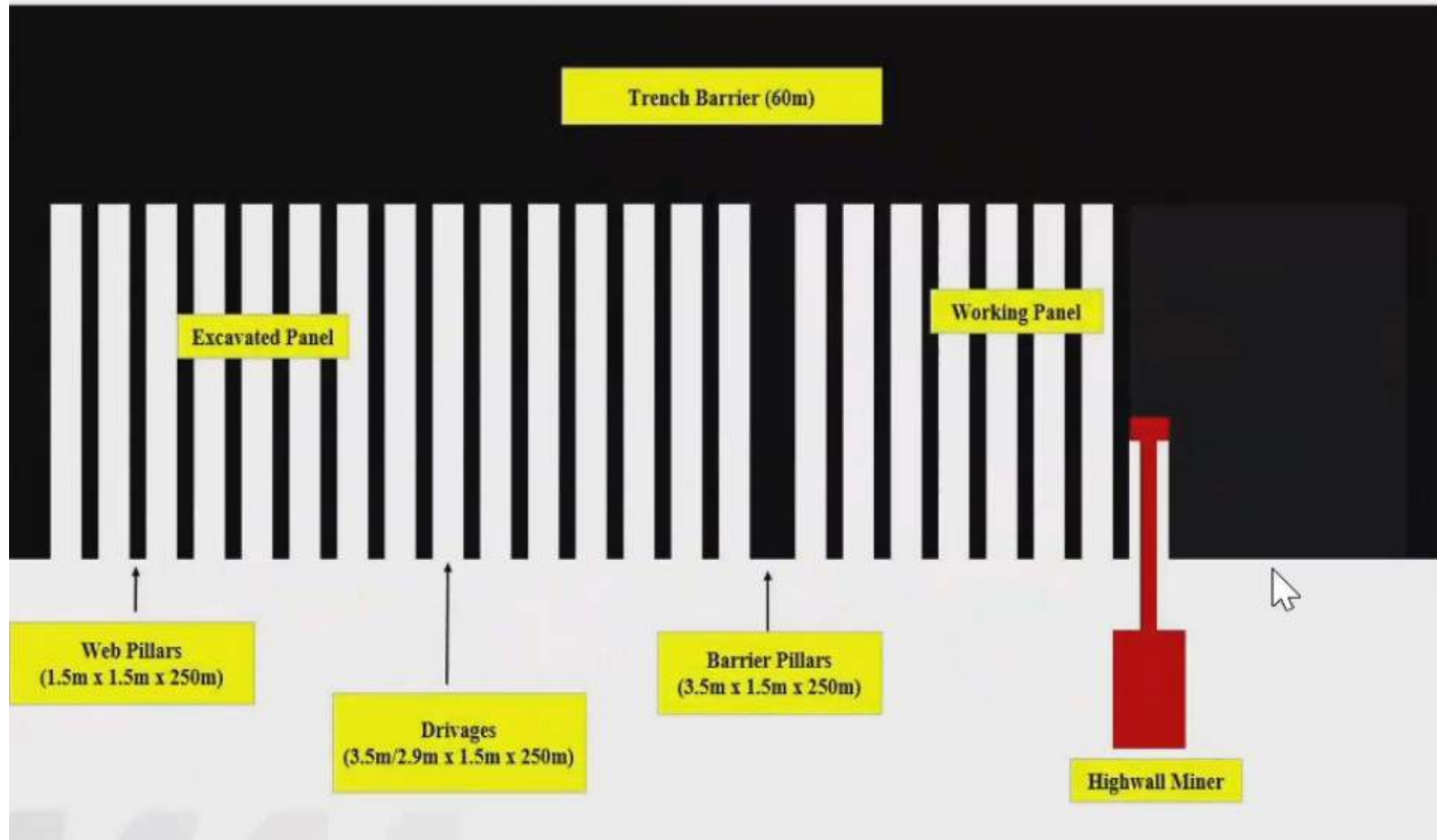


Coal Cutting

- ✓ Making Parallel Drivages
- ✓ Push beams are added sequentially

- ✓ Penetration is limited to 20 (DMM)

Schematic Diagram...*Panel Layout*



Highwall Mining Operation!

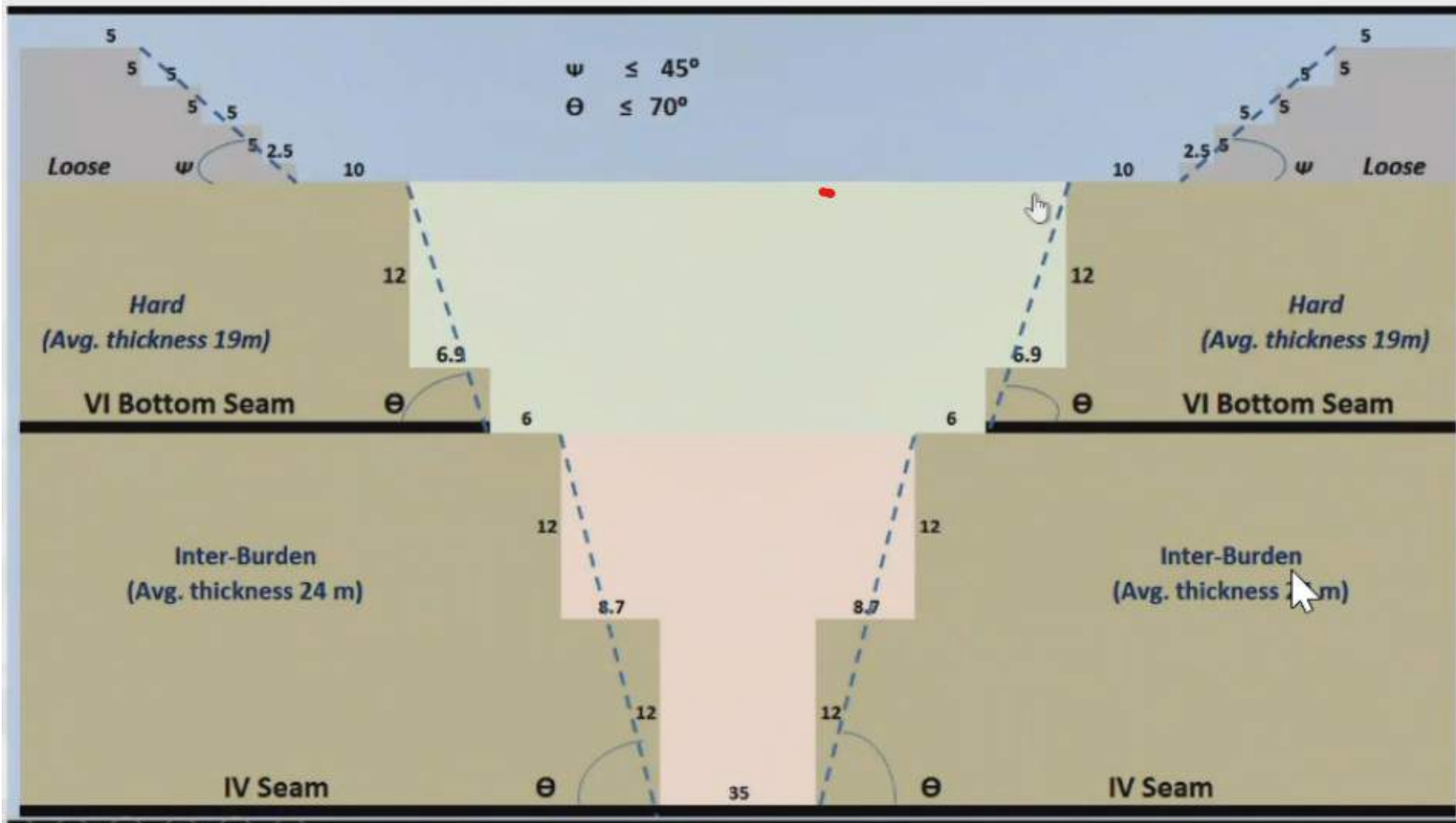


कोयले को व्यर्थ क्यों गवायें

Highwall Mining Operation!



Highwall Mining Operation!



Why
Sharda?



So, to answer this, lets
see what are the favorable
conditions to deploy
Highwall Miner.

The Un-answered Question!!

Highwall Mining- A Few Preconditions

Sharda OCM

Highwall mining in the mine started over already worked out area due to which make of water was quite low.

Make
of
water

Strong Roof & Floor

Beyond Economic
Stripping Ratio

Preferably Flat Seam

Thin Seams (0.9m-5.5m)



Scope of this Technology

⇒ Thin coal seams & beyond
Stripping Limit (*as in case of
Sharda OCM*)

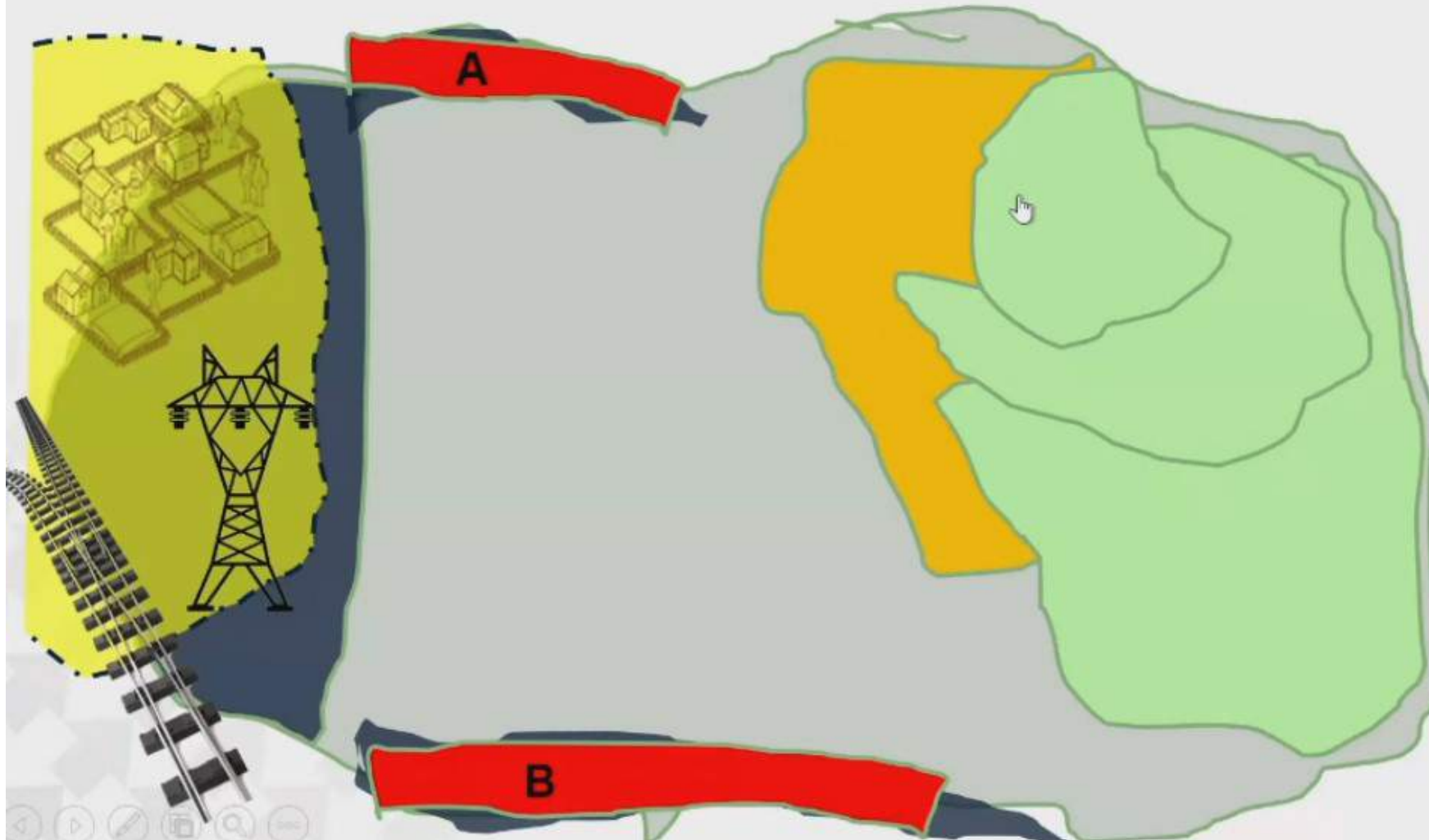
- ⇒ Coal Blocked in Boundaries
- OB Dumps
 - Structures such as roads, railways, power lines

Scope...Illustration



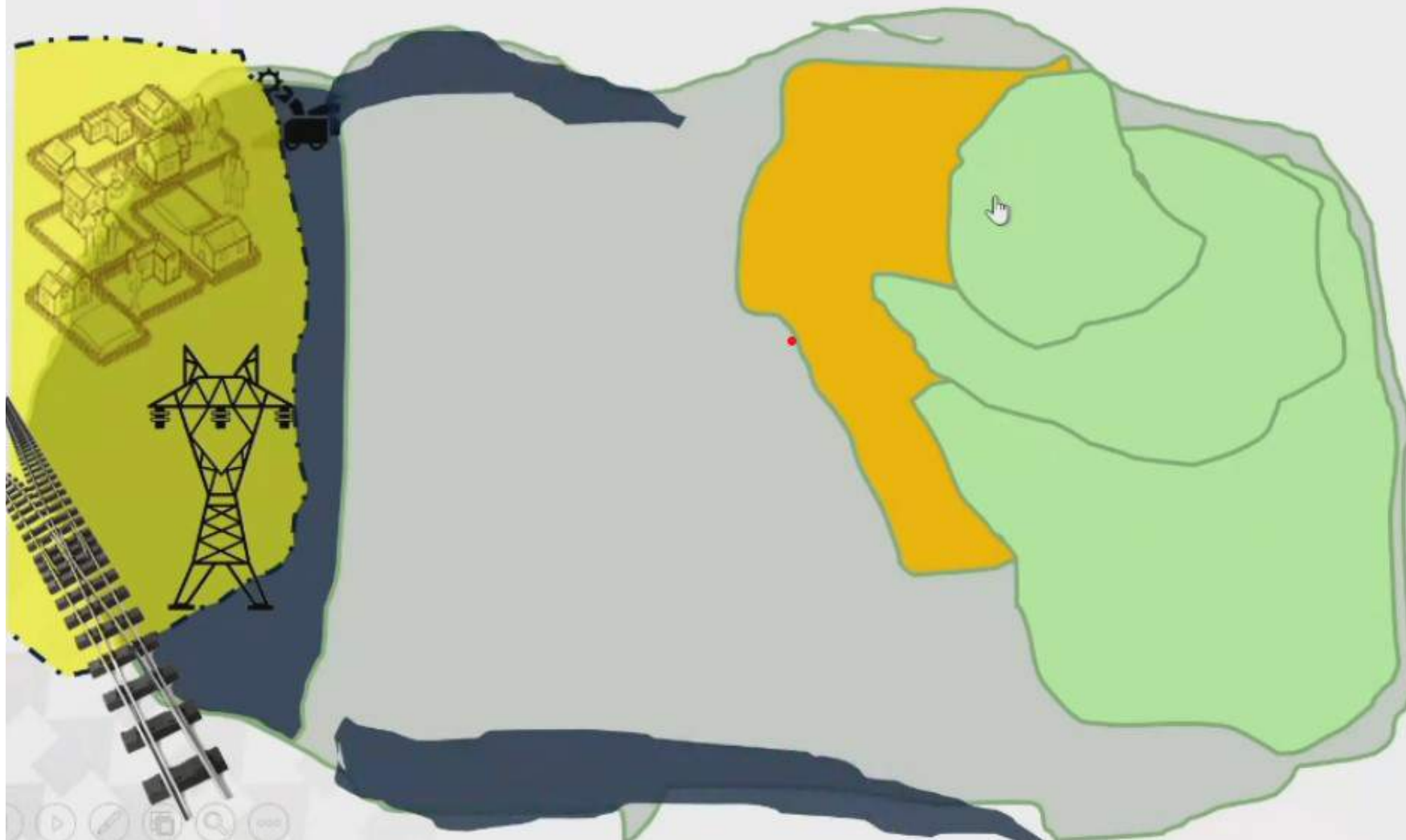
**Coal
reserve of
region A & B
are blocked
in Mine
boundary
due to strip
limit**

Scope...Illustration



Thus, say for a seam lying at 100m depth, the blocked coal might be 100m wide strip (assuming 45 degrees slope)

Scope...Illustration



**So here
comes the
role of
Highwall
Mining**

Highwall Miner...Major Sub Systems

Base Unit/ Advancing Launcher

It houses hydraulic power pack to feed power to push beams and cutter heads.

Reels & Chains

contain Power cable for cutter head, Control cable for cutter head, Methane sensor cable, Hydraulic pressure hose for cutter & cooling water hose for cutter motor.

Controls

Total operation is automatic through programmable logic controller as well as manual through touch screen technology

Push Beams

contains two contra-rotating augurs for transportation of coal from the coal face

Cutter Unit

It can cut coal seam having thickness ranging from 0.96m to 5.5m.

A Comparison...

Content	Highwall Miner No. 1 (Old)	Highwall Miner No. 2 (New)
Date of Commencement	April, 2011	March, 2019
Make	Caterpillar	Gainwell
Model	SHM 69	GHWM 300
Cutter Drum Diameter (Minimum Cutting Ht.)	28 inches	38 inches
Maximum Cutting Height	65 Inches	118 Inches
Cutter Drum Width	2.9 meters	3.5 meters
Push In & Pull Out Force	130 Tonnes & 270 Tonnes respectively	130 Tonnes & 270 Tonnes respectively
Operating Voltage	995 Volts	995 Volts
Maximum penetration	300 meters	300 meters
Push Beams Length	6.1 meters	6.1 meters
Transformer	2500KVA/50Hz (O/P- 995V/480V)	2500KVA/50Hz (O/P- 995V/480V)

Stage I - Planning & Design

- Web Pillars & Barrier Pillars design made by Scientific agency and approved by DGMS
- Trench is designed in such a manner that FoS for Web/Barrier pillars remains more than 2.0, as mandated by DGMS



Stage II- During Mining Operation

➤ Pre-splitting



2013; Trench T-1 Without Pre-split blasting



2018; Trench T-3 With Pre-split blasting

Stage II- During Mining Operation

Pre-splitting

Pre-Split: Additional Gain

It has led to huge reduction in OB removal due to increased slope up to 70 degrees (Earlier 45 degrees)



Safety

- Lower Percentage of Trench Area to Coal Extraction area ($< 20\%$)
 - Remote Coal Cutting Op
 - Safe Positioning of HWM
 - Methane Sensor
 - Pre-Split Technique
 - HWM Auto health monitoring
-
- Minimal Blast Vibration



Economy

- Coal Conservation- Otherwise Lost
- Cheaper Technology
 - Only 4-persons are needed for machine operation (OMS)



- No roof support arrangements

Environment

- Minimal Land disturbance
- Negligible Noise generation
- Enclosed coal conveying-
Minimizes the dust emission



Others

- **Flexible & Mobile-** *Easier to recover small blocks of coal*
- **Can extract coal seam of varying thickness**
 - *0.9-5.5m in one cut and even more thick in multiple cuts*

→ *A Thick coal seam was extracted by M/s CBI in West Bokaro in three cuts, ten*

**In-situ
Conditions**

**Geological deformations are
UNFAVOURABLE-** *Faults, Dykes, Folds etc.*

Gradient – *Steep gradient is a challenge for
machine stability and cutting/pulling thrust*



Highwall Miner

Thick Seam Mining- *In multiple cuts machine stability is a challenge*

Single point production source- *Coal production stops altogether in case of machine breakdown*

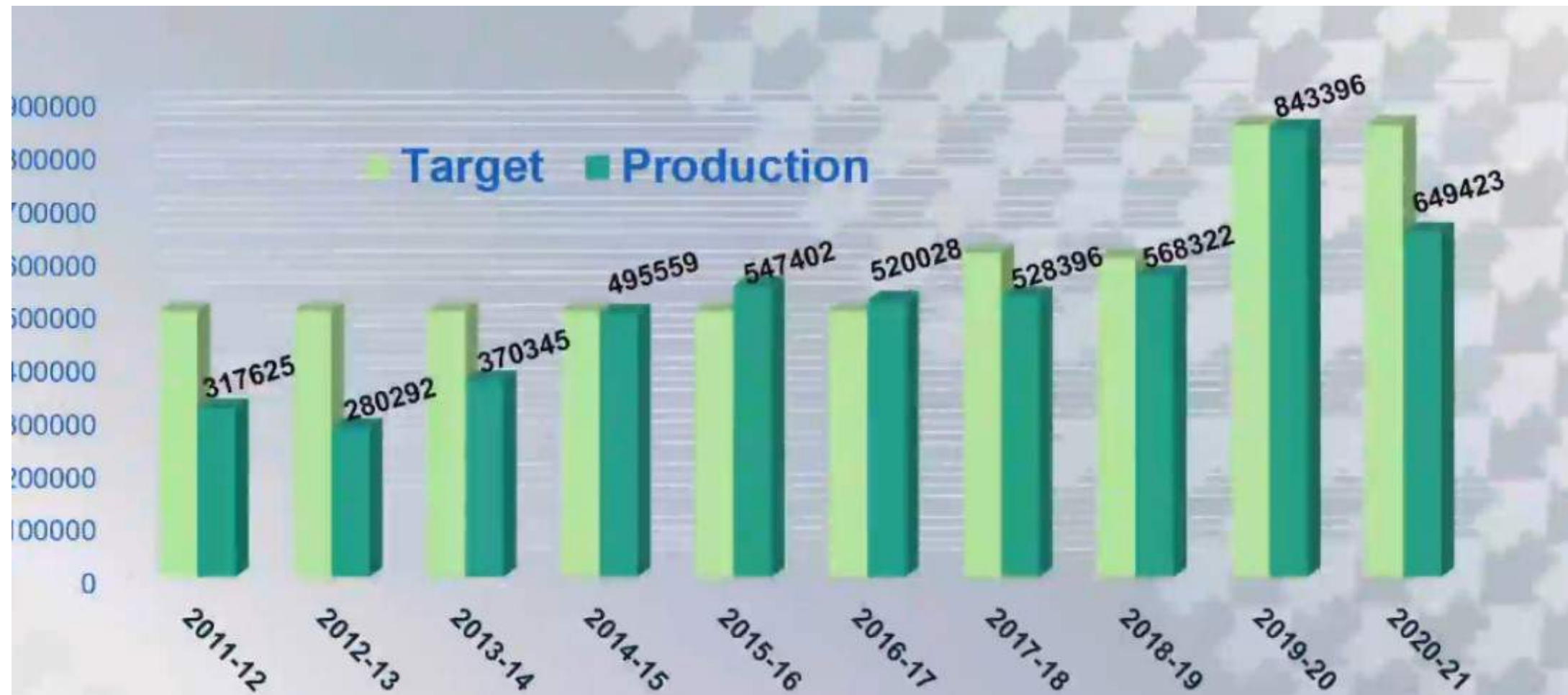


Technology Specific

Highly Skilled Manpower- *Since this technology is still in nascent stage in India, training & re-training of manpower for operation & maintenance is an issue*

Lower Extraction % *(as compared to conventional OC method) - It is somewhere around 60%*





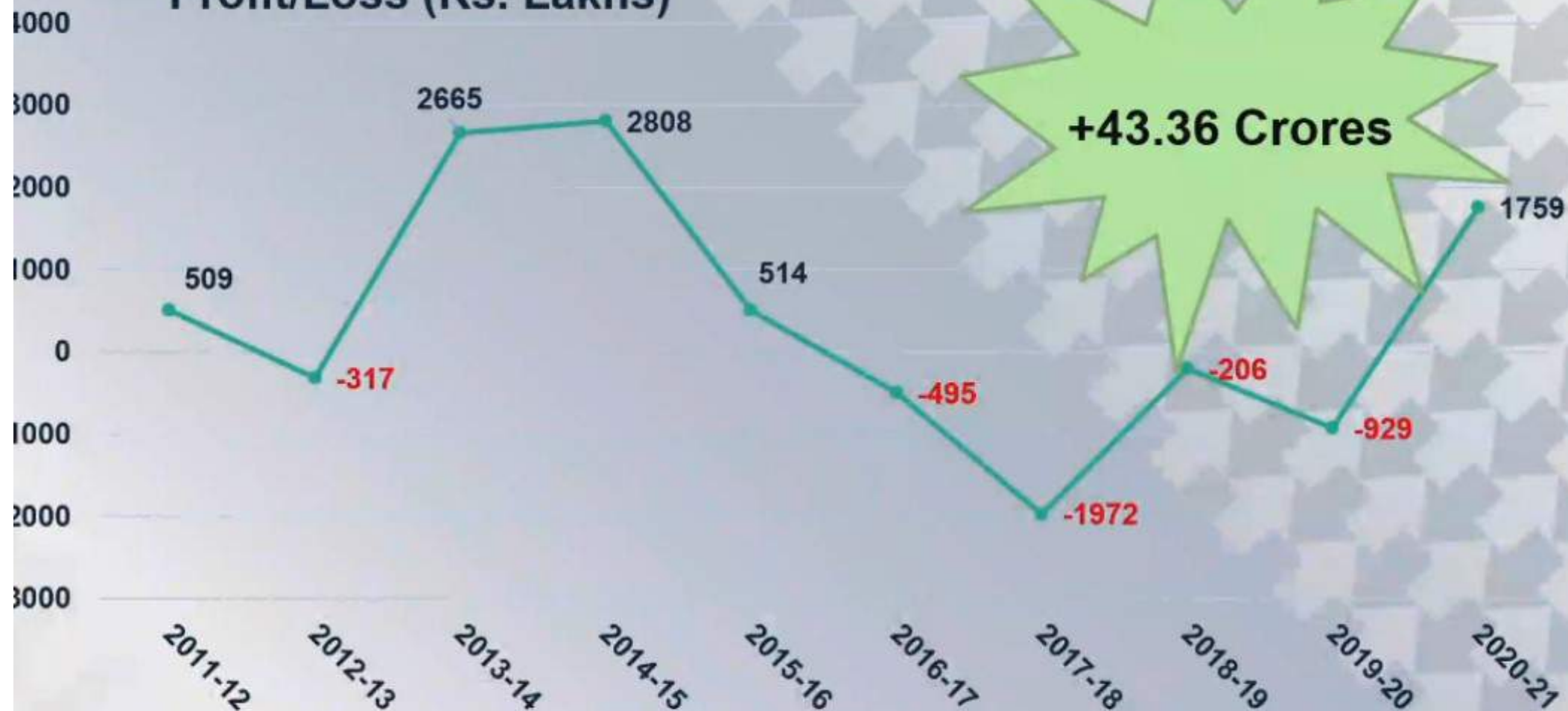
Production Performance Since Inception of Highwall Mining

Profit/Loss (Rs. Lakhs)



Financial Performance Since Inception of Highwall Mining

Profit/Loss (Rs. Lakhs)



Financial Performance Since Inception of Highwall Mining

Summary Evaluation

Highwall Mining Technology is a promising methodology especially for thin seam mining.

It is very useful to extract coal that are blocked in safety zones and/or have unfavorable stripping ratio.

At Sharda OCM, highest one day coal production of around 2800 tonnes has been achieved. However, it has potential to achieve even higher coal production under favorable circumstances.

Bearing the tag of one of the Safest & cleanest coal cutting technology, it is economically attractive too.

With the experience gained in Sharda OCM over the past 10 years, confidence has been boosted up to replicate this technology at other favorable places.

