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KEMMERER MINE

# ELKOL TIPPLE UPGRADE PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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### Update on the shutdown and change over to the new tipple.

On Thursday, a test of the Elkol Tipple was performed running four truck loads of coal through the new facility, filling 9 rail cars. With the exception of a few minor issues, the test was a success and allowed for the planned shut down of the existing system to take place. With this, we marked another milestone – “First Coal” through the tipple, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 11:20 am.

Saturday at 8:00 am the tipple was shut down and turned over to the contractor, allowing them to remove the existing incline conveyor, installing the chute work and flop gates at the top of the truck loadout. Wollam Construction Co., GSL Electric, and FGR Automations worked cooperatively to execute a well laid out plan of action over the weekend and into today bringing the shutdown ahead-of-schedule.

The remaining work scheduled for this shutdown and key action items should proceed as follows:

- Monday – Test and align CV-450 (truck loadout feed conveyor), test flop gate which directs coal flow between bins 2 and 4, and calibrate the Metso car mover for the rail loadout. If the first tests are successful re-charge bins 2 and 4 for truck coal delivery on Tuesday.
- Tuesday (holiday) – Install CV-550 and debug system. Truck coal deliveries will continue from bins 2 and 4 until CV-550 is installed and operational.
- Wednesday – Turn the tipple back over to the Kemmerer mine for rail and truck loading.
- Thursday – Continue work on CV-550 and punch list items.
- Friday – Place CV-550 in operation, allowing bins 1 and 3 to be re-charged.

By the end of the week the new Elkol Tipple will be completed except for the sample system and punch list item. Training for the operators will be hands-on as we switch operations from the Contractors to Kemmerer Mine’s workforce.

The Elkol Tipple Upgrade project can no longer claim IIF. Although there have been 0 injuries, we did experience an incident involving a concrete truck and a power line. On October 24<sup>th</sup> the Contractor reached their goal of 600 BBS audits and continues to conduct audits as part of their daily routine.

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“First Coal”



Truck loadout feed conveyors CV-450 (top) existing conveyor (bottom)