ABEL MINE

Pillar Extraction Management Plan Training Panel 2

September 2010





Duration: 2.5 Hours including assessment

Presenters:

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Learning Objective:

- To carry out pillar extraction safely at Abel Mine in Panel 2 in accordance with the requirements of the Abel Pillar Extraction Management Plan HSMS 2.11
- Course Content
- Knowledge Assessment at end



Course Content

- Safety Alerts
- Clause 88 & SMP approvals
- Panel Design
- Geological/Geotech
- Extraction Sequence
- Support Rules
- Safe Standing Zones
- BLS Operations
- Variation to approved plan
- Emergency Equipment
- Process Maps

- Mining through disturbed roof
- Machine recovery procedures
- Halting of lifts
- Ribs
- Procedure after goaf fall
- Ventilation Arrangements
- Windblast potential
- Spon Com propensity
- Inrush
- Pillar AMZ Report



Abel (Full extraction)



Abel Mine Plan



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Panel 2 Design Principles

- Panel 2 Layout Design Principles and Parameters:
 - Full extraction by double-sided lifting and three BLS/MRS
 - No extraction at less than 50m depth of cover (to avoid potentially unpredictable ground conditions)
 - Extraction width greater than depth to seam (to promote rapid completion of full-height caving)
 - Long-term (25+ years) stable barrier pillars between panels and between panels and mains
 - Fenders of suitable strength & stability (9.75m wide, width to height greater than 2)
 - Minimise formation of stooks to minimise their influence on caving
 - Flanking returns for ventilation flexibility during development and subsequent extraction
 - Extraction on retreat to allow time to identify and manage geological anomalies
 - Minimise development metres (hence 4-heading not 5heading development)
 - Formation of a straight goaf edge perpendicular to the direction of retreat to promote predictable caving and maintain goaf on two or less sides
 - Regular pillar geometry to promote similar goaf edge conditions
 - Routine and repeatable layout to aid safety and productivity
 - Minimise number of intersections for safety and productivity



Panel 2

Depth of Cover



Geological Condition Plan



Installed Support



Mine Hazard Plan





Authority to Mine Panel 2 (14 c/t to 11 c/t)

Authority to Mine Plan - Panel 2 (14 c/t to 11 c/t)



- This Authority to Mine should be read in conjunction with the following plans:

Panel 2 - Lifting Sequence and Support Rules - a6b2003.dwg (plan 2 of 11).

Panel 2 - Pillar Extraction Supporting Disturbed Roof - a6b2003.dwg (plan 8 of 11).

- "If it is considered that the method or sequence of extraction of a particular pillar as laid down by the Manager of Mining Engineering is inappropriate, an Area Leader may authorise a variation to the Manager's procedures. This can only be undertaken after the particular Area Leader personally inspects the site for the specific purpose and issues a written directive fully detailing the variations to the Manager's procedures. A Team Leader cannot vary the Manager's procedures. The Area Leader issuing the variation shall as soon as practical inform and provide the Manager with a written copy of such variation".

 The Team Leader has the authority to stop an operation or withdraw machinery if, based on his judgement, continued mining would create an unsafe condition. If such a decision leads to the need for a variation to the approved plan then production should not recommence until a more senior mining supervisor has inspected the site.



Typical Stratigraphic Column





Windblast potential

- When a spanning roof unit exists above the immediate roof but within the expected caving height of the face, then in the goaf an air gap can develop between the top of the weak immediate roof rubble pile and the upper spanning strata unit.
- Subsequent failure and caving of the spanning roof unit will cause sheets of stone to fall into the air gap.
- The failure and caving of a large spanning unit displaces the air in the goaf.
- The displaced air is forced out through open roadways into the workplace around and outbye
 of the goaf edge.



Windblast potential

Control measures

- Panel layouts should incorporate as many entries as are possible on both sides of the goaf to dissipate the velocity/pressure effects of a windblast
- High housekeeping standards to be maintained, no debris (empty oil drums, picks etc) to be stored in the goaf to minimise the potential for a windblast to propel solid objects along roadways
- The variably laminated to medium bedded roof material encountered at Abel Mine is not expected to act as a beam or span any significant distance. The roof of Panel 1 did not span and the similar roof in Panel 2 indicates there will not be spanning roof strata.
- There are no currently known massively bedded units in the immediate roof above Panel 2.
- Risk Assessment (based on MDG 1003) was conducted 24/6/10 to develop a Windblast Management Plan.



