

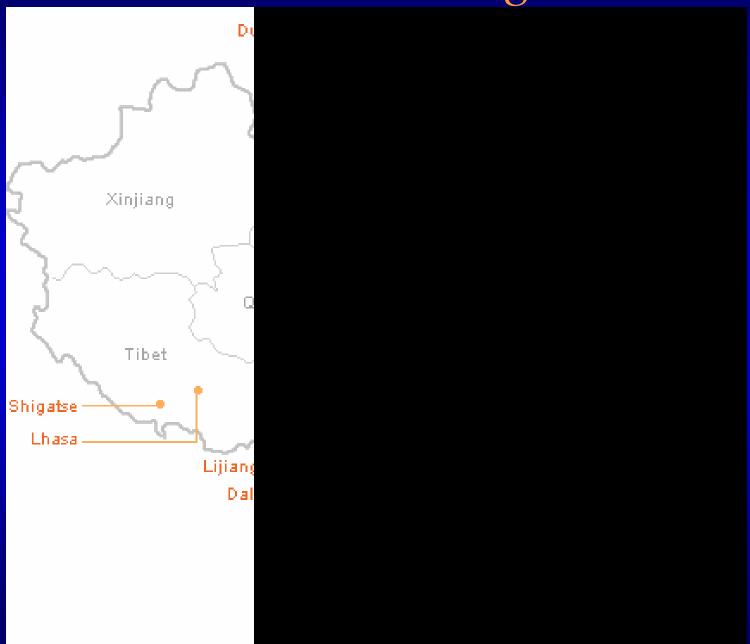
In-Seam Directional Drilling and Gas Drainage Demonstration Project – Baijigou, PR China

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Valley Longwall Drilling

Baijigou Service Project

- CAMDA AMSI hold contract to gas drain Baijigou longwall blocks
- GeoGAS consulted for gas content and drainage characteristics
- Drilling Project in 2 components
- VLD to complete the underground component
- Mitchell Drilling to complete the SIS component

Location - Ningxia



Baijigou Mine



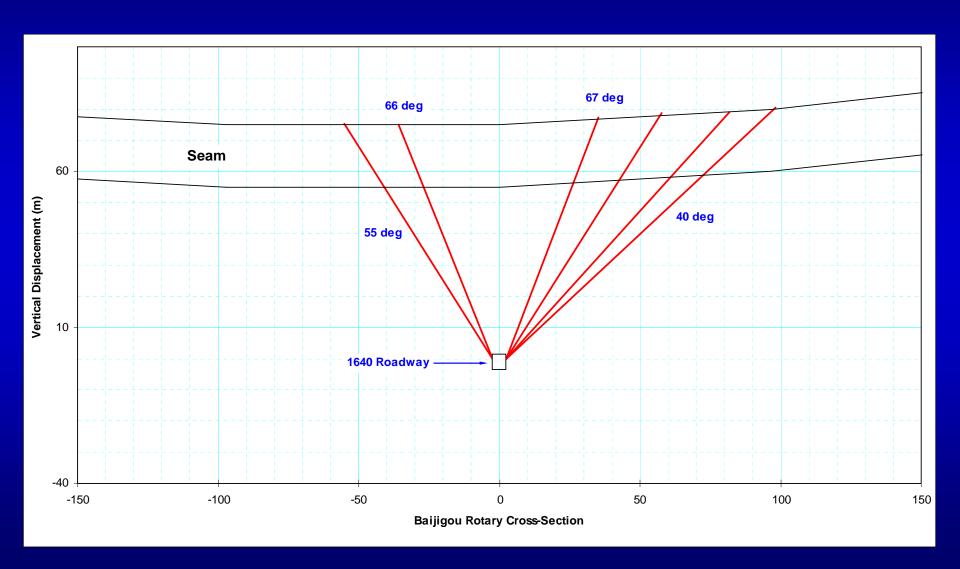
Mine Audits

- Mine Safety safe to operate in?
- Seam conditions is the coal drillable?
- Drilling applications
- Services air, water, power fittings
- Access, transport, dimensions
- Surface facilities
- Accommodation
- Location, access to mine site

