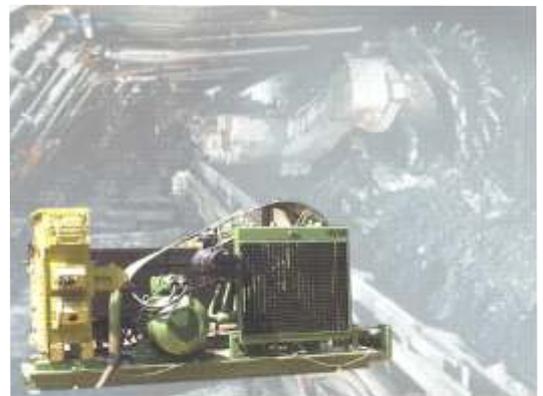


Elgi compressor meets underground challenge

The rugged reliability of Elgi's high volume compressor series is more than a match for the mining industry's tough dusty environment, with extreme temperatures and fluctuating air demands.

Elgi has successfully commissioned the first ever high volume compressor for underground coal mines at Singareni Collieries Company Limited in Andhra Pradesh. The Singareni Collieries, which runs 11 opencast and 47 underground mines, is one of the largest coal mining companies owned jointly by the State and Central governments of India. The company, which produces 10% of Nation's coal production, has achieved the highest coal productivity of 36.13 million tones during the year 2005-06.

The underground coal mines required heavy roof protection after the coal is removed from a heading. Roof bolting machines were utilized to drill holes in the mine roof and insert roof bolts for binding the roof strata together to avoid roof falls. Installing roof bolts in low hard rock applications where both difficult terrain and extreme mining conditions exist requires a versatile compressor to power the drilling equipment. Another important requisite for this application is the need for flame proof starters and motors that suit the flammable working atmosphere. The Elgi machine has been powered by flame proof starter and motor, making it an extremely versatile machine.



Elgi HV compressor at Singareni Collieries

Singareni Collieries had previously relied on a competitive brand for compressed air requirements. After studying the details of Elgi compressor, Singareni has turned to Elgi and awarded a contract worth US \$.24 million in the month of January 2006.

"Air system reliability and efficiency are essential to achieve the high quality standards that mine sites such as Singareni coal mine demand", says Mr. Vijay Sethi, Managing director, Suraj Innovatives. "We operate Elgi compressors, the high volume series, for roof bolting operation. Constant pressures contribute to efficiency increase on drilling equipment. Elgi's high volume series is ideal for this application as it provides highly efficient compressed air solutions meeting all excavation site demands."

The capability of delivering the right air solution after careful analyses has given Elgi, a good brand equity among its customers worldwide.

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