WORK-SHOP ON TECHNOLOGY ROAD-MAP FOR COAL SECTOR

Focus Area: Blast-free Mining

Presenters:

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Content:

Basics of Conventional Mining and Mechanized cutting by surface miner

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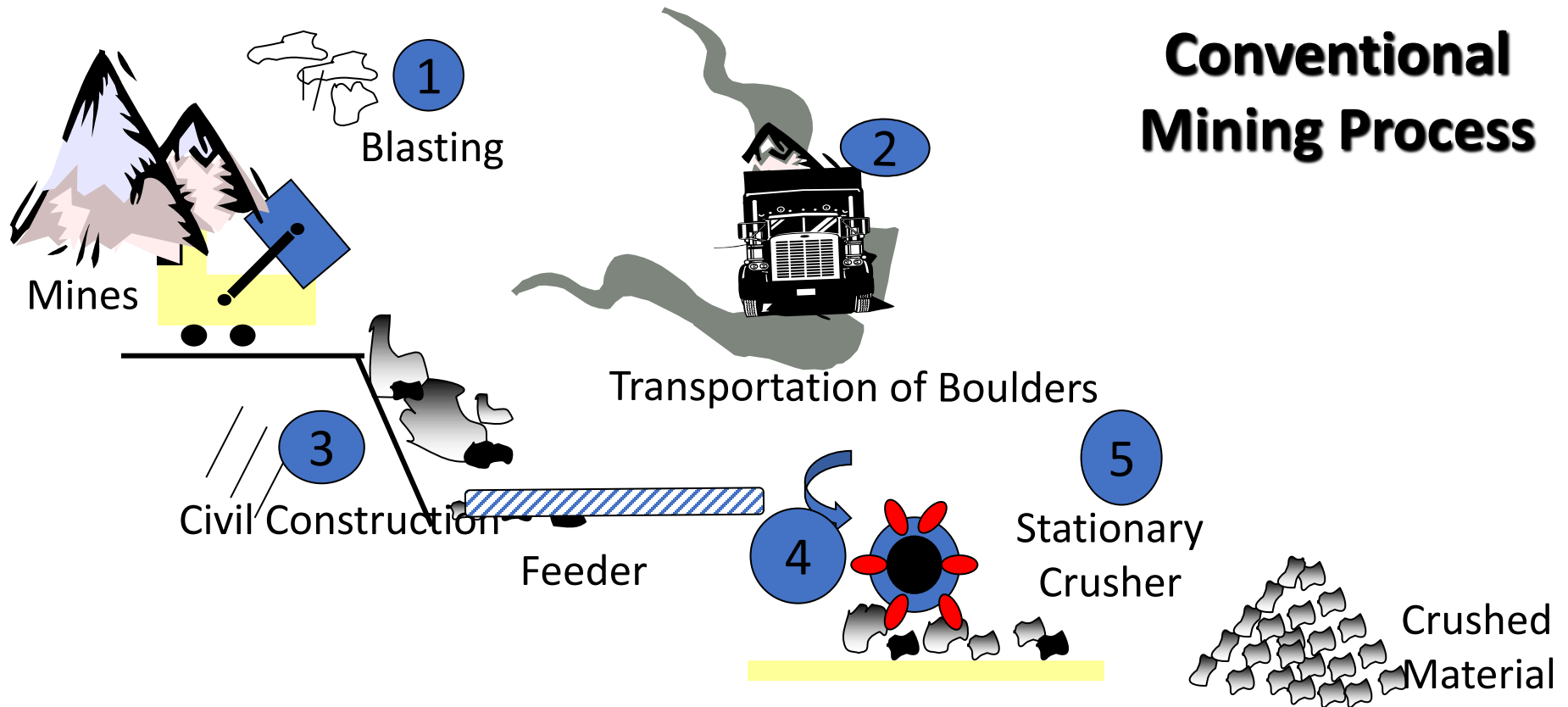
L&T'S foray in developing SURFACE MINER promoting blast-free mining technology

Experience in Coal and Hard Rock Mining

Way forward for LARGE SCALE MINING by SURFACE MINERS

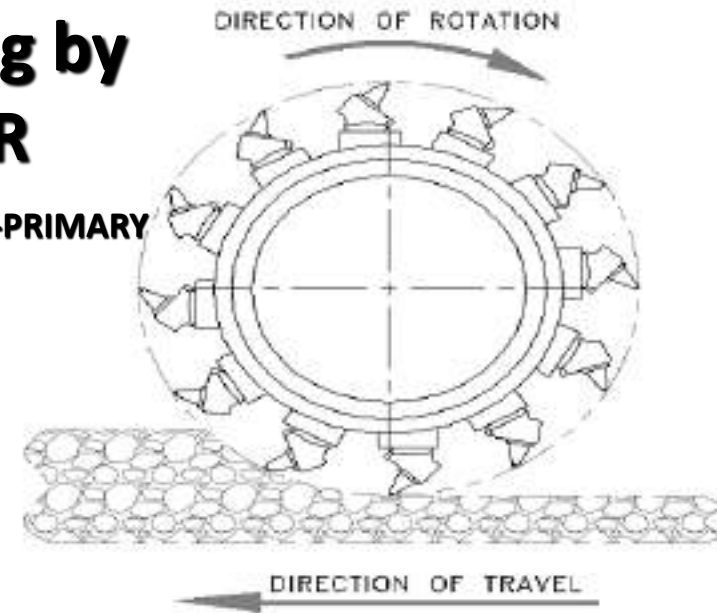
Other Eqp. for MECHANISED MINING –Brief Tech. insights of Ripping

Conventional Mining Process



Mechanized cutting by SURFACE MINER

**ELIMINATION OF DRILLING-BLASTING-PRIMARY
CRUSHING**



Windrowing



Conveyor Discharge

**INFLUENCING-FACTORS
FOR SELECTION OF
SURFACE MINER**

Uni-Axial Compressive Strength of Rock (MPa)

Silica Content of Rock

Nature of Rock deposits (Fractured/massive/layered etc)

Clay content

Moisture content

Area of Mines under consideration

Gradient of seam & Thickness of seam

Volume of excavation (TPD)

Product Output Size requirement

Development of L&T Surface Miner



L&T forayed into development of first Indigenously designed and manufactured Surface Miners in Year 2004. L&T's engineering team worked closely with many users of mining machinery across different mineral applications and launched its first 100 Ton Weight Class - Surface Miner (Model KSM 304) in 2004 with 3m width cutter drum and 1200 HP Engine.

KSM 304 Surface Miner model was an instant success with Indian as well as overseas customers (across coal, limestone and hard rock cutting applications) due to its rugged, heavy-duty design ensuring smooth operations even in toughest mining conditions. Subsequently, over the years, L&T developed and launched different models starting from drum width of 2.2m to 4m to cater to varying needs of different types of mines and applications. The size of mines, hardness of deposits and production requirements determine the suitability of model of machine.

Product Range



Model/Technical Spec.	KSM223	KSM303	KSM403	KSM304/C	KSM404
Cutter Drum width (mm)	2200	3000	4000	3000	4000
Cutting Speed (m/min)	30	30	30	25	25
Max. Cutting Depth (mm)	350	300	350	400/500	400
Engine Power (HP)	800	800	950	1200	1200
Total Weight (Ton) Dry / Operating	48 / 55	50 / 56	54 / 60	100 / 115	105 / 120

L&T Surface Miner

EXPERIENCE IN HARD ROCK CUTTING APPLICATION



L&T Surface Miner

EXPERIENCE IN LARGE SCALE MINING OPERATION



WAY FORWARD FOR LARGE SCALE MINING

- Focus on Technologically more Robust and High-Capacity (100-ton weight class) machines
- Higher Depth of cut & cutting speed will minimize Eqp. fleet
- Combination feet will help optimize on select mines
- Exploring Surface Miner more and more for areas close to habitation
- High-capacity machines are better placed for negotiating hard strata with optimum OPEX.
- Focus on mine plan for development of decent size of face Exposure for higher productive hours of surface miners
- Digitisation initiative for effective Realtime monitoring system
- Quality of Mined coal is an ADD-ON benefit of surface miner

OTHER MINING EQP. FOR MECHANISED CUTTING

Methods of Fragmentation of In-situ rock

- Drilling and Blasting
- Use of Surface Miner
- Use of Rock Breaker
- Ripping the in-situ rock using ripper dozer



Dumper

Front End Loader

Excavator

Drilling and blasting

Rock-Breaker

Surface Miner

Surface Miner

Ripper - Dozer

Ripping



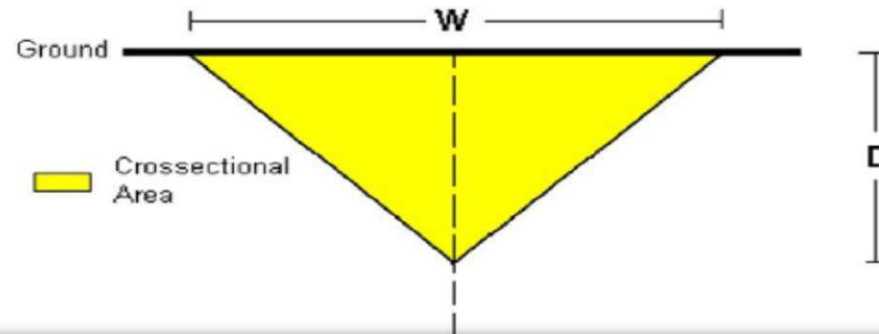
KOMATSU

D475A-5E0

860 HP
Dozer



Cross sectional area is calculated by using following triangular cut.



$$\text{Per Cycle Ripped Area(RA)} = (D \times W) / 2$$

$$\text{Per Cycle Volume Extracted(VE) in cum} = \text{RA} \times \text{L (Length)}$$

$$\text{Hence Volume Extraction Per hour(VE/hr)} = \text{RA} \times \text{L} \times 60 \times E / t$$

Where E is operator Efficiency & t is ripper cycle time

Why Ripping ???

Mining with reduced vibration,
noise and dust pollution

Energy efficient method of mining

Mining with less deployment of
machinery

Continuous mining method

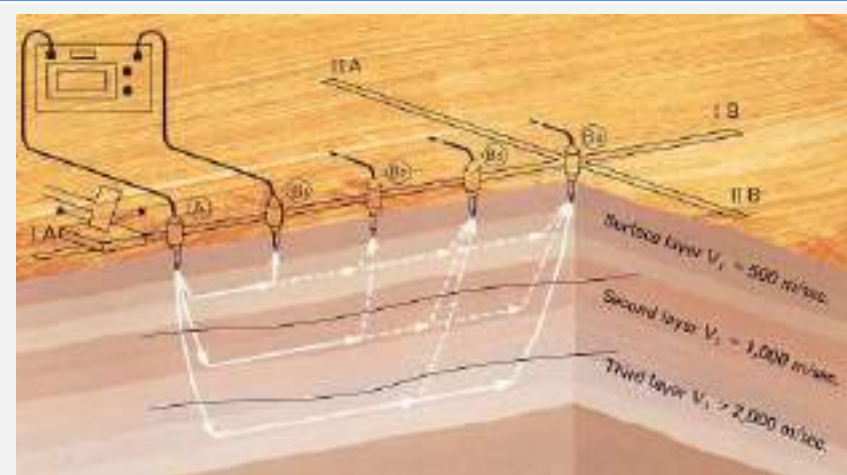
Can do selective mining

Mining with less variation in
extracted rock size



L&T Mining Machinery

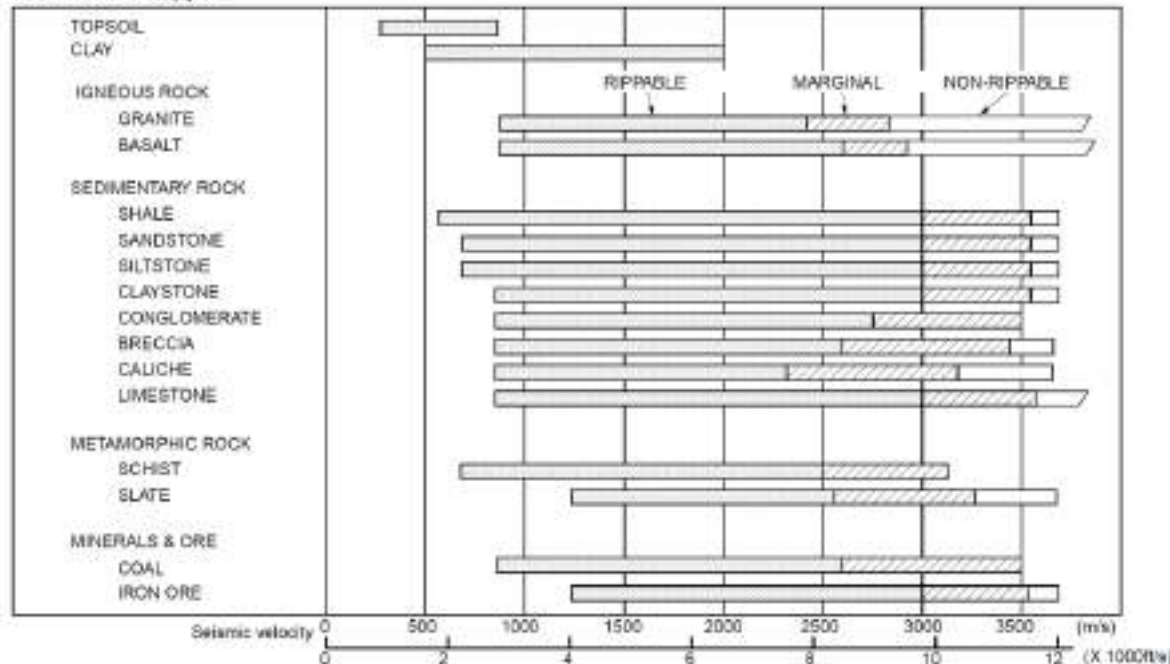
How to identify rippability of Rock



Seismic Velocity Test

- A Ripper meter measures the seismic velocity (m/sec) of the ground
- Higher the speed less rippable is the rock and vice-versa

D475A Giant Ripper



- Ripper performance based on Seismic Velocity
- Depends on machine class:
 - Weight/Drawbar pull
 - HP
 - Ripper penetration force, etc.

Selection of Ripper

Three primary factors to select the right equipment:

- Down pressure available at the tip, which determines the ripper penetration that can be achieved and maintained.
- Tractor flywheel horsepower, which determines whether the tractor can advance the tip.
- Tractor gross-weight, which determines whether the tractor will have sufficient traction to use the horsepower.
- Ripper Angle

Ripper mounting brackets and hydraulic control mechanisms vary widely among manufacturers. The basic ripper designs are radial, parallelogram and adjustable parallelogram.

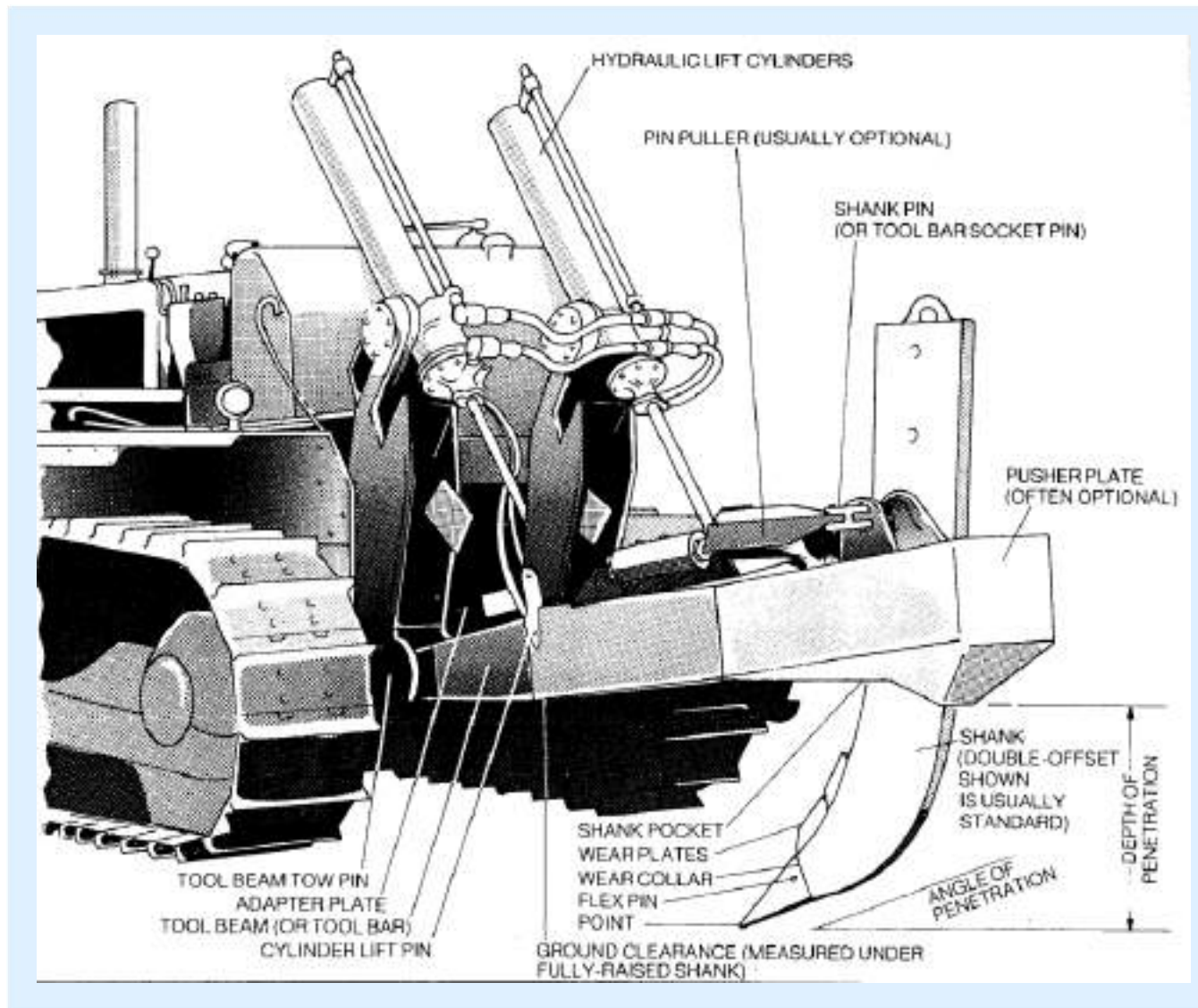
Komatsu ripper linkage



Komatsu's D155AX-6



Single Shank Ripper Dozer



Various Ripping Techniques and Methods

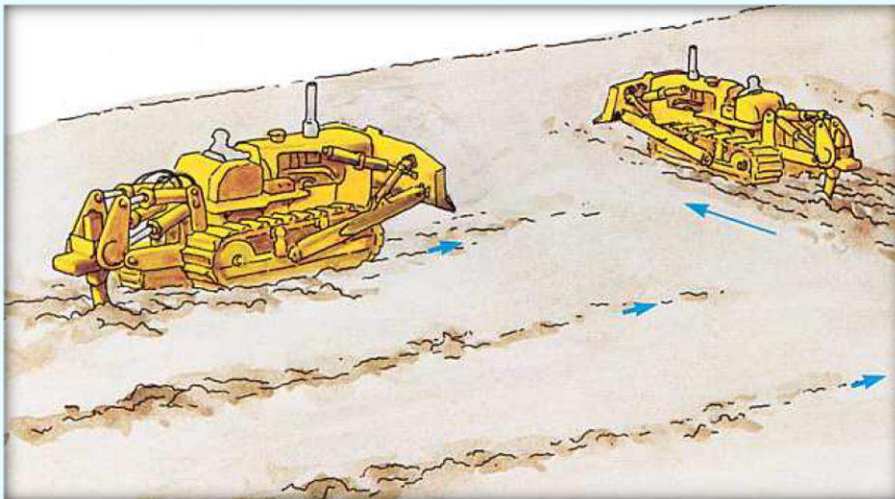
Straight Ripping



Inclined Ripping



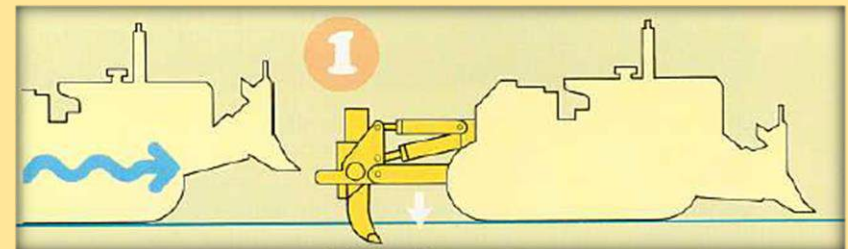
Cross Ripping



Tandem Ripping

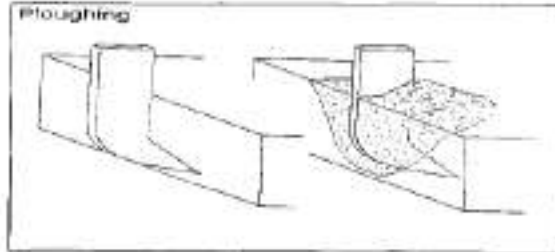
When ripping production drops, adding the second tractor almost doubles the costs, but production can be increased by three or four times in some materials.

Single-shank rippers are designed with an integral pushblock for tandem pushing in severe applications.

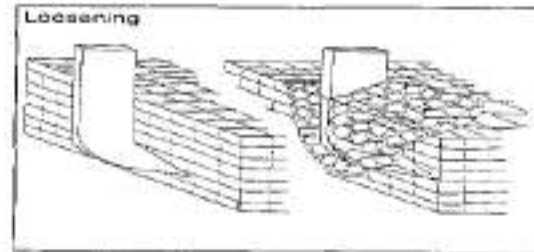


Ripping Mechanism

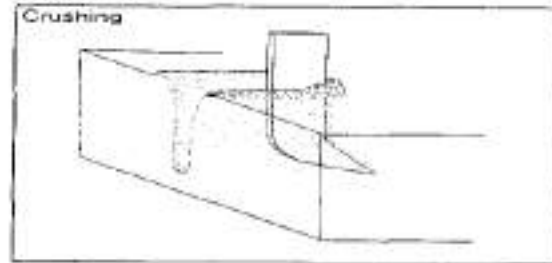
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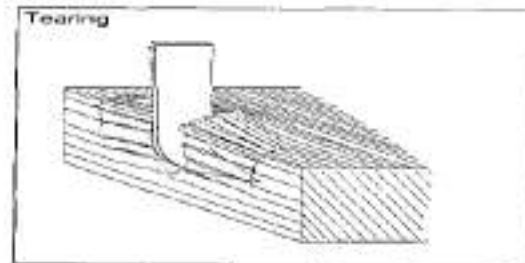
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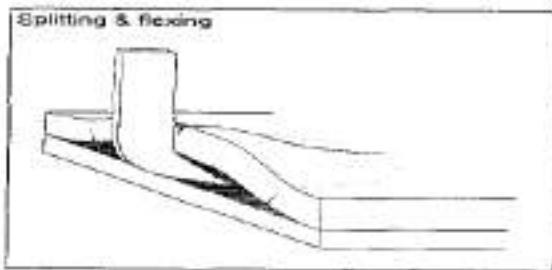
Crushing



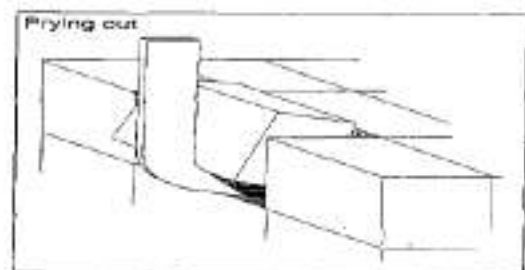
Tearing



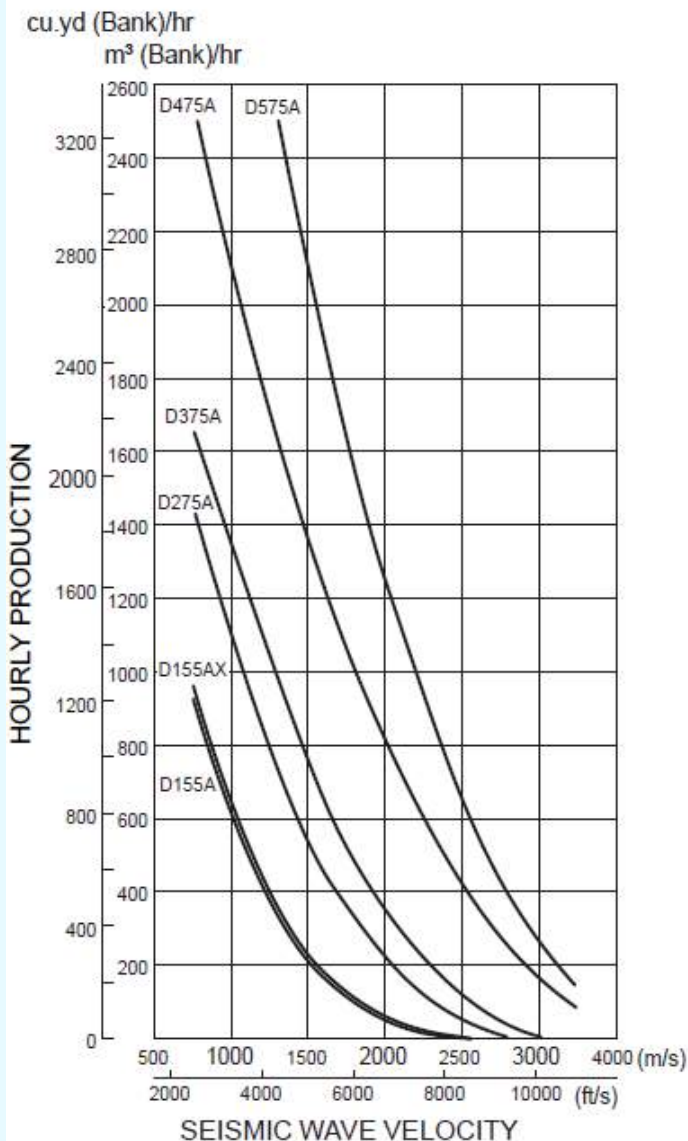
Splitting & Flexing



Prying out

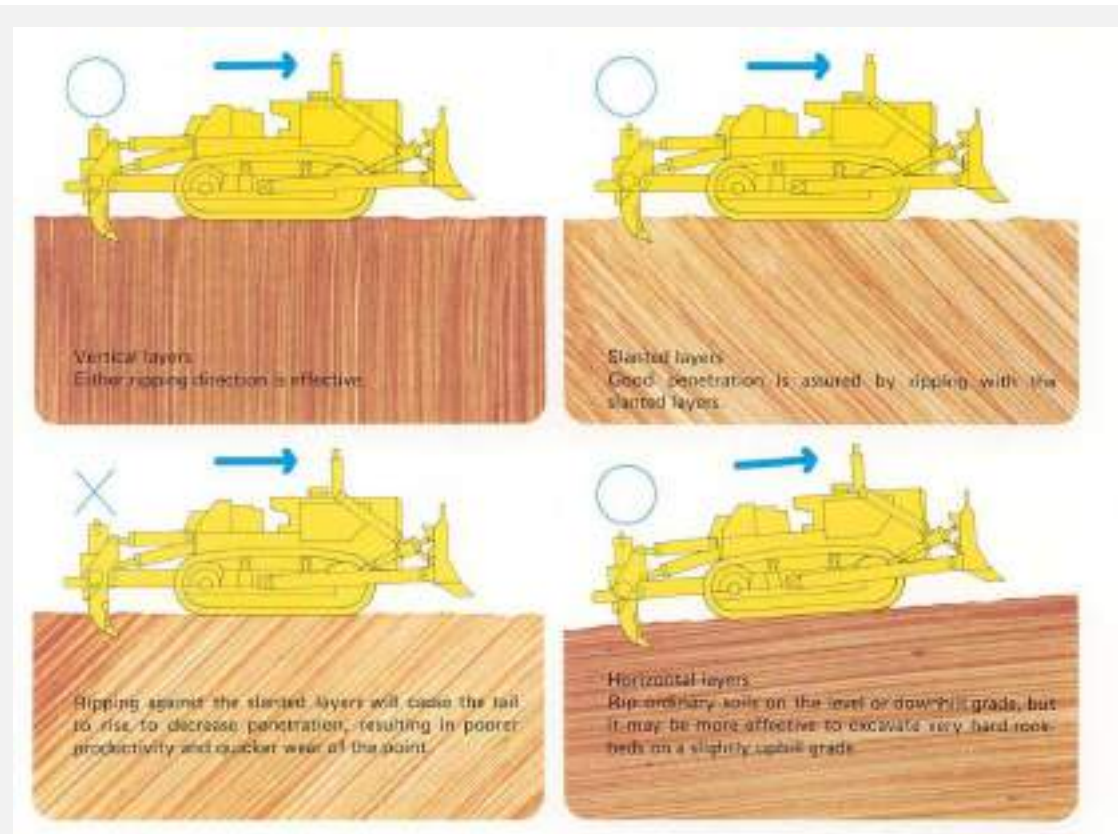


Productivity..

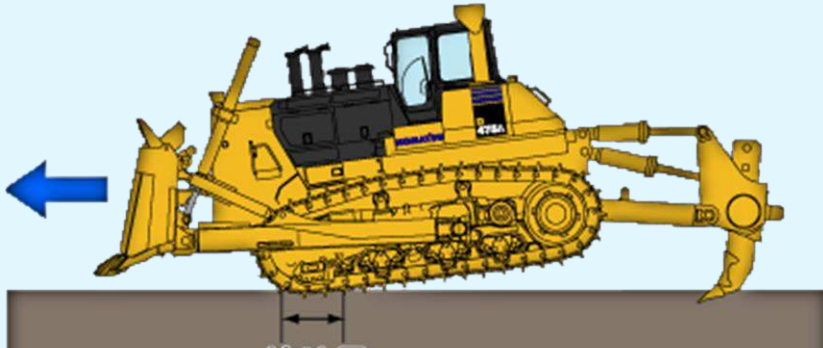


Production can vastly vary based on several factor:

- Knowledge of the geology and material
- Operator skill
- Proper application of Ripping Techniques



Some Good Operating practices..