Upper Donaldson Roof

- Typical roof of the Upper Donaldson Seam above Panel 2 consists of;
 - 0.5m 0.7m of sandy shale (typical UCS 20-50MPa) overlain by;
 - 0.8m 2.1m of sandstone (typical UCS 30-70MPa) providing anchorage for roof bolts. This units is absent from Borehole 066, however this is anomalous and it is present in surrounding boreholes. The sandstone unit is overlain by;
 - 8.0m 20.0m of interbedded shale (typical UCS 15–35MPa) and sandstone (typical UCS 35–70MPa) overlain by;
 - approximately 0.70m of Beresfield Seam coal (typical UCS 10-15MPa) overlain by;
 - interbedded shales (typical UCS 20-40Mpa) and sandstones (typical UCS 30-60MPa) to the surface.



Management of Ribs in the Pillar Extraction Area

- Abel Mine roadways are aligned to minimise occurrence of driveage sub-parallel to coal cleat.
- However, pillar and lift corners are not favourably aligned to coal cleat. Breakaways and lifts that line up parallel to cleat pose the greatest risk. When working near a pillar corner or near a lift take extra care of the rib condition
- All personnel to be aware of the effect that `saw toothing' has on rib conditions in the run outs







AMZ Report

This is an example of a completed AMZ report from Panel 1 Abel Mine.



AMZ Report

This is the AMZ report for Abel Mine.

These will be in carbon-copy books in the crib-rooms.

AMZ books focus on:

- Identifying hazards in the working areas

- actions taken to manage identified hazards

- locations and coal mined according to the sequence

- tell-tale information

Pillar Extraction - Acti∨e Mining Zone Report

Crew: Panel: Shift: N D A

Sequence Start: Sequence End:

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The pillar extraction hazard then thication process is to be completed by the panel team leader in addition to other routine inspections.

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RISK AS SESSMENT

When any of the above hazands are then titled the hazard is to be assessed. If the assessed risk is unacceptable the hazard is to be kien titled and communicated then e liminated or controlled. Briefly detail actions following risk assessment in the comments section be bw.



Pillar Extraction Definitions



Barrier Pillar – Important component of the extraction system. Must be designed to remain stable for life of mine or life of regional area

Breaker Props- They;

- 1. control the goaf line, preventing overrun.
- 2. Prevent goaf debris from fouling work areas.
- 3. Clearly demarcate boundary between goaf and working panel.

Double sided lifting- extraction takes place either side of the run out (with 3 BLS's)

Pillar Extraction Definitions



Fender – is a pillar with a short life cycle. As per MDG 1005 design w/h > 2.5 to 3 **Lift** – a slice of coal 3.6m wide (CM03) taken out of the fender (approx 140-160 tonnes of coal) **Stooks** – Provides temporary roof support at intersections. To be sufficiently strong enough to function as an effective roof support until operations have retreated back from the mined area, but weak enough to fail soon thereafter, so as not to hinder caving. **Not to be taken**.

Pillar Extraction Process

Panel 2 General Details

Double sided open end lifts, generally in accordance with the approved plan DWG No. a6a1010.dwg signed Mar 2010 and approved by CICM 10/6/10

Extraction of Panel 2 will utilise following equipment:

- 12CM12 Joy Continuous Miner CM03 or CM05
- Shuttle Cars x 3 (or 2)
- 3 x Breaker Line Supports (BLS/MRS)
 - BLS- 540 tonne capacity- Panel 1
 - MRS 800 tonne capacity- Panel 2
























































































Panel 2 Pillar Extraction Sequence



• Double sided lifting from pre driven run outs using 3 BLS's

- Lifting of fenders of approx. 9.75 metres width
- Lift angle 60°
- Depth of lifts as per approved plan
- Team Leader and Miner Driver responsible for ensuring lift depths are as per approved Plan

Approved: Manager of Mining Engineering

Panel 2 Pillar Extraction Sequence



Extraction Sequence (Continued)

- Minor variations to planned sequence can only be approved in writing by Area Leader after visual examination
- Length of lifts is as per approved sequence plan (all measurements are from centre line of heading/ cut through angled at 60°)
- Width of lift 3.7m (CM03) or 4.0m (CM05)
- Team Leader and Miner driver have responsibility to ensure lift depth is as per approved sequence plan (using length of machine, conduit, tape measure etc)
- For off centre roadways, survey lines will be installed to mark the design centre