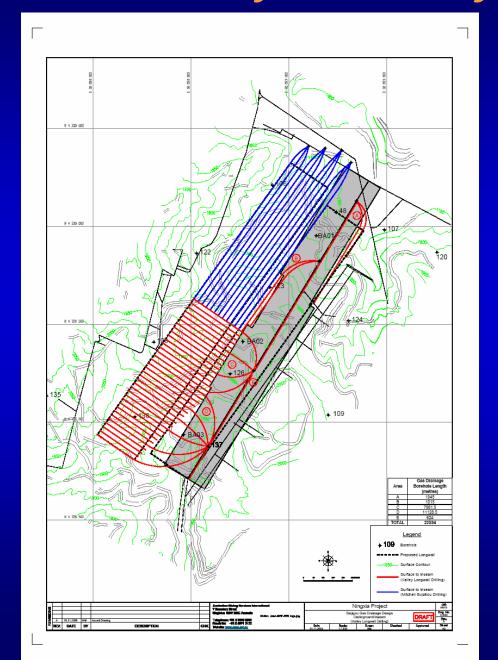
Initial Audit Results

- Cross-measure drilling from under the seam
- Stone strength apparently f2 (20 MPa)
 - Revised to f7-f12 (70-120 MPa)
- Angled drilling would require rig with vertical adjustment – Modular
- Mono-rail requirement for each site
- Design straight stone sections to allow for rotary roller-cone drilling if required

