

KOLUBARA

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27,8 million tons of coal excavated

The open pit mines of Mining Basin “Kolubara”, during 11 months of 2013 produced 27.8 million tons of coal, which is 2% more than planned.

The largest amounts of coal, more than 13.2 million tons were excavated in the open pit mine “Tamnava West Field” where the plan for this period was exceeded by 14%. The mine is currently the most productive mine in “Kolubara”. The largest percentage of the plan overthrow of 23% was achieved in the OPM “Field D”, where eight million tons of lignite were excavated.

In four open pits mines of “Kolubara”, 2.78 million tons of lignite were excavated in November, which exceeded the plan by around 1%. The quantity of coal in the thermal power plant stockpiles, in late November was higher than planned.

By December 1, the open pit mines of MB “Kolubara”, produced and deposited 63 million cubic meters of overburden, i. e. 7% more than planned. In the open pit mine “Tamnava West Field” over 30 million cubic meters of overburden were excavated, or 31 % more than planned. This high result, 5% above the balance was achieved in the field “D”, where 22.3 million cubic meters of overburden were produced.

In November, “Kolubara” excavated and deposited more than 6.47 million cubic meters of overburden, thus exceeding the plan by about 27%.

Stable production of MB “Kolubara” and full thermal capacities stockpiles in the winter period are extremely important to maintain the stability of the power system.

„Metal“ celebrated sixtieth birthday

“Kolubara-Metal”, one of the metalworking companies with the longest tradition in our market, and also in the region, marked a significant jubilee yesterday - sixty years of business. The ceremony, with a brief presentation about the decades-long enterprise development and the monograph made on this occasion, was marked by a recently signed contract which has returned “Metal” under the auspices of its founder and its most important partner - Mining Basin “Kolubara”.

At the beginning of the celebration, gathered representatives from several ministries, management of “Electric Power Industry of Serbia”, “Kolubara”, Trade Unions, local government and numerous business partners, were welcomed by the director of “Metal”, Mr. Dragan Jovanović:

- I would like to congratulate the jubilee to former and current workers and I hope that in future we will have the opportunity to justify the trust shown, and to use all available potentials more efficiently.

State Secretary at the Ministry of Energy, Development and Environment, Mr. Dejan Popović congratulating the jubilee to employees said:

- I'm glad this date coincided with the successful completion of the activity we jointly worked on for months and that is the return of the “Metal” where it has always belonged - within the system of “Electric Power Industry of Serbia”.

The gathered were welcomed in the name of EPS by the President of the Managing Board, Mr. Aca Marković.

- I would like to emphasize the role of Trade unions of “Metal”, “Kolubara” and “Electric Power Industry of Serbia” that have made a special contribution to the return of “Metal” under the auspices of its founder. This decision will increase the safety of production of Kolubara mines in the long run, which influences the production of electricity in the entire country - said Marković.

The Director of Mining Basin “Kolubara”, Mr. Milorad Grčić, whom, as pointed out by representatives of the management and the union, “Metal” owes a special gratitude for the help given in the past period, said:

- I'm glad we were able to save such a technically equipped company and a company with so skilled workers. This move provided a livelihood for more than 2,700 employees and provided “Kolubara” and EPS with a stable and reliable partner in the future.





Environmental protection improvement in EPS

The first eco-convention with a panel discussion on “Environmental protection and improvement in EPS” was held today at the Head Office of Mining Basin “Kolubara”, the largest company of EPS.

This meeting was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Energy, Development and the Environment, Chamber of Commerce of the Republic of Serbia, Belgrade Chamber of Commerce and the Department of Environmental Protection of EPS and all companies.

On behalf of the host, MB “Kolubara”, the guests were greeted by Mr. Milorad Grčić, the Director of the company, who stressed out the importance of environmental protection and improvement of work in this area.

Ms. Gordana Mišev, who addressed in the name of the relevant ministry, spoke on a number of activities for environmental protection improvement, and also highlighted the support of the ministry to the efforts of EPS and companies to make progress in this area of business.

The aim of the convention is providing information about the activities in the field of environmental protection that occurred during the 2013 and plans for 2014. The idea of making such gathering of representatives of the Department for Environmental Protection of all companies in EPS traditional was especially emphasized, due to great importance of exchanging experience and knowledge with the aim of further developing of the environmental protection management system.



The highest daily production of overburden in the history of the OPM Field "B"

The highest daily production of overburden in the history of the open pit mine field "B" was recorded on 18 December. Employees of the oldest active open pit of Mining Basin "Kolubara", in 24 hours excavated and disposed 57,154 cubic meters of overburden, today.

This has been the highest daily production of overburden since 1952, when the open pit mine field "B" had been opened. In coal open pit mining, the production of overburden (earth above the coal) is a very important segment. A stable and ongoing production of overburden enables the coal seam detection and safe coal production.

- An extensive employees involvement and high productivity of the production systems resulted in achieving a maximum daily production of overburden - said Mr. Srdjan Alimpijević, the Manager of Field "B" and pointed out that the trend of growth of coal and overburden production will continue in 2014.

Since 1952, when the open pit was opened, about 206 million cubic meters of solid mass was produced. Coal excavation began in 1956, and so far about 88 million tons of lignite has been produced.

All four open pit mines of MB "Kolubara" annually produce 70 million cubic meters of overburden and 30 million tons of coal. Kolubara coal basin produces 70 percent of the total amount of coal in the country, and more than half of the electricity generated in Serbia is produced by burning Kolubara lignite in thermal power capacities.





MB “Kolubara” fulfilled the Annual Coal Production Plan

In the night, between December 24 and 25, the Mining Basin “Kolubara” has fulfilled the annual production plan, having excavated, in its four open pits, about 29.971 million tons of coal - it was said at the New Year reception held today, at the Cultural Center, in Lazarevac, which was organized by the management of the company for associates and representatives of local institutions.

Director, Mr. Milorad Grčić, on this occasion, expressed appreciation for the efforts of the employees working in direct production, who under very difficult conditions were able to achieve, and even exceed the projected balances.

- “Kolubara” has recorded a positive business results completed plans and achieved several production records this year, despite many challenges. Also, we have paved the path for large investments that will allow us in the future to be in the position to produce enough coal to supply power plants in the country - said Grčić and also noted that one of the biggest successes of the year is getting “Metal” back into the system of “Electric Power Industry of Serbia”.

The President of the Trade Union of MB “Kolubara”, Mr. Miodrag Ranković, congratulating all employees on the results, said:

- The Trade Union will in the future, as always, do its best to fight for workers' rights. I wish you happy holidays and I hope that next year will be even more successful than the last one.



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