Extraction Sequence (Continued)

- Position of last lift & Stook marked on rib as sequence control (to ensure correct stook size is left)
- If a BLS unavailable for Double Side Lifting, the operation may revert back to single sided lifting after Change Management Process completed





Pillar Extraction Roof Support

- As per support plans for single sided and double sided lifting
- As no pillar splitting, systematic roof bolting in Panel 2 will not be carried out during pillar extraction process
- Set supplementary roof support if conditions require it



Pillar Extraction Roof Support (Continued)

- Breaker props nominal diameter of ~125/150mm and cut to length
- Breaker props set in accordance with Support Rules shown on previous plans
- Breaker props are to be set on the outbye side of the goaf in each access roadway to prevent goaf over run, prevent goaf debris entering heading and to clearly demarcate boundary between goaf and working places.
- Brattice to be installed in between the 2 rows of breakers.
- No timber set in conjunction with BLS's during lifting process.





Setting up for 1st lift



Sequence of taking a lift



BLS/MRS

The BLS were originally pioneered in the RSA at Middlebult Colliery by Voest- Alpine commencing in 1984 and later trialled in several Australian collieries commencing in 1987. Their subsequent use in pillar extraction panels became widespread with some 60 units in operation by 1991

FLETCHER MRS MOBILE ROOF SUPPORT



VOEST ALPINE BLS BREAKER LINE SUPPORT




BLS alignment is critical (UNSW Training)

(BLS units must <u>always</u> be operated as a single unit – aligned, overlapped and closely spaced – **NOT** in isolation)







- All operators are to remain within the safe standing zones
- Operators are to safely position themselves to maximise vision of the operation and to ensure they are clear of the continuous miner and shuttle cars
- Signs will be placed on the side of the outside BLS units (stating "Danger- unsupported roof adjacent to BLS")
- Tie & stow the jumper cables correctly.
- When double sided lifting have BLS cable cross over point 15m behind CM



BLS Operations (Continued)

- A maximum of 3 people are permitted to stand between miner and BLS's whilst a lift is being taken, the CM driver, one other mineworker and the Team Leader or other Mining official (for face inspections)
- The BLS units are to be positioned so that the distance between adjacent BLS's will not exceed 0.7 metres (except when flitting).
- No person is to go beyond original roadway support



Setting of BLS Units

- BLS set pressures in green zone <=280 bar. If setting BLS units to 280 bar damages roof, BLS set pressure may be reduced.</p>
- Team Leader in consultation with the Area Leader will determine BLS set pressure for ground conditions encountered. If BLS set pressure has to be changed, record circumstances of change on Team Leader's shift report
- When setting BLS's to roof, Pressurise FRONT legs against roof then pressurise REAR legs against roof



BLS Operations

RULES & PROCEDURES FOR MRS OPERATION

- The Mobile Roof Support (MRS) units must always be operated as a SINGLE unit, i.e. ALIGNED, OVERLAPPED and CLOSELY SPACED.
- A maximum of 3 people are permitted to stand between the Continuous Miner (CM) and MRS's whilst a lift is being taken; the CM driver, one other mine worker and the Team Leader or other official (for face inspections).
- Always lower the rear legs first to allow any debris to fall back into goaf. When setting the MRS to the roof, set the front legs first so any roof bolts which may snap off are deflected into the goaf.
- The MRS units are to be moved between lifts such that at any instant, any 2 canopies overlap a minimum of 2.0m or 50% in the direction of retreat.
- ALWAYS ENSURE that the units are clear of the roof before tramming forward. (Check that the pressure gauge reads zero).
- 6. Prior to taking a lift, the MRS units are to be set a maximum of 3.0m from the CM as shown.
- Keep slack floor coal in front of the MRS units to a minimum as this will assist with the movement of the MRS after each lift is taken.
- The MRS units are to be operated from one feeder cable and jumper cables are to be used to power the second and third MRS.
- IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL CARE IS TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT CABLES ARE NOT DAMAGED.
- 10. The main feeder cable to the MRS is to be hung from mesh or bolts of the roadway to be lifted.
- When double sided lifting the MRS cable cross over point is to be maintained 15m outbye of the breakaway point of the next lift.
- 12. Under heavy roof conditions the MRS units are only to be advanced 1.0m at a time. Contact advance may be required under some extreme circumstances. Pressure on contact advance should register in the green zone on the pressure gauge. (< 280 Bar)</p>
- The operator is to ensure all persons are in a safe position clear of the MRS units before moving them.
- 14. The operator is to ensure that the MRS units are set as vertical to the roof as possible, to avoid damage and to ensure that maximum support is maintained.
- 15. All MRS's are to be operational prior to commencing any lift.
- Reflective markers are to be hung from the mesh in front of the MRS to designate the unsupported roof edge.
- 17. The MRS's are not to be used as a refuge area.