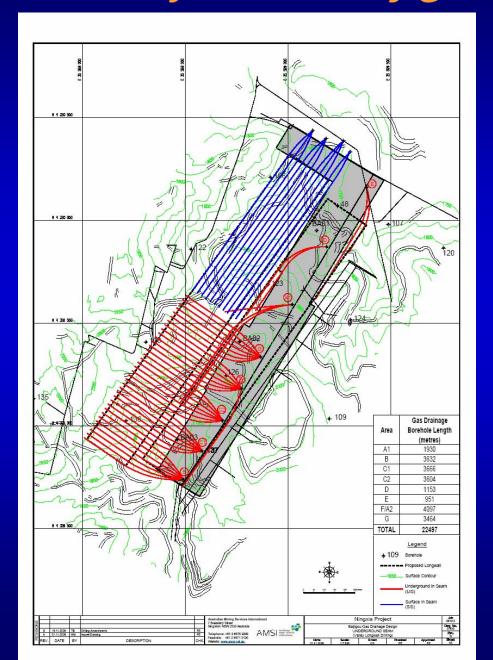
Baijigou Rotary Gas Drainage



Initial Borehole Layout - Baijigou Mine



Borehole Layout - Baijigou Mine



Modular Rig – Feed Frame



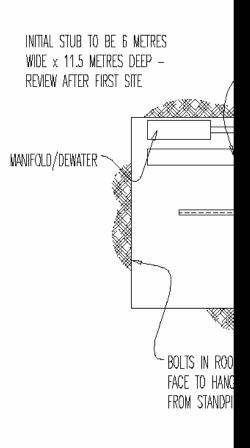
Modular Rig – Power Pack



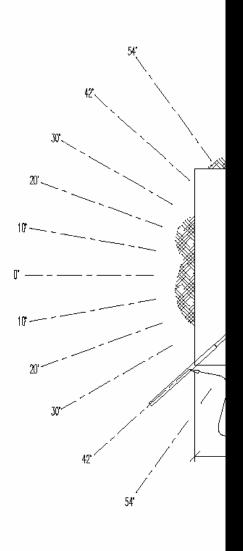
Modular Rig - Operators Console



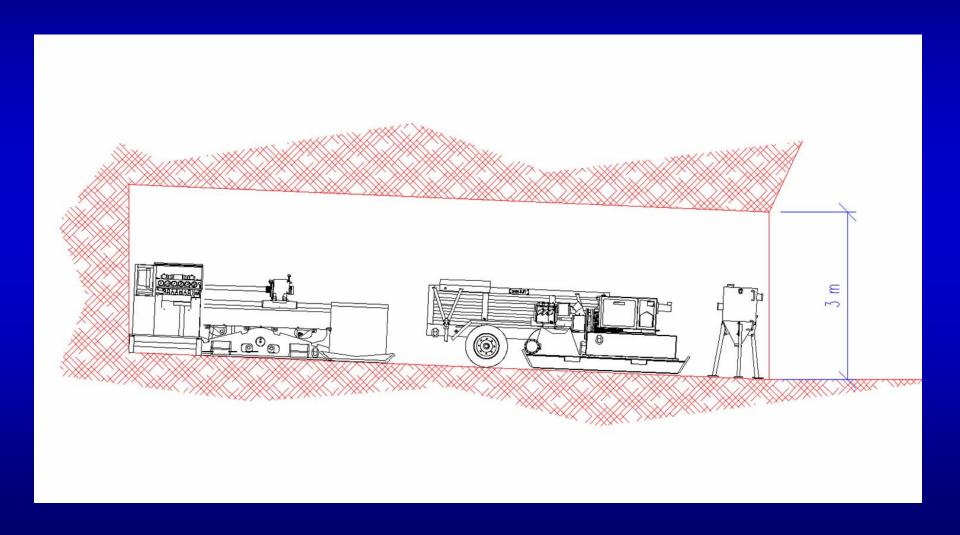
Site Preparations



