

KOLUBARA

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Quantity of 1.7 million cubic meters of water has been pumped out of the “West Field”

Over the past ten days, 1.7 million cubic meters of water has been pumped out of the exploitation field of the OPM “Tamnava West field”, since the pump from the Mine Kovin was introduced. Water has been pumped into the old bed of the Kladnica river, the confluence of the Kolubara river.

It is the high capacity pump, of three megawatts of power, which was on July 24th, 2014, introduced into the operation of pumping the water out of Tamnava coal mine “West field”. This pump capacity is 12.000 cubic meters per hour. Given the pump capacity in the previous period even a greater quantity of water could have been pumped out, but due to heavy precipitation and rain, the level in the mine got lower by 14 centimeters. This pump has worked in “Kovin”, with the amphibious excavator, so that prior to entering operation, the adjustment to the working conditions was made. The reconstruction of the pumps and the adjustment to different working conditions have been performed by the services of “Metal”, OPM “Veliki Crljeni” and OPM “Tamnava West Field”. To the metal pontoon, 18 meters long, and 4 meters wide, the support, pump and auxiliary pumps, oil pumps for lubrication, electric equipment for plant operation and accompanying equipment, girders for intake and discharge parts of the pipeline were placed. The entire construction is circa 100 tons heavy.

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Coal production started in “Kolubara” OPM, “Veliki Crljeni” that was flooded in May

Coal production in the open pit mine of the Mining basin Kolubara, Veliki Crljeni started in full capacity on August 7th, fifty days prior to the announcement after the catastrophic floods in May when this coal mine received around 27 million cubic meters of water. The powerful BW excavator “glodar 2”, on the first day of work after the standstill and overhaul, was visited by the Director of MB Kolubara, Mr. Milorad Grčić and the minister of mining and energy, Mr. Aleksandar Antić, who said on that occasion:

– Although the initial estimates indicated much more time required for this job to be done, with great efforts put by the management and all the employees, today we have managed to activate the OPM Veliki Crljeni, which will produce on a daily basis additional 20.000 tons of lignite. For those fifty days, until October 1st, that was the arranged deadline, around million tons will have been excavated in total, which, turned into money to be used in that period for electricity import, accounts for the savings of more than thirty million euros. I am of the opinion that our power system showed in the past several months that it was flexible system and that owing to the expertise and commitment of the employees, it was able to deal with catastrophic problems such as this disaster that fell upon us. – said Mr. Antić

The Director of Kolubara, Mr. Milorad Grčić explained that for not, the coal was disposed to the stockpile in Kalenić and that by introducing the OPM Veliki Crljeni into operation, the total daily coal production on three mines would be raised to about 65.000 tons.

– We expect that in the next couple of days, the total balance will get from about 75 to 80% of the quantity this Mining basin was producing before the floods. The activation of the OPM Veliki Crljeni within this timeframe is really a great success, especially given the fact that we have managed to do it by our own capacities, using local pumps, under bad weather conditions, and pumped more than 22 million cubic meters of water – said Mr. Grčić.

Minister Antić reminded of the fact that collection of bids was in progress for the water pumping out from the OPM “Tamnava West Field”, the most productive Kolubara OPM still under water.

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Savings made for “Kolubara”, better material position for production workers

Today starts the signing of employment contracts in MB “Kolubara” for 1399 production workers who have been engaged for years through the company “Kolubara Usluge”, in the production process, in MB “Kolubara”. According to Mr. Milorad Grčić, the Director of MB “Kolubara”, the transfer of these workers will provide financial savings for the business of MB “Kolubara”, because by taking over these workers “Kolubara” will have less costs for regulating obligations of work labor engagement.

– These employees have worked in the production sector for years and they are unavoidable factor of stability and coal production continuity in Kolubara mines. I would like to thank these workers who worked committedly under the hardest working conditions, bearing the burden of the production and having the patience for their status to be solved – pointed out Mr. Grčić.

Mr. Miodrag Ranković, the president of the Union of Kolubara, emphasized that these workers had been the backbone of the production for years, shoulder to shoulder with colleagues who were Kolubara’s workers and always motivated to work despite having less benefits.

– Those are the employees who have been working for even more than a decade in the production, who learned the trade in the mine, became excellent experts and they will hold the future of work in Kolubara in the decades to come. The transfer of these employees into MB Kolubara implies the improvement of their material status and greater security – said Mr. Ranković. Among workers taken over by MB Kolubara and JP EPS, are production workers working in direct coal production, at various fitter’s posts, electricians, station operators, auxiliary workers, headmen for organizing the very excavating operations.



