

Australian Coal Sector Update 18th Session of the GMI Coal Subcommittee

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Overview

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3. Five new projects at Australian coal mines



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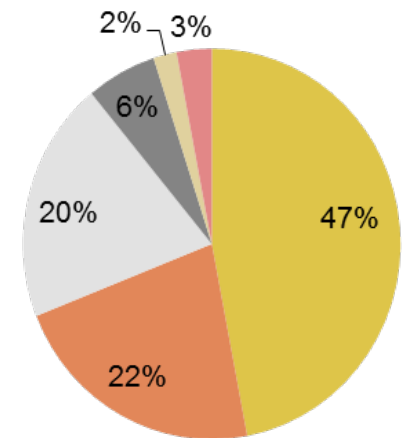


Australia coal sector update

- Estimated 526.6 Mt of black coal produced in 2012-13
- 29 Mt of emissions in 2012 from coal mining
- Coal generates 70% of Australia's electricity
- Second largest coal exporter accounting for around 27% of coal trade
- Employs over 50,000 direct and more than 130,000 indirectly

Australia's electricity generation, 2011-12

■ black coal ■ brown coal ■ gas
■ hydro ■ wind ■ other



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CMM project outlook

- Direct Action Plan
 - 5 per cent reduction on 1990 levels of CO₂-e emissions by 2020
 - Emissions Reductions Fund – reverse auction to achieve low cost abatement
 - Clean up waste coal mine gas identified as an early opportunity



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Five new projects at Australian coal mines

- \$39 million will be spent over five years on five new methane abatement projects
- Projects support the development and demonstration of technologies to safely reduce fugitive methane emissions from coal mines
- Knowledge sharing through the GMI



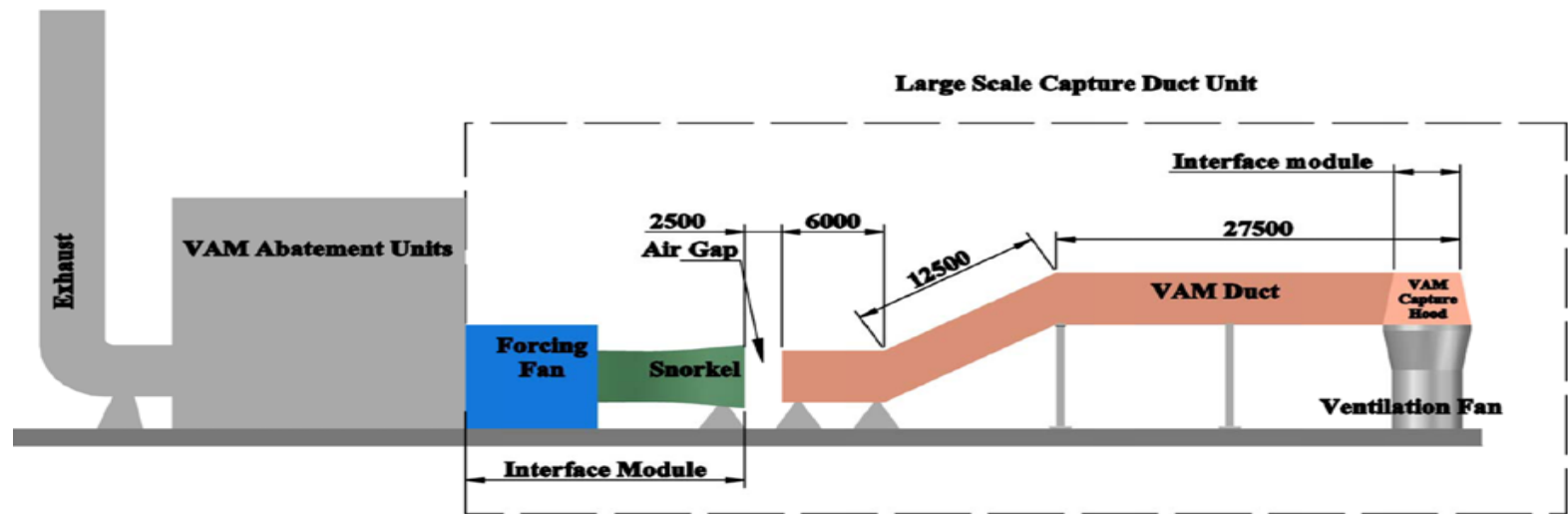
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VAM Abatement Safety Project