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Approved: Manager of Mining Engineering

Noted: District Inspector of Coal Mines



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DATE	11	24th August 2010	Plan 6 of 11

Mining through intersection with 3 MRS



commencement of last lift on solid side. This is to allow the 3 MRS's an unobstructed path past stook "X", in their normal operating configuration.

9.10 Approved: Manager of Mining Engineering

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Approved: District Inspector of Coal Mines

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Mining around into `D' heading



Lifting near Stook Y



BLS repositioning at end of last lift



Flitting of BLS Units

- Flitting BLS units from one side of panel to other;
 - Flitted simultaneously, using pendant controls on BLS1 and BLS3 with BLS #2 operated by radio. Units will be flitted in single file with BLS #2 in centre. *Maintain line* of sight at all times.
 - Flitted alternately (i.e. one BLS unit at time to length of jumper cable between each unit), using one remote control transmitter only.



Safe Standing Zones (MDG 5002)

- No person shall go into unsupported roof areas at Abel Mine.
- A <u>Safe standing Zone</u> is specifically related to continuous miner and BLS operations and is a designated area where people can pass or work when the continuous miner or BLS is operational or energised.
- A <u>No Standing Zone</u> also relates to continuous miner and BLS operations and is an area where people are prohibited from entering



Safe standing Zones – CM operational



Safe standing zones – Single sided lifting



Safe standing zones – BLS Repositioning



Isolation Standard for BLS re-positioning

Whenever BLS operators needs to be located inbye of continuous miner to re-position BLS units, the Continuous Miner shall be isolated in accordance with Abel's Isolation Arrangements

Level 2

 Isolation using Isolation devices that are not visual, e.g circuit breaker on CM, isolation valve in air line



Safe Standing Zones – BLS Maintenance



Safe standing Zones – Flitting BLS's



Safe Standing Zones – No Coal cutting





NO ENTRY UNSUPPORTED ROOF ADJACENT TO BLS

UNSUPPORT

ADJACENT TO BLS

Mining through disturbed/fractured Strata



EXAMPLE (A) - FRACTURED ROOF IN EXISTING HEADING OR CUT-THROUGH

IT IS IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT DISTURBED OR FRACTURED ROOF ZONES.

- FOR DOUBLE SIDED LIFTING CUT LIFT ONLY AS FAR AS NECESSARY TO ADVANCE BLS
- ADVANCE BLS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE NEXT LIFT
- TAKE NEXT LIFT LEAVING 1.0m WEB (WIDTH DEPENDS ON CONDITION OF DISTURBED GROUND AND ADJACENT STRATA CONDITIONS)
- THE WEB WILL PROVIDE TEMPORARY SUPPORT TO THE ROOF

- RESUME NORMAL LIFTING SEQUENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE





EXAMPLE (B) - ROOF GUTTERING IN GOAF

IT IS IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT DISTURBED OR FRACTURED ROOF ZONES.

- FOR DOUBLE SIDED LIFTING CUT LIFT ONLY AS FAR AS NECESSARY TO ADVANCE BLS
- ADVANCE BLS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE NEXT LIFT
- TAKE NEXT LIFT LEAVING 1.0m WEB (WIDTH DEPENDS ON CONDITION OF DISTURBED
- GROUND AND ADJACENT STRATA CONDITIONS) - THE WEB WILL PROVIDE TEMPORARY SUPPORT
- TO THE ROOF - RESUME NORMAL LIFTING SEQUENCE AS SOON
- AS POSSIBLE
- GOAF FLUSH TO THE BACK OF BLS



