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CIL deploys additional third party samplers to lessen grade slippage

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EVEN AS QUALITY issues have started cropping up with Coal India (CIL) enhancing supplies to the power sector, CIL says it has been able to achieve improved grade conformity even after the monsoons when there are increased chances of grade slippages.

A CIL executive told *Fe* that till August this year the grade conformity was 63%, up from 60% during the same month last year. But a section of power engineers are of the view that power plants' present average 7 days stock position with around 13.4 million tonne have a lot of basalt and soil mixed in it. Such basalt mixed coal are preventing boilers' optimum function and damaging those to some extent as well.

While they agree that the primary reason for grade variation is the inherent heterogeneous nature of Indian coal having difference in calorific value of coal extracted within the same seam at different points, they allege, many a official in charge of stock at the CIL pit heads are forced to mix basalt with coal for the purpose of over reporting.

Basalts are mainly found in

the mines of the Rajmahal area under the Eastern Coalfields (ECL) and those are removed as overburdens. But plants mainly linked with the ECL are facing the problem, though most of the mines in other CIL subsidiaries are basalt free.

CIL said mine gradation is determined by Coal Controller's Office annually, a statutory body under the government of India, and CIL has nothing to do with mine gradation. Nevertheless during last fiscal, coal quality reflected a positive jump as the grade conformity improved to 63% from 59% over the preceding year as per the third-party sample analysis. CIL, until August this year, has been able to stick to its last year's grade conformity.

The PSU miner has engaged two more globally reputed third party sampling and testing agencies including COTECNA Inspection India and SGS India to ensure lesser grade slippage. This engagement has been done in addition to the existing agencies namely CSIR-CIMFR and Quality Council of India, a CIL executive said.

CIL ascertained the quality of supplies during the last fiscal, sampling and analysing 487 MT compared to 448 MTs in FY20.

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Coal India net profit dips a tad to ₹2,933 cr in Q2

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Coal India Ltd posted a marginal decline in consolidated net profit at ₹2,933 crore for the quarter ended September 30, compared with ₹2,952 crore in the same period last year.

Net sales on a consolidated basis increased by nine per cent at ₹21,293 crore against (₹19,484 crore).

On a sequential basis, the consolidated net profit was down eight per cent from ₹3,174 crore during the quarter ended June 30. Net sales also declined by nine per cent compared with ₹23,294 crore during the quarter ended June.

The country's largest miner registered a nine per cent rise in production at 125.83 million tonne (mt) during the July-September compared with 114.98 mt in the same period last year. Offtake was up by around 10 per cent at 147.43 mt (134.33 mt).

The company's scrip closed at ₹166.95, down 0.03 per cent on the BSE on Friday.

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कोल इंडिया को 2,937 करोड़ का शुद्ध लाभ

दिल्ली . सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की कोल इंडिया लि. (सीआईएल) का 30 सितंबर को समाप्त चालू वित्त वर्ष की दूसरी तिमाही का एकीकृत शुद्ध लाभ 2,936.91 करोड़ रुपये पर लगभग स्थिर रहा है . इससे पिछले वित्त वर्ष की समान तिमाही में कंपनी ने 2,948.12 करोड़ रुपये का शुद्ध लाभ कमाया था . बीएसई को भेजी सूचना में कंपनी ने कहा कि तिमाही के दौरान उसकी एकीकृत परिचालन आय बढ़कर 23,291.08 करोड़ रुपये पर पहुंच गई, जो इससे पिछले वित्त वर्ष की समान तिमाही में 21,153.07 करोड़ रुपये थी . तिमाही के दौरान एकीकृत आधार पर कंपनी का कुल खर्च बढ़कर 20,424.52 करोड़ रुपये पर पहुंच गया, जो एक साल पहले समान तिमाही में 18,177.82 करोड़ रुपये था . तिमाही के दौरान कंपनी का उत्पादन बढ़कर 12.58 करोड़ टन रहा, जो एक साल पहले समान अवधि में 11.49 करोड़ टन था .