L : Length of track on ground

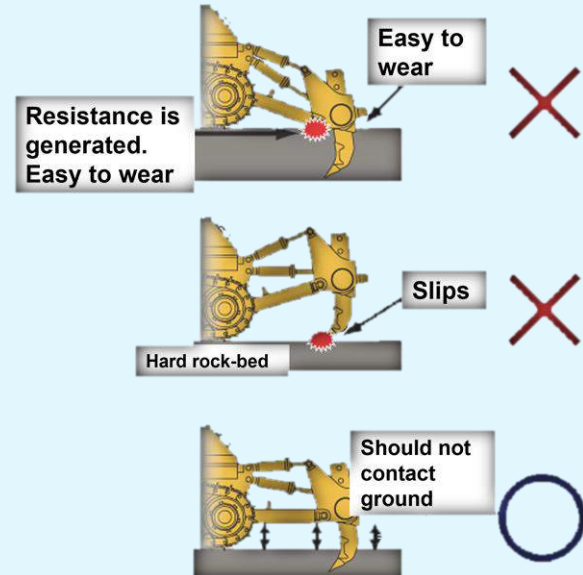
Maintaining length of track on ground is of paramount importance to get the max drawbar pull



Downhill Ripping for Hard Rock highly recommended :
Ripping with machine weight



Always rip in a straight line
Avoid steering during ripping to conserve shank



Maintain Ripper arm parallel to the Ripping surface



Thank You

Future demand of coal in India vis-à-vis Thrust on UG coal production - agenda for actions

Prof. R.M. Bhattacharjee

Two most critical challenges before the world

Huge impact on mankind

- ▶ Covid 19 X
- ▶ Global warming & climate change
 - ▶ Future of coal ????
 - ▶ Future demand of coal in India
 - ▶ Challenges before India coal industry to supply coal as per demand
 - ▶ How are we going to mitigate the challenges

What are going to discuss today

- ▶ Impact of global warming on coal mining?
- ▶ Sustainability issues in coal mining
- ▶ Challenges before Indian coal industry
- ▶ Scenario of coal production technologies in India
- ▶ Scenario of coal production from UG workings
- ▶ Thrust on UG mining - why
- ▶ Strategies for action for improving production from UG coal mining

Impact of coal mining on Global warming & climate change

- ▶ Increasing concerns about effect of anthropogenic greenhouse gases on global climate, international society agreed to reduce emissions
- ▶ Use of coal - GHG emission
 - ▶ Use of coal - Thermal Power & Industrial use
 - ▶ Thermal Power -
 - ▶ 1.1 gigatonne of CO₂ every year;
 - ▶ **2.5 per cent of global GHG emissions,**
 - ▶ one-third of India's GHG emissions,
 - ▶ and around 50 per cent of India's fuel-related CO₂ emissions

Impact of coal mining on Global warming & climate change

- ▶ Environmental footprint due to coal mining
 - ▶ Land - Deforestation - Carbon capture - Carbon footprint
 - ▶ Water and air pollution
 - ▶ Fugitive gas emission from mining of coal
 - ▶ Energy consumption to produce coal, process coal and transport of coal - GHG emission & carbon footprint

Arguments against coal

- ▶ **Government Policies to create demand for renewables and attract investors -**
 - ▶ Larger target of 450 GW renewables set for 2030
 - ▶ Green Energy Corridor
 - ▶ Solar parks
- ▶ **Government policies to help renewables to become cost-competitive**
 - ▶ Lower corporate tax
 - ▶ Waiver of Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) charges and losses
 - ▶ Capital subsidy
 - ▶ 100% foreign direct investment
- ▶ **Falling costs of renewables challenge the economics of building new coal plants**
 - ▶ solar power tariff nosedived to Rs 2.62/kWh - 20% lower
- ▶ **Low calorific value and high ash content (30 to 45%) of Indian coal consume about 0.7 kg/ kWh of coal - United States 0.45 kg /kWh**
- ▶ **More stringent emission norms, and water shortages**

Arguments for coal

- ▶ Population and growth, urbanisation and continued industrialisation - driving India's energy appetite
- ▶ India fourth-largest global energy consumer today, after China, United States and the European Union -
- ▶ India's per capita energy consumption increased from 16.3 kWh in 1947 to 1208 kWh in 2019, still very low compared to Canada - 15438, USA - 13098, Saudi Arabia - 10239 kWh
- ▶ India's power demand is expected to grow by 80% in ten years
 - ▶ CEA projects 2,518TWh of gross electricity generation by FY2029-30
 - ▶ Other reports 2,700TWh in 2030, up from 1,500TWh in 2020
- ▶ India will account for nearly one-quarter of global energy demand growth from 2019-40 in the Stated Policies Scenario (STEPS), the largest of any country
- ▶ Demand for coal will reduce in % of total energy basket but absolute volume will almost be doubled by 2040
- ▶ By retiring older plants, the emissions intensity of the grid would improve
- ▶ Coal fleet will grow more slowly, but it will be utilized much better
- ▶ **We can not stop coal mining or use coal for energy - but Need for responsible mining of coal**

Future demand of coal in India vis-à-vis Thrust on UG coal production - agenda for actions

- ▶ **Smart, safe and sustainable**

Coal production scenario of major coal producing countries

	USA	Australia	China	India	Indonesia	Russia
1979/1991	708.63	106.12	635	103.42	0.28	371.90
Maxm. Annual production	1075.88	512.43	3748.53	775.73	616.16	419.09
2019	639.80	503.18	3692.87	769.00	616.16	417.89
Average Annual growth %	-0.1	4.0	4.5	5.1	22.8	0.60
Overall growth	-0.10	3.70	5	6	2200	0.12

Energy Basket of India - at a glance

Fuel	MW	% of Total
Total Thermal	2,34,058	60.9%
Coal	2,02,005	52.6%
Lignite	6,620	1.7%
Gas	24,924	6.5%
Diesel	510	0.1%
Hydro (Renewable)	46,322	12.1%
Nuclear	6,780	1.8%
RES* (MNRE)	96,956	25.2%
Total	384,116	

Source - MoP (30.06.2021)

Most likely demand of coal based electricity and coal for 2030

Parameter	Lower bound	Upper bound
Electricity requirement (TWh)	2200	2400
Coal-based generation (TWh)	1150	1350
Coal for electricity (MT)	800	875
Coal-based capacity (GW)	230	260

Estimates of coal demand projections for 2030

Sector	2030
Utility electricity generation (MT)	800 – 875
Industrial demand (MT)	262- 310
Captive electricity generation (MT)	130 – 140
Total (MT)	1192-1325

Coal production scenario

COMPANY WISE PRODUCTION OF RAW COAL DURING LAST TEN YEARS

[Quantity in Million Tonnes]

Company	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (Provisional)
CIL	431.32	435.84	452.20	462.41	494.23	538.75	554.14	567.37	606.89	602.13
SCCL	51.33	52.21	53.19	50.47	52.54	60.38	61.34	62.01	64.40	64.04
OTHERS	15.82	15.73	13.87	13.40	9.69	11.27	9.85	8.96	7.53	6.83
CAPTIVE	34.22	36.17	37.14	39.48	52.72	28.82	32.54	37.07	49.90	57.87
Total	532.69	539.95	556.40	565.77	609.18	639.23	657.87	675.40	728.72	730.87

Note: Production of CIL is including Gare Palma IV/1 and IV 2&3 and production of captive is excluding these blocks.

PRODUCTION OF RAW COAL DURING 2010-11 to 2019-20

Annual growth is fluctuating 2 % to 7 %

Issues for consideration

- Do we have enough coal?
- Do we have capacity to produce coal at globally competitive price and in a sustainable manner?
- How impact of coal mining and its beneficiation on global warming may be mitigated?
- How to optimize cost of coal production, cost of environment, cost of energy, cost of land and cost of GHG emission?
- What are the feasible alternative use of coal?

Supply Road map - Challenges ahead

- Presuming demand of around 1200 - 1300 MTPA, with 30-35% of future energy basket may be around, need to prepare a road map
- Challenges before the industry having significant impact on supply road map
 - Production of coal
 - Mix of technology for coal production
 - Technology of coal production
 - Environmental impact of production technology.
 - Socio-technical and socio-political context.

Sustainability and technology of coal production

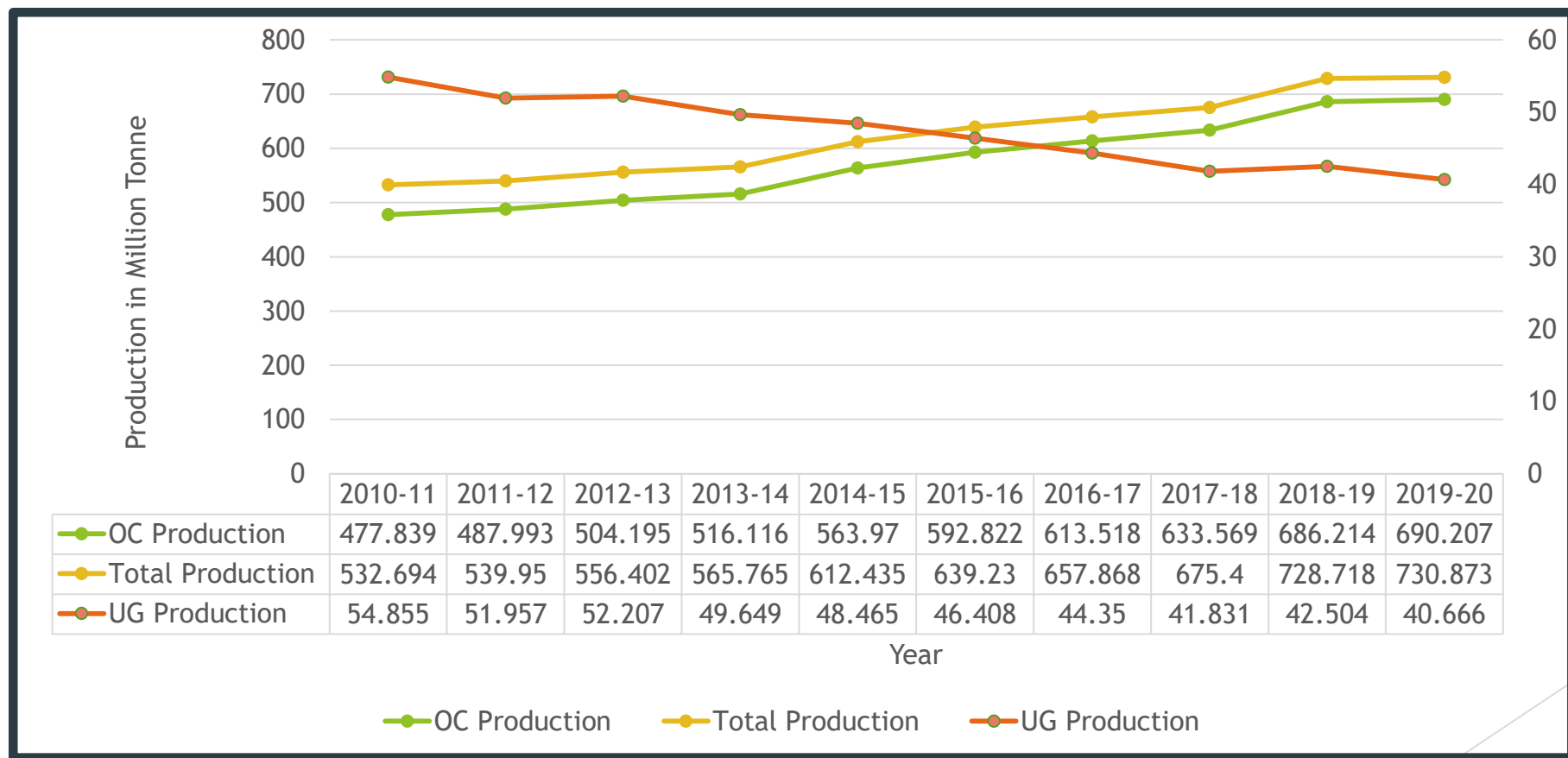
- ▶ Sustainable
 - ▶ Environment
 - ▶ Economics
 - ▶ Conservation
 - ▶ Quality
 - ▶ Safety

TRENDS OF COAL PRODUCTION IN INDIA FROM OC and UG MINES IN LAST TEN YEARS

	Opencast		Underground		Total	
	Production	% Share	Production	% Share	Production	% Growth
2010-11	477.839	89.702	54.855	10.298	532.694	0.12
2011-12	487.993	90.377	51.957	9.623	539.95	1.36
2012-13	504.195	90.617	52.207	9.383	556.402	3.05
2013-14	516.116	91.224	49.649	8.776	565.765	1.68
2014-15	563.97	92.087	48.465	7.913	612.435	8.25
2015-16	592.822	92.740	46.408	7.260	639.23	4.38
2016-17	613.518	93.259	44.35	6.741	657.868	2.92
2017-18	633.569	93.806	41.831	6.194	675.4	2.66
2018-19	686.214	94.167	42.504	5.833	728.718	7.89
2019-20	690.207	94.436	40.666	5.564	730.873	0.30

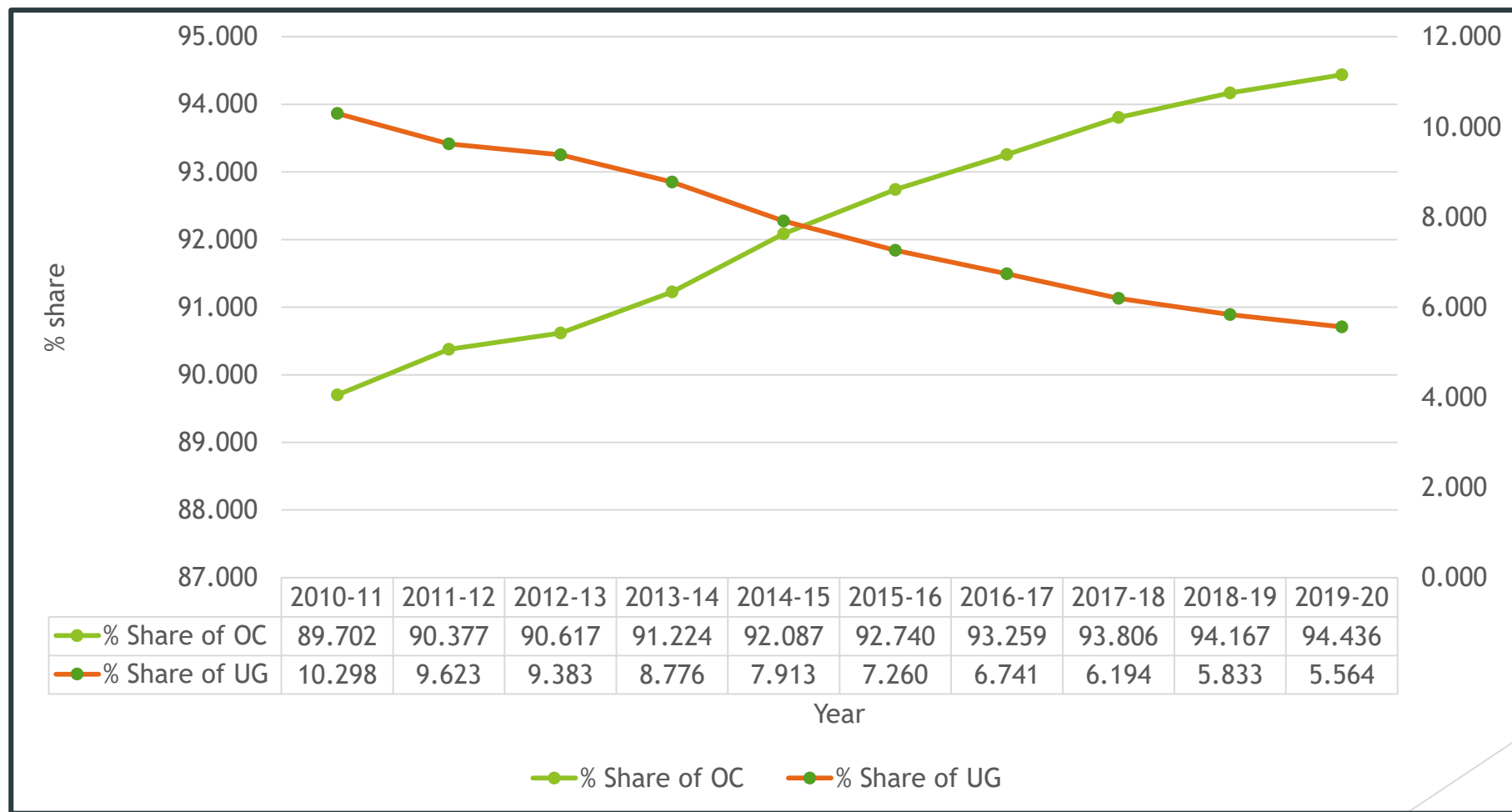
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Coal production in last 10 years from Opencast and Underground workings



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% of total production from Opencast and Underground workings



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Technology wise of CIL Production in 2019-20 and 2023-24

	Name of the company	Coal Production (M Te) from Underground mines				
		Longwall Technology	Room & Pillar with Continuous Miner	Bord & Pillar with SDL /LHD / Others	Other	Total coal Production from UG
2019-20	CIL	1.96	6.62	20.52	0.1	29.2
	% age of total UG production	6.71	22.67	70.27		
	% age of total production	0.33	1.099	3.41		4.85
2023-24	CIL	4.8	13.81	19.33	0	37.94
	% age of total UG production	12.65	36.40	50.95		
	% age of total production	0.48	1.38	1.93		3.79

Size of UG and OC mines of CIL in 2019-20 and 2023-24

		Production from Underground mines with annual capacity					
		< 0.3 Mte	+0.3 - 0.6 Mte	+0.6 - 1.0 Mte	+1.0 - 4.0 Mte	>4 Mte	Total Production from Underground mines
FY 2019-20	Total Production	12.98	8.17	3.8	5.09	Nil	30.04
	No. of mines	136	21	5	2	0	164
	Average production per mine in M Te	0.095	0.389	0.760	2.545		0.183
	% age of total UG / OC mines	82.93	12.80	3.05	1.22	0.00	
FY 2023-24	Total Production	9.13	11.99	7.06	7.4	4.2	39.79
	No. of mines	88	28	9	4	1	130
	Average production per mine in M Te	0.10	0.43	0.78	1.9	4.20	0.31
	% age of total UG / OC mines	67.69	21.54	6.92	3.08	0.77	

Challenges of Sustainable and Responsible coal mining

- ▶ Responsibility of mining sector to implement **Mining 4.0** with focus on **circular economy** and **sustainability** through
 - ▶ **smart technologies** aiming to develop **autonomous mining** system for
 - ▶ **energy-efficient**, clean technologies that contribute to
 - ▶ **bulk production** with due care to **sustainability** by
 - ▶ **waste minimization** and **waste re-use** in an **environmentally responsible** manner
- Technology for coal production - less energy intensive
- To reduce environmental impact of production technology

Shift in production technology

Is the technology mix sustainable?

- ▶ Environmental foot print of OC is very large compared to UG
- ▶ Quality consistency is poor
- ▶ Huge land requirement - land scarce commodity
- ▶ Rehabilitation, re-settlement is huge social challenge
- ▶ Large-scale deforestation huge negative impact on carbon sink
- ▶ Energy intensity of OC is very high mainly because of handling OB
- ▶ Huge impact on quality of air and water
- ▶ 95:5 = OC:UG is not sustainable

What is needed?

- ▶ Gradual shifting of production technology
- ▶ Increase in share of UG production

Thrust on Underground mining - policy intervention

- ✓ Thrust on UG - Incentivise UG production, 1 mt UG production = X mt OC production, Separate cadre for UG
- ✓ Highlighting reduction in environmental footprint by UG compared to OC mining
- ✓ Discounting Cost of environment for UG Project Feasibility study
- ✓ Mass production - amalgamation of smaller mines, Plan for bigger mines
- ✓ Stop uneconomic semi-mechanized bord & pillar mining,
- ✓ All out mechanization through continuous mining system, underground transport/ conveying of coal, material and men
- ✓ Introduction of global best practices for pilot mines for mass production

Thrust on Underground mining - policy intervention

- Starting new projects in dip-side deeper horizons, independent of existing working
- Thrust on policy change by DGMS for exempting surface land right for UG mining under forest - Study of pilot area under forest to depillaring with caving
- Exploring potential reserves for application of mass production technologies using Bolter miner / CM
- Identification of reserves suitable for mass production mining methods like Room & Pillar / Wongawilli / Longwall
- Extraction of standing pillars by shortwall or short longwall method
- Longwall mining for suitable geo-mining conditions and large reserve
- For Thick seams - Longwall top coal caving method

Thrust on Underground mining - policy intervention

- Partial extraction with stowing for built up areas
- High speed stowing matching with rate of production
- Implementation of mass production technology with matching stowing, dissociating extraction and filling by suitable mining method
- Increasing stowing capacity using paste fill
- Use of multiple stowing range
- Getting raw materials for stowing in underground and mixing near area of stowing
- Decarbonisation not as a cost but overarching business strategy
- No separate team for climate change and sustainability - embedded in operations

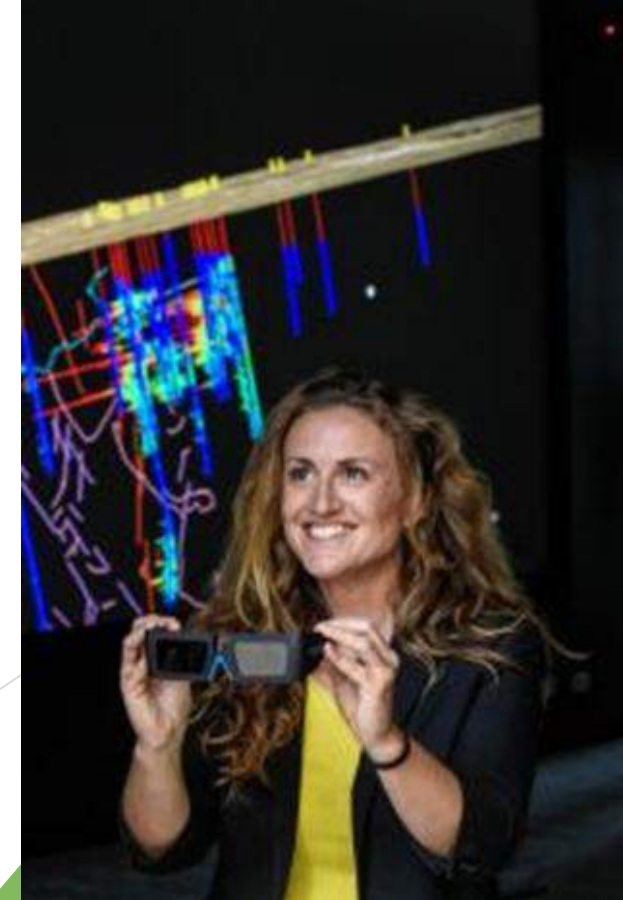
Exploration and Planning



- ▶ Detailed exploration of coal seams at deeper horizons to avoid uncertainty
- ▶ Use of AI tools in non-invasive detailed exploration by geo-physical methods
- ▶ Use of 4D modelling for better understanding of mine geology, variation in geo-mining conditions, effect of geological anomalies,
- ▶ Use of mine planning software for long-term and operational planning
- ▶ Establishing Tech service cadre including geotechnical engineers for tech support to operation managers
- ▶ Provisions for risk assessment due to changes in geo-mining parameters and contingency planning

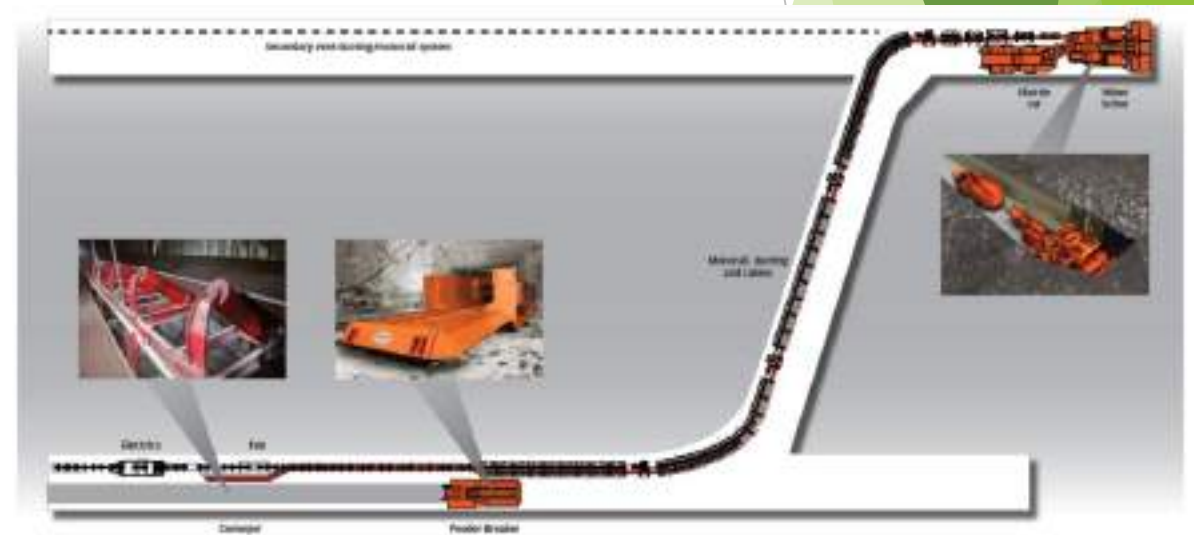
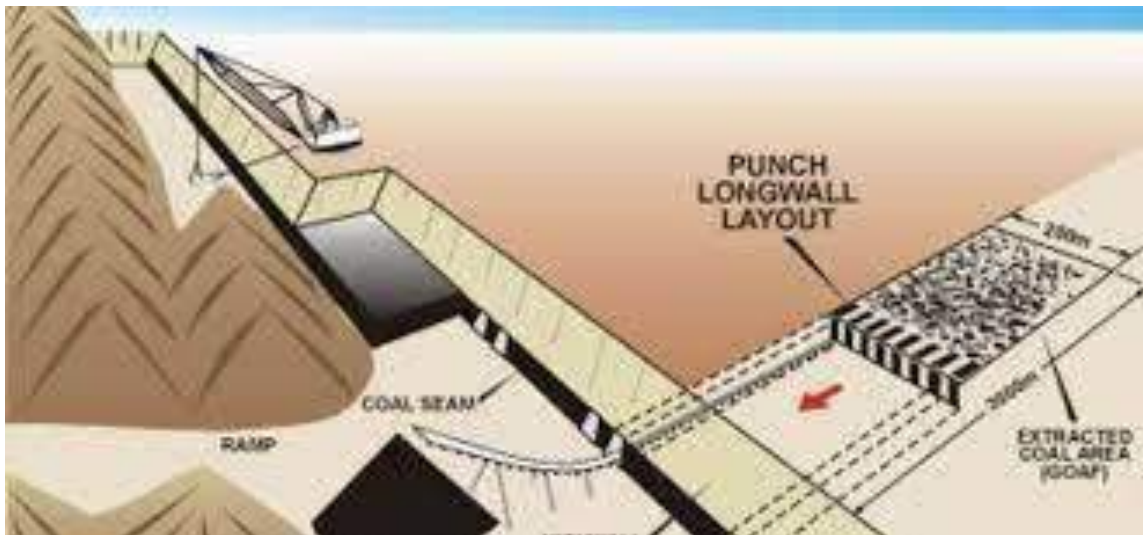
Mine plan

- ▶ Larger panels with optimum face transfer
- ▶ Adequate reserve for optimum utilization of equipment
- ▶ Amalgamation of smaller units
- ▶ Proper mine layout considering operational efficiency, coal evacuation, ventilation, stability of structures and safety
- ▶ Reducing frequency of major overhaul necessitating equipment transport to surface between face transfer
- ▶ Optimise development cost
- ▶ Use of mine planning software integrating all the processes - Geological Model to Mine Design to Mine Plan to Production Schedule to Mine Reconciliation
- ▶ Gemcom • Minescape • Surpac • Minesight • Vulcan • Minex • Xpac
- ▶ Application of Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality in mine planning - assessment of impact of changed geological parameters



UG from bottom of OC

- ▶ Punch entry UG mines from bottom of OC mines
- ▶ Integrated mine planning - OC to UG
- ▶ Punch entry longwall - high capacity, simple circuit
- ▶ Highwall mining
- ▶ Twin entry development



Mechanization and automation

- ▶ Go for all out mechanization of all unit operations with available state of the art technologies
- ▶ Systematic AI / ML based preventive maintenance
- ▶ Remote and tele-operation wherever possible to reduce exposure to unsafe working conditions
- ▶ Automation after mechanization, not the other way round
- ▶ Risk assessment before introducing cyber technology and its mitigation



Mass Production Technologies



Face Bolter for bolting at Longwall face before salvaging

Longwall

Bolter Miner



Longwall top coal caving



Coal transport

- ▶ Efficient continuous coal conveyance through high capacity outbye conveyor, AFC / BSL, flexible conveyor or shuttle car at face
- ▶ Vertical transport through conveyor, as practicable, large capacity automated skips
- ▶ Minimum transfer points by proper layout of conveyor, self aligning conveyor
- ▶ Underground strata bunker for minimum face stoppage
- ▶ Continuous automated monitoring of critical components to prevent breakdown of transport network



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Man and material transport

- ▶ Man transport through man carrier, mono-rail right upto working faces
- ▶ Material transport by mono-rail
- ▶ Continuous shifting of heavy installations like energy train, cables, transformers, ventilation duct through mono-rail



Material transport

Multiple Utility Vehicles with attachments like Bucket, Fork, Trailer which can carry a load of 20 tonnes and a basket with a maximum capacity of 1 tonne for transporting heavy materials and Equipment

Longwall support carriers for transporting powered supports of 50-55 te weight



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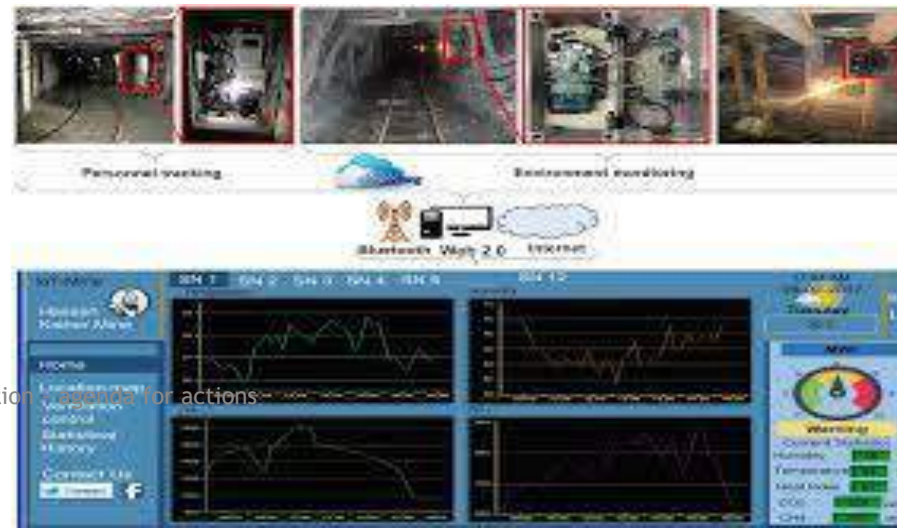
Forklift for squaring of Powered Supports in correct position - upto 60 te