EXAMPLE (C) - MAJOR FAULT LINE OR SEAM DISLOCATION IN LIFT

- IT IS IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT DISTURBED OR FRACTURED ROOF ZONES.
- FOR DOUBLE SIDED LIFTING CUT LIFT ONLY AS FAR AS NECESSARY TO ADVANCE BLS
- ADVANCE BLS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE NEXT LIFT
- TAKE NEXT LIFT LEAVING A STOOK 1.0m EACH SIDE OF THE FAULT OR DISLOCATION (WIDTH DEPENDS ON CONDITION OF DISTURBED GROUND AND ADJACENT STRATA CONDITIONS) - THE STOOK WILL PROVIDE TEMPORARY SUPPORT TO THE ROOF - RESUME NORMAL LIFTING SEQUENCE AS SOON

AS POSSIBLE



EXAMPLE (D) - MAJOR FAULT LINE OR SEAM DISLOCATION RUNNING SUB-PARALLEL

IT IS IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT DISTURBED OR FRACTURED ROOF ZONES.

- WHEN SUPPORTING SUB-PARALLEL FAULTS WEBS (MINIMUM 1M) NEED TO BE LEFT AT LEAST
 EVERY 2ND LIFT, BOTH SIDES OF ROADWAY
 IF CONDITIONS REQUIRE GREATER SUPPORT
- WEBS MAY BE NEEDED GREATER THEN 1M AND/OR LEFT EVERY LIFT - RESUME NORMAL LIFTING SEQUENCE AS SOON
- AS POSSIBLE

NOTE: TO BE USED AS A GUIDE ONLY. GEOLOGICAL STRUCTURES TO BE MAPPED ON DEVELOPMENT AND HAZARD PLAN PREPARED WHICH WILL SHOW AREAS OF COAL TO BE LEFT



Process Maps

- Have been developed by Process working group for Pillar extraction processes, including
 - SC wheeling roads and anchor points
 - Boot, DCB location
 - Timing of Belt/Box/services retraction
 - Trickle dusters
 - Ventilation structures
 - Breaker props etc









NOTES

- Retraction will be in 25m intervals (belt to be prepared accordingly during development)
- All back spooling will be under 20m
- SC-'C' to have extended cable reel (220m)
- Breaker Props in A Hdg Prior to sequence 1





PANEL 2 SEQUENCE 2



NOTES

- Swing SC-B to RHS of bootend in the early stages of sequence 2 during BLS move.
- Breaker Props + Stopping B Hdg prior to Sequence 2







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 Breaker Props + Stopping in C Hdg prior to Starting Sequence 3







PANEL 2 SEQUENCE 5 (A)



NOTES

- When setting up sequence 5, swing RHS SC back to endload position
- Retract Boot End & Box on next maintenance shift available







Most inbye Permanent Stopping replaced by brattice during sequence 5 . Trickle Duster + Cribbo retracted 1 pillar During Sequence 5 .

Breaker Props A Hdg Prior to sequence 5

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Variation to the Approved Extraction Plan Condition 6.1.8 Clause 88 approval

- If it is considered that the method or sequence of extraction of a particular pillar as laid down by the Manager of Mining Engineering is inappropriate, an Area Leader may authorise a variation to the Manager's procedures. This can only be undertaken after the particular Area Leader personally inspects the site for the specific purpose and issues a written directive fully detailing the variations to the Manager's procedures. A Team Leader cannot vary the Manager's procedures. The Area Leader issuing the variation shall as soon as practical inform and provide the Manager with a written copy of such variation'.
- The Team Leader has the right to stop an operation or withdraw machinery if, based on his judgement, continued mining would create an unsafe condition. If such a decision leads to the need for a variation to the approved plan then production should not recommence until a more Senior Mining Supervisor has inspected the site.



Emergency Equipment

- The following items to be checked weekly as per weekly audit.
 - The Beltor Extraction Device and its associated controls and hoses



Emergency Equipment

- In addition to the Beltor puller additional Emergency equipment to be stored on ducks bill with the following items:
- 2 sledge hammers, 2 shovels
- 2 miners picks, 2 pelican picks
- 2 saws + spare saw blades
- 2 crow bars, 2 measuring sticks
- A compressed air roof bolter with drill steels, bits and hoses
- A supply of bolts, chemicals and plates
- A supply of props, lids and wedges







