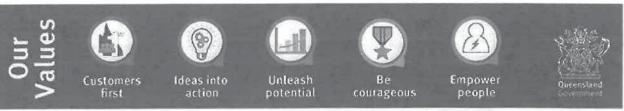
**WALLACE** Doreen From: Sent: Thursday, 1 May 2014 8:33 AM **MANTHEY Greg** To: Cc: SimtarsMackay **Subject:** RE: Moorvale Coal - Collection of Gas Cylinders I will be heading out this morning for a drug & alcohol test and can pick them up. Not sure how the freight works. Leanne can you please advise whether you need them brought back to the office before freighting to Redbank. Doreen Wallace Occupational Health and Safety Officer | Simtars KASK ONRIN Department of Natural Resources and Mines 169 Sydney Street Mackay Qld 4740 | PO Box 453 Mackay Qld 4740 Australia T +61 7 4999 5300 | F +61 7 4999 5301 | M -038| doreen.wallace@simtars.com.au | www.simtars.com.au smart health safety and environmental solutions From: MANTHEY Greg Sent: Wednesday, 30 April 2014 5:15 PM To: SimtarsMackay Subject: Moorvale Coal - Collection of Gas Cylinders Dear Mackay, There is an Air Conditioning Contractor providing me with a couple of gas cylinders for an investigation job. They are based in Mackay and I need someone to collect the cylinders from them and then freight them to me at Redbank. sch4p3(3) Prejudic The contractors are NB Industr Can you please assist me. Thanks. **Greg Manthey** Principal Occupational Health & Hygiene Specialist | Simtars **Department of Natural Resources and Mines** 2 Smith Street Redbank Qld 4301 | PO Box 467 Goodna Qld 4300 Australia T +61 7 3810 6364 | F +61 7 3810 6388 I M +6: greg.manthey@simtars.com.au | www.simtars.com.au smart health safety and environmental solutions

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From:

**BRENNAN Tabitha** 

Sent:

Wednesday, 30 April 2014 8:14 PM

To:

**MANTHEY Greg** 

**Subject:** 

Re: Moorvale Coal - Collection of Gas Cylinders

Sure can. Will look after it for you:)

Sent from my iPhone

On 30 Apr 2014, at 5:15 pm, "MANTHEY Greg" < Greg.Manthey@simtars.com.au > wrote:

Dear Mackay,

There is an Air Conditioning Contractor providing me with a couple of gas cylinders for an investigation job. They are based in Mackay and I need someone to collect the cylinders from them and then freight them to me at Redbank.

The contractors are NB Industries - Steve or

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Can you please assist me.

Thanks,

**Greg Manthey** 

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From:

TURNER David (DNRM)

Sent:

Friday, 11 April 2014 8:25 AM

To:

**MANTHEY Grea** 

Cc:

WINTER Matthew; FORRESTER Lauren; MULLER Sean; LYNCH Patrick

**Subject:** 

RE: Moorvale Coal - Refrigerant Testing

#### Greg

Should be able to assist with looking at the pressure switch. Any testing we can do will depend on the condition of the switch and whether it is still functioning. We can try to see whether we can recover the identification markings. Do they have an understanding of what it should be from the manufacturer?

#### Regards

**David Turner** 

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From: MANTHEY Grea

Sent: Thursday, 10 April 2014 9:06 A

To: TURNER David (DNRM)

Cc: WINTER Matthew; FORBESTER Lauren; MULLER Sean; LYNCH Patrick

Subject: FW: Moorvale Coal Refrigerant Testing

#### David,

See e-mails below and the attached letter from Peabody. This is one that you have not previously been involved in as it was expected to be just a Gas Group and OHECC Lab analysis. However the client has unexpectedly asked for additional testing that we do not do over this side of the compound. I thought I would get your input before talking to the client.

Background is in the attached e-mail.

Over and above the testing we do, client has asked for:

- Testing a pressure switch and identifying faults and failures,
- Recovering identification markings on a damaged label.

Can your guys do this?

<u>Pat / Lauren / Sean</u> – For info on the testing that client has specifically detailed.

**Greg Manthey** 

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Sent: Wednesday, 9 April 2014 10:58 AM

To: MANTHEY Greg

Subject: RE: Moorvale Coal - Refrigerant Testing

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanking you in advance,

Brett W Lamont.

From: MANTHEY Greg [mailto:Greq.Manthey@simtars.com.au]

Sent: Monday, 7 April 2014 8:40 AM

To: Lamont, Brett W

Cc: BRENNAN Tabitha; LYNCH Patrick; FORRESTER Lauren; TAYLER Craig; WINTER Matthew

Subject: Moorvale Coal - Refrigerant Testing

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\$180 / hr

\$167 / hr

Incurred costs – vehicle costs, freight charges etc

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Regards,

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From:

Lamont, Brett W < BLamont@peabodyenergy.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, 8 April 2014 11:28 AM

To:

**MANTHEY Greq** 

**Subject:** 

RE: Moorvale Coal - Refrigerant Testing

Thanks Greg,

We are happy with the process that you are undertaking and thank you and the team for putting together a solution so quickly for us.