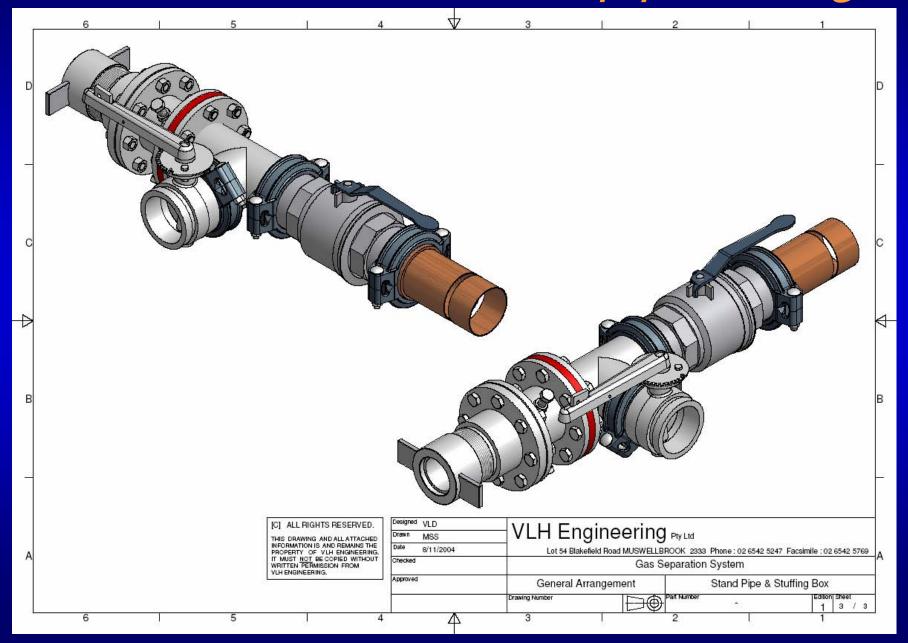
Site Layout - Baijigou Mine



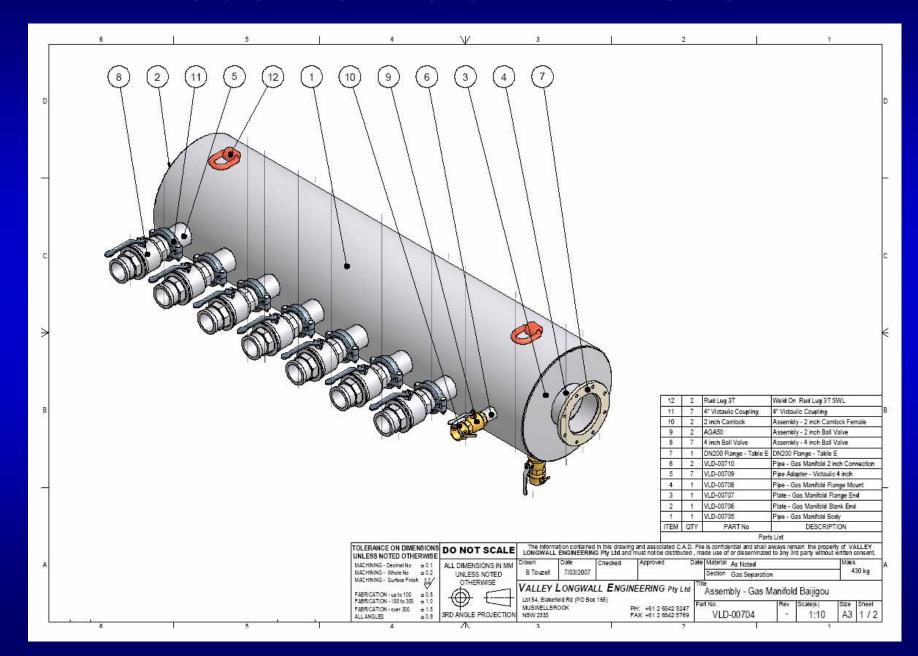
Drill Site - Side View



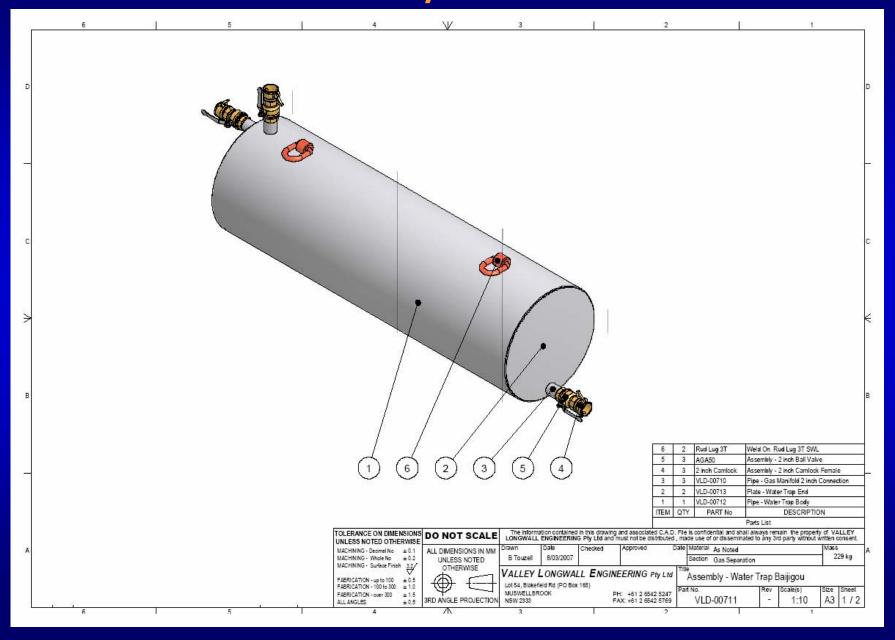
Borehole Collar - Standpipe Fittings



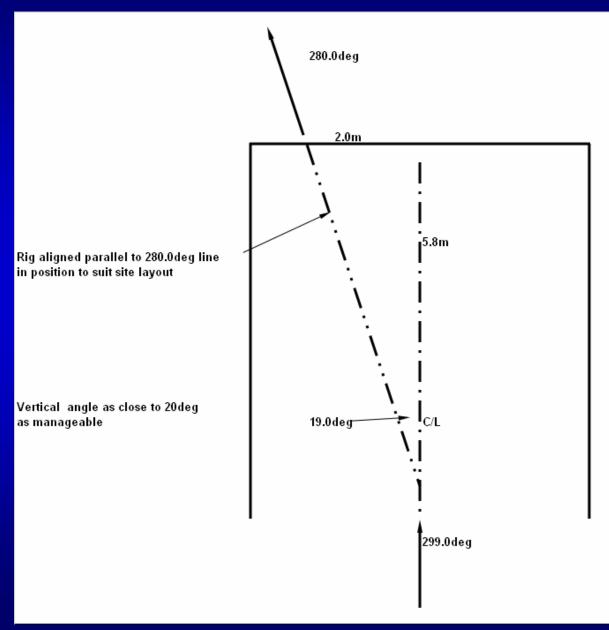
Gas Manifold - Drill Site



Water Trap - Drill Site



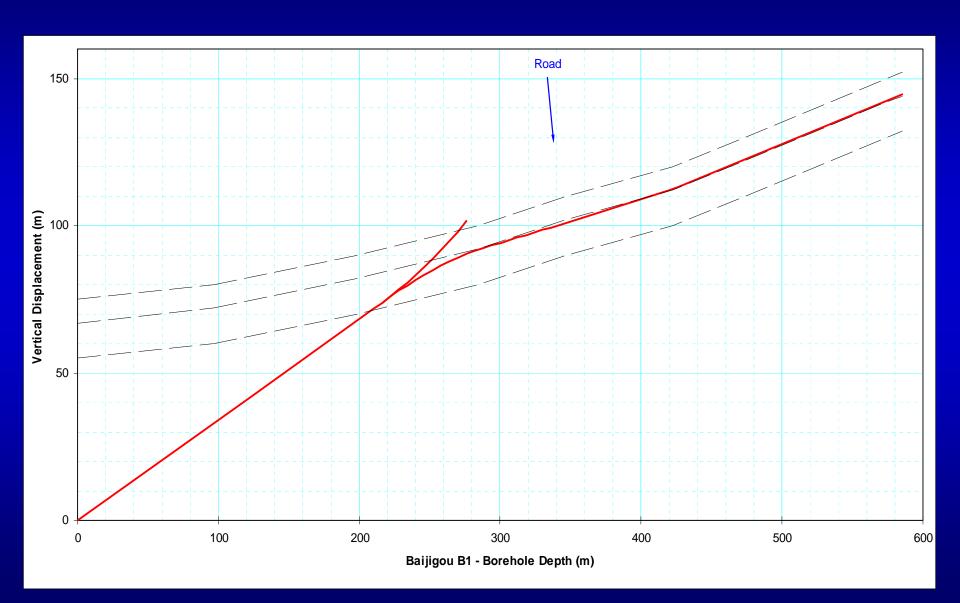
Drill Site - Rig Alignment



