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# ELKOL TIPPLE UPGRADE PROJECT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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In the past couple of months we have been extremely busy with construction, electrical work, and hammering out the fine details of design. During these last few months Wollam has erected the majority of the structural steel and equipment (i.e., feeder/breaker, crusher, sample system, control building, MCC building, etc.). The electrical sub-contractor GSL Electric had also started work in earnest. Averaging 12 electricians on site, GSL has been setting cable tray, running conduit, and pulling wires. GSL has also installed the two project transformers necessary to power the MCC buildings. CMI will run overhead lines to the transformer service points on Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>. With these essential components in place we will be able to mark yet another milestone for the project - the ability to energize equipment.



Composite photo of the Elkol Project taken 9/10/08.

We seemed to be on track to complete the project by the October 15<sup>th</sup> completion date. However, we received word that the Sumitomo reducer drives, which was scheduled to leave Japan in June, are now expected to reach America near the end of September. This alone threatens to delay the completion date by one month. R&S have been working with Sumitomo to expedite delivery of these drives. Wollam and GSL plans are to continue committing the necessary resources in order to maintain the original project schedule so when the drives do arrive on site they can be set in place.

Due to late delivery of the conveyor drives, our first truck and rail loadout shutdown (to switch operations over to the new tippie facility) is schedule for November 6<sup>th</sup>. During the week which follows bays 1 and 3 of the truck loadout will be out of service while we install CV-550 (north reversing conveyor). On November 13<sup>th</sup> the entire truck loadout will again be shut down for a few days to install a flop gate and remaining chute work. After this work is completed the new tippie facility will be fully operable.

Wollam Construction Co., GSL Electric, and a few other subcontractors have logged over 18,700 manhours without an incident or injury and completed over 500 BBS audits. The Elkol Project had its first E01 MSHA inspection resulting in 0 citations and a compliment from the inspector.

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