

KOLUBARA

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Austrian Ambassador visited MB “Kolubara”

Johannes Eigner, Austrian Ambassador in Serbia, visited the Headquarters of Mining Basin “Kolubara” in Lazarevac. At the meeting with the management of MB “Kolubara” and the representatives of municipalities Lazarevac, Lajkovac and Ub, he was acquainted with the investment cycle which is ahead of Kolubara in the years to follow and with its importance for the Serbian energy system. After the meeting, the delegates and the hosts visited the open pit mine “Tamnava West Field”.

– Today’s meeting is important for future economic cooperation of Serbia and Austria. Besides the investments which have already been made, “Kolubara” expects the most important investment in long-term stability of Serbian energetics, the opening of open pit mine “Radljevo”. The value of the investment will reach some 750 to 800 million euros in the years to come – Milorad Grčić, the director of MB “Kolubara” said.

The theme of the meeting was the investment in energy sector and the potentials of development of small and medium companies in the area of local governments where Kolubara lignite is being exploited.

Besides the conversation about the types of potential partnership, the importance of the exchange of experience, knowledge and use of modern working technologies was also pointed out.

– We talked about the possibilities of cooperation of Austrian companies with MB “Kolubara” which is very important company for Serbian economy. Austria has great knowledge in the field of mining, and in certain areas it is the best in the world. I am sure that due to expansion of “Kolubara” there are great opportunities for Austrian companies and for the cooperation between Serbian and Austrian economies to get even more intense – the ambassador Eigner said.

Besides the ambassador, the meeting was attended by Austrian delegate Andreas Haidenthaler, the counselor of Chamber of Commerce, and Boris Kostić, energy specialist.

MB “Kolubara” was represented by Milorad Grčić, the director, Mihailo Petrović, the deputy director, and Branko Petrović, the assistant director for investments, development and production improvement. Local government was represented by Bojan Stević (Lazarevac), Darko Glišić (Ub) and Goran Milovanović (Lajkovac).

4th April, 2014

Students of mining from Tuzla visited “Kolubara”

The students of the Faculty of Mining, Geology and Civil Engineering from Tuzla visited MB “Kolubara” earlier today and saw the open pit mines of the biggest coal producer in Serbia.

The professors and fourth year students of mining were greeted by M. Sc. Branko Petrović, the assistant director for investments, development and production improvement. On this occasion, the future miners were thoroughly informed about the production capacities of the OPMs, the development plans, trends in coal production, the investments in environmental protection and improvement within the biggest coal producer in Serbia.

According to the delegates, they decided to include the visit to “Kolubara” into their two-day visit to Serbia since they were impressed by its coal production which tops 30 million tons a year and they wanted to use the unique opportunity to see the “bucket chain excavator” which they cannot see in the OPMs of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

9th April, 2014





Transfer of German experts' knowledge for the employees of MB "Kolubara"

Within the realization of the first "green project" in Mining Basin "Kolubara", the training of the management of "Kolubara" and EPS begun on the part of the "C" project referring to the expansion of the dump site and homogenization of the coal, i.e the system for quality control of coal. Training is conducted by the consultants from the open pit mines "Mibrag" and PWE. It is planned to hold 30 trainings for a period of 122 days.

– In Serbia, for the first time this kind of project is carried out, and the application of the new technologies requires the knowledge of all elements for the quality control system of coal. The goal is to enable the experts of "Kolubara" to meet the requirements of the thermal power plants related to the quality of coal in the future, when the adverse geological conditions of coal excavation are expected - said Phd Darko Daničić, the manager of the project sponsored by KfW bank.

The training will last until the first days of June, and the continuation is expected in September. A wide range of topics and numerous case studies within the training will provide a detailed introduction with the experiences of the German mines "Mibrag" and PWE, the larger coal producers in Europe. Their experience will help to avoid the initial mistakes with which the German mines faced and to make a complicated job be a routine. Tender for procurement of the equipment for the homogenization should be released in May. Due to the procedure of the KfW bank, the realization of the project is expected to last 27 months, and that the plant will begin with the operation no later than in three years. The system will provide the rational coal use as a non-renewable natural resource, the safe supply of the power plants with the uniform quality lignite and reduction of the emissions. The introduction of the uniform the coal quality system in MB "Kolubara" will enable the optimization of the combustion process in the boilers of TPPNT, contribute to the efficiency increasing and reduce of the environment pollution in the municipalities of Lazarevac, Lajkovac, Ub and Obrenovac. With this project, the MB "Kolubara" actively participates in the achieving of the objectives of the national strategy for the sustainable development, introduction of the cleaner production and sustainable exploitation of the natural resources.