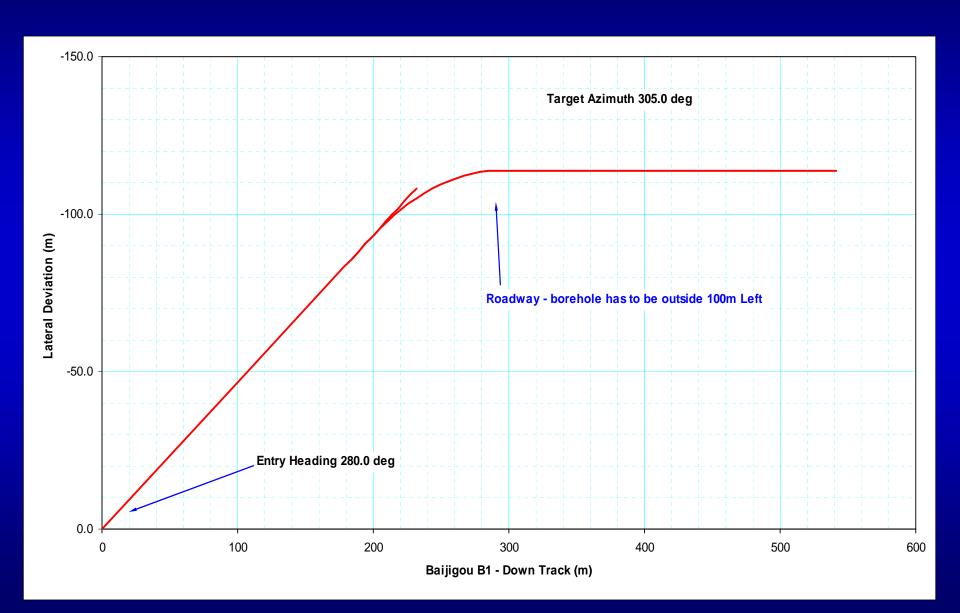
Drilling Design

- Rotary roller-cone 150mm x 3m standpipe
- Rotary roller-cone 98mm to coal
- Directional drill up into seam roof
- Branch from coal intersect and follow 8m line below roof
- 1.5 deg/6m lateral curve and 1.0 deg/6m vertical curve (combined 1.8 deg/6m)
- Regular sharp roof intersections for profile definition – unstable upper seam coal