Ventilation Planning

- ▶ Use of software like Ventsim / Ventsys etc for designing ventilation system and operational ventilation planning
- ▶ Peripheral ventilation
- ▶ Multiple heading longwall or CM panels for efficient ventilation
- ▶ Automatic closing ventilation doors of air lock
- ▶ Guillotine type airlock over conveyor
- ▶ Rated seals (5 psi, 20 psi or 50 psi) and their construction
- ▶ Construction of hatch doors in isolation stoppings for final sealing
- ▶ Ventilation monitoring
- ▶ Air chilling

Gas monitoring

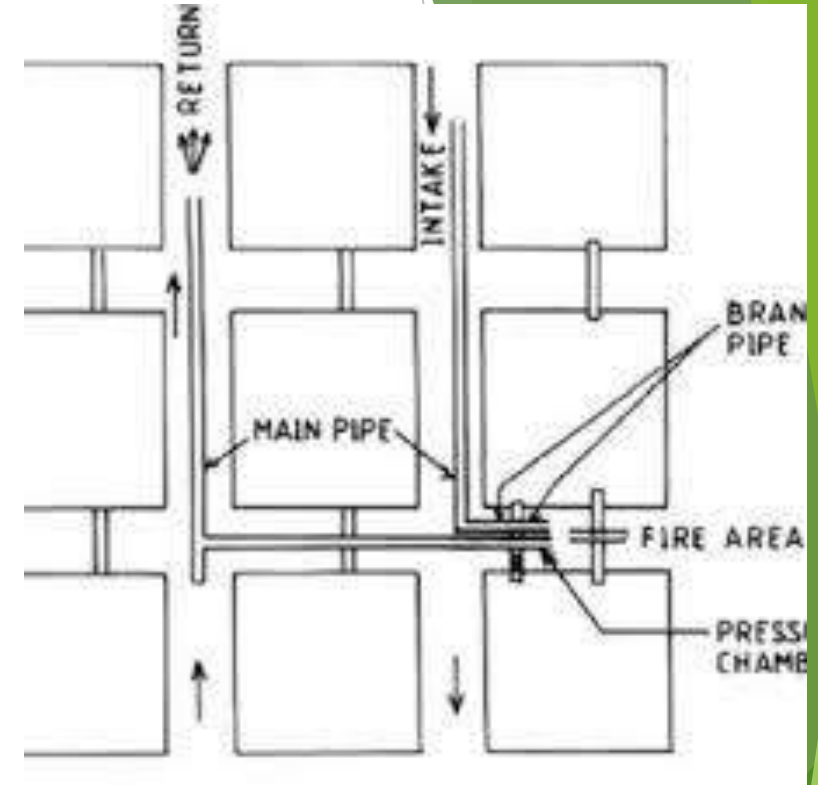
- ▶ Continuous, reliable and precise monitoring of toxic and inflammable mine gases
- ▶ Telemonitoring, Tube-bundle and portable digital gas detectors
- ▶ Air analysis by Gas Chromatograph
- ▶ TARP based on gas monitoring results and continuous assessment of various gas indicators



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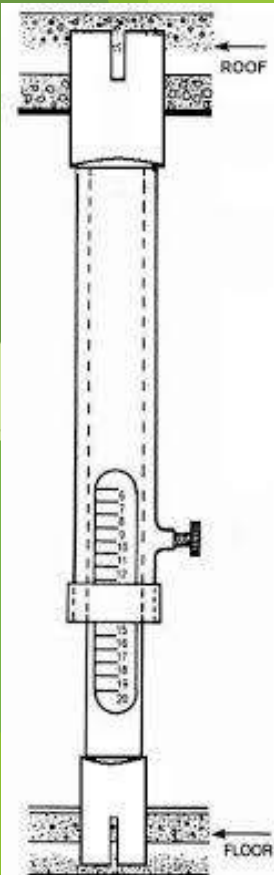
Mass Inertization and sealing

- ▶ Arrangements for mass inertization
- ▶ Onsite installation of inertization plants of adequate capacity
- ▶ Underground pipe network for inert flushing
- ▶ Provisions for inert pipes in isolation stoppings
- ▶ Simulation based on Computational Fluid Dynamics for effective inertization of goaves
- ▶ Risk assessment before sealing panel
- ▶ SoP for sealing
- ▶ Construction of rated seals



Strata control and strata monitoring

- ▶ Insitu stress measurement
- ▶ Mapping of geological structures and discontinuities
- ▶ Application of numerical modelling in strata control
- ▶ Longer roof bolts with resin capsules
- ▶ Long cable bolting
- ▶ Regeneration of roof rock using chemicals
- ▶ Polimeric mesh
- ▶ Strata monitoring - tell tale, convergence indicator, load cells
- ▶ Strata control TARP
- ▶ Longwall powered supports



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Stone dusting and dust barrier

- ▶ Effective large scale general stone dusting for treating coal dust
- ▶ Use of mechanized system of stone dusting using Bulk Duster, Trickle duster, Pod duster
- ▶ Dust transport through bore holes and silos
- ▶ Use of compressed air for spraying dust continuously with coal production
- ▶ Use of large dust bags in returns
- ▶ Use of explosimeter for spot analysis of roadway dust
- ▶ Use of stone dust bag barrier in place of conventional timber frame
- ▶ Scattered and concentrated dust barrier
- ▶ Use of aero-dust



Safety management

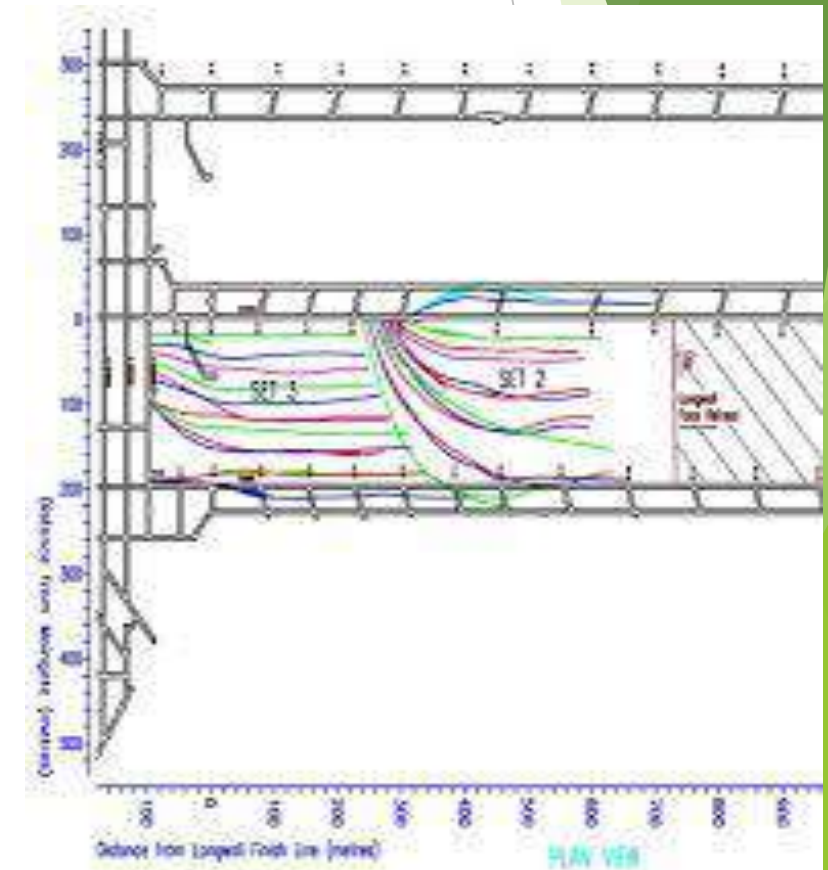
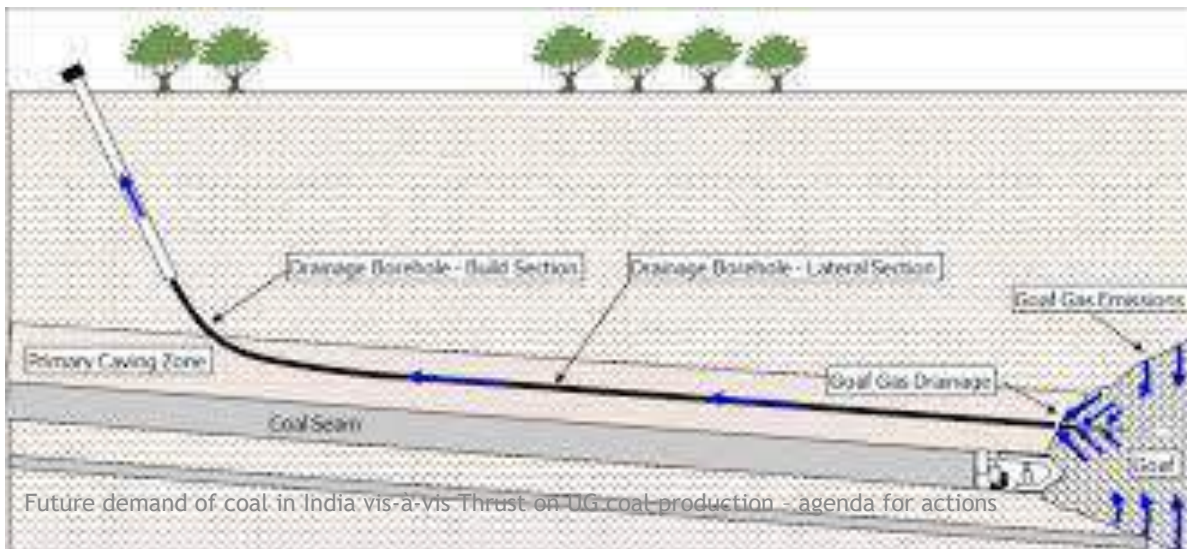
- ▶ Risk-based in place of rule based safety management
- ▶ Commitment, Consultation, Communication, Coordination
- ▶ Risk assessment to develop PHMPs, SOPs
- ▶ Use of TARPs
- ▶ Risk based Emergency Response Plan
- ▶ Root cause analysis based Accident/ Incident Management system

Decarbonising initiatives in mining: shifting from a challenge to opportunity mindset

- ▶ Mining currently responsible for 4 to 7 percent of greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions
- ▶ Scope 1 and Scope 2 CO₂ emissions from the sector (those incurred through mining operations and power consumption, respectively) amount to 1 percent, and
- ▶ Fugitive-methane emissions from coal mining are estimated at 3 to 6 percent ((1.5 to 4.6 gigatons) (McKinsey Study)
- ▶ A significant share of global emissions—28 percent—would be considered Scope 3 (indirect) emissions, including the combustion of coal

CBM extraction , Methane drainage and VAM Abatement

- ▶ Fugitive methane is a major source of Scope 2
- ▶ Pre-drainage of methane in coal seams having insitu gas content of more than 2-3 meter per tonne
- ▶ Surface to in-seam for virgin blocks, in-seam drainage for working mines to reduce gas content to below 2-3 M3 / Te to prevent disruption of operation and reducing risk due to explosion
- ▶ CBM extraction before mining
- ▶ VAM abatement program



Remanufacturing initiatives to reduce carbon footprint

- ▶ Remanufacturing components from major mining equipment can help mining companies reduce costs while also lowering their environmental footprint
- ▶ Remanufacturing - a smart move to drive down waste and improve circularity in businesses while reducing operational costs
- ▶ Remanufacturing is “a comprehensive and rigorous industrial process by which a previously sold, worn, or non-functional product or component is returned to a ‘like-new’ or ‘better-than-new’ condition and warranted in performance level and quality.”
- ▶ Savings from remanufacturing when compared to new can be more than 50%.
- ▶ In addition, there can be a 70% or more reduction in carbon emitted in the remanufacturing process compared to the production of a new component

Conclusions

- ▶ Increase share of UG for sustainable mining
- ▶ Energy efficiency through automation, cyber technology
- ▶ Go for all out mechanization - MPT is the only answer for economic mining
- ▶ Not only production technology - state of the art technologies for auxiliary operations / systems like strata control, ventilation, man & material transport, fire & explosion prevention, methane drainage
- ▶ Initiatives on decarbonisation to reduce carbon foot print and GHG emissions and Re-manufacturing to save energy and cost
- ▶ Implementation of Risk-based safety management - PHMP / HMP, SOPs, TARPs, ERP, AIMS

THANKS FOR LENDING YOUR EARS

XCENTRIC RIPPER- BLAST FREE OPEN CAST MINING OPERATIONS: Safety and Economic considerations



XR50 at Gevra project in SECL

INTRODUCTIONS

Xcentric Ripper is developed, patented and manufactured by M/s Xcentric Ripper International, S.L. in Spain

We, STM Construction Equipment, are representing Xcentric Ripper in South and Southeast Asia, including India

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Xcentric Ripper in Spain

- ❑ Founded in 1990 manufacturing buckets and quick-couplers
- ❑ First Xcentric Ripper delivered in 2009
- ❑ Current manufacturing volume: 300 units per year
- ❑ Germany, Finland, Spain, Canada, India were the biggest markets in 2021
- ❑ Current max capacity: 500 units per year



Xcentric Ripper in India

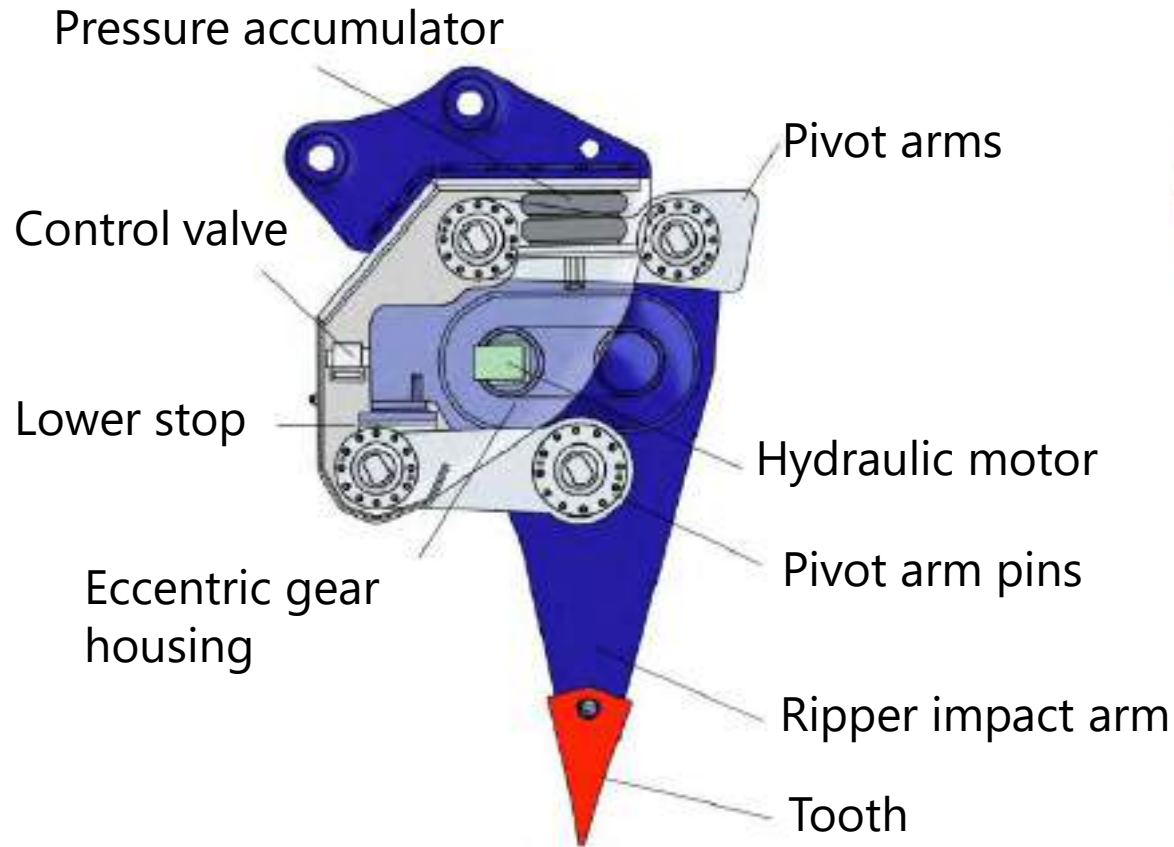
- First unit supplied in 2012
- Rippers deployed all over the country, incl. J&K, TN, Rajasthan, Orissa, Maharashtra, and Assam
- Head office in Navi Mumbai and staff in West Bengal, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu and Telangana
- A total of 70 rippers are working in India
 - ▣ 30 rippers in limestone
 - ▣ 10 rippers in coal mines
 - ▣ 08 rippers in iron ore mines
 - ▣ Remaining rippers in civil and other works
- Biggest client, Ramco Cement, 12 rippers, has gradually been phasing out Drill & Blast since 2013

What is an Xcentric Ripper?

- A new type of excavator attachment for overburden removal mining
- An alternative to costly and risky drilling & blasting
- Mounted on normal backhoe hydraulic excavators



Working principle

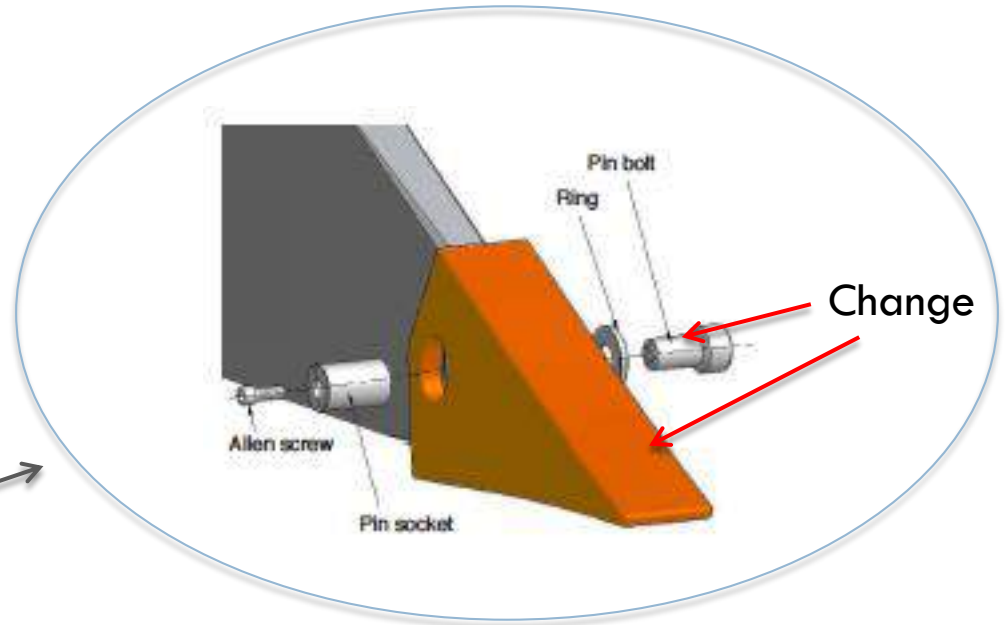
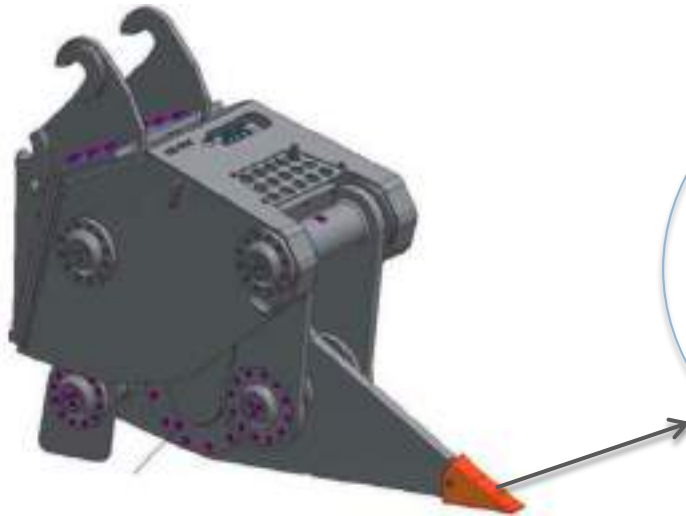


Xcentric Ripper product range



- 9 models in total – from 1 ton up to 13 ton
- Suitable for excavators from 7 ton up to 150 ton weight class
- Match the Xcentric Ripper model with base machine weight

Xcentric Ripper consumables



Only two consumables:

Tooth point: Change every 200 to 400 hours of operation

Tooth retaining pin : Change every 600 to 1000 hours

Xcentric Ripper maintenance



Daily inspection: check accumulator pressure, tooth, leaks, cracks or deformations



Every 250 hours: change hydraulic oil in eccentric gear housing



Every 250 hours: check grease level in pivot arm lubrication chambers

Advantages compared to Drill & Blast

Safety

- No risk of fly-rock or damage to nearby habitats
- Can work in fiery mines
- No risky secondary blasting required for boulders
- No environmental pollution

Versatility

- Can be used for trench cutting, boulder breaking & dressing of wall
- Can remove areas of OB & Coal where drill machine and surface miner cannot access

Precision

- Can remove inter band between coal seam without degrading quality of coal

Low noise & vibrations

- No noise and no vibration effect on underground mining operations



XR Productivity for some models

- XR120
 - ▣ 250-300 m³ / hour

OB: 1.5-2.0 million m³/year
Coal: 4.5-6.0 million ton/year

- XR50
 - ▣ 150-200 m³ / hour

OB: 1.0-1.3 million m³/year
Coal: 3.0-3.9 million ton/year

- XR40
 - ▣ 120-150 m³ / hour

OB: 0.8-1.0 million m³/year
Coal: 2.4-3.0 million ton/year

Note: Production is calculated on 20 hours per day for 330 days in a year. Coal being softer, the productivity increases by more than double than OB

Cost comparison for OB removal

- Xcentric Ripper vs. Drill & Blast

- CMPDI RI-2 made a cost analysis of Xcentric Ripper in Oct 2018 with the following results:
 - a) by Drill & Blast... Rs. 58/m³
 - b) by Xcentric Ripper... Rs. 56/m³ (includes cost of excavator)
- The cost analysis is based on a conservative productivity of 100 m³ per hour with Xcentric Ripper, while actual productivity is 150 m³ per hour, resulting in an actual cost of Rs. 38/m³
- SECL has awarded a contract in Nov 2021 for removal of 23.641 million m³ OB by Xcentric Ripper at Gevra project at Rs. 40.15/m³

Conclusion: Xcentric Ripper provides a saving of **Rs.18/m³** compared to Drill & Blast



Current price for most common models

- XR40: INR 75 lakh
- XR50: INR 100 lakh
- XR120: INR 250 lakh



Note: Above pricing is excluding of GST (18%) and transportation from Navi Mumbai.

XR in Coal India- OB Removal

- Coal India's current OB removal is **1344 million m³** per year
- Considering 1.5 million m³ p.a. per XR in mixed sizes, Coal India would require **900 units of Xcentric Ripper**
- With a supply rate of 200 units per year, Drill & Blast can be completely phased out in **4-5 years**
- **Potential savings:** Based on Rs.18 in savings per m³ in OB, the total annual savings may amount to over **Rs. 2,400 Crore p.a.** by switching from Drilling & Blasting to Xcentric Ripper in OB

Note: Similar savings can be achieved in open cast mining of **other minerals**

XR in Coal India – Coal Removal

- Coal production by Coal India is approx. **650 million ton p.a.**,
- Considering 4.5 million ton p.a. per XR in mixed sizes, Coal India would require **150 units of Xcentric Ripper** to phase out Drill & Blast completely
- **Potential savings:** Assuming similar savings as for OB (Rs.18 per m³), the total annual savings may amount to over **Rs. 700 Crore p.a.** by switching from Drilling & Blasting to Xcentric Ripper in coal.



Thank You!

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Hearty Welcome

To The Workshop on Technology Roadmap in Coal Sector

Introduction of Highwall Mining System and Its prospect in India

HIGHWALL MINER GHWM300M

“MADE IN INDIA”

AGENDA

❖ Highwall Mining Definition, Machine Features & Manufacturing

- Highwall Mining Definition & Benefits
- Highwall Mining Machine Construction, Variant & Team
- Highwall Mining Digitization Features
- Highwall Mining Internet Based Asset Monitoring

❖ Highwall Mining Operation

- Highwall Mining Technique
- What is needed for Highwall Mining
- What can Highwall Miner do
- Evaluation & Potential for HWM Sites

❖ Value Added Services

- Turnkey Projects
- HWM Training, Mine Survey & Asset Mapping



Milestones

1944

Tractors India incorporated. Representative for Caterpillar, USA, in Eastern India

1955

Tractors India goes public

1974-78

Distributorship for Caterpillar extends to Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan and Myanmar

1985

The name of the Company changes from Tractors India Ltd to TIL Limited

1994

50th year of TIL's corporate journey

2003

Initiates first Maintenance and Repair Contract (MARC) in India with Tata Steel (South Eastern Block)



2009

Inaugurates a state-of-the-art component rebuild centre in Asansol, West Bengal

2013

Acquisition of Bucyrus Business from Caterpillar

2016

Transition of TIPL to New Management

2017

TIPL Signed IP Licensing Agreement with Caterpillar for Manufacture, Sale & Service Highwall Miner for select Market

2018

Amalgamation of TIPL to GAINWELL COMMOSALES PRIVATE LIMITED

2019

GAINWELL set up state of the art manufacturing facility at Asansol, India

2021

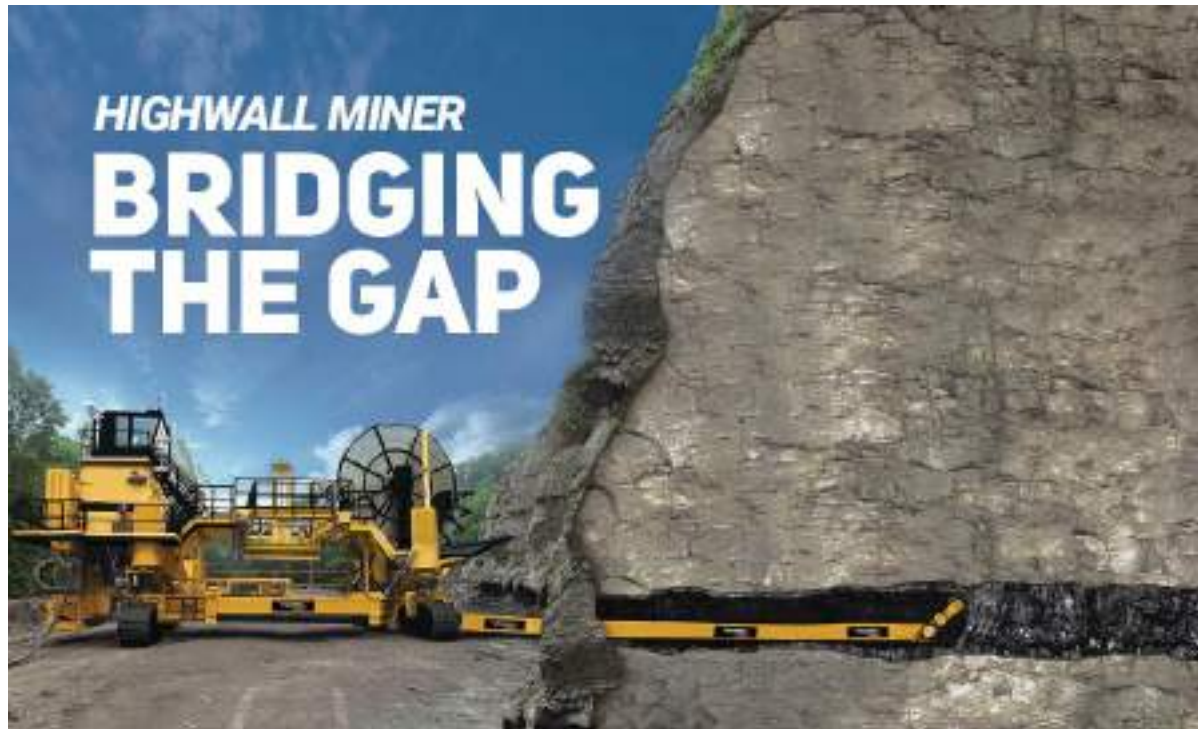
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HIGHWALL MINING

DEFINITION & BENEFITS

WHAT IS HIGHWALL MINING



Whether you're operating a trench, open cast or contour mine, the Gainwell highwall mining system can extract coal affordably and safely.

- **Open cast:** Highwall mining is used to mine coal from underneath the final highwall, when the strip limit is reached due to economic reasons or surface conditions.
- **Contour mining:** In a mountainous area, the Gainwell highwall mining system can follow a coal seam along the side of the hill.
- **Trench mining:** The unit mines coal from both sides of a purpose-prepared trench; this mining method is used when an open pit is not an option.

BENEFITS OF HIGHWALL MINING



- NO PERSONNEL GOING UNDERGROUND.
- AUTO FIRE DETECTION & SUPPRESSION (AFDSS)
- CCTV SYSTEM
- METHANE MONITORING



PRESERVATION OF
SOIL LAND, FORESTS
ON TOP



MINIMAL OR NO
IMPACT ON PEOPLE
& HABITAT
RESIDING ON TOP

BENEFITS OF HWM



PRECISION MINING
BY FULLY
AUTOMATIC
OPERATION WITH
GUIDANCE
CONTROL



HIGH OUTPUT PER MAN SHIFT (OMS)

- HWM OPERATOR – 1 no
- PUSHBEAM LOADER OPERATOR – 1 no
- COAL LOADER OPERATOR – 1 no
- GROUNDSMAN – 1 no.