- \$12.5 million (Australian Government) \$27 million (Total project value)
- Demonstration of a large-scale VAM capture duct complete with safety control measures and supporting design and testing information
- Understanding the underlying scientific and engineering principles behind methane ignition, deflagration and detonation



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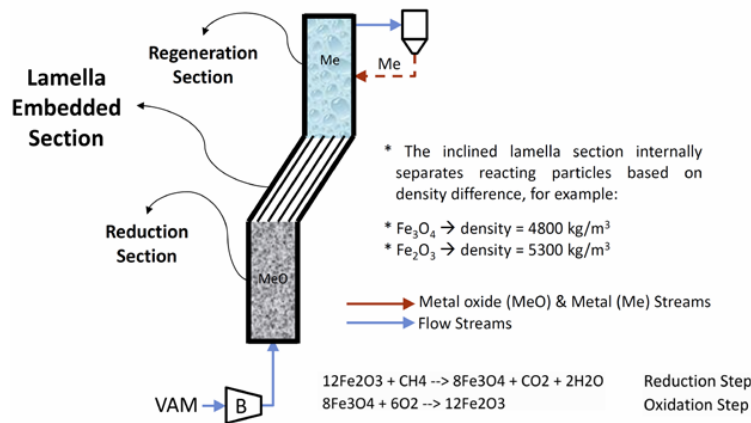


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Chemical Looping VAM Abatement Project

VAMCO Working Principle

The Lamella Embedded Reactor Concept
(Example of metal oxides systems are $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ and CuO/Cu)



Schematic of a VAMCO unit working principle.

- \$2.7 million (Australian Government)
\$8.5 million (Total project value)
- Mitigates VAM flows with methane concentrations between 0.005% and 2.0%
- 1 m³/s VAMCO prototype and then a 10 m³/s pilot-scale demonstration unit



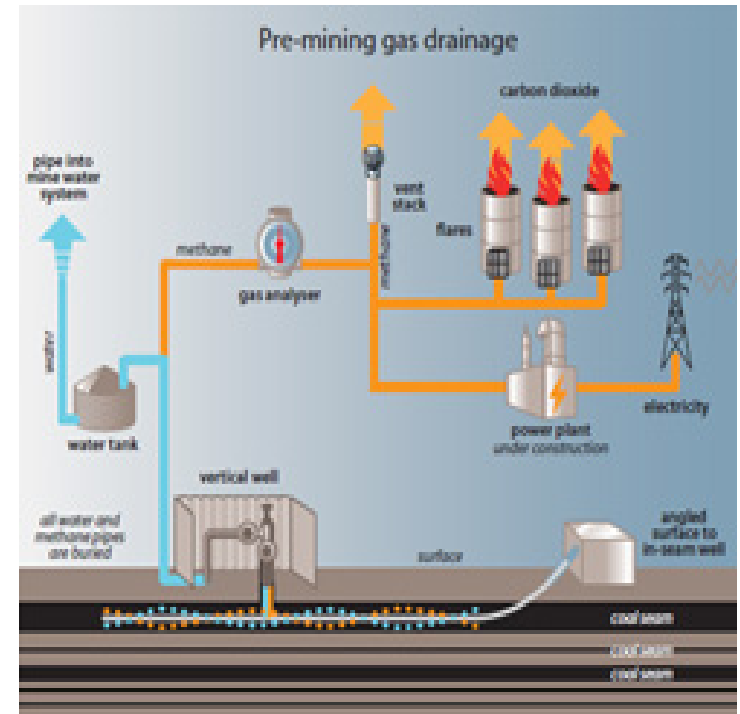
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Bulga Underground Operations