Regards,

Brett.

From: MANTHEY Greg [mailto:Greg.Manthey@simtars.com.au]

Sent: Monday, 7 April 2014 8:40 AM

To: Lamont, Brett W

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Regards,

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From:

**WINTER Matthew** 

Sent:

Monday, 7 April 2014 8:42 AM

To:

**MANTHEY Greg** 

Subject:

RE: Moorvale Coal - Refrigerant Testing

Whanau is almost at the site

**Matt Winter** 

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From: MANTHEY Greg

**Sent:** Monday, 7 April 2014 8:39 AM **To:** <u>blamont@peabodyenergy.com</u>

Cc: BRENNAN Tabitha; LYNCH Patrick; FORRESTER Lauren; TAYLER Craig; WINTER Matthew

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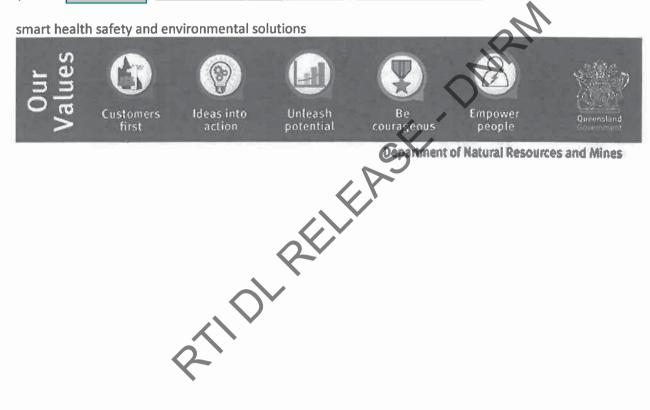
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**Greg Manthey** 

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From:

**MANTHEY Greg** 

Sent:

Monday, 14 April 2014 9:52 AM

To: Cc: 'Lamont, Brett W' WINTER Matthew

Subject:

RE: Moorvale Coal - Refrigerant Testing

Brett,

Items arrived here Friday and I am arranging a meeting of the different analytical sections later today to evaluate the sampling strategy.

Your Letter of Instruction included some unexpected analysis requests, namely the switch and label aspects which we had not previously discussed. I am looking into these with our Electrical Testing branch and will advise our capacity to undertake this part as soon as they have had opportunity to look at the equipment.

With regard to the fan, this can be forwarded in a similar manner to the compressor and receiver / dryer. Ensure that the target surfaces that may be contaminated such as the fan blades are handled as little as possible.

Can you please provide a contact number for the air conditioning technicians contractor that you used for the removal of the components. I will get in touch with them to assist us to access the internals of the parts you have sent.

I will also get in touch with the inspectorate and advise them of timing here in order to alleviate pressure on you from that source.

Regards,

**Greg Manthey** 

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From: Lamont, Brett W [mailto:BLamont@peabodyenergy.com]

Sent: Monday, 14 April 2014 7:41 AM

To: MANTHEY Greg

**Subject:** FW: Moorvale Coal Refrigerant Testing

Good Morning Greg,

As per my email and Letter of Instructions of Wednesday 9 April, could you please advise as to the date we could expect some dates for results. This is to allow us to indicate to the Inspectorate how long we need to complete the

investigation, not hold SIMTARS to a date. I would also rather err on the side of caution as I would rather not have to re-apply for an extension to the investigation.

In addition to the samples already provided, we are also considering sending a fan that was down-line from the identified failure point. This fan may have some oil residue on the blades and in involved in pushing the air into the drill rig cabin. Could you please advise as to the best methodology for us to send the fan to SIMTARS.

Thanking you in advance,

Brett Lamont.

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Sent: Wednesday, 9 April 2014 10:58 AM

To: 'MANTHEY Greg'

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Sent: Monday, 7 April 2014 8:40 AM

To: Lamont, Brett W

ER Lauren; TAYLER Craig; WINTER Matthew Cc: BRENNAN Tabitha; LYNCH Patrick; FORRES

Subject: Moorvale Coal - Refrigerant Testing

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Regards,

**Greg Manthey** 

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From:

**TAYLER Craig** 

Sent:

Friday, 4 April 2014 10:29 AM

To:

MANTHEY Greg; WHITE Whanau

Cc:

BRENNAN Tabitha; WINTER Matthew; LYNCH Patrick; VANZANTEN Deborah;

FORRESTER Lauren; VANZANTEN Pieter; HOLLYER Jeremy

Subject:

RE: Morevale Coal - Air Conditioning Plant Investigation

Whanau

Take a camera as well and hopefully they will grant permission to take photos / video of removal process.