- MINIMAL STARTUP INFRASTRUCTURE
- BOOST IN INDIA'S COAL PRODUCTION & MAKING INDIA SELF RELIANT
- LESS IMPORT, SAVINGS IN FOREX

**EXPLORING TRAPPED COAL WHICH CANNOT BE
EXTRACTED BY ANY OTHER MINING METHOD**

HIGHWALL MINING MACHINE

CONSTRUCTION, FUNCTION, VARIANTS & TEAM

CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWALL MINING



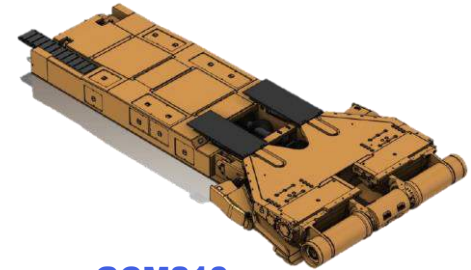
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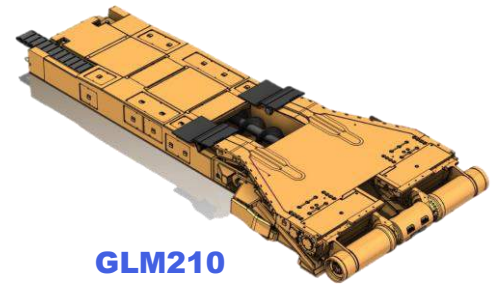


PUSHBEAMS

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**GCM210
LOW SEAM CUTTER MODULE**

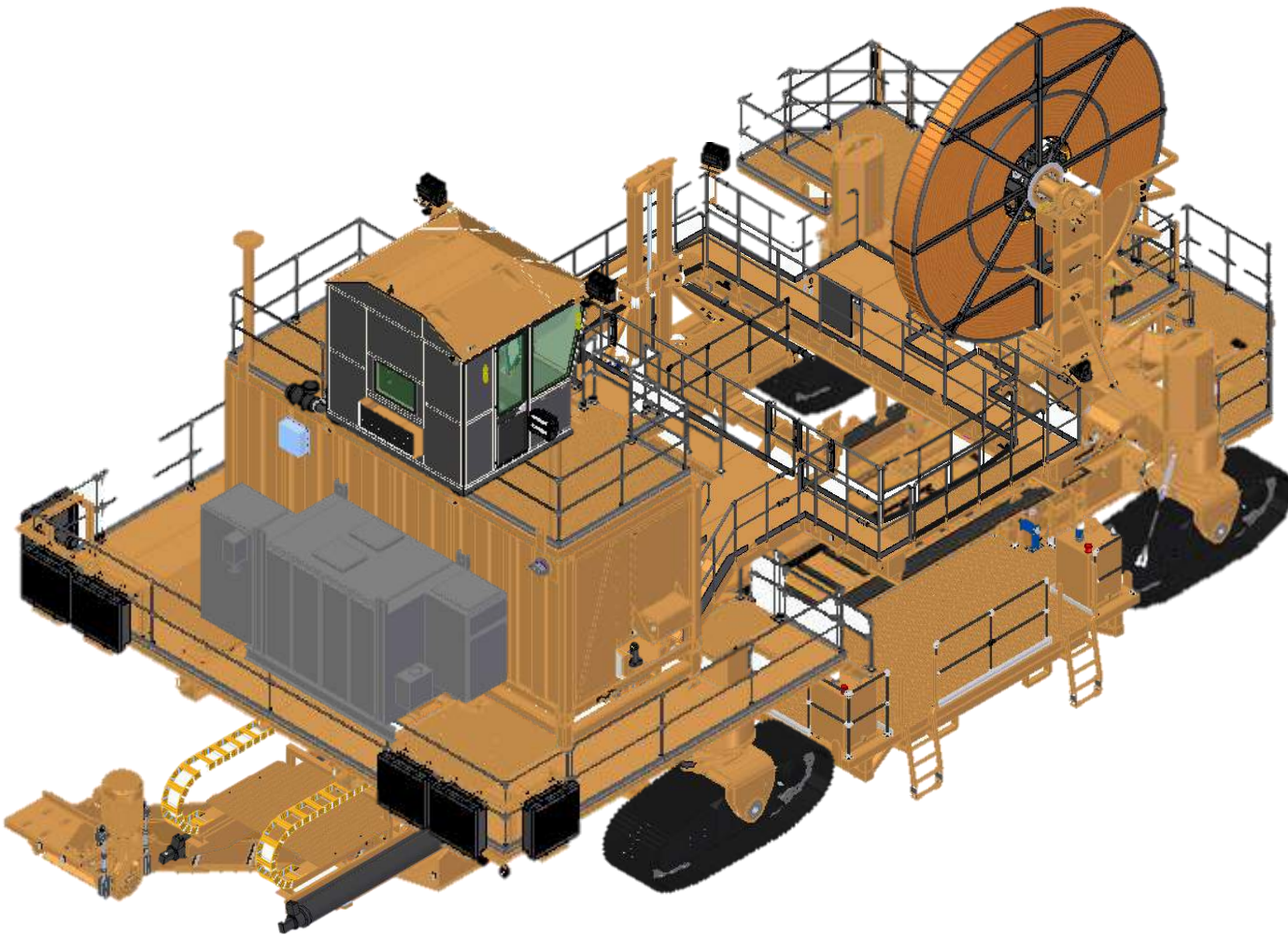


**GLM210
LOW-TO-MID SEAM CUTTER
MODULE**



**GHCM235
HIGH SEAM CUTTER MODULE**

BASE MINER – SUB ASSEMBLIES & FUNCTIONS



1.BASE FRAME

SUPPORTS WEIGHT OF THE MINER & CARRY COAL

2.REAR SUPER BEAM

SUPPORTS ECM BPM, SUBSTATION, OP CAB & CARRY TRACKS

3.FRONT SUPER BEAM

SUPPORTS HOSE REEL & CARRY TRACKS

4.STORAGE RACK

GREASE & OIL STORAGE

5.POWER HEAD

SUMPING & RETRACTION

6.STRAIGHT DISCHARGE

CONVEY COAL & DISCHARGE

7.BPM CATWALK

WALKWAY FOR ECM BPM & SS

8.PTM II

LOAD PUSHBEAMS INTO POWERHEAD DURING MINING & VICE VERSA

9.ECM BPM

SWITCHGEAR & HYDRAULIC POWER PACK ROOM

10.SUBSTATION

PRIMARY SWITCHGEAR & STEP DOWN TRANSFORMER

11.CAB CATWALK

WALKWAY AROUND OP CABIN

12.OPERATOR CABIN

MINER OPERATION CONTROL


13.FRONT CATWALK

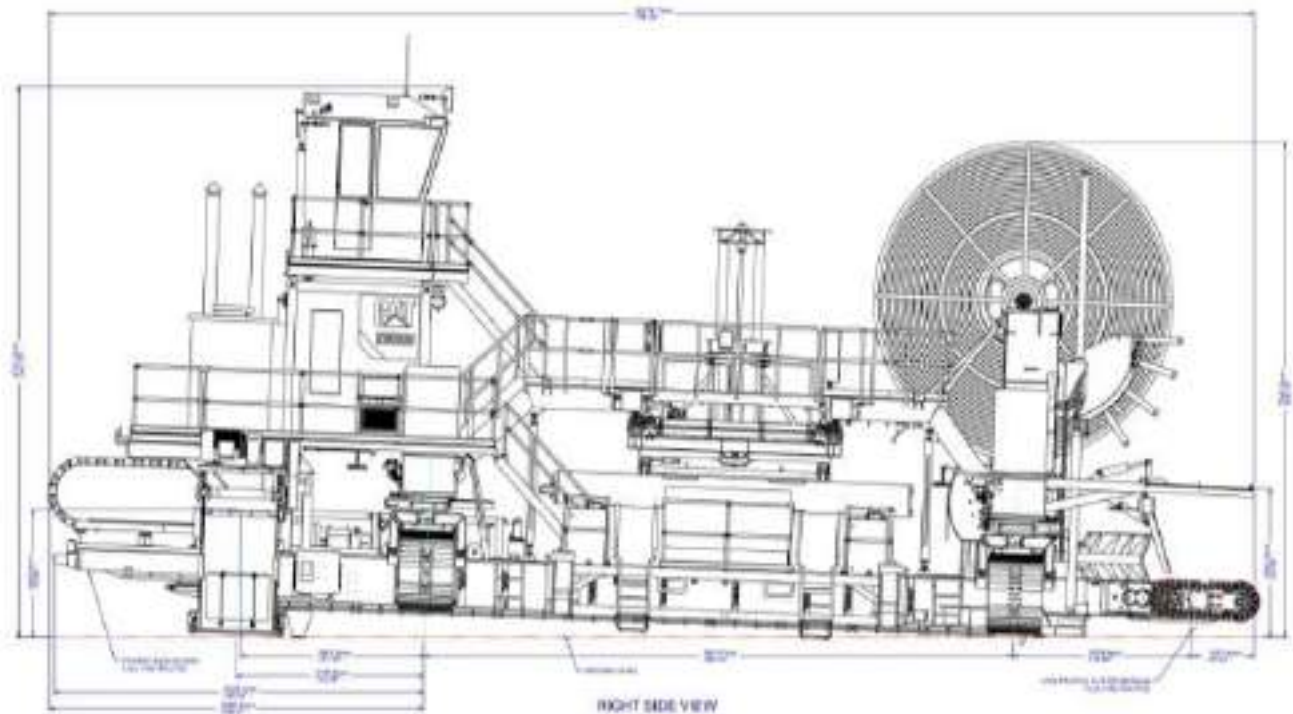
WALKWAY AROUND HOSE REEL

14.HOSE REEL

WIND & UNWIND CABLES & HOSES RUNNING UPTO CUTTER MODULE DURING RETRACTION & MINING

DIMENSION OF HIGHWALL MINER

- **Length (base)**
 - **55.3 ft. (16.6 m)**
 - **Width (base)**
 - **33.6 ft. (10 m)**
 - **Height**
 - **28.0 ft. (8.4 m)**
 - **System weight**
 - **496,040 lb. (225,000 kg)**
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- A technical drawing of the system, showing a side view of the structure. It includes a large rectangular base, a curved section, and various mechanical components. Dimensions are indicated with lines and arrows, corresponding to the values listed in the text. The drawing is a line art illustration.



PUSHBEAM

- Pushing/pulling cutter module
- Conveying coal
- Sturdy, simple, two moving parts only
- Enclosed, no external ash
- Low ground pressure
- Protect cables/hoses, coupled to a string
- Horizontally rigid — straight drives
- Vertically hinged — follow seam undulations
- Push beam length 20 ft. (6.1 m)
- Push beam weight 12,400 lb. (5,624 kg)
- 54 push beams per miner



GAINWELL HIGHWALL MINER & CUTTER MODULE

- ❖ Four interchangeable cutter modules produces versatility
 - GCM210 Range- Height: 0.9–1.7m; Width: 3505mm
 - GLM210 Range- Height: 1.0– 3.1m; Width: 3505mm
 - GMCM235 Range- Height: 1.2–3.1m; Width: 3505mm
 - GHCM235 Range- Height: 2.4–4.5m; Width: 3505mm
- ❖ Max. Penetration 305m
- ❖ CM's equipped with Navigation and Steering – Maintain Heading
- ❖ Max. Conveyance Rate 1000 TPH
- ❖ Highly maneuverable Base Unit
- ❖ Machine Controlled through Touch Screen and PLC System
- ❖ Manufactured in India
- ❖ Engineering and Support Staff based in India
- ❖ HWM can be operated by mobile Generator Power (2000 kVA)

Photograph of Gainwell Manufactured Machine at Asansol Facility



STRONG & EXPERIENCED TEAM



Head Highwall Project “made in India”

Paul Mulley is currently responsible for complete operations of Highwall mining business in terms of design manufacturing sales and aftersales internationally. Has extensive experience of over 40 years in mining equipment and Mining operations at the coal face. A Mechanical Engineer by Profession educated in the UK. A seasoned veteran of the Global Coal business and managed the entire Room and Pillar and Highwall Equipment Management inc. Sales, Design, Manufacturing and aftermarket customer care in Caterpillar



Head of Engineering & Technical Advisor Highwall Miner

Stewart L. Myers has a BS in Mechanical Engineering and has worked in the coal mining industry for over 38 years. 25 Years of his career has been devoted to the design, development, manufacture, maintenance sales and operation of Highwall mining systems globally.



Head of Design Highwall Miner

Robert E. Henry, Jr. is a Mechanical Engineer with over 38 years of experience in the design of coal mining and coal processing equipment. He has more than 14 years of experience working with the Highwall Mining System



Head of Technical Training & Maintenance Highwall Miner

David S Spooner. Has 30+ years in the maintenance field with experience in construction, military & Mining equipment. He has spent past 11 years in Mining industry working on Highwall mining system.



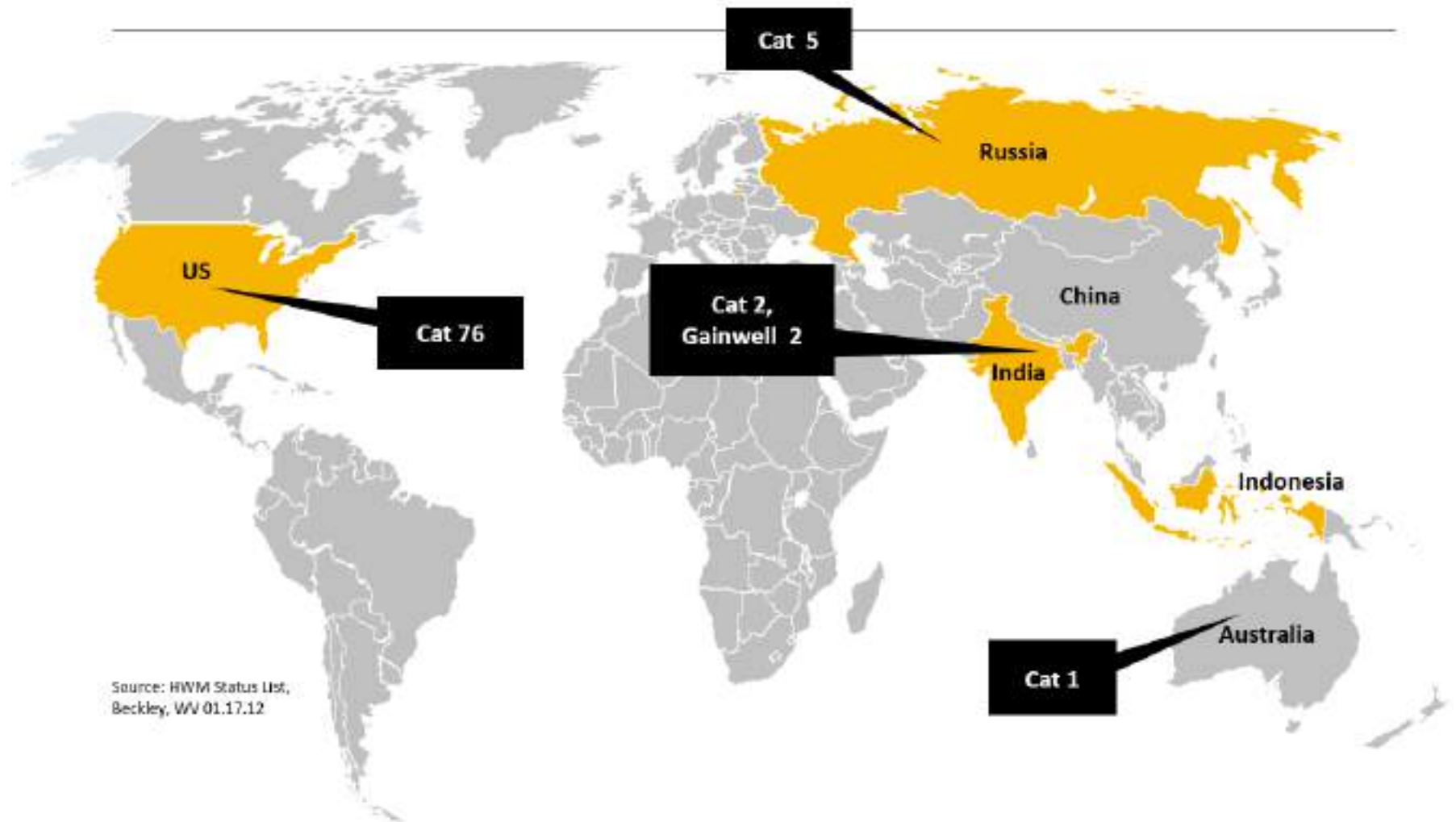
Head of Manufacturing Highwall Miner

Jayanta Bhattacharya is currently leading the manufacturing operations of Highwall Miner. A Mechanical Engineer by profession who has got 24+ years of experience in Mining, Construction & Power Gen Industry. He worked both in Manufacturing & After market operations.

HWM MANUFACTURED IN INDIA

- Sept 2017 Licensed from CAT to manufacture the Highwall product
- The Highwall team in CAT is now working for Gainwell India.
- Only dealer in the world to manufacture Highwall and allowed to sell anywhere in the world
- New dedicated facility built in Asansol for the Highwall manufacturing
- Supplier base to be moved to India (*as of today we are approx. 70% there*)
- **First machine** manufactured and delivered to **SECL-SARDA** Highwall Mining Project in **Jan 2019**.
- **2nd Machine** manufactured & supplied to **Tata Steel-West Bokaro** project in **Nov'20**.
- **3rd Machine** is ready at factory to be deployed to **ECL-Sripur Nimcha** Project in **March 2022**.

INSTALLED BASE



HIGHWALL MINER

DIGITIZATION FEATURES

HIGHWALL MINER – SAFETY FEATURES



**METHANE
MONITORING**

SAFETY FEATURES

- FAIL SAFE OPERATION
- CONTINUOUS CH₄ MONITORING
- MINER OPERATION STOPPED IN CASE OF COMMUNICATION LOSS
- CUTTER MODULE POWER SUPPLY WITHDRAWN IN CASE OF COMMUNICATION LOSS

SAFETY FEATURES

- PREVENTS CUTTER OPERATION WITHOUT WATER SPRAY
- ELIMINATES POSSIBILITY OF SPARKING FROM CUTTING FACE



**WATER
SPRAY
INTERLOCK**

HWM SAFETY INTERLOCKS



AFDSS

SAFETY FEATURES

- FAIL SAFE OPERATION
- ZONE-WISE MONITORING
- BOTH AUTOMATIC & MANUAL ACTUATION IN CASE OF FIRE
- MAIN POWER CUT OFF IN CASE FIRE DETECTED

SAFETY FEATURES

- FAIL SAFE OPERATION
- DRIVE POWER SUPPLY CUT-OFF IN CASE OF ACTUATION
- OPERATOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT MUST AFTER RESTORATION



**ESTOP
NETWORK**

HIGHWALL MINER – DIGITIZATION FEATURES



ADVANTAGES

- SUPERVISION
- REAL TIME PROCESS DATA
- OPTIONAL BYPASS

INSTRUMENTATION HOOKUP



TOUCH SCREEN HMI

ADVANTAGES

- FULLY AUTOMATIC MINING



ASSET MONITORING

ADVANTAGES

- LESS WEAR OF CHAIN
- LESS WEAR OF ASSOCIATED DRIVE PARTS
- COST SAVINGS
- HIGHER AVAILABILITY



BF CHAIN TENSION CONTROL (NEW ADDITION)



OIL HEALTH MONITORING (NEW ADDITION)

SOFTWARE & INTERLOCKS ARE DEVELOPED ON SIEMENS TIA PORTAL

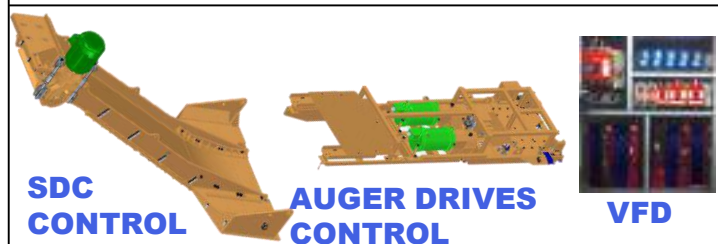


MOBILE APP BASED CONTROL

- EASE DURING TRAMMING

ADVANTAGES

- BETTER CONTROL
- LESS SHOCK, HIGHER LIFE
- SUPERVISION & PROTECTION



SDC CONTROL

AUGER DRIVES CONTROL



VFD



SIEMENS S7-1500 ORIENTED DIGITIZATION

ADVANTAGES

- STATUS MONITORING
- SECONDARY LOGIC PREPARATION e.g. RUNHOUR



HV SWITCHGEAR HOOKUP



VFD

ADVANTAGES

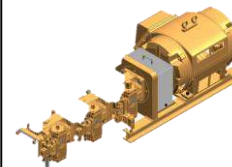
- INSTANT POWER WITHDRAWAL IN CASE OF FIRE
- SUPERVISION
- TEST & ISOLATION FEATURES
- FULLY AUTOMATIC



AFDSS INTERLOCK (BY GCPL)

ADVANTAGES

- REAL TIME MONITORING
- OPERATIONAL ERRORS CAPTURE



BPM PUMP CONTROL (NEW ADDITION)



LIVE CCTV FEED (NEW ADDITION)



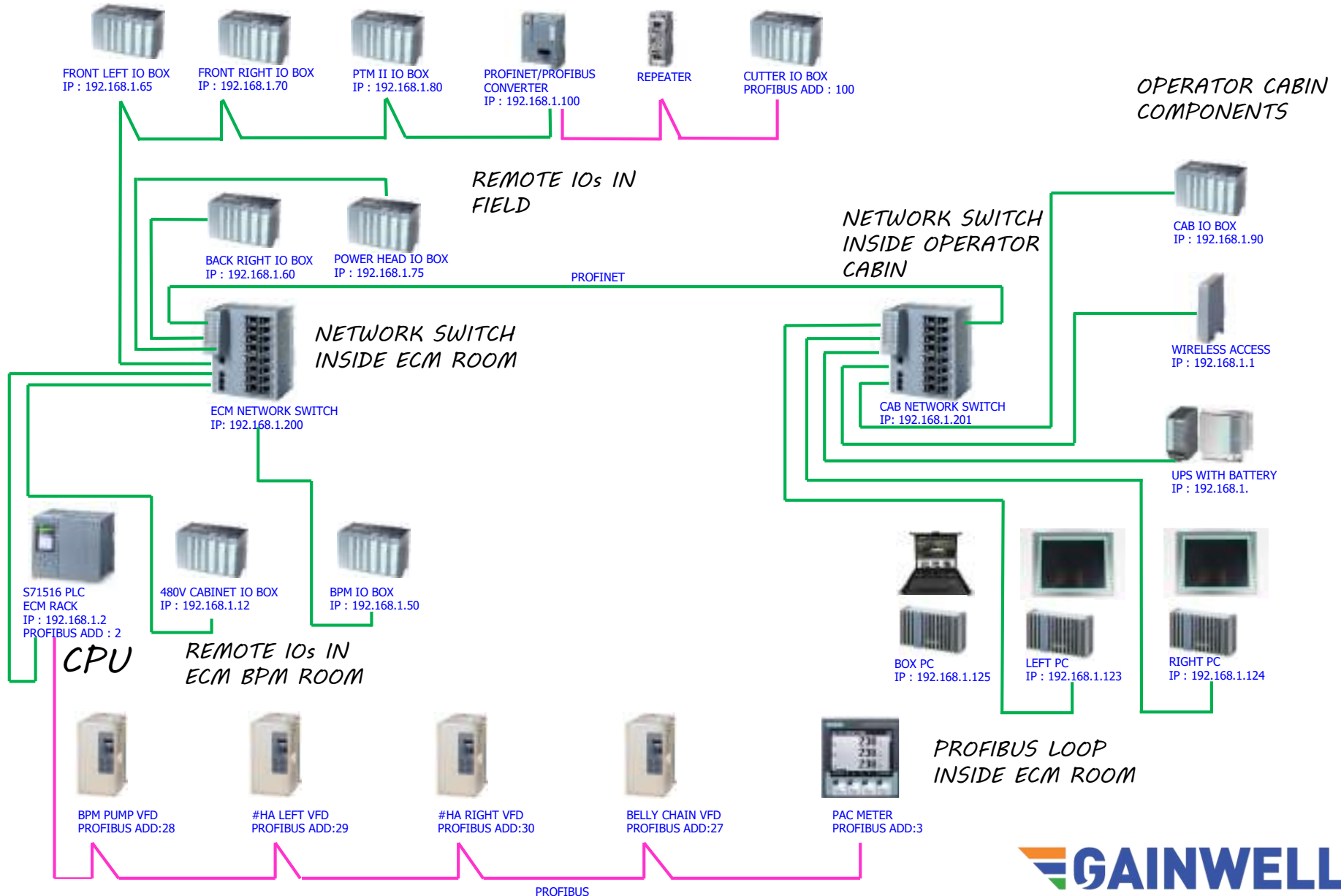
HOSE REEL TENSION CONTROL



NAVIGATION CONTROL



HIGHWALL MINER – AUTOMATION CONFIGURATION



HIGHWALL MINER

INTERNET BASED ASSET MONITORING

ASSET MONITORING – WHY & HOW

FIELD EXPERIENCE & CHALLENGES FROM RUNNING FLEET TILL 2020

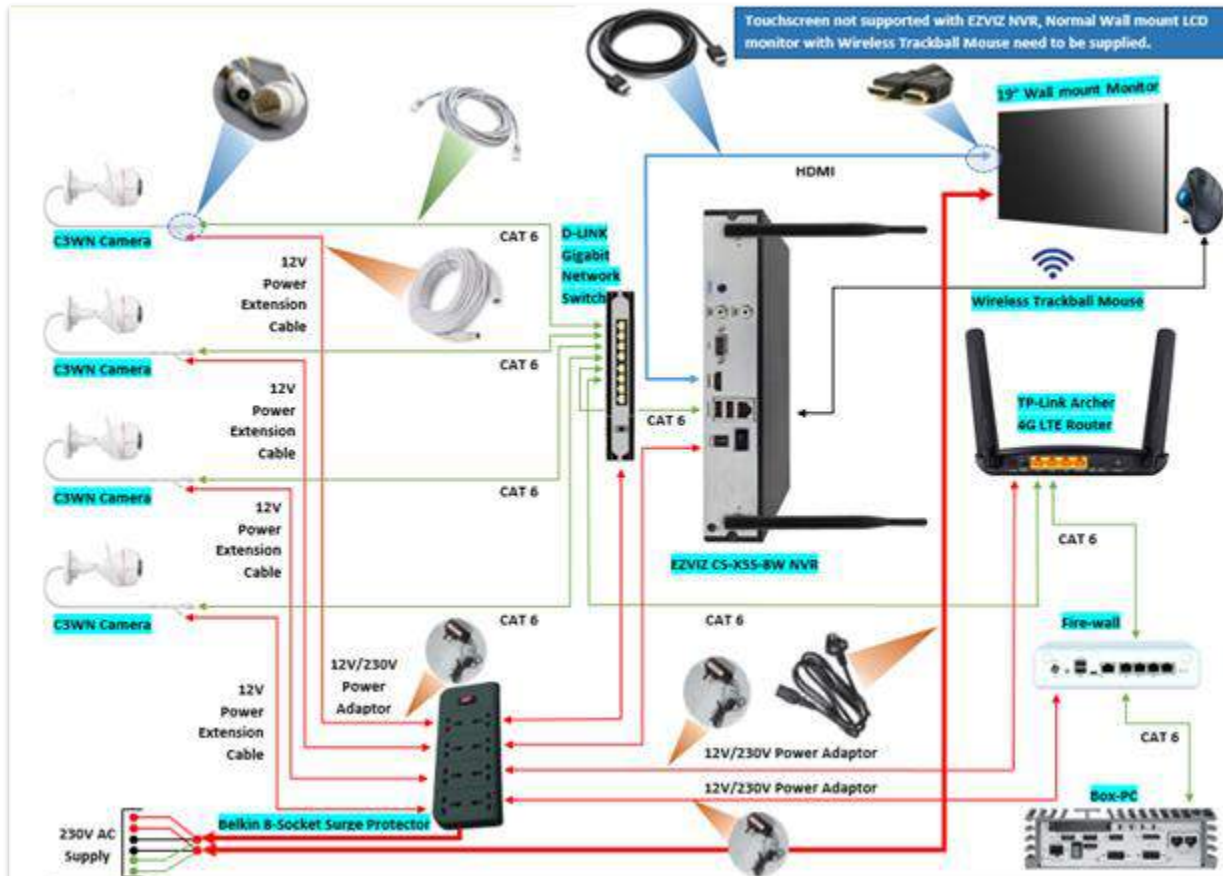
- WRONG OPERATION
- IMPROPER MAINTENANCE
- LACK OF DATABASE

SOLUTIONS INTRODUCED FROM DEC 2020

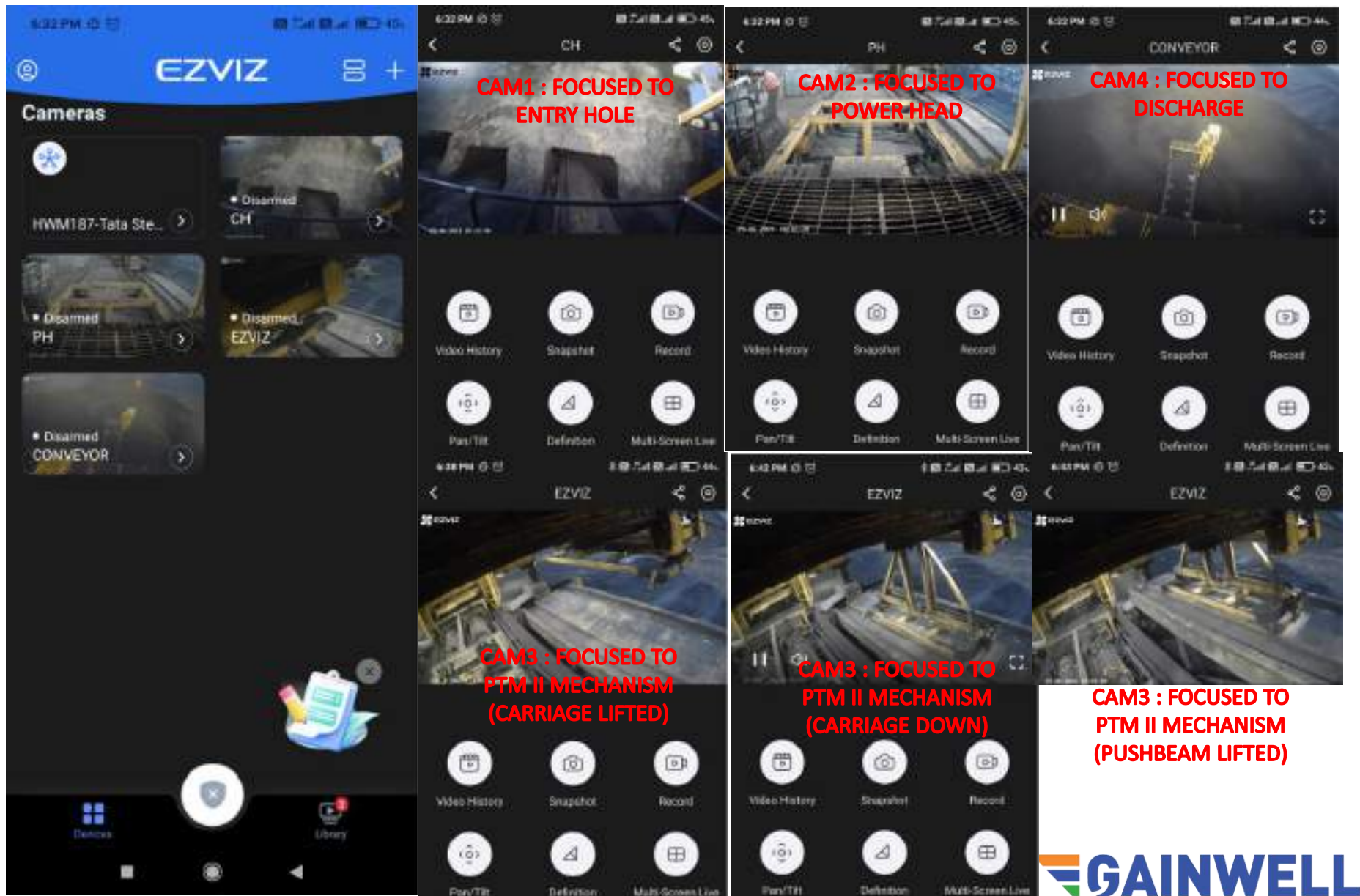
- REAL TIME PROCESS PARAMETER MONITORING
- ALARMS
- HISTORICAL DATA ANALYSIS
- LIVE VIDEO FEED

BENEFITS OF ASSET MONITORING

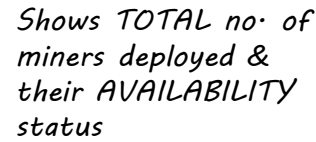
- OP ASSISTANCE
- FAILURE ANALYSIS
- PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE
- HEALTH MONITORING
- HIGHER AVAILABILITY



ASSET MONITORING - CCTV FEED

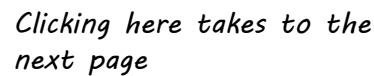


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Shows if any miner is
- under
MAINTENANCE

Shows TODAY's
ON/OFF/IDLE/ALERT status
of miners



HIGHWALL MINER

MINING & OPERATION

HIGHWALL MINING TECHNIQUE

- Highwall Mining development started in the late 1970's in the US.
- The purpose was to extract coal that could not be mined economically by Underground or Open Cast Mining.
- In Eastern US, HWM was used primarily with contour and mountaintop open cast mines.
- Production is dependent on many factors, seam height is the primary factor.
- Consistent Monthly Production ranges from 40K Tonnes in low seams to 100K Tonnes for High Seams.