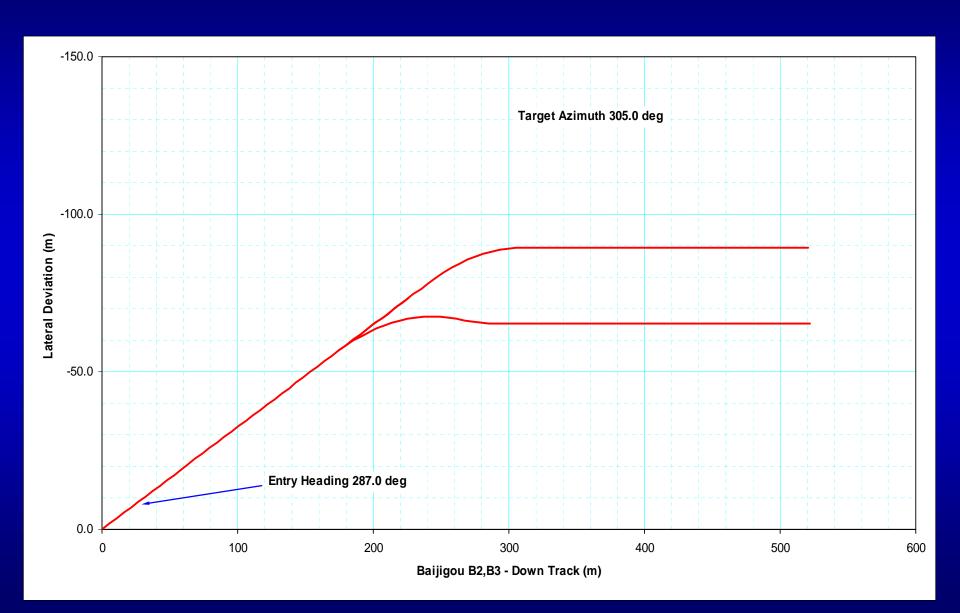
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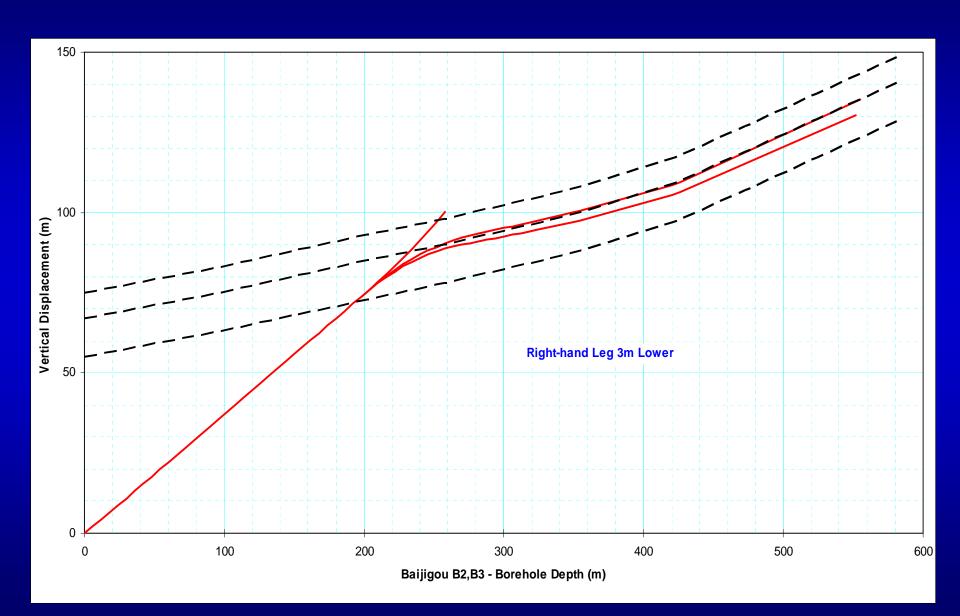
Lateral Design