May come in handy later

Craig Tayler

Senior Occupational Hygienist| Simtars

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From: MANTHEY Greg

Sent: Friday, 4 April 2014 9:45 AM

To: WHITE Whanau

Cc: BRENNAN Tabitha; TAYLER Craig WINTER Matthew; LYNCH Patrick; VANZANTEN Deborah; FORRESTER Lauren;

VANZANTEN Pieter; HOLLYER Jeremy

Subject: Re: Morevale Coal - Air Conditioning Plant Investigation

s.73

Contact at site is Brett Lamont.

Phone

blamont@peabodyenergy.com

Visitor induction. Standard PPE. Should be no drama taking photos but he will get confirmation from SSE for camera use. I said we would let him see all photos we take. He doesn't think it will go into Tuesday so should be out and back Monday.

#### Issues:

- 1. He would ideally like Whanau to take custody of the parts / bits / debris on Monday and take away with him. This will depend on what it is, how big etc. You will have to assess at the time. If it is something that we can readily pack in Mackay and freight, all good. However if is is not then we should get assistance from them as required.
- 2. Whanau can get directions to site from Brett (he thinks he has met you previously doing dust or noise survey)

- 3. 10:00 am Monday on site.
- 4. We are to charge at hourly rates at this point and get a formal sample / analysis quote to him once we assess at Redbank. Can someone send Brett a quote with hourly rates listed?
- 5. Take some sealable glass sample bottles and consider taking some oil samples out there if possible. Check with Pat as to how much sample is needed. Also take
- a few pair of lab gloves for sample handling,
- aspirator bulb and tube and some Tedlar and aluminium gas bags just in case there is a sudden need to grab a sample.

Whanau - we will talk Monday

Call me in need before then.

Greg Manthey Principal Occupational Hygienist Simtars

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Sent from my iPhone

On 04/04/2014, at 8:24 AM, "WHITE Whanau" < Whanau. White@simtars.com.au > wrote:

s.73	

Whanau White

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From: MANTHEY Greg

Sent: Thursday, 3 April 2014 5:13 PM

To: TAYLER Craig

Cc: BRENNAN Tabitha; WHITE Whanau

Subject: Re: Morevale Coal - Air Conditioning Plant Investigation

I don't see why not.

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On 03/04/2014, at 5:10 PM, "TAYLER Craig" < Craig. Tayler@simtars.com.au > wrote:

Can Whanau take photos / video of removal

Sent from my iPhone

On 3 Apr 2014, at 5:08 pm, "MANTHEY Greg" < <u>Greg.Manthey@simtars.com.au</u>> wrote:

Thanks Pat. That will give us something to work on. Sampling will take place at Redbank so we will have opportunity to consider best option beforehand.

<u>Tab</u> - can you and Whanau please contact me so we can discuss what Whanau will need to do on site. I will explain to Morevale that while Whanau is not from the analysing lab, he is one of our experienced field technicians and very capable of overseeing the process

<u>Craig / Deb</u> - any chance you could shanghai someone to do a quote for this? Hourly rate basis plus costs I think is the only way we can quote this. Brett Lamont said that they would find accommodation for the Monday night. Will need to see if these guys fall under our existing account with Peabody.

<u>Matt</u> - if all our ducks are fined up, I will call Brett Lamont tomorrow morning and arrange.

Greg Manthey
Principal Occupational Hygienist
Simtars
Phone: (07)38106364
Mobile:

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On 03/04/2014, at 4:18 PM, "LYNCH Patrick" < Patrick.Lynch@simtars.com.au > wrote:

Greg

As you probably realise the lab has no method for sampling or analysing refrigerant gas however if there is any gas available for you to sample:

One option may be to sample any gas/vapour onto a charcoal tube; we can desorb and run thru the GCMS and look for refrigerants.

Possibly we could try and fill a syringe and inject the contents into the GCMS and see what shows up but feel this is unlikely to be of use due to concentration/instrument sensitivity issues.

If there is oil then we could dissolve some in a suitable solvent and inject into the GCMS and again see what shows up? If we have access to some of the same unused condenser oil we could use it as a reference and compare to the used oil. I am aware the used and unused oil may well give different profiles even if the refrigerant is absent but maybe worth a try.

I realise this is not much of a response but is all we can do with what we have on short notice.