WHAT IS NEEDED FOR HIGHWALL MINING

- Exposed coal seam
- Competent immediate overburden
- If overburden is not competent, coal may be left as roof
- Coal seams dipping from +5 to -12 degrees is ideal for Highwall Mining, however coal seams +8 to -20 degrees can also be mined with specialized technique
- Relative flat seams, no faults
- Minimum Coal Seam thickness 1m & above



WHAT CAN HIGHWALL MINER DO

- Typical coal reserve recovery of 50 to 70% depending on geological conditions
- Mines coal from exposed coal seams when economical surface mining limits are reached
- Mines parallel entries to a depth of 1000 feet (300 m) without personnel working underground
- Flexible System — can mine multiple seam heights



EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL HWM SITES

- **Greenfield Project:**
 - Maximum reserve has +/- 300m cut depth
 - Minimum Seam thickness 1m
 - Minimum extractable coal reserve 1.0 – 1.5 million
- **Existing Open Cast Mine:**
 - Minimum Highwall Miner Machine available 500m
 - Minimum Seam thickness 1m
 - Minimum extractable coal reserve 1.0 – 1.5 million

VALUE ADDED SERVICES

1ST TURNKEY PROJECT UNDERTAKE BY GAINWELL AT TATA STEEL-WEST BOKARO COLLIERY

- ❖ Project commenced in **Dec'2020**
 - ❖ In first **APP** we have produced more than **6.0 Lakh Ton**
 - ❖ Average Seam thickness we have operated there **1.0m to 1.5m with Low Seam Cutter Module and 3.5m to 4.5m with High Seam Cutter Module**
 - ❖ Team Size - **32**
 - ❖ Average Production Rate is **100T/hour with Low Seam Cutter Module and 225T/Hour with High Seam Cutter Module**
 - ❖ Highest Production achieved **125T/hour in Low Seam Condition and 275T/Hour in High Seam condition**
- **We will commence our 2nd project at ECL- Narayankuri by Q3'2022.**

Tata Steel - West Bokaro – Operational Highlights

- APP Target – 0.60 Million Tonne
- Production Achievement – 0.62 Million Tonne (expected)
- Highest Production in a Month – 77,027t
- Average Production/month – 40,000t (Low Seam) and 65,000t (High Seam)
- Highest Production in a Day – 5130t
- Highest seam cut by GHCM235 – 5.4m with DOP 286m

First Cut – 4.2m

Second cut – 1.2m



HWM TRAINING, MINE SURVEY & ASSET MONITORING

- We have the literature and the people to train.
- We have access to experienced operators in the USA to assist in training new operators here in India.
- We have a new Training facility in Asansol to provide the quality computer based training
- Simulator for Highwall to be installed in Asansol
- We provide quality training for our internal employees as well as customers.
- We have subject matter expert for exploring our HWM Asset.
- We can extend Mine Survey Expertise to identify Highwall Mining Property for all customers.

We can provide end to end solutions from mine survey, asset finalization, machine manufacturing, machine maintenance & repair, machine operation and production contract.



Comments and/or
Questions



JHANJRA – SUCCESS STORY A WAYPOST IN UG COAL MINING





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The Largest Mechanized Underground Coal Producing Mine of India

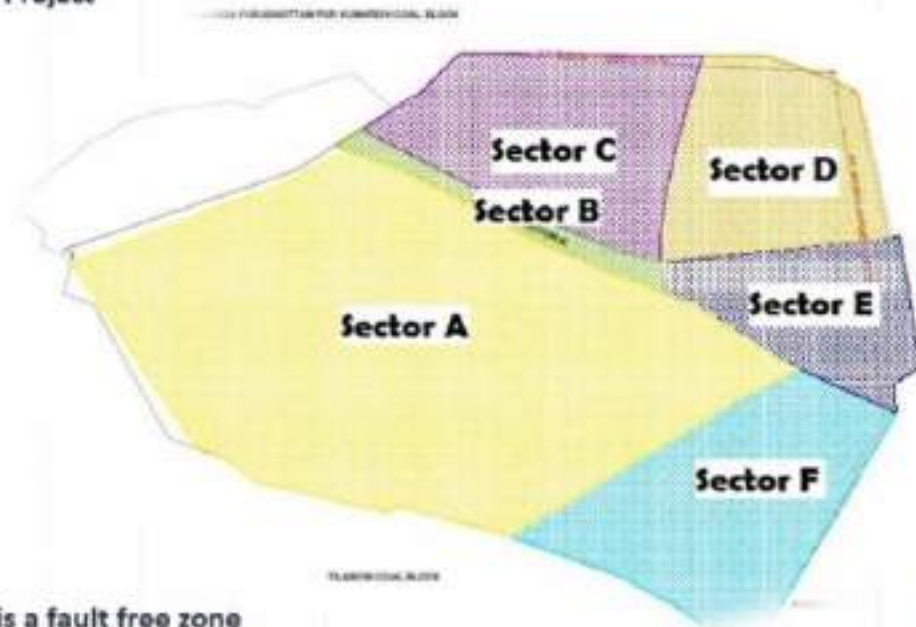
A. K. Sharma
Area General Manager
Jhanjra Area housing Jhanjra Project Colliery
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.
(A subsidiary of Coal India Ltd.)





Mine Introduction

- Jhanjra Project Colliery is the largest Coal producing Underground Mine in India.
- Jhanjra Project Colliery is the highest Profit making Underground Coal Mine in India.
- Total 8 workable seams of different thickness are present at Jhanjra Project Colliery, out of which 4 seam are being extracted presently.
- The realized grade of R7, R7A, R6 and R-5 seam are G5 (Presently workable seams)
- Coal of this grade has high demand for power utilities and sectors other than power utilities.
- Jhanjra UG Mine is a Single Mine with two operating units namely Main Industrial Complex Unit and 3&4 Incline Unit
- The total block area of Jhanjra Project Colliery has been divided into 6 different sectors.
- The Longwall Package has been deployed at Sector A. This sector is a fault free zone and most suitable for Longwall Operation.
- Presently Average Daily production of the Mine is more than 10000 tonnes per day





Workable seams at Jhanjra Project Colliery, ECL

R-VIII SEAM
PARTING
R-VII SEAM
PARTING
R-VIIA SEAM
PARTING
R-VI SEAM
PARTING
R-V SEAM
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R-IV SEAM
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R-III SEAM
PARTING
R-II SEAM

Current Workings

R-VII Seam
(1.5 m – 3.5 m)



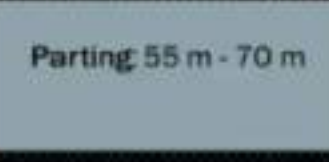
Parting: 25 m - 35 m



R-VIIA Seam
(1.5 m – 3.0 m)



Parting: 55 m - 70 m



R-VI Seam
(3.0 m – 5.0 m)



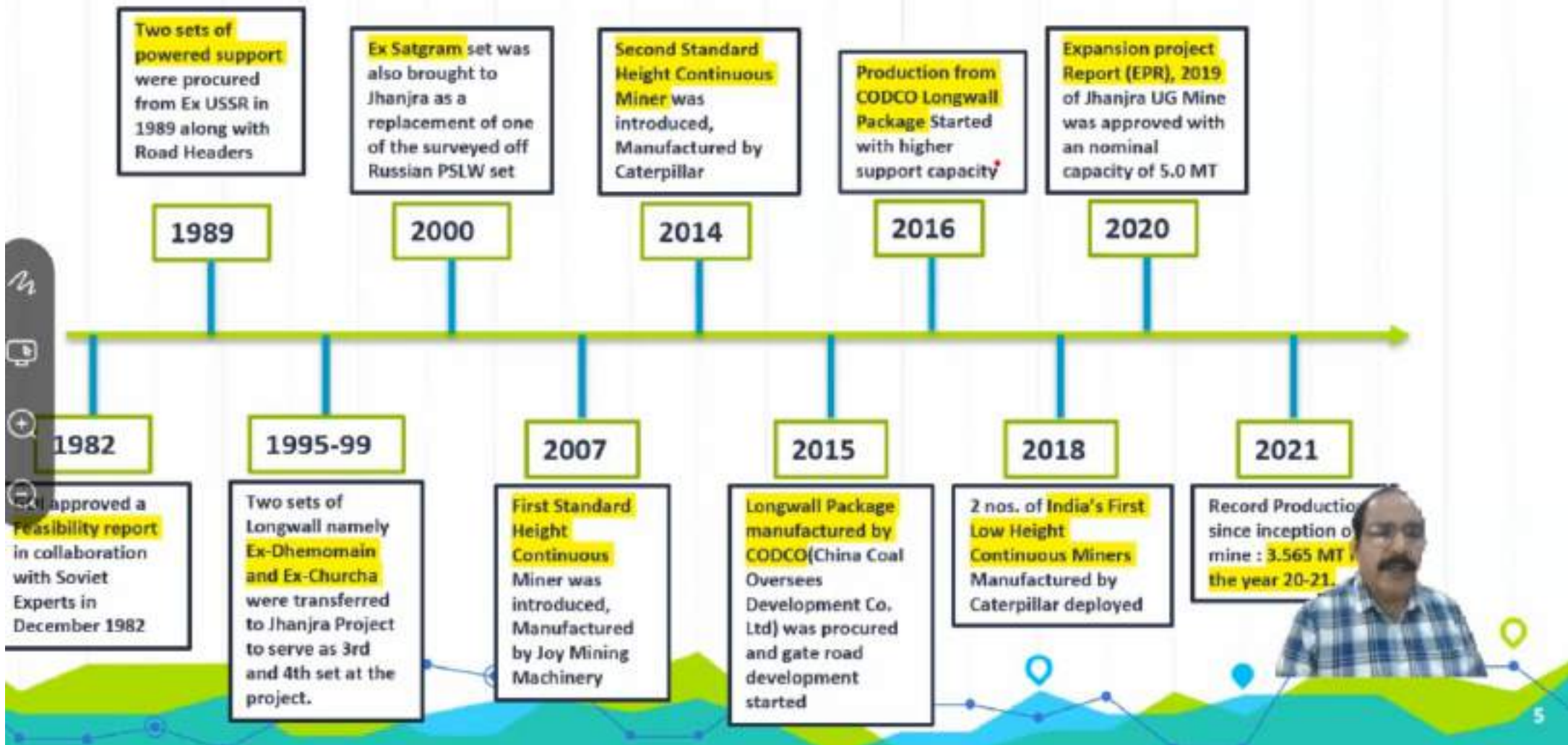
Parting: 25 m - 35 m



R-V Seam
(4.5 m – 6.0 m)



Brief History of Mechanization at Jhanjra



Journey of Underground Mechanization in India

For mechanized mass production through UG, prevailing technologies adopted till now in Indian mines are:

- Powered Support Longwall Technology – 3 nos.
- Continuous Miner Technology (Board/Room & Pillar) – 25 nos. and few under commissioning
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UG Mass Production Technologies

- Longwall Equipment
- Road Header Equipment for development of Longwall Gate Road ways
- Standard Height Continuous Miner with Bord and Pillar
- Low Height Continuous Miner with Bord and Pillar Technology for thin seams



OUT OF THESE MASS PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGIES, THE LONGWALL MINING IS THE SAFEST AND MOST ECONOMICAL TECHNOLOGY FOR COAL EXTRACTION



MASS Production Technologies at Jhanjra Project Colliery, ECL

Longwall Package

Make: CODCO

Capacity of Power Supports:
1100 tonnes

Shearer dia: 2.8m

Web Depth: 0.8m

Max. Cutting Height: 5.5m

Standard Height Continuous Miner-1

Make: Joy Mining Machinery

Cutting Height: 2.16m-4.6m

Cutting Width: 3.3m

Cutting Drum Dia: 1.12m

Standard Height Continuous Miner-2

Make: Caterpillar

Cutting Height: 2.16m-4.62m

Cutting Width: 3.5m

Cutting Drum Dia: 1.16m

Two Nos of Low Height Continuous Miner-2

Make: Caterpillar

Cutting Height: 1.27m-2.54m

Cutting Width: 3.5m

Cutting Drum Dia: 1.11m



Equipments for Man and Material Transport

MUV CL210



MUV SH660



MUV CL215



Drift Runner



Trailer for Carrying LW Power Support SH-150D



Operational Video: Longwall



Prerequisites for Deployment of Longwall

- The Coal Property should be fault free and free of Stone or shale bands and length of Panels shall be at least 1-2 km long for maximizing the Productivity.
- Minor Geological disturbances can also be tackled
- Relatively flat lying seam.
- The hardness of Coal is desirable between 15Mpa-22Mpa for efficient Cutting.
- Cavable roof: Roof is desirable to be moderate to difficult cavaible (Cavability Index: 4000-6000)
- Efficient and Scientifically designed equipment to be deployed.



Prerequisites for Deployment of Continuous Miner

- Sufficient Coal Reserves
- Varying Seam Inclination
- The hardness of Coal should be between 15Mpa-22Mpa for efficient Cutting.
- Cavable roof: Roof must be moderate to difficult to cave
- Uniform Thickness of the coal seam
- Efficient and Scientifically designed equipment to be deployed.



Advantages of Deployment of Longwall & CM

- High Recovery of coal
- Lower Operating cost per tonne
- Also applicable under weak roof conditions
- Minimal Manual Handling
- Simplified Ventilation Network
- Maximize safety of Machine and Manpower
- Also Suitable for higher seam thickness
- Higher and Faster Return on Investment





Comparisons Between Longwall and Continuous Miner

Sr. No	Parameter	Longwall	Continuous Miner
1.	Percentage Extraction of Coal	More than 95%	Around 80%
2.	Capital Investment	Relatively Higher	Relatively Lower
3.	Geology	Completely Fault free and Geological Disturbance free area required	Some geological Disturbances may be tackled
4.	Coal Production	9000-10000 Tonnes per day	2000-3000 Tonnes per day
5.	Production Cost Per tonne	Comparatively Less	Comparatively More
6.	Ventilation	Simple Ventilation Network	Comparatively Complex Ventilation Network

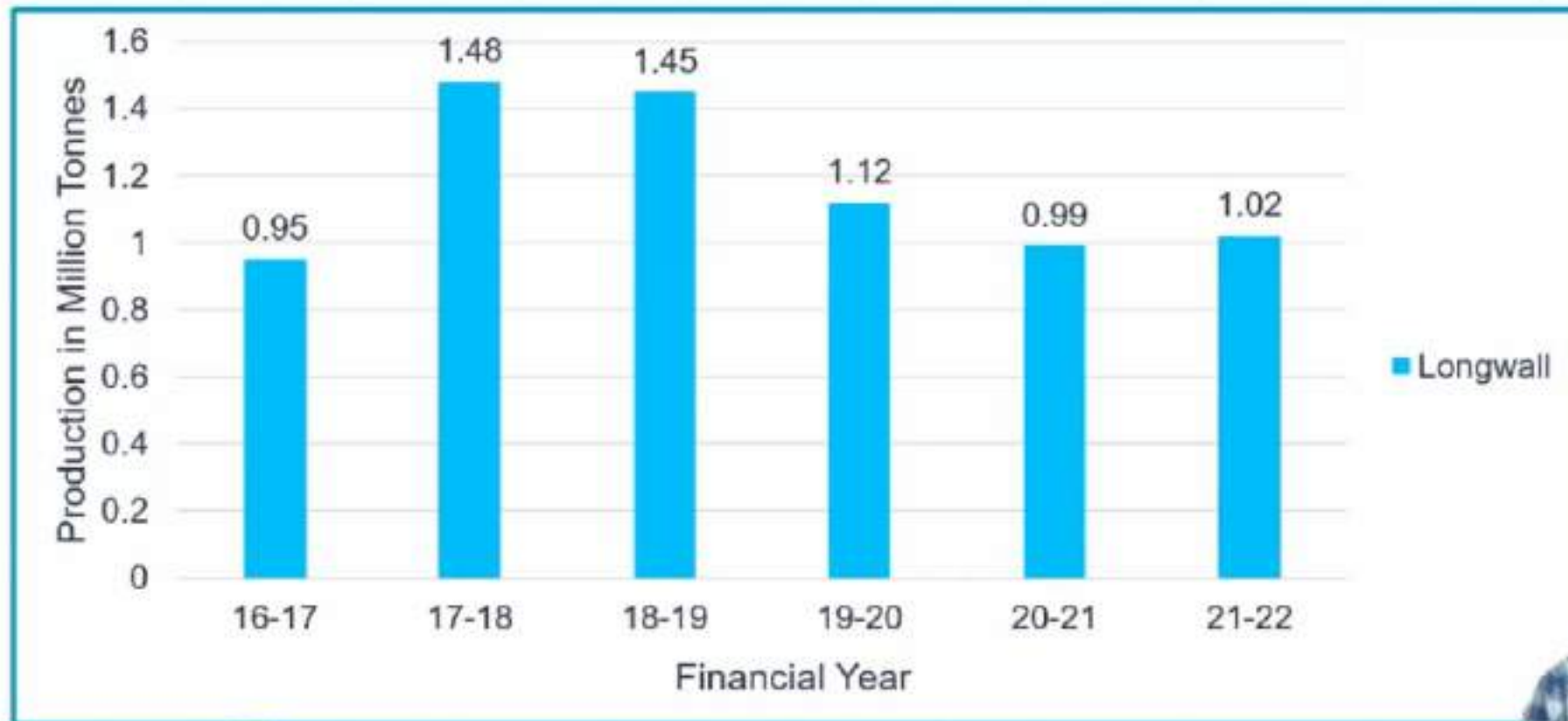


Success story of Longwall at Jhanjra

- The coal property at Jhanjra in Sector-A is most suitable for longwall operation and is free from any geological disturbances.
- Hardness of Coal is around 15 Mpa due to which efficient cutting is possible
- Even though different packages which failed at different mines were deployed at Jhanjra (Dhemomain, Churcha and Satgram) these packages proved successful at Jhanjra. 23 longwall panels were successfully extracted with the help of these packages.
- Thickness of the coal seam is up to 5.5m which results in more coal production per cycle.
- Coal seam with a gradient of 1 in 16 which is very much suitable for Longwall Mining.
- Easily cavable and moderately cavable roof characteristics hence no cavability issues while excavation.



Production figures of Longwall





Production figures of Jhanjra Standard Height Continuous Miners



Major Overhauling:
CM-1: April'19-May'19
CM-2: May'18-Aug'18

PRODUCTION (IN MILLION TONNES)





A Brief of Expansion Project Report, 2019

CIL Board approved additional capital of 1922 crores for EPR, 2022



2 nos. of Standard Height Continuous Miner



High Capacity Powered Support Longwall with RH



2 nos. of Low Height Continuous Miner



FSVs & MUVs



5.0 MTe



Conclusion

- Underground Mining contributes only 5-6% of the total production but it has to be augmented to sustain in the near future.
- Similar UG Mega Mechanized Projects , like Jhanjra being the most successful mega UG Project, may be planned for future sustainable growth in line with international standards .
- Presently there are only 3 sets of Longwall operating in India but the number of Longwall packages operational has to be increased after proper geotechnical investigation and feasibility. Longwall gives the highest IRR amongst all mining technologies with highest OMS in UG Mining.
- Longwall & CM Packages may be deployed at all coal properties which are Free from Geological disturbances, Adequate Hardness of Coal, Easy to difficult cavable roof and Sufficient geological reserve to augment production from UG.
- Adding to planning of Mega UG mines, indigenous manufacturing of Mass Producing Equipment's in India may also be sought after.
- It is a step to achieve our dream of producing 5.0 MT of coal per annum from Jhanjra, a step towards achieving the vision of Coal India Limited of producing 1 billion tons of coal





***CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF
HIGH CAPACITY LONGWALL PROJECT AT ADRIYALA
EXPERIENCE's***

THE SINGARENI COLLIERIES COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government Company)

Lessons from earlier LW's in SCCL

- In adequate Exploration data – mostly concentrated on coal seams and immediate roof and floor (as that would be enough for manual mining & OC mines)
- No detailed information on interburden strata (up to 100 - 200m above) and limited understanding of its role on longwall supports/ caving
- Traditional roof supporting practices – cement capsules, girders, ..etc
- Extensive issues with outbye systems and logistics
- Inadequate ventilation
- Very low roadway development rates
- Flawed equipment selection with inadequate rating of supports, shearer and coal clearance systems.

To Finalize Mine Design by eliminating earlier problems, SCCL appointed Technical Consultants:

1. M/s **CSIRO**, Australia entered in to Collaborative research agreement with SCCL - for detailed geo-tech studies, Support capacity estimation and finalisation of tech.specification for modern high capacity LW s in SCCL.
2. Mr. **Andy Rutherford**, Australia for formulating Specifications, testing, drawings and commissioning of LW project.
3. Mr. **Russell Firth**, Australia, as a Geo-Technical Studies.
4. Additionally various Indian Institutes assisted in scientific studies and investigations.
5. A team of **senior officers of Singareni visited Australia and inspected various high productive LW Mines** and Mines with access/operation through Punch Entries in the highwall of Opencast Mines.
6. Subsequently, various internal meetings were conducted to deliberate:

The technological changes which had taken place around the world such as Length of LW face, Width of LW face, Modernization of Equipment, face automation as explained by Consultants

The success level of 250m conventional LW faces etc.

Recommendations on Mine design

❖ Equipment specifications

- ❑ 1 set of high-capacity Longwall equipment for thick seams viz. 1 seam, 3 seam, 4 seam of Adriyala

❖ Entries

- ❑ **Punch entries** as mode of entry on southern side of the boundary to have Longer panels,
- ❑ **Separate entries** to the Mine workings for coal evacuation

❖ Panel lengths - greater than 2 km

❖ Longwall Face - 250m instead of 150m.

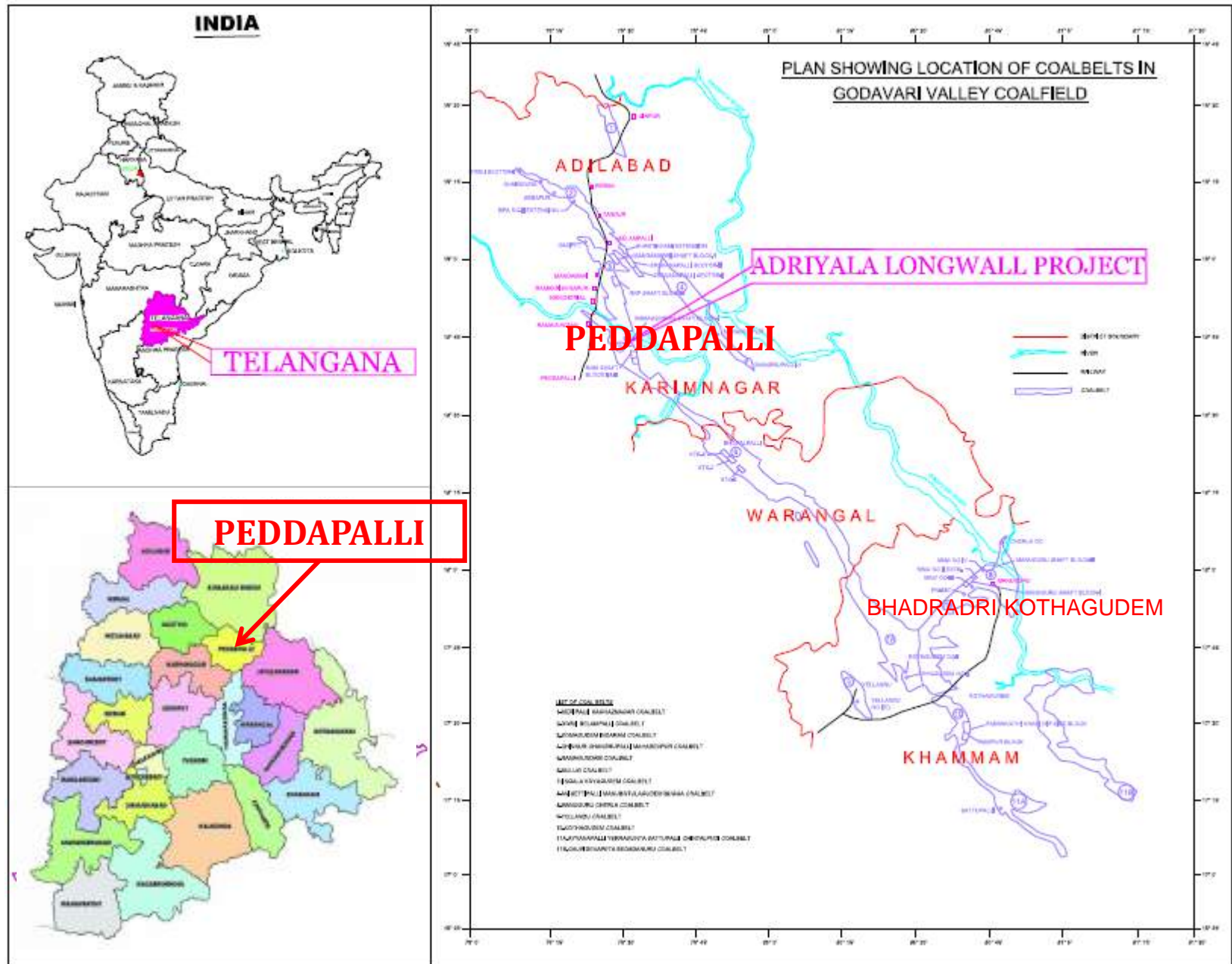
❖ Voltage - Operating Voltage of 3.3 kV instead of 1.1 kV and Supply Voltage of 11 kV instead of 3.3 kV

❖ Mode of transport - Diesel vehicles for men and material transport

❖ Air chilling plant

❖ High capacity N2 plant for goaf inertization

LOCATION PLAN



Significance of Adriyala

- The present operating Under Ground and Opencast mines are exploiting coal reserves up to 300m depth and will be depleted in next 10-15years.
- Future mining has to be done beyond 300m depth with Under Ground methods.

