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Tenova TAKRAF commissioned Asia's largest spreader

Chennai, April, 2008 - The largest operating spreader in Asia built by Tenova TAKRAF was commissioned after a test period in April this year.

Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd., an Indian State Company acquired the 3,000 t machine for its Mine-II expansion project.

Mine II is located 5 kilometres south of Mine-I, which is located on the northern part of the field adjacent to the Neyveli Township. Mine II is spread over an area of 26 km² with 390 million tonnes lignite reserves.

The seam of overburden, mostly consisting of Cuddalore strand stone that is very hard and abrasive, exists in layers of 45 to 103 metres covering lignite seams of 8 to 22 metres thickness. Equipped with a discharge boom of 90 metres length and a receiving boom of 45 metres length and at a 20,000 tph capacity the spreader will dump and level the mined overburden.

The erection of the spreader was completed within 12 month against the schedule of 16 month. TAKRAF India (Pvt) Ltd. and TAKRAF GmbH both were responsible as erection supervisors and sent 8 engineers from Chennai / India and 2 engineers from Germany to the assembly site.

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