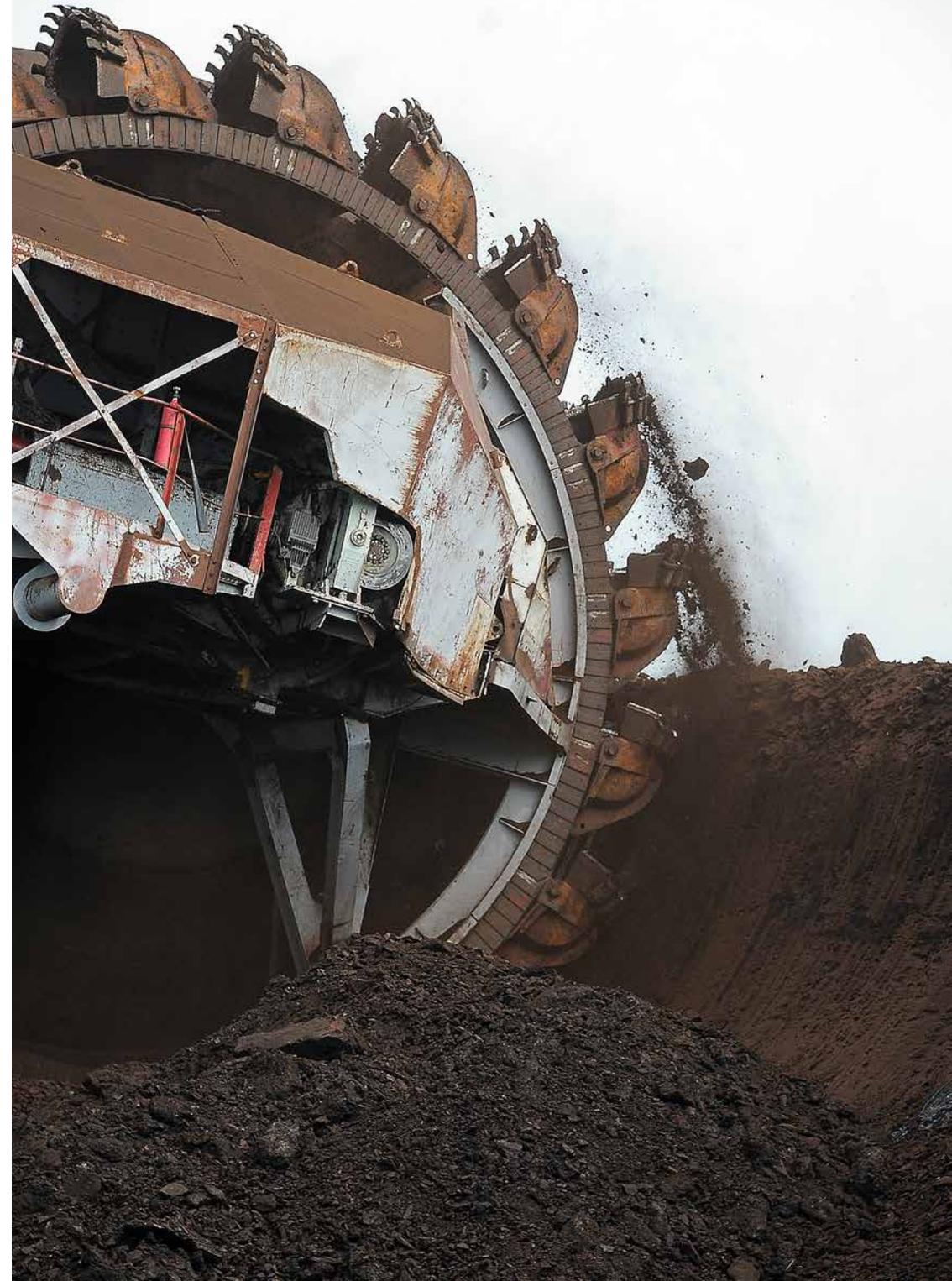
Consequences inflicted by floods mitigated in the coal production sector

Despite enormous damage inflicted on open pit mines of the Mining basin “Kolubara” by catastrophic floods that hit Serbia in mid-May, the production results exceed expectations thanks to the great effort put by the employees. In the newly arisen situation, in the floods aftermath, a rebalance of the production plans has been done, so that instead of 30.4 million tons of coal, the production of 24.62 million tons of lignite is envisaged in the Kolubara open pit mines. In Tamnava West Field, the mine that has been the backbone of the production in Kolubara for several years back, the production of 14.32 million tons of coal was envisaged. The flooding of the most productive mine has significantly reflected on the balance for this year. The fact that the mine was flooded in May, with the production of 5.66 million tons of coal up to that point and the fact that the production will probably stay at this figure, implies that for the electricity production there will be about nine million tons less coal until the end of the year.

As the power system stability of our country is based on the electricity production from thermal sector, and a half of Serbian electricity that is produced from production systems of “Kolubara” mines – TPPNT, it is clear these quantities cannot be superseded. By good analysis, additional consideration of alternatives, as well as changing the production issues and organization of work in the OPMs Field D and Field B, the shortage has been considerably moderated. According to the production plan, it was foreseen to excavate 5.57 million tons of lignite in the Field “D” in 2014. By making a rebalance, three millions were “added”, so the new plan envisages excavation of 11.84 million tons of lignite in this OPM, which makes the increase in the production of 40%.

As the coal production is raised by three million tons, by the end of the year, in the Field D, the shortage of nine millions at the level of the entire “Kolubara” has been mitigated to approximately 6 million tons

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