Patrick Lynch
Principal Scientist | Simtars

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From: MANTHEY Grea

Sent: Thursday, 3 April 2014 2:47 PM

**To:** LYNCH Patrick; FORRESTER Lauren; WINTER Matthew, TAYLER Craig; BRENNAN Tabitha;

VANZANTEN Deborah; Darren Brady

Subject: Fwd: Morevale Coal - Air Conditioning

Plant Investigation

Sorry, I think that anywhere I said "compressor oil" should have said "condenser oil"

Greg Manthey
Principal Occupational Hygienist
Simtars

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**Date:** 3 April 2014 2:26:53 PM AEST

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Friday, 4 April 2014 9:51 AM

To:

**MANTHEY Grea** WHITE Whanau

Cc: Subject:

RE: Morevale Coal = Air Conditioning Plant Investigation

Hey Greg,

I am a little uncomfortable with them handing the parts for us to pack and freight, I believe that they should be responsible for packing up correctly ready for freight. We can have the part travel with us and be freighted from here, but that is a lot of double handling. Why can't the part be freighted directly from site to RB?

#### We do not have:

- aspirator bulb and tube and some Tedlar and aluminium gas bags just in case there is a sudden need to grab a sample.

### We have ready:

Sampling vials, identification labels and camera.

I will get Whanau to give Brett a call now just to touch base.

Whanau - Can you ask about accommodation in case you have to overhight on the Monday? Will they organise or will we? If we organise, where is the closest accommodation?

Greg-

sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection and thank-you for all you cone!

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VANZANTEN Pieter; HOLLYER Jeremy

Subject: Re: Morevale Coal - Air Conditioning Plant Investigation

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Contact at site is Brett Lamont.

Phone

blamont@peabodyenergy.com

Visitor induction. Standard PPE. Should be no drama taking photos but he will get confirmation from SSE for camera use. I said we would let him see all photos we take. He doesn't think it will go into Tuesday so should be out and back Monday.

Issues:

- 1. He would ideally like Whanau to take custody of the parts / bits / debris on Monday and take away with him. This will depend on what it is, how big etc. You will have to assess at the time. If it is something that we can readily pack in Mackay and freight, all good. However if is is not then we should get assistance from them as required.
- 2. Whanau can get directions to site from Brett (he thinks he has met you previously doing dust or noise survey)
- 3. 10:00 am Monday on site.
- 4. We are to charge at hourly rates at this point and get a formal sample / analysis quote to him once we assess at Redbank. Can someone send Brett a quote with hourly rates listed?
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Subject: Fwd: Morevale Coal - Air Conditioning

**Plant Investigation** 

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May have a better idea when the unit arrives so we can see what we are dealing with.

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On 3 Apr 2014, at 4:18 pm, "LYNCH Patrick" < Patrick. Lynch@simtars.com.au> wrote:

File B 14-226 41 of 64 As you probably realise the lab has no method for sampling or analysing refrigerant gas however if there is any gas available for you to sample:

One option may be to sample any gas/vapour onto a charcoal tube; we can desorb and run thru the GCMS and look for refrigerants.

Possibly we could try and fill a syringe and inject the contents into the GCMS and see what shows up but feel this is unlikely to be of use due to concentration/instrument sensitivity issues.

If there is oil then we could dissolve some in a suitable solvent and inject into the GCMS and again see what shows up? If we have access to some of the same unused condenser oil we could use it as a reference and compare to the used oil. I am aware the used and unused oil may well give different profiles even if the refrigerant is absent but maybe worth a try.

I realise this is not much of a response but is all we can do with what we have on SE ONR short notice.

Patrick Lynch **Principal Scientist | Simtars** 

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From: MANTHEY Gree

Sent: Thursday, 3 April 2014 2:47 PM

To: LYNCH Patrick, FORRESTER Lauren; WINTER Matthew; TAYLER Craig; BRENNAN

Tabitha; VANŽANTEN Deborah; Darren Brady

Subject: Fwd: Morevale Coal - Air Conditioning Plant Investigation

Sorry, I think that anywhere I said "compressor oil" should have said "condenser oil"

Greg Manthey

Principal Occupational Hygienist

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Begin forwarded message:

From: <Greg.Manthey@simtars.com.au> Date: 3 April 2014 2:26:53 PM AEST

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FORRESTER Lauren < Lauren.Forrester@simtars.com.au >, Darren Brady < darren@minesafetyinstitute.com.au > Cc: WINTER Matthew < Matt.Winter@simtars.com.au >, TAYLER Craig < Craig.Tayler@simtars.com.au >, Tabitha Brennan < Tabitha.Brennan@simtars.com.au >, Deborah Van Zanten < Deborah.VanZanten@simtars.com.au > Subject: Morevale Coal - Air Conditioning Plant Investigation

All,

I have just spoken to Brett Lamont from Peabody who is the lead investigator at Morevale in this matter. Seems there was a fire in a blasting drill rig and they suspect that a contributing factor was a flammable refrigerant gas in the rig's air con system. Refrigerant gases are supposed to be non-flammable. Senior Gas Inspector Graham Rasmussen has indicated to Morevale that they should get Simtars to analyse the air conditioning unit to identify what was in the refrigerant. Relevant issues are:

