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Elkview Coal Mine

Elkview (previously known as the Balmer mine) is an open-pit coal mine located in the Elk Valley in southeastern British Columbia, 15 km from Sparwood.

Mining at the Elkview site began with predecessor companies in the late 1960's. The former owner, Westar Mining Limited, applied for protection under the Company Creditors Arrangement Act and was petitioned into bankruptcy on August 31, 1992. Teck Corporation was the successful bidder for the mine and the transfer of assets was completed in December 1992. Production resumed at the re-named Elkview mine in May 1993, and has steadily increased to a level of three million tonnes of metallurgical coal.



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The coal occurs in 11 seams that vary in thickness from 2 to 15 metres. The existing reserves of coal would sustain operations for over 30 years at current mining rates. A conventional shovel/truck operation is used in the open-pits.

Raw coal is transported by a 4-km overland conveyor to a breaker station. The coal is then transferred to a 2.5-km overland conveyor, of which 1.5 km is through a tunnel between the pit and process plant. The coal is cleaned by using heavy media vessels, cyclones and froth flotation. Clean coal is stored in four 13,600-tonne silos adjacent to the plant, and loaded onto 112-car unit trains for transport to the Roberts Bank coal port in Vancouver, B.C.

Coal is sold to Japan, Korea, Brazil and other markets on an annual contract basis.

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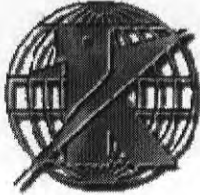
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The Elkview mine is located just outside of Sparwood in southeastern British Columbia. Production in 1998 totalled 3.2 million tonnes of clean metallurgical coal, up from the 2.8 million tonnes in 1997. Sales increases to Europe accounted for the improvement. Sales for 1999 are expected to be 2.75 million tonnes.

A deferred stripping program was completed in 1997 and the strip ratio in 1998 dropped to 23.2 tonnes of waste per tonne of clean coal from 26.7 in 1997. A further decrease to 20.3 is forecast for 1999. In addition, the plant yield increased to 70.5% in 1998, up from 65.1% the previous year. The predicted yield for the coming years is 67%.

Elkview Mine

100%	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Waste mined (000's tonnes)	48,638	64,425	73,837	74,863	73,725
Raw coal mined (000's tonnes)	4,181	4,731	4,666	4,395	4,586
Strip ratio	19.0	22.7	26.4	26.7	23.0
Metallurgical coal yield (%)	64.6	62.6	62.2	65.1	70.5
Metallurgical coal production (000's tonnes)	2,556	2,906	2,787	2,807	3,212
Thermal coal production (000's tonnes)	71	49	14	-	-
Reserves (million tonnes)	147.5	144.5	138.4	135.6	132.4



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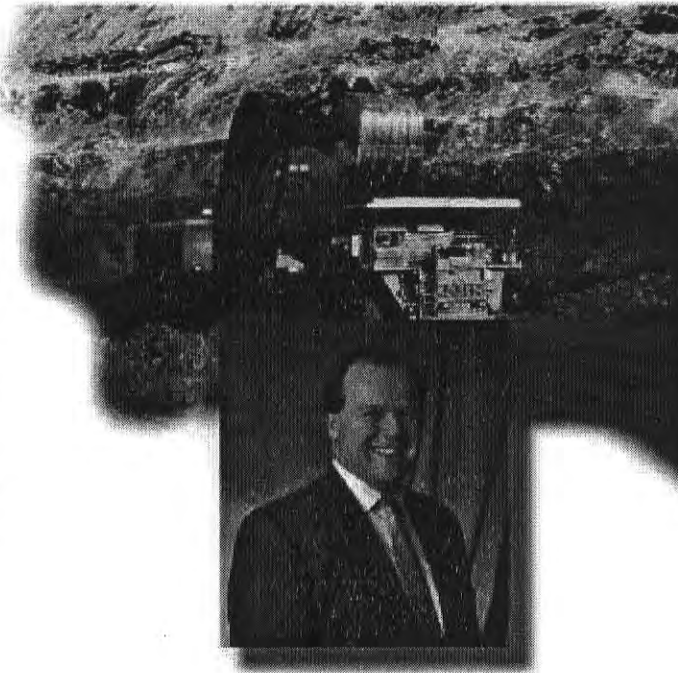
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Elkview continued to build on its excellent recent performance since being acquired and re-opened by Teck in 1993. Clean coal production of 2.8 million tonnes was lower than the 3.0 million tonne planned rate, with the shortfall the result of severe weather conditions during the fourth quarter which affected both rail and port operations.

The 8% increase in tonnage mined in comparison to 1995 was achieved with a 2% increase in manpower primarily due to shorter waste haul distances with the development of the new Bodie dump.

Since clean coal production was lower than expected, the stripping ratio was proportionately higher. Elkview plans to continue stripping at a high rate in order to permit expanding coal production on relatively short notice if market conditions warrant this.



Russell Hallbauer, General Manager,
Coal Operations

Capital expenditures included the purchase of two 215 tonne haulage units for \$4.7 million, and pit support equipment of \$4.7 million. Expenditures in 1997 are expected to be similar.

100%	1993	1994	1995	1996
Waste mined (000's tonnes)	27,368	48,638	64,425	73,837
Raw coal mined (000's tonnes)	2,805	4,181	3,050	4,666
Strip ratio	15.8	19.0	22.7	26.4
Metallurgical coal yield (%)	64.7	64.6	62.6	62.2
Metallurgical coal production (000's tonnes)	1,734	2,556	2,906	2,787
Thermal coal production (000's tonnes)	-	71	49	14
Operating cost (\$/tonne)	26.84	27.12	31.60	35.35
Reserves (million tonnes)	152.7	147.5	144.5	138.4

Bullmoose Mine

Clean coal production of 1.9 million tonnes at the Bullmoose mine (61% owned by Teck) met shipping commitments under the mine's long-term contract.

Waste stripping was nearly four million tonnes above that of the previous year and clean coal yield was four percentage points lower mainly due to higher dilution. Both stripping and yield were essentially as forecast.

The increased stripping volume was achieved by purchasing three new 175 tonne haulage units, a loader equipped with a 17 cubic metre bucket and a used rotary blast drill. Capital expenditures for the year totalled \$7.2 million

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