Beltor Puller- SWP developed









Pillar Extraction – BLS Audit of Compliance

	Production and Flitting Operations		
1.	During the shift were remote functions tested (lower, advance, set)?	Yes	
2.	Prior to commencing operations after a breakdown which may have affected the remote control operation, did the BLS operator test all remote functions?	Yes	
3.	When the BLS operator selects a position to operate the BLS units did they-		
3.1	Position himself for maximum vision of operations	Yes	-
3.2	Remain undersupported root at all times	Yes	-
3.3	Stay clear of airborne dust generated by cutting operations	Yes	1
3.4	Remain alert of changing root conditions when BLS units are lowered from the roof prior to re-positioning	Yes	-
3.5 flittin	Communicate with crew members when re-positioning or g BLS units.	Yes	
4	When BLS units are being re-positioned during a production	Yes	1
cyck cabl	e, are all personnel and visitors other than BLS operator and e hand positioned outbye of the continuous miner?		
5	Whenever the BLS operator needs to be located inbye at the	Yes	1
	continuous miner to position the BLS units, is the power to the		
	cutter heads on the continuous miner being isolated as per		
	Abel's Isolation Arrangements.		
6	Does the BLS unit operator comply with the continuous miner remote control procedures at all times?	Yes	
7	When BLS units are being flitted-		
7.1	Are all crew members under the control of the remote control operator	Yes	-
7.2	When flitting concurrently, does pendant operators stay in full view of remote control operator	Yes	
7.3	Does the BLS operator give directions to the crew	Yes	
8	When work was completed, did the BLS operator ensure that all personnel were outside the "no standing zone" before flitting operations commenced?	Yes	
9	Is the transmitter being turned off when not in use €	Yes	1

	off and placed in a position free from hazards, moisture and		
	dust?		
	whenever the BLS operator is using the transmitter for any	res	NO
	reason, does ne place the straps around his neak and the		
_	unit clearly in front of him on his chest?		
12	Are any personnel taking possession of the transmitter	Yes	NO
	without the express permission of the BLS operator?		
13	Whenever the operator needs to carry out another task	Yes	No
	during operations, aid he turn the transmitter off and place it		
	in a safe place off his person		
	Maintenance		
14	is the BLS units positioned where possible in a sate suitable	Yes	NO
	location, with dry and level floor and sufficient work area		
_	around them to carry out maintenance?		
15	Should repair work be required on a unit, is it being set to the	Yes	NO
	roof in position and the other two BLS units remaining in		
	position and set against the roof ?		
16	is the mineworker carrying out maintenance taking charge of	Yes	No
	the transmitter?		
17	Is the mineworker carrying out maintenance, switching the	Yes	NO
1	transmitter off and placing it in a safe place off his person?		
18	is the mineworker carrying out maintenance, switching the	Yes	No
	main circuit breaker off and applying Abel's Isolation		

signed:

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Area Leader:

Date:

Date:
Pillar Extraction Weekly Audit



Pillar Extraction - Weekly Audit

The weekly audit is to consider the face conditions and the roadways for the next two weeks production, specifically roof, rib and floor conditions, to identify the hazards and implement controls to reduce any risk

Date......Shift N D A

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Requirements for the next BeltRetraction & Flit:

Suggested Changes to Manner & Sequence

Equipment Statu		Equipment	Status
The Beltor Extraction Device and its associated controls and hoses.		2 saws+ spare blades	
4 x 32mm Hammer Locks (WLL 32T)		2 crow bars	
5 m Kevlar strop		2 measuring sticks	
4 x 32mm Safety hooks (WLL32T)		A compressed air roof bolter with steels, bits and hoses	
3.5m sling		A supply of bolts, chemicals and plates	
2 sledge hammers		A supply of props, lids and wedges	
2 shovels		Spare supply cable (250m extension cable	
2 miners picks		200m extension cable	
2 pelican picks		One spare BLS jumper cable	

Comments/Recommendations

Signature of Auditor:

Date:

Production Manager: Date:



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First reading to be taken after BLS 's are set to the roof.

□ Second reading to be taken within 30 minutes of setting the BLS 's to the roof.

These reading are to be taken at least once per shift.