Lateral Design – multiple legs



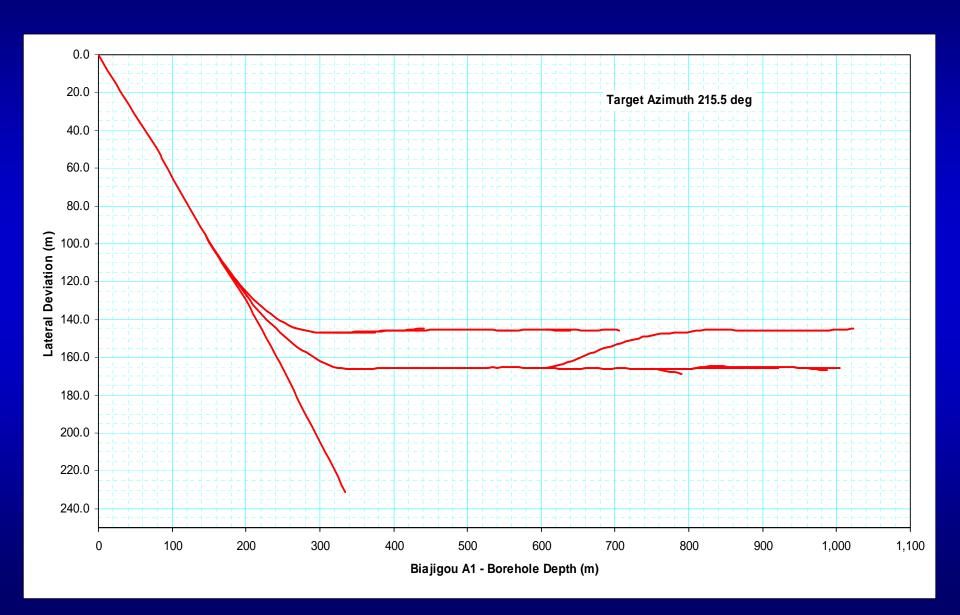
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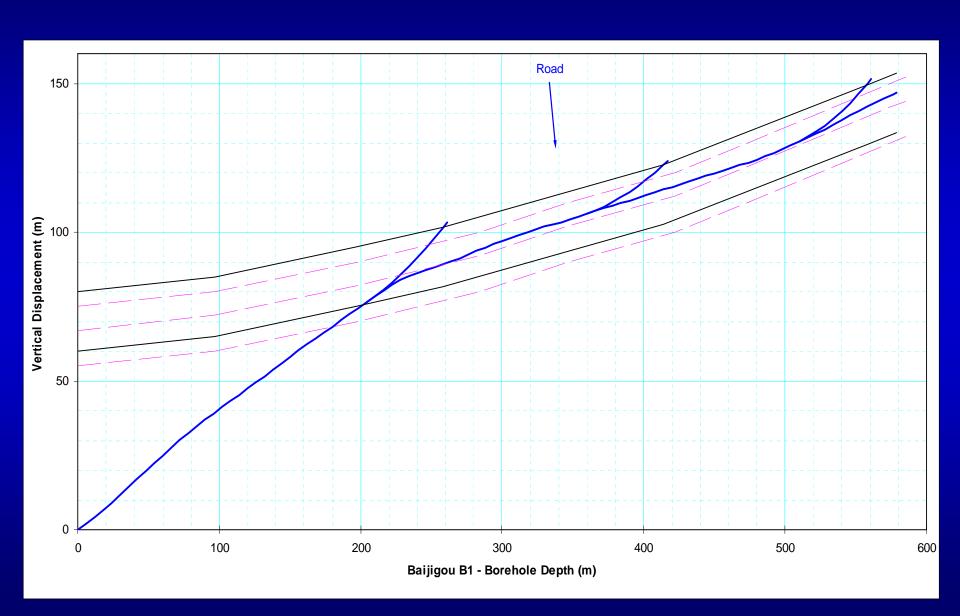
Drilling – Site A

- Directional drill with 98mm roller-cone to coal for directional coontrol
- Tungsten tip rollers for better performance
- Seam intersected 26m up at 85m hole depth
- Upper section of seam boggy
- Drilled 2677m to maximum depth of 1023m at 89.9 m/shift
- Terminated 1st branch covered with 2nd branch