- the refrigerant <u>may</u> have contained propane, iso-butane or similar
- the company that last re-gassed the unit seems to have lost their records on what gas was used (surprise!)
- the air con unit appears to have been damaged during the incident and the bulk of the refrigerant has vented to atmosphere,
- there may be some residual refrigerant (as a gas) in the dryer unit or other piping or the residual may be dissolved in the air con compressor oil,
- I don't know much about these systems but it would seem to me that the refrigerant is not likely to have contaminated the compressor oil reservoir but more likely there could be residual compressor oil in the refrigerant circuit. That could be the contaminated oil they are talking about,
- Atlas Copeo (the original supplier of the unit) and a fire investigator are going to be on site Monday and Tuesday next week to inspect the damaged unit and as part of this exercise, Peabody are asking Copeo to remove the unit, bag it and send to us for examination.
- Peabody want to ensure a very tight Chain of Custody and so they want someone from Simtars there to observe the removal, packing and freighting process,
- we will be able to get guidance from Atlas Copco on where in the unit the residual refrigerant may be hiding. Our task will be extraction and analysis, but it may be present as a gas or an oil-based contaminant
- the gas inspectors who attended site specifically recommended that Peabody use Simtars, so we should not lightly turn this job down.
- Brett Lamont would like someone from Simtars there for the whole of Monday and Tuesday even though the packing is probably only taking place Tuesday.
- both sch4p3() and are away until next week so I can't really discuss this with them, given that not there either.

Pat - the critical factor in this is the analysis. I am confident we can sample appropriately provided we know how the analysis is to be done. Can you please consider the best sampling approach and advise.

Darren - any thoughts on the gas capture and analysis aspect in the absence of and ? Gas bag and analysis for natural gases seems obvious, but I would need to check the MSDS of the suspected refrigerant.

Matt / Craig / Deb - I may need a hand organising his not be there tomorrow either. one. Chances are

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From:

Lamont, Brett W < BLamont@peabodyenergy.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, 3 September 2014 10:52 PM

To:

MANTHEY Grea

**Subject:** 

RE: Prelim Report

Thank you Greg,

I do not know why we did not receive the original email. I do note however that the email did not indicate that you required any comment or feedback from myself or Peabody. In fact, there is no indication as to why this report is preliminary.

Can you please issue the final report as a matter of urgency, certainly no later than midday tomorrow (Thursday 4 September). I see no facts in sections 1 or 2, which are the only sections I believe I have a capacity to comment on. Also, can you please ensure that the report issue date is amended to read tomorrows date as this will be the date SK ONR that it will be issued.

Thanking you in advance,

**Brett W Lamont** 

Mine Production Superintendent

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From: MANTHEY Greg [mailto:Greg.Manthey@simtars.com.au

Sent: Wednesday, 3 September 2014 11:38 AM

To: Lamont, Brett W Subject: Prelim Report

Brett,

Attached is the original e-mail.

Regards,

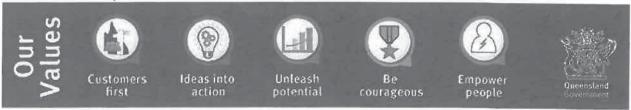
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From:

Lamont, Brett W < BLamont@peabodyenergy.com>

Sent:

Monday, 23 June 2014 3:45 PM

To:

**MANTHEY Greg** 

Subject:

Teleconfence Details

Good Afternoon Greg,

Please find below the teleconference details for this afternoon's discussion –

Dial in Guest

Regards,

**Brett W Lamont** Mine Production Superintendent Moorvale Mine Peabody Energy Australia

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From:

**HOLLYER** Jeremy

Sent:

Thursday, 29 May 2014 9:31 AM

To:

MANTHEY Greg MULLER Sean

Cc: Subject:

Sulphur on Moorvale

Hello Greg,

I did the test injections on the two Moorvale samples for the mercaptans this morning as requested. I could not find either

Methyl or ethyl mercaptan, though there is a trace of either H2S or COS below the level of reporting.

Regards,
Jeremy Hollyer
Analytical Chemist | Simtars

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# **MANTHEY Greg**

Subject:

Moorvale teleconference

Location:

phone

Start: End: Mon 23/06/2014 4:00 PM Mon 23/06/2014 4:30 PM

Recurrence:

(none)

**Meeting Status:** 

Meeting organizer

Organizer:

MANTHEY Greg MULLER Sean

**Required Attendees:** 

Cincter MCT Con Con

**Resources:** 

Simtars MST Gas Group

Brett Lamont to send dial-in details

Teleconference with Brett Lamont and Alan Miskin from Peabody. Lauren Forreste also. Discussed:

 Findings in the two practice cylinders and what this might mean for the results of the actual sample cylinders,

- Emphasised that it does not mean that the actual sample cylinders were definitely pre-contaminated, just that it is not certain that the contamination found in the test cylinders was from the air conditioning system.