Machinery Recovery procedures

- Continuous miner broken down under unsupported roof, refer CM Recovery Plan
- BLS is broken down/bogged, recover BLS as per SWP 2.11.2 BLS Recovery Procedure
- Equipment buried- Notifiable under CMHSR 2006 56 (j) (burial of machinery such that it cannot be recovered under its own tractive effort) – refer SWP 2.11.1 Buried equipment Recovery Procedure



Continuous Miner Recovery Plan

CONTINUOUS MINER RECOVERY PLAN

In the event of a continuous miner breaking down beneath unsupported roof follow the procedure outlined:

- An attempt is to be made to recover the continuous miner (CM) using the "recovery mode" &/or "emergency stop overide mode" functions on the CM.
- 2. No person is to stand under unsupported roof at any time.
- Prior to commencing support installation notify the Team Leader and Area Leader.
- 4. The Team Leader and the crew will complete a Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) before any work commences. The SWMS will reference safe standing and no standing zones, the Strata Management TARP, information from <u>AMZ report</u> (roof/ rib conditions, geological structures, caving conditions, abutment loading and MRS leg pressures).
- Support shall be installed from areas of supported roof. Sound the roof and visually inspect roof area before commencing to install the support. The type of support (bolts or timber props) will be determined by the SWMS that is developed.
- To gain access to the continuous miner (CM), the support will be installed commencing from the existing rib line row of support.
- 7. The support is to be installed as determined by SWMS.
- Install sufficient support to allow safe access to the continuous miner on-board controls from under supported roof.
- Nothing will prevent a mineworker from setting an increased amount of support if necessary for safety.



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Recovery Mode & Emergency Stop Overide

Recovery Mode

Recovery mode is available when the machine hydraulic pump or hydraulic circuit has failed. The operation allows the operator to bring the machine back to a safe location without the pump running.

This mode is only to be used in an emergency as the machine will be tramming through the brakes.

Recovery Mode bypasses the following faults-

*Motor Over-Temperature Trips

*Motor Thermal Overloads

*Stuck Spool Monitoring Faults

*Motormate Faults

*Pendant Dummy Plug not detected

N.B. Requirements at Abel will be based on a Risk Assessment process



Recovery Mode & Emergency Stop Overide

Machine Emergency Stop Overide

Machine Stop Override mode allows the safe extraction of the machine when a Machine Stop has been activated. The control system overrides the Machine Stops during this period so the machine can be trammed to a position where the Machine Stop can be reset. While in this mode an audible alarm will sound. In this mode, the pump is still able to run, traction is possible, but cutting operations of the miner will not work.

N.B. Requirements at Abel will be based on a Risk Assessment process



Appendix 7 Breaker Line Support Recovery Procedure

Breaker Line Support Recovery PROCEDURE

1. Purpose

This procedure is to provide instruction for the method/methods to be used to free a Breaker Line Support (BLS) should it become bogged during normal coal winning operations.

Scope

This procedure describes the method, manning and equipment to be employed to free a bogged BLS. It should be used in conjunction with the Safe Operating Procedure for the Remote Control JOY 12CM12 and BLS's.

3. General Requirement

- 3.1 The mining official in charge of the panel shall direct operations.
- 3.2 The mining official in charge of the panel shall nominate personnel to carry out the procedure and direct them in their tasks. He shall ensure that each individual is aware of his particular task and the overall task at hand.
- 3.3 Only operators trained and appointed by the Manager shall operate the remote control equipment.
- 3.4 All operations are to be carried out under supported roof; additional support is to be by means of roof bolts and set as and where required.
- 3.5 Only personnel employed in the task at hand are to be in the immediate face area during the operation.

4. Preparation

- 4.1 Clean approach to BLS with the miner (CM) or an LHD.
- 4.2 Position the CM for a direct "in line" pull.
- 4.3 When the CM is in position to attach the towing chains, it must:
 - a) Isolated in accordance with Tasman's Isolation Arrangements
- 4.4 The towing chain hooks are to be secured to the towing lugs which are fitted to the CM for this purpose.

5. Towing Procedure

- 5.1 The CM operator is in charge of the immediate face area, subject to instructions from the mining official in charge of the panel, during the recovery operation.
- 5.2 All personnel not directly involved in the towing operation are to be directed to a place of safety selected by the mining official in charge.
- 5.3 The CM operator and the BLS operator are to co-ordinate their operations, with the CM operator in control.



Appendix 6 Buried Equipment Recovery

Buried Equipment Recovery PROCEDURE

1. Purpose

This procedure is to provide instruction to personnel for the standard procedures to be followed in the event of a fall of roof burying equipment which cannot be freed under its own power. As each scenario cannot be predicted, the extraction procedure will be formulated by the incident team at the time following an onsite risk assessment.