Challenges in exploitation of deep deposits :

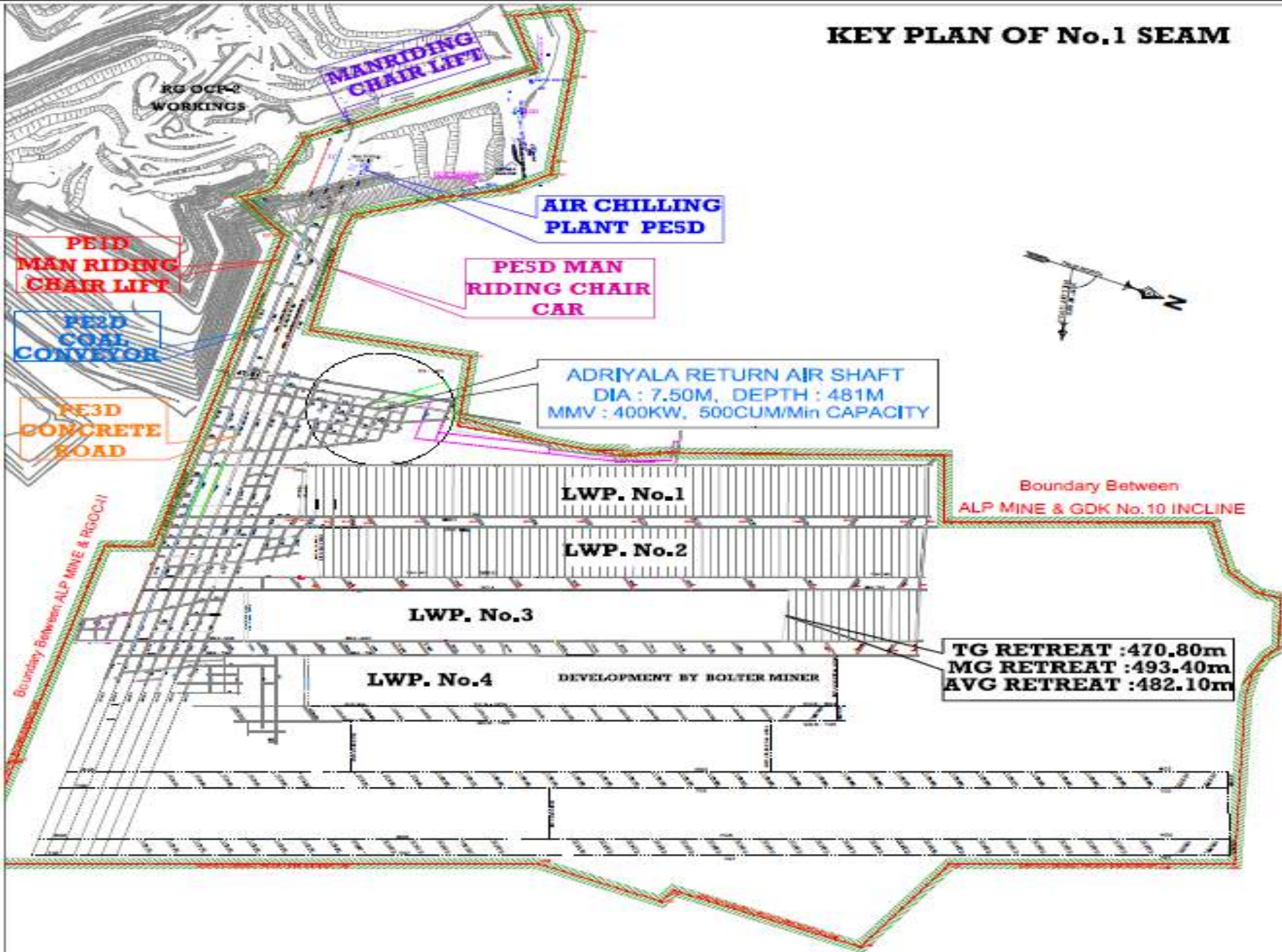
- High strip ratio (OC Mines)
- High investments
- Greater strata control problems
- Ventilation problems

Conventional Underground methods are not adoptable at greater depths –

Longwall technology is a proven UG mining method for deep seated deposits.

Hence sustainable Under ground coal mining is possible only by successful adoption of Longwall mining.

KEY PLAN OF No.1 SEAM



Salient features of Adriyala Longwall Project

- **Total extractable Reserves** : 78.597 MT
- **Total Mine take area** : 4.845 Sq. Km.
- **Seam gradient** : 1 in 6 to 1 in 7.8
- **Gassiness of the Mine** : Degree-I
- **Depth of working** : 294.0m– 644.0m
- **Targeted production** : 2.817MTPA
- **Life of the Mine** : 35 years
- **Productivity**
 - **at Mine level (OMS)** : 12.35 T/Man shift
 - **Breakeven**
 - **production per annum** : 1.451MT



Uniqueness of ALP

The following new technologies have been introduced for the first time in SCCL:

- Punch entry (Direct access to coal from Opencast highwall)
- 11 KV power transmission to UG (for less voltage drop)
- Pre tensioned Cable bolting (For effective roof support)
- 400 KW high capacity fan commissioned (To supply more air with high water gauge)
- Floor Concreting in underground (For Diesel vehicle movement with heavy equipment)
- Automation systems (For sequence control/less manual intervention)



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The following new technologies have been introduced for the first time in SCCL:

- Diesel transport vehicles (FBL)
(For speedy & safe equipment transportation)
- VFD controlled un-manned Belt conveyor system
(For soft start and power conservation)
- Mine cruiser(for faster transport of men)
- Surface air chilling
(To create comfortable environment conditions)
- 1200 CFM Membrane type N2 plant
(For goaf inertization)
- RO water for LW hydraulics
- Bolter Miner
(For faster rate of development)
- Pan Line Bolter
(for Cable Bolting and Steel Bolting during meshing operation of Longwall)



Specifications of Equipment

POWER ROOF SUPPORTS

- Support capacity : 1152 T (2 legged DTDA version)
- Operating Range : 2.8 to 3.6 m
- Support width : 1.75 m
- Operating Range : 2.8 to 3.6 m
- Closed & open height : 2.4 to 3.9 m
- Length : 6.5m to 7.5m



SHEARER

- Type / Model : EL 3000
- Operating voltage : 3.3 KV
- Web depth : 0.85 m
- Drum diameter : 2.3 m
- Rated capacity : 2245 KW



AFC

- Capacity : 3X855 KW, 3.3 KV, 3-Phase, 50 Cycles
- Width : 1142 mm
- Capacity : 3100 TPH



BSL

- Capacity : 400KW, 3.3 KV, 3-Phase, 50Cycles/ sec.
- Width : 1342mm wide,
- Speed : 2.06 m/sec
- Capacity : 3200 TPH.



Electricals

- 2 X 4.5MVA transwitches

Diesel Vehicles

- **Underground transport and installation:**
 - Total equipment transportation and installation was done by diesel vehicles from surface to Longwall face.
- **Men Transport:**
 - Miner cruiser of M/s BEML (In collaboration with M/s Bird, South Africa) was deployed for men transportation in underground.

Sl.No	Description	FBL-10/ CL-210	FBL-15/ CL-215	FBL-55/ SH-660	Mine Cruiser
1	Equipment	F-1 & F-2	F-3 & F-5	F-6 & F-7	BMC-01
2	Capacity	10T	15T	55T	16 persons
3	Licencer/ Manufacturer	M/s. GMMCO / Caterpillar			BEML/ Bird Machines
4	Fuel Consumption	Diesel			Diesel
5	HP @rpm	230 HP @2200 rpm			84 HP @2300 rpm
6	Torque @rpm	720 Nm @1400 rpm			360 Nm @1450 rpm
7	Cooling	Liquid Cooled			Liquid Cooled
8	Aspiration	Turbo Charged			Turbo Charged
9	Cylinder Liners	Wet			Wet

Installation of Longwall equipment using Diesel vehicles



Transport of pump unit with CLT210



Transport of shield with SH150 Shield trailer



Transport of MG Drive and Shearer with SH660

Outbye conveyor system - CODCO

- | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| ■ Total number of Gear heads | : 12 nos | ■ Type of Drive | : VFD |
| ■ Capacities varying from | : 4 X 315KW to 4 X 500KW | ■ Belt capacity | : 3500 TPH |
| ■ Speed | : 4 m / sec | ■ Belt Type | : Steel cord (ST 800 to ST2500), PVC Type 15 |
| | | ■ Total Length | : Surface - 6436m
Underground - 2976m |
| | | ■ Total installed power | : 14849 KW |



Development Equipment – 12ED30Bolter Miner

Roadway dimensions W x H : 5.50m x 3.60m

Main Dimensions

- Total length 13.10 m
- Total width for transport, approx. 4.60 m
- Total height for transport,
with dust collector 2.75 m
without dust collector 2.50 m
- Total weight, approx. 123 tonnes
- Total width in operation 5.50m
- Width of the crawler track 2662 mm
- Ground clearance 281 mm



Details of Longwall Panels

S.No	Particulars	LWP-1	LWP-2	LWP-3
1	Face Length (m)	250	250	250
2	Panel Length (m)	2340	2232	2486
3	Avg. Depth			
	Maximum	455	506	557
	Minimum	356	409	444
4	Reserves in the panel	3.36 MT	3.30 MT	3.50MT
5	Date of commencement	05.11.2014	20.08.2017	21.07.2021
6	Total reserves extracted	3.36 MT	3.32 MT	0.70 MT (Under extraction)

Proactive Inertization

- Proactive inertization with **Nitrogen flushing (99.5% purity)** in to the working goaf with a capacity of **800cub.m/hr**.



Mine Environmental Monitoring

- **Tube Bundle System:**
 - To monitor the atmosphere at relevant locations underground.
 - One **analyzer room** is provided at surface, tubes are be laid from analyzer room to underground monitoring locations.
 - The data is **transmitted through OFC** from analyzer room to control room where, **continuous monitoring** of gases (**CO, CH₄, CO₂ & O₂**) is being done.



Challenges during construction stage

- **Drivage of gate roads**
 - Initially there were some **apprehensions on workability of Bolter Miner (BM)** due to its steep gradient and stone cutting in the floor in the gate roadways.
 - Hence, **Road Headers (RH) were introduced** for drivage of roadways to avoid surprises with BM as RH technology is well established system for decades.
 - However, **RH drivages are not meeting the project requirements** due to their inherently low development rates, inability to provide a quality roadway conditions suitable for High capacity LW equipment and requirement of more man power.
 - Hence a decision was taken to introduce **BM for drivage of roadways** and order is placed for deployment of BM.

Challenges during construction stage

- Initially, the project operations were interrupted by opencast activities like blasting and movement of heavy machinery movement. Later, the OC workings progressed well away from Punch entries and there was no interference.

Strata Control Management during development:

- Gate roadways:
 - Initially roof disturbances were observed and on two occasions cavities occurred in gate road ways driven in bottom section taking middle clay in to working section.
 - Later geological mapping and litho logical study was done and working section has been changed by leaving middle clay in the overlying strata with 1m coal underneath it, which improved the stability of gate roadways.

Challenges during construction stage

Strata Control Management during development:

- **Cut Throughs:**
 - Initially cut throughs were driven **across the major horizontal stress** direction, in which severe strata control problems were encountered and cavities also taken place.
 - Later the **direction of cut throughs has been changed** and aligned with major horizontal stress direction which eliminated all strata problems.
- Initially gate roadways were supported with **roof bolting with linked wire mesh** in the roof.
- Later **rigid wire mesh** has been introduced in place of linked wire mesh to reduce supporting cycle time and to improve the supporting efficiency of the system. The roof conditions and drivage rates have been improved with introduction of rigid wire mesh.

Challenges during construction stage

- **Face dip widening:**
 - Strata problems were encountered while widening longwall installation face with 8m width.
 - As per the recommendation of Geotech consultant, **Pre- tensioned cable bolting (6.1m) was introduced for the first time** for better strata control and to eliminate vertical support in face dip to facilitate the movement of Diesel Vehicles.
- **Laying of civil foundations on loose overburden for Conveyor belts**
 - Existing loose overburden soil was dug out and replaced with **soil recommended by experts**. The soil was **compacted layer by layer for a recommended length and depth** during filling to obtain the required soil strength around the foundation. Thereafter concrete foundations were made by excavating the above compacted soil for the required foundation dimensions.

1st Longwall panel - Challenges

- **Ventilation:**

- An outsourced air chilling plant of 1400TR was installed at mouth of Punch Entry-5 (PE-5).
- About 3500Cu.m/min of chilled air was supplied at 11 to 13 0C at the entry of PE-5.
- Cooled air is ventilated to LW face through a separate air way via PE-5 and MainGate-1.
- The temperature has been brought down by 3 to 4 0C. Efficiency and effectiveness of men and machinery increased considerably.

- **Failure of Electrical systems (Load centers and gate belt VSDs) and**

- **Numerous reports on Shearer**

- Equipment issues were resolved under the guidance of CAT expats.



2nd Longwall Panel - Experiences

- **Problems in hydraulics**
 - All the hoses & Parts are replaced .
 - Roof Support Flushing as per OEM procedure.
 - Emulsion percentage not less than 2.5% (Synthetic oil preferred choice).
- **Cavity over more than half of the face length**
 - Cavity filling with Rocksil and PUR products.
- **Spontaneous heating**
 - Control measures taken by drilling of boreholes from surface, flushing of inert gases (LN2 & CO2) from surface and underground.
Heating controlled

Way Forward

- **Development of gate roadways at faster rate with Bolter Miner.**
- **Using complete automation for face operations.**
- **Extensive training for Longwall team.**
- **Increasing main fan capacity from 250m³/sec-500m³/sec.**
- **Chilled air supply to entire mine.**
- **Mine Environment monitoring with tube bundle system.**
- **Men and material transport with diesel vehicles.**
- **Increasing pumping capacity to 5000gpm.**

Thank You...

Technological Intervention at Tata Steel, West Bokaro Division



AGENDA



- *Location Map*
- *Washed Coking coal YoY basis.*
- *Material Flow West Bokaro Division*
- *Coal Beneficiation- Extracting best out of available resource*
- *Quality Control*
- *Customer based approach*

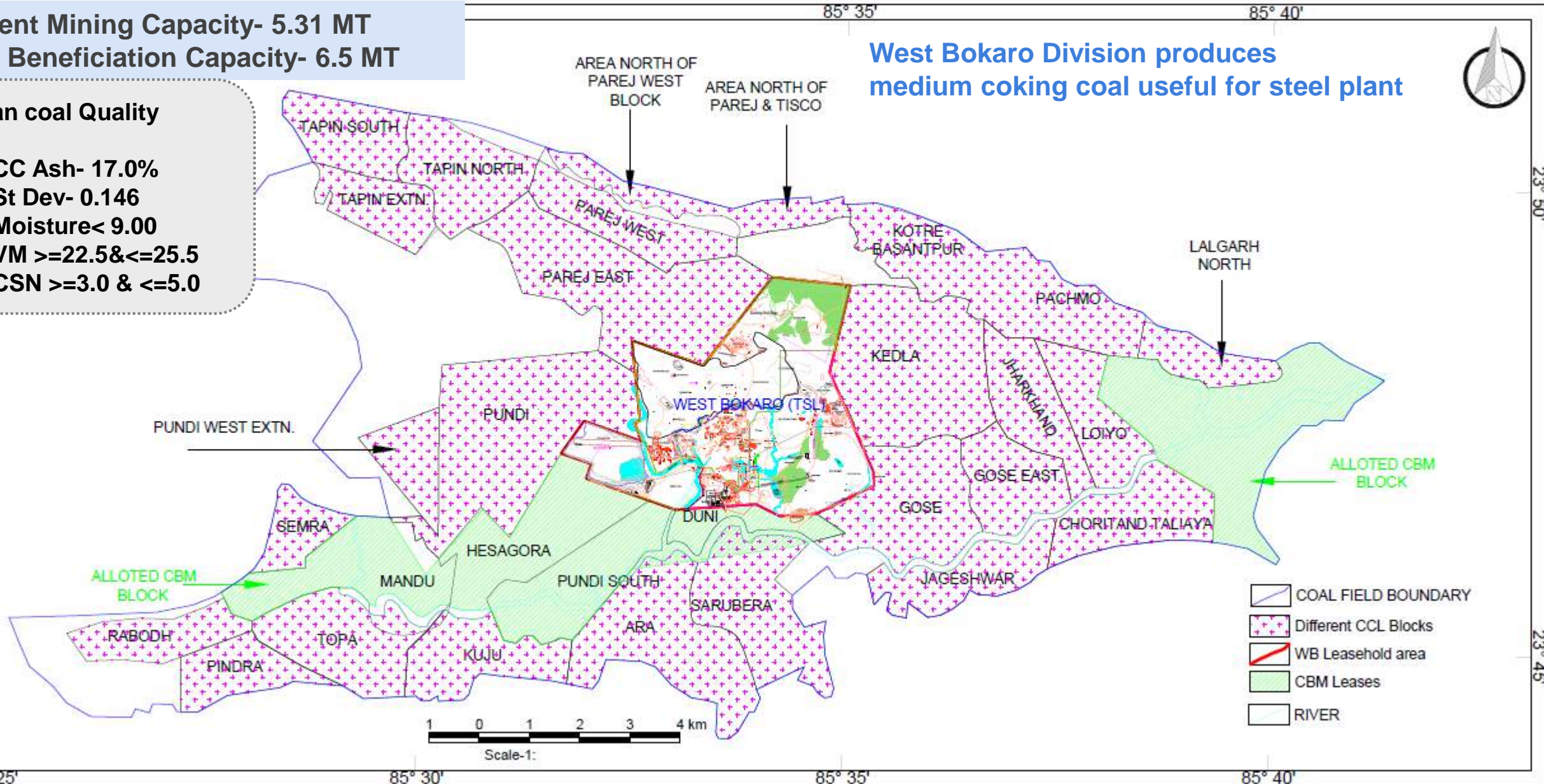
West Bokaro Division – Location Map

Current Mining Capacity- 5.31 MT
Coal Beneficiation Capacity- 6.5 MT

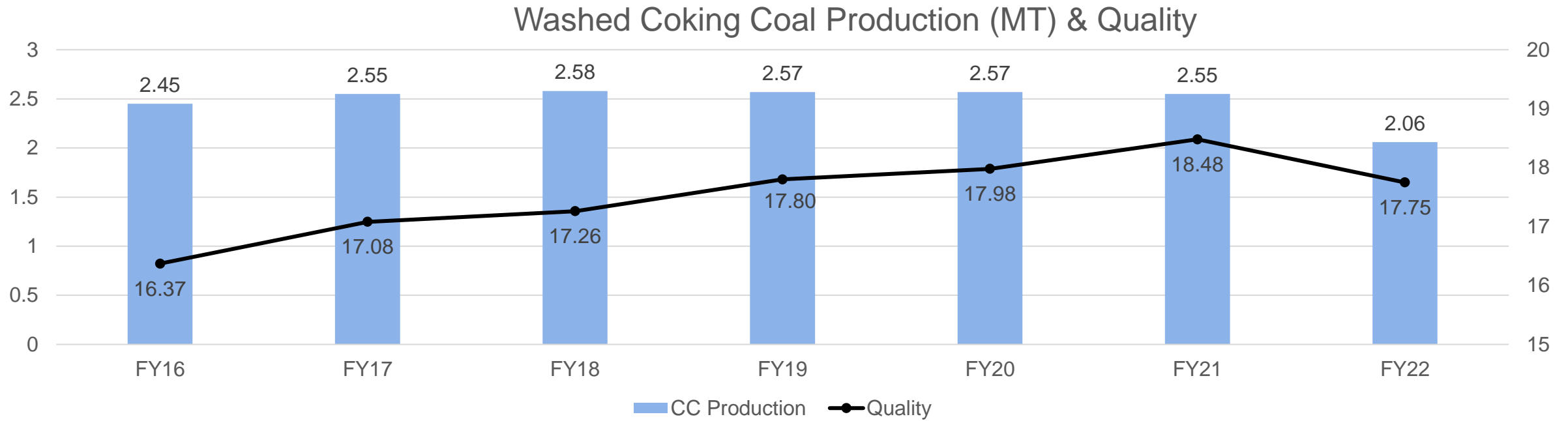
Clean coal Quality

- CC Ash- 17.0%
- St Dev- 0.146
- Moisture< 9.00
- VM ≥ 22.5 & ≤ 25.5
- CSN ≥ 3.0 & ≤ 5.0

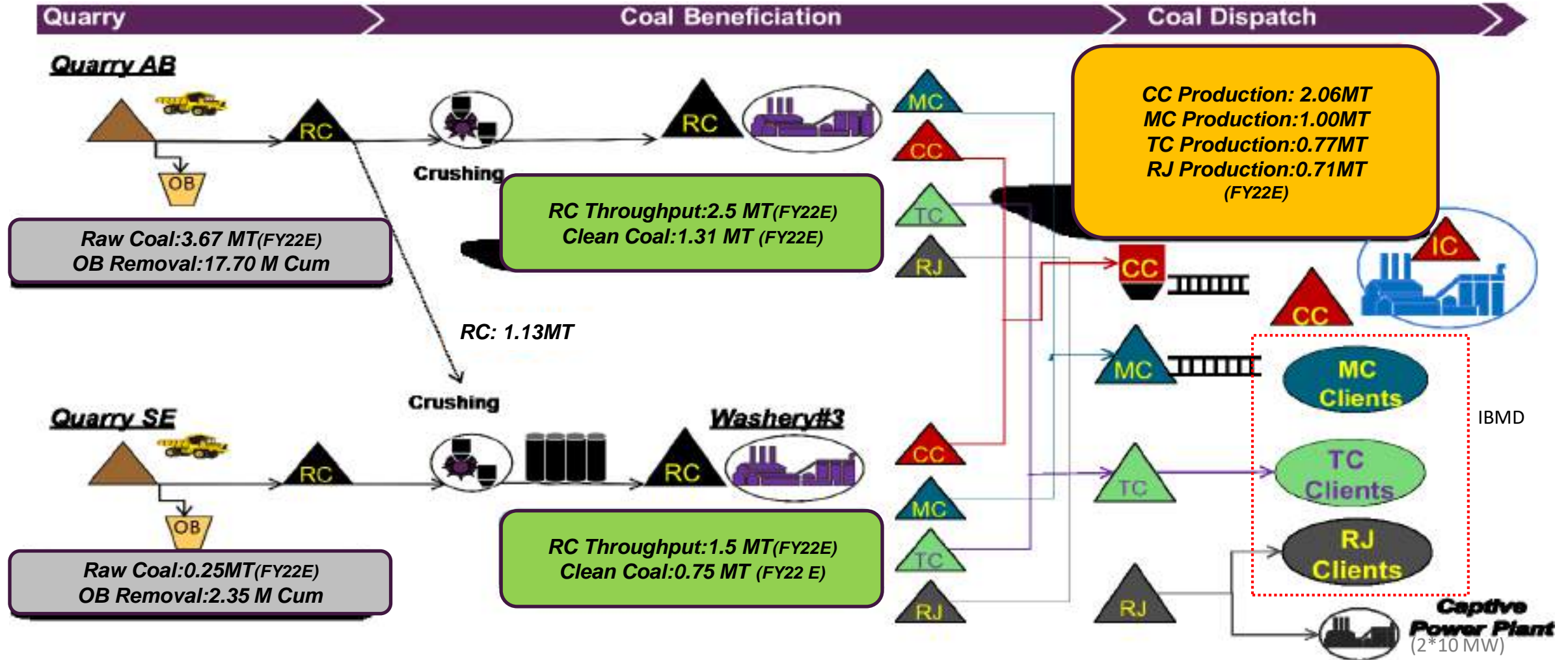
West Bokaro Division produces
medium coking coal useful for steel plant



Washed Coking Coal Production & Quality from West Bokaro



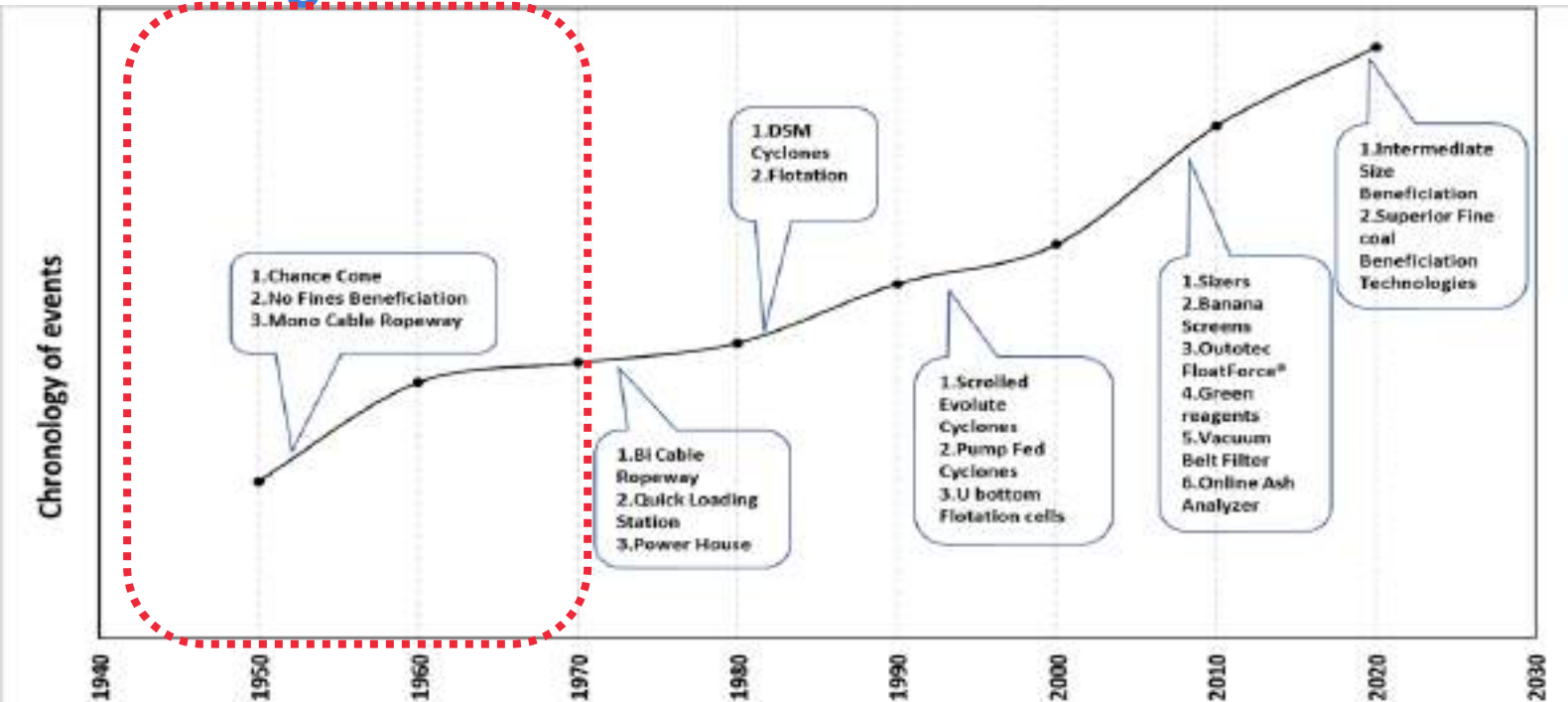
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100% consumption of all the products generated in the process

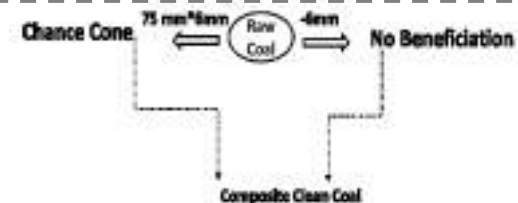
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Extracting best out of available resource