Methane Capture and Abatement Optimisation

- \$3 million (Australian Government)
\$6.9 million (Total project value)
- Increasing the longwall gas capture efficiency from 60% to 80%
- Result in a significant reduction of annual fugitive emissions by 0.3 Mt CO₂-e
- Best practice information to be shared with industry

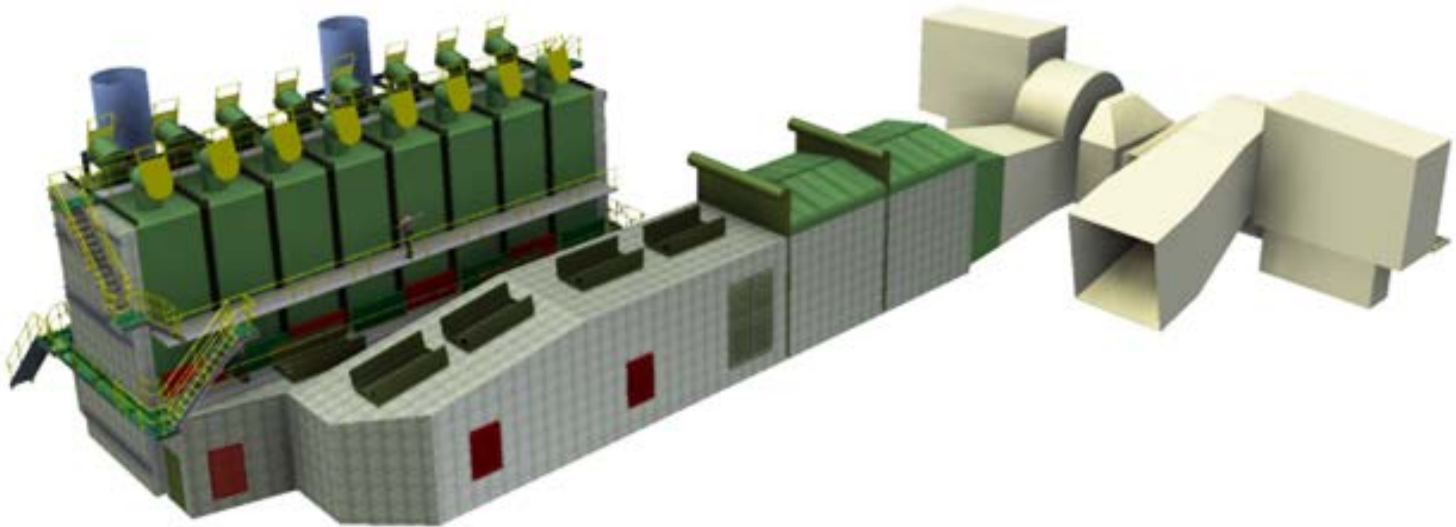


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Centennial Coal Company Limited Safety Duct and VAM-RAB Scale Up

- Centennial Coal Company Limited
- \$13.4 million (Australian Government) \$31 million (Total project value)
- Direct coupled RTO to a ventilation fan at the Mandalong mine
- Abatement of better than 98% of methane emitted
- Capable of handling 100-150 m³/s of ventilation air flow



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Novel VAM Technologies and Evaluation Tool

- \$3.9 million (Australian Government) \$8.2 million (Total project value)
- **VAMCAT** - a VAM catalytic combustion electricity-producing gas turbine that can be powered with 0.8% methane in air.
- **VAMMIT** - a VAM mitigator for elimination of methane (>0.3%) in ventilation air.
- **VAMCAP** - an enrichment technology that uses CSIRO developed carbon composite adsorbents to enhance methane capture.



1. VAMCAT prototype



2. VAMMIT prototype



3. VAMCAP prototype



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