2. Scope

This procedure covers the steps to be taken in the event of a fall of roof burying equipment, and covers:

- a) Reporting the nature of the incident, and injuries to personnel, if any
- b) The procedure for nomination of the person to be in charge of the recovery team/process
- c) Preparation for the recovery process
- d) Standard procedures for a general recovery of buried equipment
- e) The means by which the individual recovery procedure will be decided

General Requirement

- 3.1 The mining official in charge of the panel shall immediately check for the location and safety of all personnel.
- 3.2 The mining official in charge of the panel, or a nominated employee, is to notify the Undermanager in Charge and/or the Manager as soon as possible after the fall. He shall pass on the following information:
 - a) Nature of occurrence
 - b) Any injuries to personnel and what assistance is required to deal with them
 - c) Location of fall
 - d) Time of fall
 - e) Extent of fall and what machinery is involved
 - f) Equipment or stores required to secure lip
 - g) Extraction equipment required
 - h) Consideration of a reportable incident
 - i) Whether or not the surveyor is required
- 3.3 Restore ventilation if applicable

4. Preparation

- 4.1 The senior mining official on site shall nominate who is to be in charge of the recovery procedure.
- 4.2 The senior mining official on site shall nominate an incident team who shall:

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- a) Carry out an onsite risk assessment
- b) Develop a recovery procedure from the recommendations from the risk assessment

Management of Ribs in the Pillar Extraction Area

- An assessment of the rib conditions shall be made prior to fenders being extracted in any run out (see AMZ).
- All loose ribs to be scaled down in run outs prior to lifting commencing.
- Should any deterioration occur in ribs of run out then rib support may be installed as per TARP.
- Team Leader & crew regular inspection of face area zone, to determine state of ribs.



Ventilation Arrangements

- Methane and other gas levels will be monitored in the return side at the start of the panel by the AmpControl real time monitoring system
- CM03 is equipped with an approved automatic methane monitor as required by Clause 18 (1) (f) of the Coal Mine Health and Safety Regulation 2006.



Ventilation Arrangements – Panel 1



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Panel 2 Ventilation



Panel 2 Ventilation



Procedure after a Goaf Fall

- When a goaf fall occurs, gases from the goaf may be forced out into the workings adjacent to goaf edges. If ventilation is disrupted the concentration of gases could be high.
- If a secondary goaf fall (likely to cause disruption to ventilation) is imminent, all workers should withdraw from face area to fresh air into a roadway not in direct line with the direction of goaf fall & isolate power to face machinery.
- If a goaf fall has occurred which has disrupted ventilation in panel, the following will take place:
 - Power isolated to CM, SC's & BLS's at DCB.
 - Notify Team Leader & an inspection carried out to determine extent of damage to ventilation system & level of gases present.



Procedure after a Goaf Fall (Continued)

- Team Leader will then report occurrence to Area Leader or most senior mining official present at mine.
- Restoration of ventilation to proceed under Team Leader's direction.
- Stoppings to be built from outbye towards face.
- Report must be filled out with action taken to restore ventilation to panel with gas readings present
- Under NO circumstances are mineworkers to build stoppings at or near goaf edges until ventilation outbye has been re-established.



Halting of Lifting Partially Extracted Fenders

- Safety of men and machinery in pillar extraction panel is PRIORITY
- Prior to halting operations (e.g. maintenance/Saturday shutdown, Xmas shutdown) Area Leader and Team Leader must assess conditions in panel.
- Criteria for halting or continuing operations will be based on following factors:
 - Conditions encountered in previous fender
 - Conditions in current fender
 - The number of remaining lifts
 - Caving (regular, uncaved)
 - Weight in area (low, heavy, rib spall, floor heave)
 - Geology (faults, dykes, joints)
 - Recovery (complete, stooks, webs, partial fenders left)



Halting of Lifting Partially Extracted Fenders

Extraction shall not be halted if:

- The Manager Mining Engineering, Area Leader or Team Leader deems that in interests of safety that extraction must continue
- A lift remains uncompleted
- There is insufficient coal left in the fenders to ensure the stability of the mining area
- At completion of a production shift in a cycle Team Leader must report distance left remaining in fenders and locations of BLS's on his AMZ report



Halting of Lifting Partially Extracted Fenders

- When operations are halted BLS units are to remain in position & set to roof in green zone (up to 280 bar)
- Continuous miner must be parked in safe & secure area after operations are halted
- Where extraction has been halted area should be inspected by a Team Leader to ensure that BLS units are secure & that they are not being subjected to any excessive loading.



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