Information from Alan Miskin during this teleconference suggests that, contrary to what Simtars understood, the two practice cylinders may have been subjected to a much less stringent cleaning process than the ones used to collect the samples on site.

- Alan was confident that the sample cylinders were clean and uncontaminated.

### Agreed to proceed as follows:

- Moorvale to contact NB Industries and obtain two more practice cylinders,
- Cylinders to be forwarded to Simtars for analysis,
- Report all results at same time.

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From:

MANTHEY Greg

Sent:

Wednesday, 28 May 2014 11:58 AM

To:

'Lamont, Brett W'

Cc:

HOLLYER Jeremy; MULLER Sean

**Subject:** 

**Testing Results** 

**Attachments:** 

Test Report Pressure Switch.pdf; IMG\_3663.JPG; IMG\_3664.JPG; IMG\_3665.JPG;

IMG\_3666JPG; Receiver Drier Result Document.pdf; IMG\_3673JPG; IMG\_3674JPG;

IMG\_3675.JPG; IMG\_3676.JPG

Brett,

Attached are the following with regard to the testing to date by Simtars:

- 1. Pressure switch test report NE14/0017.
- 2. 4 x images of the pressure switch IMG 3663 to IMG 3666 inclusive.
- 3. Receiver / Dryer Result Document.
- 4. 4 x images of the receiver / dryer IMG 3673 to IMG 3676 inclusive.

The preliminary gas testing results are below. The results will be reported formally upon return of the Senior Chemist at the start of next week.

- The Sample Cylinder marked High Side purge contained significant concentrations of iso-Butane and Propane. There was also what appears to be some neo-Pentane, which is being checked. The rest of the sample (around 50% of the total sample) is normal air.
- The Sample Cylinder marked Low Side purge contained mostly air, approximately 95%, but had small amounts of iso-Butane, Propane and also possibly neo-Pentane.
- The two 'Test' cylinders provided by NB Industries contained significant amounts of n-butane and propane in addition to the known gases we spiked them with.
- It is apparent from discussion with Wayne from NB Industries that the two 'Test' cylinders were not entirely clean as believed. The two 'Test' cylinders were found to contain pre-existing LPG contaminants.
- There is the potential that the two Sample Cylinders used at site to collect the residual atmosphere from the refrigerant system may also have been in a similar state.

The gas testing results will be formally reported upon return of the Gas Chemist at the beginning of next week.

With regard to the oil testing, am currently in contact with a couple of NATA laboratories and identifying analysis methods and costs. I expect to have firm information on this for within the next day or so.

Please call me in need.

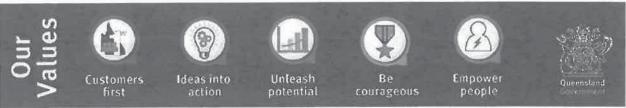
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# **Test Report**

# **Operation of AC Overpressure Switch**

Report No:

NE14/0017

Date(s) Tested:

07 May 2014

Job No.:

OG172932

**Applicant/Customer Name:** 

Moorvale Mine

Peabody Energy Australia PCI (%M Management) Pty Ltd

Peak Downs Highway via Nebo

PO Box 193

NEBO QLD 4742

**Equipment Details:** 

AC Overpressure Switch

Scope:

Test the pressures at which the AC Pressure Switch operates and

identify possible faults in the AC Pressure Switch

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Date: 21/5/2014

**Approved Signatory:** 

B. Parmar

Date: 21/5/2014



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#### 1.0 Scope

Simtars was requested by Peabody Energy Australia to test the operation of a Pressure Switch and to identify faults in the Pressure Switch attached to the AC Compressor.

#### 2.0 Description of Apparatus

The Pressure Switch fitted to the compressor displayed no legible markings which identified the brand, part number or operating pressure. The pressure switch is approximately 60 mm long x 22 mm in diameter and utilises two wires for the electrical connection. Refer to the identifying photos on page 3.

### 3.0 Test Specification

The Pressure Switch was initialled tested as supplied by Peabody Energy Australia and as removed from the compressor unit in the Calibration Laboratory, firstly on a Druck DPI605 Pressure Calibrator and then on the high pressure test unit with a calibrated 0 to 2500 kPa test gauge fitted in order to observe and record the pressure applied. A digital multimeter was attached to the two wires and the meter set to continuity test in order to observe the electrical operation of the pressure switch. The pressure was raised gradually and the observations recorded. The Pressure Switch when fitted to the high pressure test unit was cycled through the test pressures three times to confirm the observations.