Over 8.5 million tons of coal during the first three mounts

Miners of Mining Basin "Kolubara", the largest coal producer in Serbia, from the beginning of the year, have achieved the results which exceed the plan in production segments, lignite production and soil excavation above the coal.

At the four open pit mines of MB "Kolubara", it has been excavated over 8.5 million tons of lignite in the first trimester of the year, which is approximately five per cent over the amount that was envisaged by the plan for this period. When it comes to the production of the overburden (soil above the coal), until April 1st it was excavated over 19 million cubic meters of overburden, instead of the anticipated 15.8 million cubic meters, and thus the plan was exceeded by as much as 20 percent.

At the end of March, there was significantly larger amount of coal than the one planned for this period at almost all disposal sites of the thermal power plants of MB "Kolubara".

Based on the coal excavated in MB "Kolubara", the half of the Serbian electricity is produced in thermal facilities, and stable operation of the Kolubara's mines is required for safe operation of the power plants and maintenance of the electrical stability of the country.

17th April, 2014





Investment overhauls at the Kolubara's mines

At the open pit mines of the Mining Basin "Kolubara", Field "B" and Field "D", the overhauls are in progress at the coal systems which have started a week ago and will run until May 10th.

This is an investment repair of the BTP system, and it is implemented on the excavators Bucket Wheel Excavator 1 and Bucket Wheel Excavator 8. On the excavator Bucket Wheel Excavator 8, the revitalization of the most important parts is in progress, such as gear digger and shuffle hook. The revitalization is performed in the facilities of "Kolubara Metal".

The extensive work, which includes the lifting of the tube, the removal of the gear digger, winches, cables and drums, as well as the replacement of the electrical cables management, is in an advanced stage at the Bucket Wheel Excavator 1. Fifty percent of the parts, which have already been successfully overhauled in "Metal", were returned to the excavator.

Upon the completion of the BTO system, regular investment repair will include the systems of the Tamnava's mines. The overhauls at these mines are very significant since that mines are the producers of the two thirds of coal in MB "Kolubara".

The preparations for the biggest annual overhaul are in progress, scheduled for May 10th and will run until June 30th.

24th April, 2014

„Circuit of peace“ in honor of ancestors

At the initiative of the Association of Serbian guardian of traditions and customs, “Prela and Posela”, and sponsored by the Mining Basin “Kolubara”, next to the flow of the river Kolubara (at the wider area of Veliki Crljeni), on September 14th, the great ceremony will be held marking the significant anniversary- the centenary anniversary of the Battle of Kolubara. On that day, the idea is to get over ten thousand people from all over Serbia, but from abroad as well, to hold hands and form a symbolic circuit which will send a message of peace and solidarity throughout the world, as well as the gratitude to the ancestors for the sacrifices they have been submitted during the First World War.

– Since the activity of the Mining Basin “Kolubara” takes place in the municipalities of Lazarevac, Lajkovac and Ub, as well as that a large number of the employees originate from the area where the famous battle took place, we believe that it is our commitment, as a socially responsible company, to conveniently mark the anniversary of this great historical event – said Goran Perišić, the Head of the cabinet of the MB “Kolubara” and the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the event, whose preparation is already in progress.

The initiative has received the blessing from the Bishop Jovan of Sumadija, Bishop Milutin of Valjevo, the support of the Department for the cooperation with churches and religious communities of Government of Republic of Serbia, Cultural and Educational Association of Serbia, Belgrade Chamber of Commerce, local government representatives of all the municipalities from the area where the Battle took place, as well as from the numerous cultural and other association which are concerned with culture in the cities across the country and abroad. If it all goes as planned, the circuit should be included in the Guinness Book of Records.

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