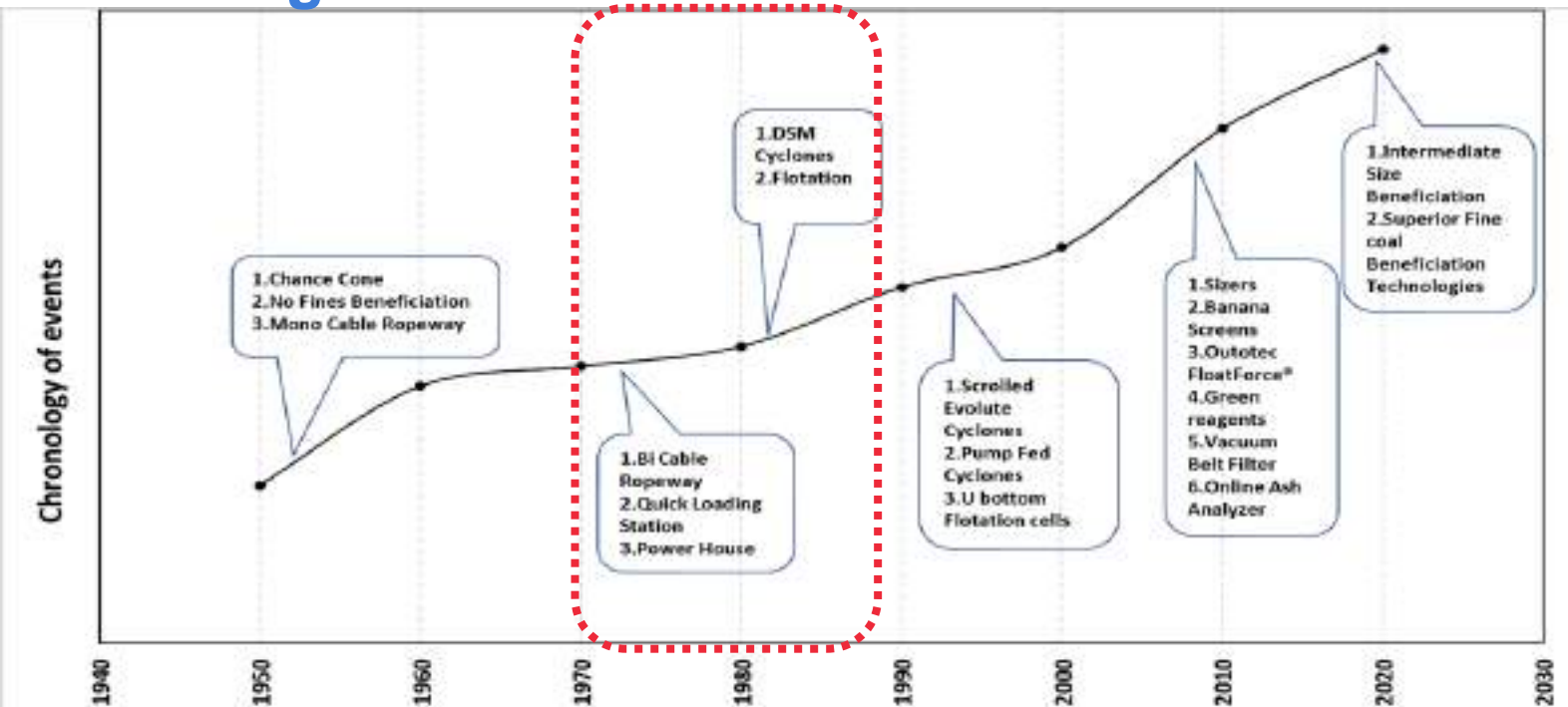
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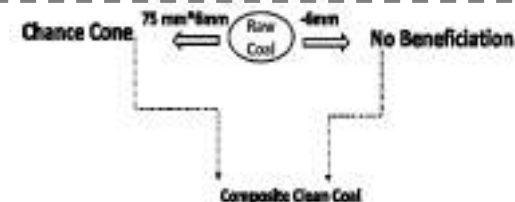


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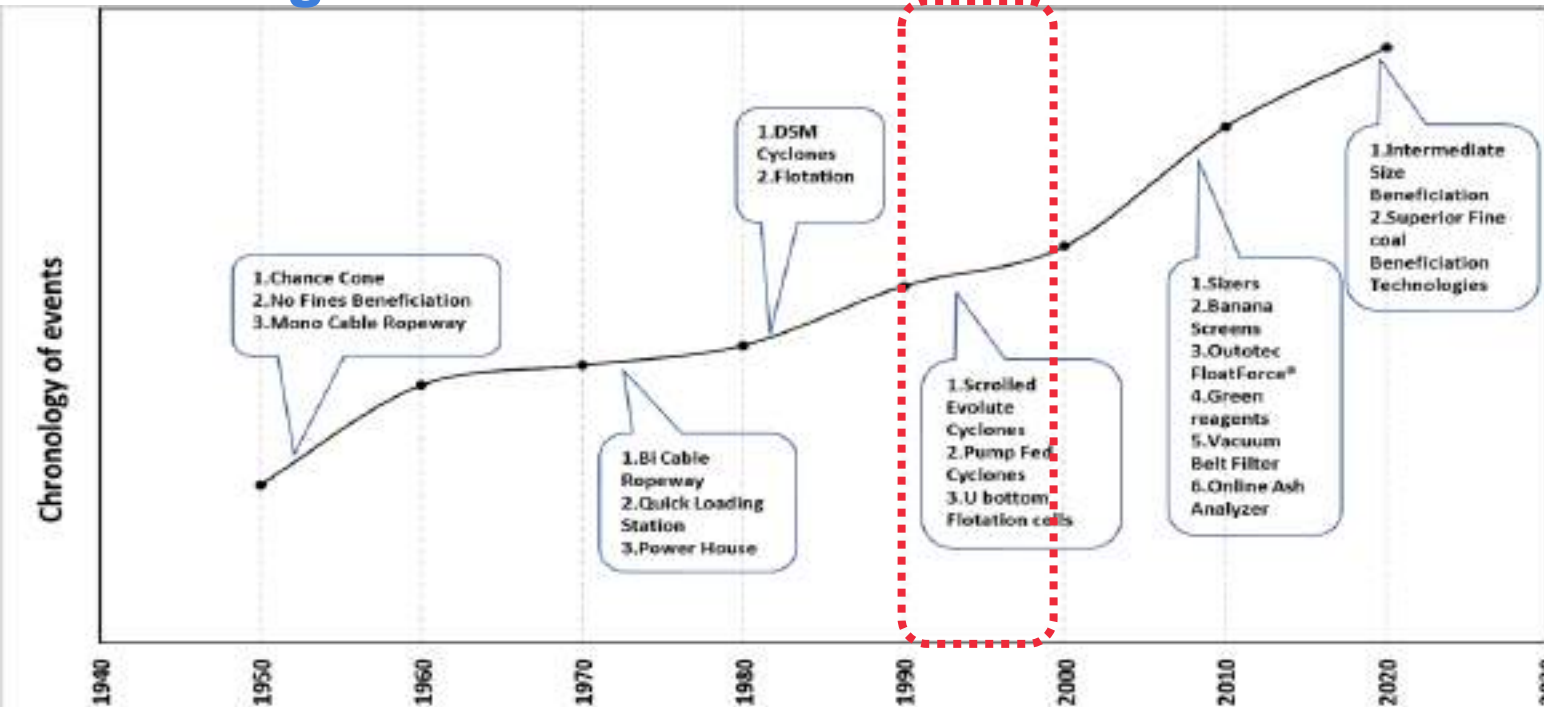
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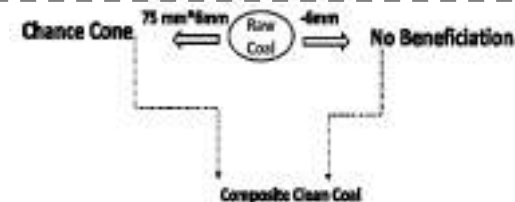
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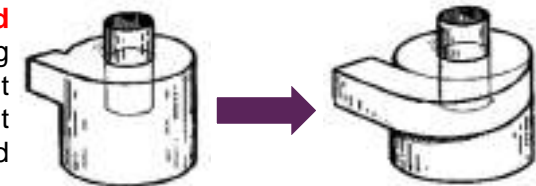
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Low Ep Scrolled Evolute Cyclones: Washeries switched over from **tangential inlet design** in the Dutch State Mines (DSM) cyclones to **scrolled evolute design cyclones**

Capacity as well as process performance improved as the Ep obtained was 0.02-0.025 as against 0.035-0.040 in the DSM cyclones

Introduction of Pump Fed Cyclones : Gravity feeding requires higher footprint but achieves a more consistent flow, less pump wear and feed degradation.



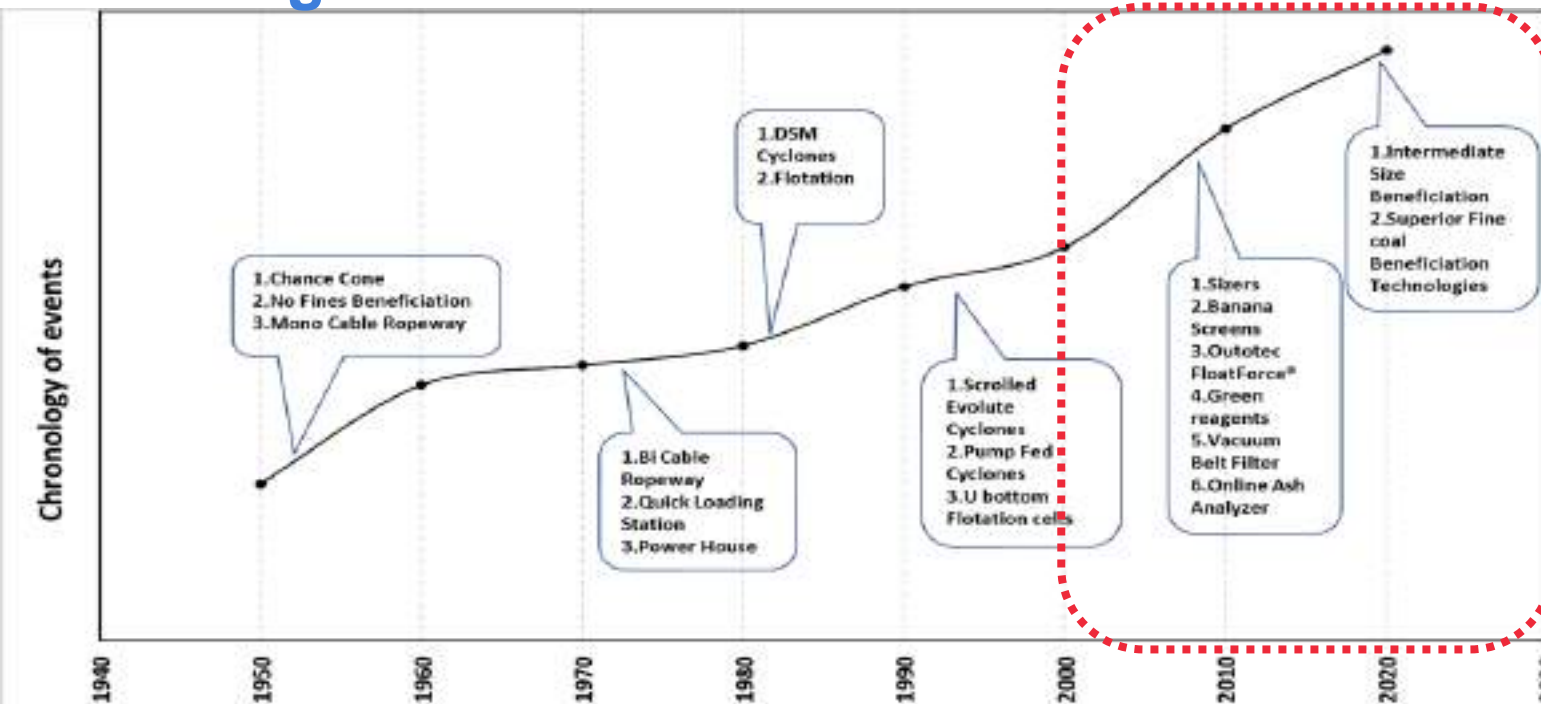
Pump fed cyclones have V/f converters for maintaining the required inlet pressure thereby reducing the capital costs

Replacement of flat-bottom flotation cells with U-bottom ones: **U-bottom cells** minimize the sanding/silting phenomenon. Sanding is high in flat-bottom cells due to lack of velocity in the un-agitated zones thereby allowing the larger particles to settle down



Coal Beneficiation- (2/2)

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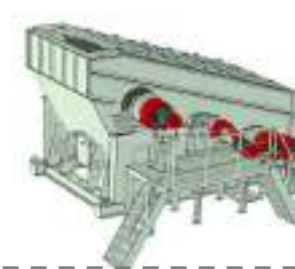


2000 to presents

Introduction of Sizers to improve liberation: Sizers were introduced in place of roll crushers to get optimum liberation at reduced noise and dust.



Replacement of Elliptical screens with Banana screens to improve the desliming efficiency: It was observed that a substantial quantity of undersize i.e. (-) 0.5mm reported to the screen oversize. These finer coal particles create difficulties in maintaining the cut density inside the cyclone thereby impacting the efficiency.



'Advanced new-generation mixing mechanism' in Flotation cells: This mechanism creates more turbulent energy and generates finer bubbles as it has separate chambers for air and slurry in the rotor assembly of the flotation cell



Substitution of Diesel with green reagents in Flotation With the stringent environmental regulations and policies, replacement of diesel with a reagent that is environment friendly as well as technically & economically competent became inevitable. Diesel is also highly inflammable and prone to pilferage and hence, poses safety as well as environmental hazards.

Introduction of Vacuum Belt Filter for dewatering fine clean coal: Initially, Screen Bowl Centrifuges were used for dewatering fine clean coal: <0.5mm. However, it was observed that ultra-fine coal particles were getting lost with the centrifuge effluents. The belt filter installed at West Bokaro washery#3 is also the world's largest HVBF with an effective filtration area of 145 m² for coal slurry.

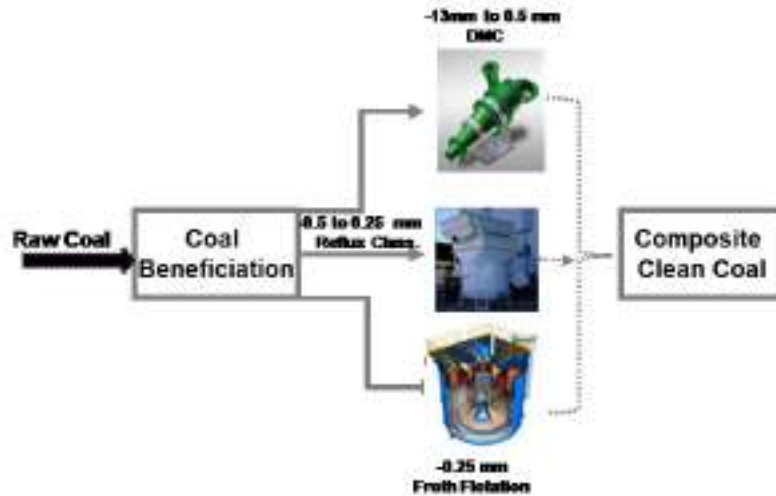


On Line Ash Analyzers for consistency in product quality: Taking representative samples from conveyor belt and analyses for effective quality monitoring & control was time consuming. As a result, corrective actions could not be taken timely resulting in variations in the clean coal ash.

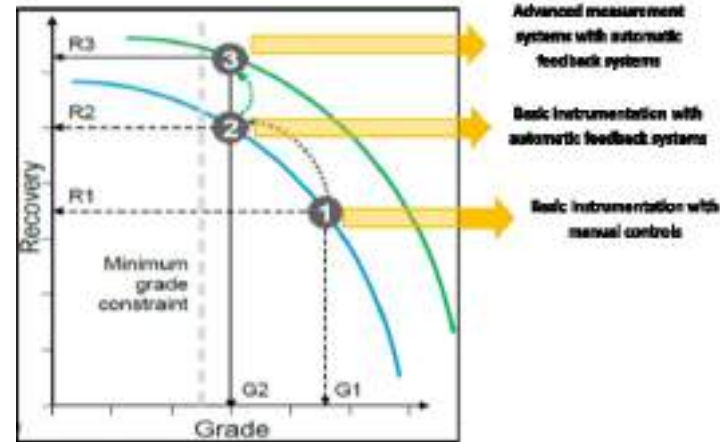


Other Digital & Technological Upgradation

Intermediate size beneficiation(In progress)



Fully automated plant (In Progress)



Centralized Control Room



Installation of Long pipe Conveyor for cleaner Dispatch





Thank You

Welcome to Eimco Elecon



- Our state of the art factory is located at Vallabh Vidyanagar, Anand, Gujarat. Established in 1974, we are now India's largest manufacturer and supplier of underground mining equipment having supplied over 6000 loaders and drills to our esteemed customers that include the subsidiaries of Coal India Limited, Singareni Collieries, UCIL, HZL, MOIL, Hindustan Copper Limited, Monnet Ispat, Hindalco etc.
- We were the first Indian manufacturer to introduce mechanical loaders for underground mining applications to substitute the arduous Manual Loading of the blasted material into tubs and conveyors.
- About two decades back, we were also the first Indian Manufacturer to introduce underground drilling machines for coal applications .

OUR PRODUCTS FOR UNDERGROUND COAL APPLICATIONS

DGMS APPROVED CRAWLER MOUNTED ELECTRIC SIDE DISCHARGE LOADERS - SDL	BUCKET CAPACITY : 0.75 TO 1.7 CU M MACHINE HEIGHT : 1.250 TO 2 M
DGMS APPROVED TYRE MOUNTED ELECTRIC LOAD HAUL DUMP – LHD	BUCKET CAPACITY : 1.5 TO 3 CU M MACHINE HEIGHT : 1.50 TO 2.115 M
DGMS APPROVED TRYE MOUNTED ELECTRIC COAL HAULER	HOPPER CAPACITY : 5 CU M MACHINE HEIGHT : 2.115 M
DGMS APPROVED CRAWLER MOUNTED ELECTRIC UNIVERSAL DRILL MACHINE – (UDM)	MACHINE HEIGHT : 1.5 TO 2 M

OUR POPULAR MODELS FOR UNDERGROUND COAL APPLICATION - LOADERS

MODEL	BUCKET CAPACITY Cu M	MACHINE HEIGHT – Approx.	MOTOR RATING
SDL 625 – STD HT	1.1	2 M	65 HP
SDL 611 EXTRA LOW HEIGHT	0.75	1.250 M	55 HP
SDL 611 LOW HEIGHT	1.1	1.5 M	65 HP
SDL 621 – LOW HT	1.6	1.5 M	75 HP
SDL 635 – STD HT	1.7	2 M	75 HP
LHD 811 – STD HT	1.5	2 M	50 HP
LHD 811 LOW HT	1.5	1.5 M	50 HP
LHD 912E	3	2.1 M	100 HP
COAL HAULER	5	2.1 M	100 HP

OUR POPULAR MODELS FOR UNDERGROUND COAL APPLICATION – UDM

MODEL	HOLE SIZE mm	MACHINE HEIGHT – Approx.	MOTOR RATING
CRAWLER MOUNTED UDM 611	25 to 64	2 M	65 HP
UDM 612	25 to 64	1.50 M	65 HP

Advantages of SDL models 635 and 621

- High tramming speed to reduce travelling time.
- Higher capacity cable reeling drum to cover larger distances.
- Increased productivity because of higher bucket capacity and higher tramming speed of the machine.
- Improved visibility for ease of maneuvering.
- More importantly they can work in the same gallery dimensions as the other models equipped with smaller buckets.
- Available option : Side tipping bucket of suitable capacity for rock applications too.

CONTINUOUS CUTTING TECHNOLOGY

- Intermediate technology has been the backbone of underground coal production for over three decades.
- Restrictions on the use of explosives in underground mines , both in terms of quantity per hole and their strength have limited the scope of producing more coal per blast resulting in poor utilization of the underground loaders namely the LHDs and the SDLs.
- This encouraged the Indian coal mining industry to introduce continuous cutting technology in various underground mines with good success.

CONTINUOUS CUTTING TECHNOLOGY

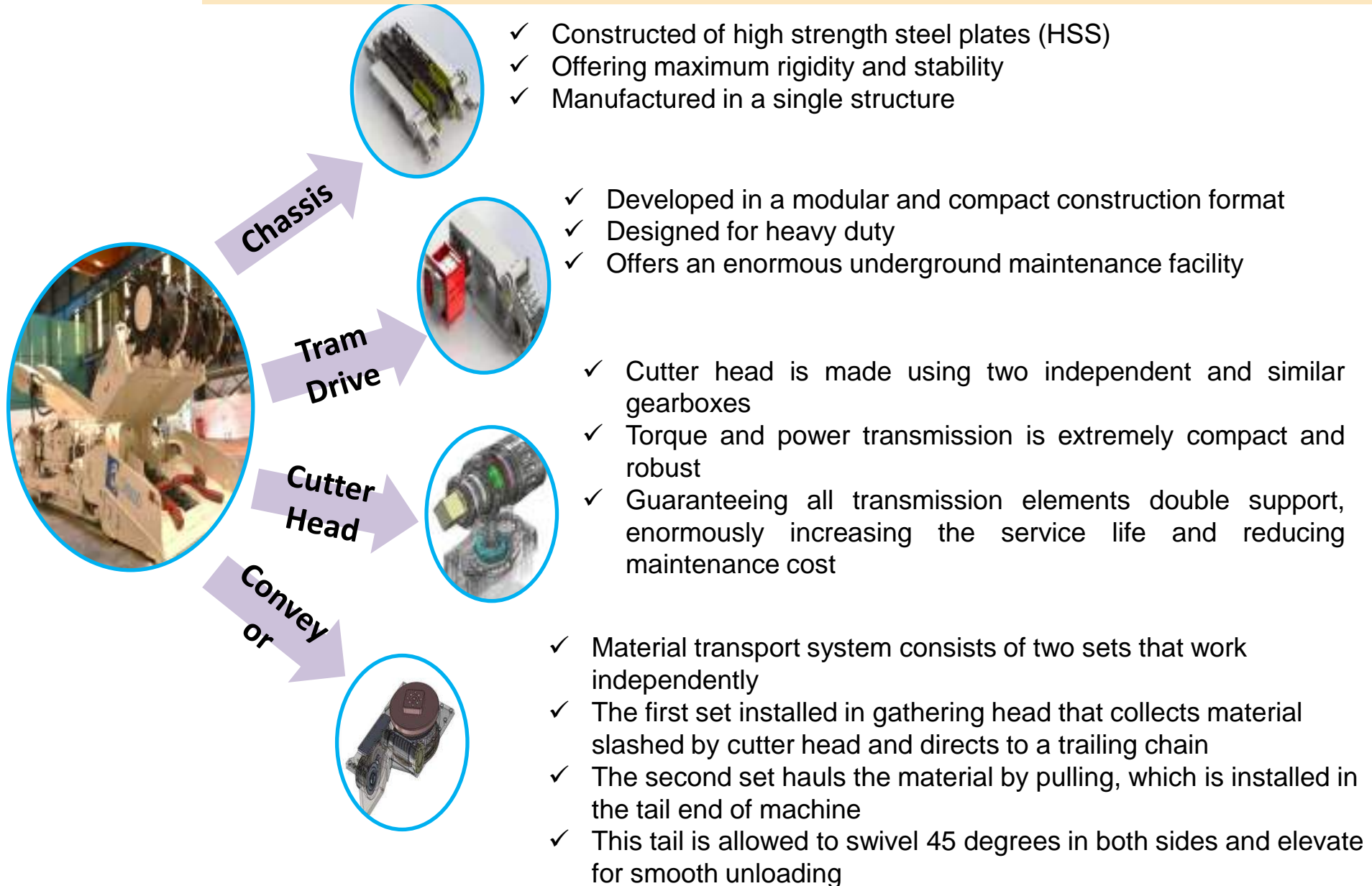
- Eimco Elecon is the first Indian company to conceptualize, design and manufacture Continuous Miner and its peripheral equipment , namely, Shuttle car and Twin Roof Bolter. The package is ready for immediate deployment in any suitable mine.
- The flameproof design of these machines are certified by the DGMS.
- All the components are sourced from Internationally acclaimed and proven manufacturers.



Continuous Miner CM 3000

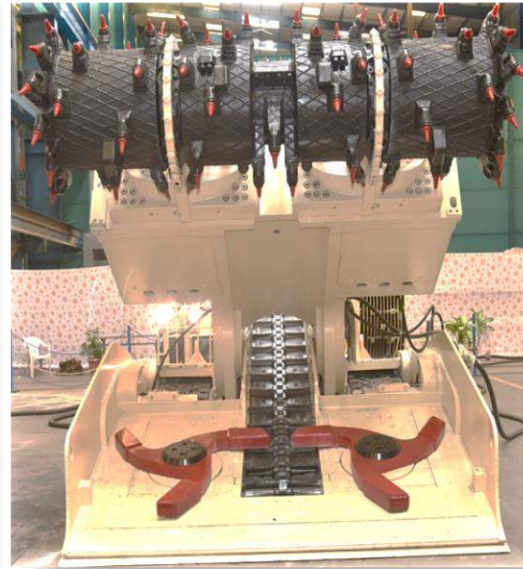


Key Benefits



Technical Specification

Operating Dimensions	
Height Range	1600 - 3010 mm
Minimum Height	1600 mm
Maximum Reach	3010 mm
Ground Clearance	230 mm



Transport Dimensions	
Chassis Frame Width	2900 mm
Overall Length	10800 mm
Height	1600 mm
Weight (Total)	60 tonnes (Approx.)



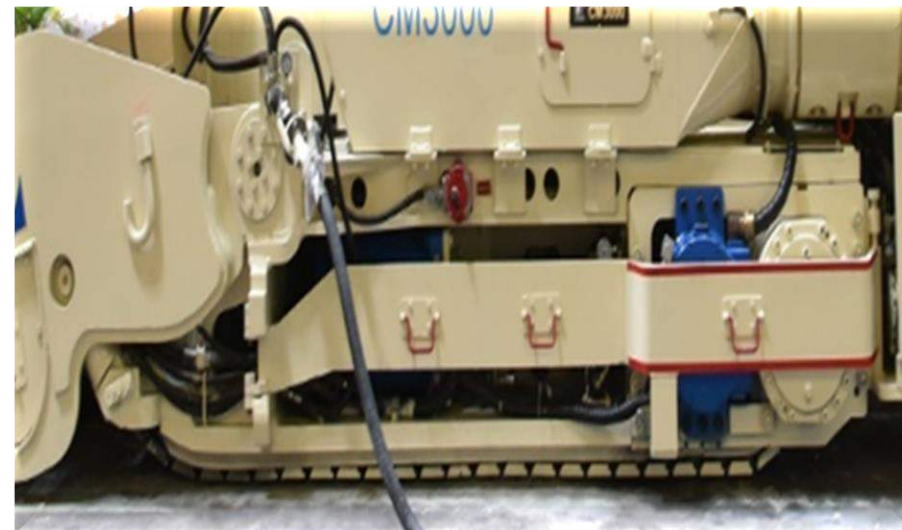
Cutting Unit

Cutting Drum Diameter	1045 mm (41")
Cutting Drum Width	3000-3200 mm
Cutting Drum Power	2 × 110 kW



Traction Unit

Crawler Chain Width	505 mm (20")
Crawler Assembly Length	2700 mm
Ground Pressure	200 kPa
Crawler Speed	0 - 17 m/min
Traction Power	2 × 37.5 kW (DC 250V)



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Pump Unit	
Pump Power	1 x 45 kW

Dust Suppression	
Scrubber Assembly	Side Mounted
Scrubber Type	Wet Bed
Scrubber Capacity	7 m ³ /sec
Fan Power	20 kW

Electrical System	
Machine Voltage	1100 VAC 50 Hz
Control System	Radio Remote Control
Total Installed Power	485 kW

Loading Unit	
Loading Method	3 Finger CLA
CLA Power	2 × 40 kW
Conveyor Width	600 mm
Conveyor Depth	318 mm
Loading Capacity	8 - 10 tonnes/min
Conveyor Power	2 × 22.5 kW

- We have provided centralized grease system.
- Ease of access to cutter head gear oil checks and replacement.
- We have designed cutter head assembly in such a way that the cutter head motor mounting location is easy to access for maintenance.
- Crawler shoes are fabricated from forged steel. They are high wear and corrosion resistance for longer life.
- The gear case has three independent oil compartments, allowing convenient viewing of oil levels through site gauges.

ROOF BOLTER RB2C WITH TRS



- Walk-thru Chassis reduces miner exposure to rib hazards.
- Operates in seam standard heights of 2meter.
- Dual heads install a full row of bolts from a single chassis position.
- Standard 90° mast tilt allows angle and rib drilling.

TRS (Temporary Roof Support)



- The Temporary Roof Support provides safety to the operator. It is constructed in a very Strong frame in “T” style and hydraulically operated through a 3 stages cylinder with a load control valve.
- Main characteristics:
 - Height reached – 4.5 m

RB2C Roof Bolter Specifications

Operating parameters		Dimensions	
Number of bolters	2 nos.	Overall length, TRS Close position	8400 mm
Operating mining height Min- Max, Std. Height	2.0 m - 4.5 m	Width	3100 mm
Operating mining height Min- Max, Low Height	1.5 m - 3.5 m	Height (chassis) from ground	1500 mm
Drilling length -Maximum	2.1 m	Wheel base	2400 mm
Drill hole size Min.-Max.	19 mm-29 mm	Ground clearance	200 mm
Tram speed	1.25 - 2.5 kmph	Drilling System	
Weight	26000 Kgs	Torque	450 Nm
Ground Pressure	129 Kpa	Rotation	0-700 rpm
Tire/ Track chain	Track Chain	Thrust	3000 Kpa
Min. Platform elevation from ground	550 mm	Feed length	700 mm-2000 mm
Drilling nature (Dry/Wet)	Wet	Feed rate	2 – 4 m/min
Power	2x50 Hp	Mast height range	1250 mm-2500 mm
Operating voltage	525 Volts	Mast tilt	90 Degree
Bolting rate	14-19 bolts/hr		
Max. material hardness that can be drilled	50 Mpa		

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SHUTTLE CAR SC10



SC10 Shuttle Car Specification

Parameters	
Track width	2772 mm
Wheel base	2775 mm
Steering angle	$\pm 22.5^{\circ}$, $\pm 17^{\circ}$
Rated Load Capacity	10 tonne
Machine Weight	22 tonne
Max. trammng speed	6 km/hr
Tyre	12x24-20 Ply
Overall Length	9160 mm
Overall Width	3620 mm
Maximum Height	1910 mm
Conveyor Width	1425 mm

Parameters	
Loading height	1230 mm
Minimum canopy height	1600 mm
Maximum canopy height	1910 mm
Inside turning radius	3000 mm
Outside turning radius	7500 mm
Cable reel capacity	175 m
Ground clearance	243 mm
Power Supply	550 V AC
Pump Power	1 x 18.5 kW
Conveyor Power	1 x 22 kW
DC Traction Power	2 x 28 kW

Conclusions:

Eimco Elecon is pioneer in the field of underground mine mechanization. We have a strong after sales team located at our branch offices closet to the customers, namely in Asansol, Dhanbad, Bilaspur, Nagpur, Ramagundam and also at various mine sites. Over the years we have successfully introduced several models of loaders and drills that benefited the Indian Mining Industry. We are sure that our newly introduced CM package shall meet the customer requirements and satisfaction.

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