After completion of the initial tests the Pressure Switch conductors were examined and it was found that both conductors were damaged and broken inside the protective shroud of the switch. Electrical connections were then made directly onto the internal electrical connections and the pressure switch was retested on the high pressure test unit as per the initial test and the observations recorded.

### 4.0 Observations

Tables 1 and 2 detail the observations on the operation of the Pressure Switch when tested as supplied by the client. Table 3 details the observations on the operation of the Pressure Switch when tested with the meter connections made inside the connector housing directly onto the internal electrical connections.

Table 1: Druck Calibrator

Pressure Applied kPa	Electrical Circuit Closed/Open	Audible Operation
0	Open	No
150.48	Open	No
511.52	Open	No
853.32	Open	No
1010.65	Open	No
1216.9	Open	No
0	Open	No



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**Table 2: High Pressure Test Unit** 

Pressure Applied kPa	Electrical Circuit Closed/Open	Audible Operation
0	Open	No
2200 - ascending	Open	Yes
1400 - descending	Open	Yes

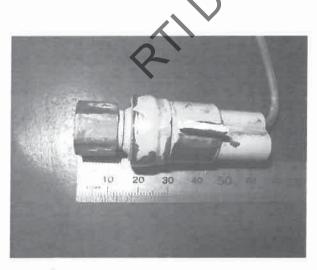
**Table 3: High Pressure Test Unit** 

Pressure Applied kPa	Electrical Circuit Closed/Open	Audible Operation
0	Closed	No
2200 - ascending	Open	Yes
1400 - descending	Closed	Yes

### 5.0 Summary of Observations

The Pressure Switch as supplied by Peabody Energy Australia operated mechanically and an audible click could be heard when the pressure reached 2200 kPa and again at 1400 kPa when the pressure was gradually reduced. There was no change in the electrical continuity of the Pressure Switch regardless of the pressure applied with the switch remaining open circuited.

After initial testing was completed the Pressure Switch wires were examined for damage and it was found that both the electrical conductors had been damaged by either vibration and or corrosion to the point that no electrical circuit was present. This damage was located in an area inside the terminal housing and accordingly protected by the terminal housing. When electrical connections were made directly to the internal terminals of the Pressure Switch, the Pressure Switch operated at the pressures indicated in Table 3.





**Damaged Conductors** 



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# **Moorvale Coal**

### **Identification of Receiver Drier**

The label on the receiver drier was cleaned with distilled water to expose the printed writing. The label was old and damaged and as such could not be fully deciphered. What was discernible is as below.

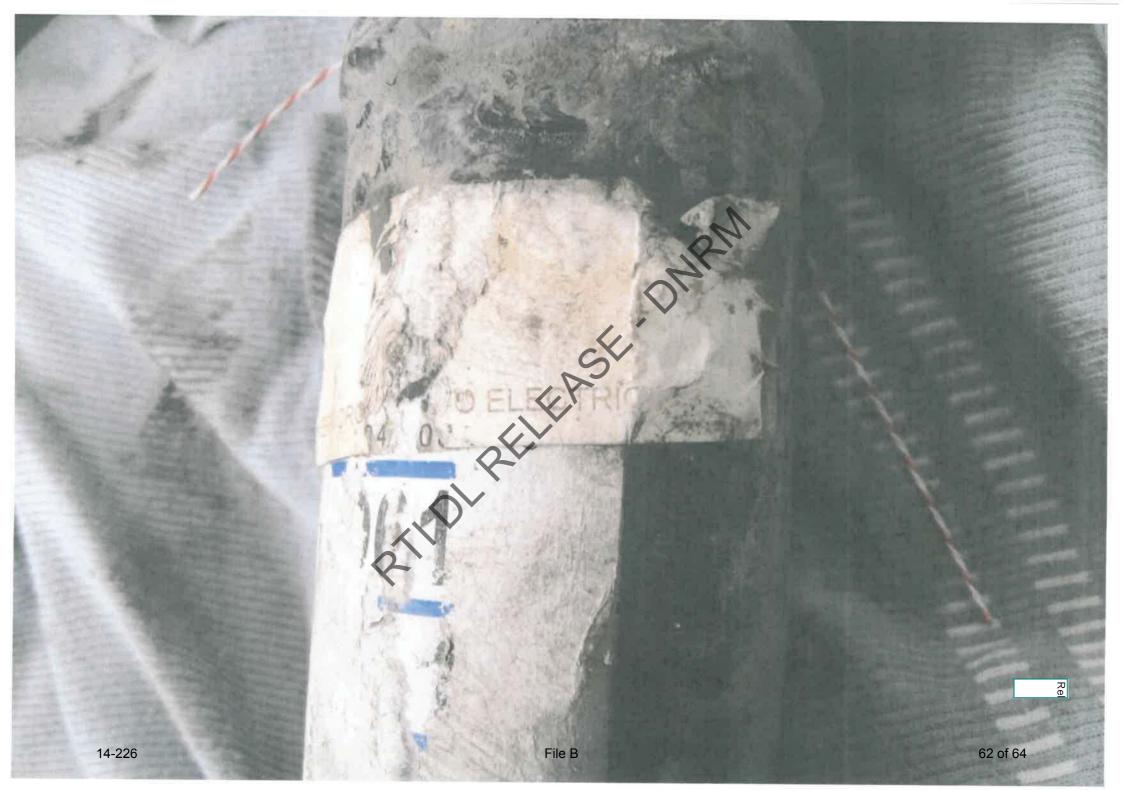
- RD6159 (Receiver/drier part number)
- Southern Cro.....to Electric.

