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China to Receive First D³ Dragline

Bucyrus, the world leader in dragline technology, is pleased to announce the signing of a contract which marks the start of a new era in dragline technology. The dragline, a model 8750 with a 117 cubic yard bucket (90 cu.m.), is the first large dragline of any manufacture to be sold into China. It is also the first dragline to be entirely powered with a Siemens AC static drive system and with a direct (gearless) drive system for the hoist and drag motions.

The Zhungeer Mine, part of the renowned Shenhua Group in China, not only selected a Bucyrus dragline, but also one with the productivity enhancing, maintenance reducing “D³” (Direct Drive for Draglines) technology. The sale of this dragline not only highlights Bucyrus innovation in applying proven mining technologies in a unique way to support customer’s production requirements, but it also signals the rapid technological advances happening within the Chinese coal mining industry.

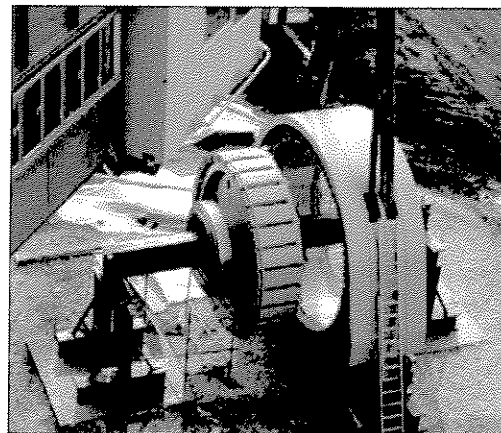
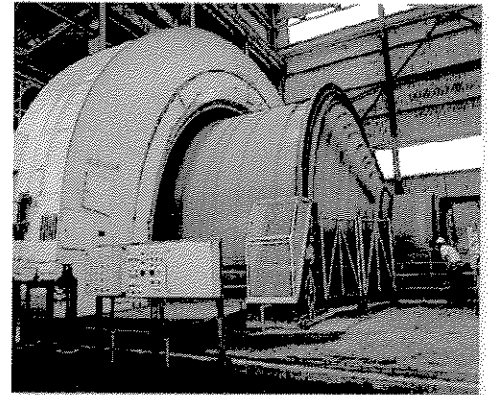
Stuart Cotterill, Vice President and General Manager for China Operations, highlighted the selection of Bucyrus, “We are truly appreciative of the approach taken by Zhungeer in the selection of this dragline following considerable technical discussions and visits to several mining operations. The recognition of the long term benefits of the machine’s features is a tribute to their appreciation of the latest technological advances and their rapid movement in becoming a world class mine operation.”

Tim Sullivan, President and COO of Bucyrus, comments, “Thirty years ago Bucyrus machines were the first western manufactured shovels and drills to be sold to the China market and many of those units still operate today. We are extremely pleased to follow that tradition by supplying the first large walking dragline to China’s expanding coal operations. This is a great opportunity for both companies to demonstrate Zhungeer’s emergence as one of the leading coal producing companies in Asia.”



Stuart Cotterill of Bucyrus and Shenhua representatives sign the contract for the first large dragline in China.

Direct drives are already in use for various mining applications. This technology is now available on draglines.



Direct drive system being assembled for a mining application.