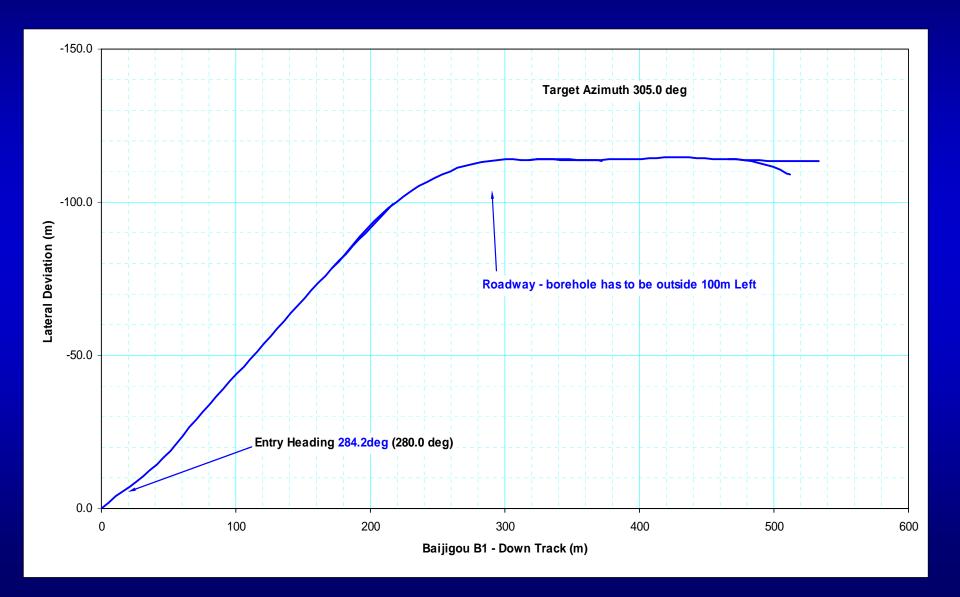
Lateral Deviation



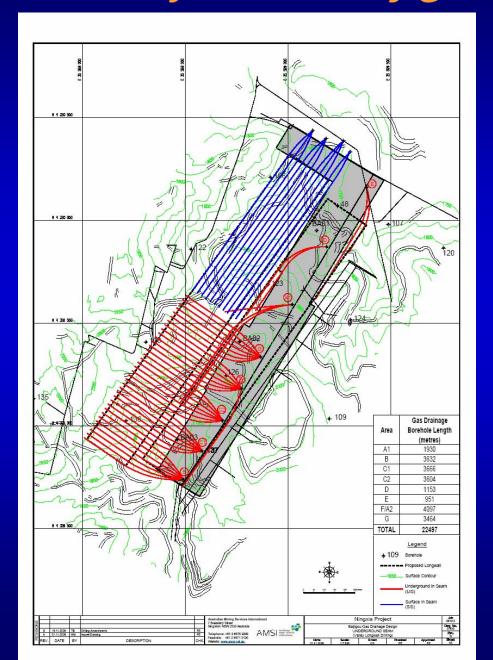
Borehole B1 Profile



Lateral Plot - Borehole B1



Borehole Layout - Baijigou Mine



Baijigou Project Time Analysis

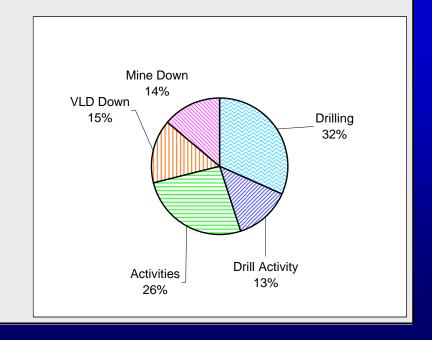
VALLEY LONGWALL DRILLING

Baijigou Mine

PROJECT DRILLING PERFORMANCE	From: 14-May	To: 20-Oct
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Code	Activity	Stat	Time
	,		mins
DA	Drilling	D	41465
DB	Flushing	L	4745
DC	Pull Rods	L	7465
DD	Branching	L	2095
DE	Commission Hole	L	1025
DF	Commission Niche	L	540
DG	Reaming	L	960
1	Travel In	Α	10610
1a	Travel Out	Α	9960
2	Risk Assess	Α	0
2a	Establishment S-U/G	Α	0
3	Meetings	Α	1920
4	Rig Move	Α	9000
5	Ream & Grout S/pipe	Α	2565
8	Waiting, Inspection	М	1820
10	Induction, RPL	Α	0
11	Core	L	500
13	Rig Breakdown	V	2220
14	DGS Breakdown	V	1075
15	Mine Delays	М	13350
16	Environment	М	2235
17	Drill Niche Preps	М	790
18	VLD Delays	V	16150

Activity Group	Status	Minutes	%
Drilling	D	41465	31.8
Drill Activity	L	17330	13.3
Activities	Α	34055	26.1
VLD Down	V	19445	14.9
Mine Down	М	18195	13.9



Drilling Performance to 20 October

Total Minutes	130,490
Total Shifts	181.2
Total Metres	15,267
Metres Coal	13221
Metres Stone	2,046
Metres/Shift	84.2

Surface to In-Seam

- Extremely rough surface environment
- Influences from previously excavated seams above the target Yanan #2 seam.
- Low pore pressure of the coal
- Bogged and could not recover a drill string
- Under-balanced drilling required to succeed but expensive
- Discontinued to be replaced with underground boreholes

Conclusions

- Baijigou project has demonstrated a successful provision of gas drainage drilling services
- A project managing company (CAMDA) is crucial to providing management and interface between drillers and mine.
- The audit process is critical to the successful planning and implementation of each project
- VLD drillers offer the most extensive experience due to wide exposure in China