The photos below were taken after cleaning.









# Notes for Moorvale Mine Re: Drill-Pro 12 Cabin Explosion

Monday 7 April 2014.

09:10 – 09:30 Arrive onsite complete visitor induction.

09:30 approximately 10:45 Meet company representatives. Some idle time due to arrival time of forensic investigator.

10:45 – 12:25 Meeting and Drill Rig inspection held to discus process to be followed for investigation and extraction of air-con components for Simtars analysis. Present were:

- Alan Miskin Peabody Senior Health & Safety officer and main point of onsite contact.
- Stuart Richie Forensic Consultant
- Ben? Peabody Lawyer
- Steven ? NB Industries. Contractor hired to check, extract atmosphere from air-con lines, and oversee extraction of components for Simters testing.
- Other site maintenance personal

Following a brief initial meeting there was an inspection of the Drill Rig – Drill-pro 12, following a spontaneous combustion within the operator's cabin which occurred under normal operational conditions. Stuart Richie was invited to start his initial investigation of the site scene.

Once Stuart had completed his initial inspection Steven of NB industries and I were invited to inspect the scene.

The inspection was followed a meeting which excluded Simtars due to legal privilege.

12:25 - 13:00 Further discussion on what process would be used to extract atmosphere and components for Simtars analysis.

13:00 17:00 Stuart Richie completes his scene examination. Another "in confidence" meeting is convened. There is an "all up" meeting to finalise the process to be used in extraction of atmosphere and removal of the compressor and receiver/dryer. Greg Manthey involved in part of this process via phone conference.

Left site approximately 17:15

Tuesday 8 April 2014-04-09

**09:20** – Arrive at site.

10:00 − 10:20 Meeting to confirm day's proceedings.

10:20 – 10:45 Assembled at drill rig. Steven (NB Industries) set up equipment to draw atmosphere in the air conditioning system into gas bottles. This included the extraction of atmosphere from the high pressure and low pressure side.

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High pressure side atmosphere would have included atmosphere from the compressor passing through the condenser and the receiver/dryer before being deposited in one of the gas bottles.

Low pressure atmosphere would have been captured from the evaporator inside the cab up to the compressor.

Steven attached gauges to the air con system and established that if contained no pressure.

The pump and equipment used to extract atmosphere included running of equipment for ten minutes on the purge side and recovery side to minimise any chance of contamination.

The extraction of atmosphere into a gas cylinder on the high pressure side started at 11:10 and ended at 11:15.

The pump was purged before the process was repeated on the low pressure side which started at 11:24 and ended at 11:29.

Gas bottles marked with respective high/low side samples and time of extraction.

11:38 Valves shut off in compressor and receiver/dryer replaced.

Note: Compressor valves shut off and new receiver/dryer put in place to allow the system to be charged with pressurised nitro. This was done to try to establish if there was a leak in the air conditioning system. A leak was subsequently discovered in the area around the high pressure inlet inside the operator's cabin.

11:43 Receiver/dryer removed and immediately capped. Receiver/dryer then wrapped in bubble wrap in preparation for transport to Redbank. New receiver/dryer put in place.

12:00 Nitro put into system to assist in establishing if a leak is present in the air con system.

12:18 Site fitter commences dismantling of the compressor.

12:35 In the process of extracting the compressor, the fitter while loosening a bolt on the suction intake of the compressor breaks off a bolt housing one of the shut of valves. This exposes the oil contained inside to the outside atmosphere. I cover the hole with my hand and Steven (NB Industries) proceeds to plug and cap the hole.

12:50 Compressor and receiver/dryer packaged up for transport to Redband. This task was performed by Elias of Peabody and me. Prior to tapping up the box I asked Alan Miskin to inspect how components were packaged and asked if he was satisfied with the way they were pack to which he replied in the affirmative.

13:40 Elias and I delivered package and gas bottles to dispatch with instruction as to how samples needed to be handled.

Left site at approximately 14:15.

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