

*University of the Witwatersrand and North West University  
present*

**SHORT COURSES FOR INDUSTRY**

***COAL SCHOOL 1  
– 16-20 February 2009 -s***

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**COAL SAMPLING AND ANALYSES  
FOR TRADE AND UTILISATION**

*in the series*  
**LEADERSHIP IN COAL AND FUEL TECHNOLOGY**

**COURSE 1 – COAL SAMPLING – DAY 1**

*Methods, Applications and Limitations of Sampling in Industry*  
Date: 16 February 2009; 09:00 – 17:00

**COURSE 2 – CONVENTIONAL ANALYSES FOR COAL – DAY 2**

*Conventional Analyses and Specifications*  
Date: 17 February 2009; 09:00 – 17:00

**COURSE 3 – ADVANCED ANALYSES FOR COAL – DAY 3**

*Specialised analyses including Petrography, Mineralogy, FTIR, CCSEM and others*  
Date: 18 February 2009; 09:00 – 17:00

**COURSE 4 – ADVANCED COMBUSTION TESTS – DAY 4**

*Contracts, Specifications, Classifications and Market Requirements*  
Date: 19 February 2009; 09:00 – 17:00

**COURSE 5 – COAL USER REQUIREMENTS – DAY 5**

*Combustion Tests and their applications in industry: visit to ERID, Eskom*  
Date: 20 February 2009; 09:00 – 17:00

**VENUE:**

***Sturrock Park  
University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg***

## OBJECTIVES OF THE COAL SCHOOL AND ITS DAILY COURSES

The primary objectives of these courses are

- **To provide a sound basis for coal sampling** in a variety of industrial situations
- **To introduce both conventional and advance analytical techniques** for the assessment of coal
- **To indicate how conventional and advanced analytical techniques may be applied** with specific reference to production, marketing and utilisation
- **To ensure maximum process efficiency and environmental protection** through an understanding of coal products and their performance characteristics
- **To ensure optimum utilisation** of South Africa's remaining coal reserves

## BACKGROUND

Prior to 1975, coal mining and marketing practices were uncomplicated, being largely influenced by the abundance of good quality raw coals. In many cases, the best parts of seams were mined out to meet market specifications and requirements.

Since then, the export of high-value blend-coking coals and High Grade Steam coal to world markets has resulted in **local consumers now being obliged to use lower-grade higher-ash products**, either in the form of middlings arising from beneficiation or lower quality run-of-mine seams.

This **practice has become all the more challenging** in recent years because of the decreasing quality of the coal reserves now being encountered in the region and, in parallel, the increasing environmental constraints being imposed on users of coal.

These **factors have led to greater difficulties** being experienced by local users of coal, i.e. when coals of a different type and grade to that which the boiler or gasifier plant was originally designed are introduced into the process; under these conditions poor combustion or gasification performance often results.

In addition, it has now been recognized that

- (a) **SAMPLING** has become an issue of importance and must be conducted according to standards in order to represent bulk materials under review
- (b) **CONVENTIONAL COAL QUALITY ANALYSES** often provide insufficient information with respect to the potential performance required by consumers thus leading to the need for **ADVANCED ANALYSES AND TESTS**, and
- (c) **COAL QUALITY RELATIVE TO PLANT DESIGN AND OPERATION** is now a vital issue in order to ensure optimum process efficiency and maximum environmental control

In response to this scenario, sampling has reached a high level of application and new methods of quality assessment have evolved, along with adaptations in the design and operation of user technologies. For these reasons, it has now become necessary for all involved in the coal chain to understand the basic nature of the material and to how to sample and assess it to best advantage for all concerned.

This five-day coal school, separated into five one-day courses, is one in a series of schools designed for personnel in industry in the programme **Leadership in Coal and Energy Technology**.

## MODUS OPERANDI OF THE COURSES

The courses will be presented in the following manner: Lecturers will introduce the **basic principles** (definitions) of the various topics, followed by **practice** (with some case histories) and, where appropriate, **predictive techniques** (indicating how to undertake value-added assessments). Open discussion and questions are encouraged at all times.

Whilst some course notes will be provided in the form of publications, presentations and various handout materials, the preferred course of action is for candidates to become aware through listening, understanding, discussing, questioning and where necessary taking own notes.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS SCHOOL

- Coal quality analysts
- Exploration geologists and resource managers
- Mining engineers
- Coal processing engineers
- Marketing managers and those trading in coal
- Power generation and gasification engineers,
- Industrial combustion users of coal including those co-firing coal and biomass
- Engineering manufacturers
- Environmental scientists and engineers
- Consultants, fuel technologists, researchers in academia and
- Government personnel responsible for future coal reserves/ resources and related legislation.

## COURSE PROGRAMME

### COURSE 1 - COAL SAMPLING

#### DAY 1: MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2009

##### OUTLINE OF DAY 1

Introduction to the principles and practice of coal sampling in coal exploitation, storage, handling, and utilisation. Methods of sampling. Sampling statistics, variance, calibration and application. Local and international sampling standards.

##### **08:00-09:00 - Registration**

09:00-09:05 - Introduction-

09:05-10:30 - Sampling and statistics – an introduction to the vagaries of sampling. Sampling methods used during mining, storage in stockpiles and bunkers or silos, on conveyors, on stationary belts and in falling stream mode. *Mr Alan Johns, Witlab*

##### **10:30-11:00 Tea**

11:00-13:00 – Sampling during transportation by truck, train and ship. Sampling calculations, variance and calibration. Bias testing of sampling plants. *Mr Alan Johns, Witlab*

##### **13:00-14:00 Lunch**

14:00-15:15 - SABS and ISO Sampling standards and reporting mechanisms. *Dr Ricky Pinheiro, Petmin Holdings*

##### **15:15-15:30 Tea**

15:30-16:45 - Key issues for sampling and related analyses, new terminology and the impact on international trade. *Dr Ricky Pinheiro, Petmin Holdings*

## COURSE 2 - CONVENTIONAL ANALYSES FOR COAL

### DAY 2: TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2009

#### OUTLINE OF DAY 2

Principles and practices of conventional analyses and tests used in coal production and marketing, the analytical bases to which they are reported, reporting mechanisms, methods of conversion, calculation and prediction. Beneficiation/washability tests, densimetric curves and yield predictions.

#### **07:45-09:00 – Registration**

09:00-09:05 - Introduction- *Prof R Falcon, convenor*

09:05-10:30 - Chemical and chemico-physical analyses including calorific value, proximate and ultimate analysis, ash composition, forms of sulphur, ash fusion temperatures. *Mr Alan Johns, Witlab*

#### **10:30-11:00 Tea**

11:00-12:00 – Physical properties of coal including relative density, Hardgrove Index, abrasion, porosity, free swelling index, coke strength and shatterability indices, plastometry, washability tests and indices. *Mr Alan Johns, Witlab*

12:00-13:00 – (Continued) Physical properties of coal including relative density, Hardgrove Index, abrasion, porosity, free swelling index, coke strength and shatterability indices, plastometry and dilatation. *Mr Alan Johns, Witlab*

#### **13:00-13:30 Lunch**

13:30-15:30 – Definition of coal quality reporting bases, methods of conversion, calculation and prediction. The impact of dilution, mixing and blending. *Mr Alan Johns, Witlab*

#### **15:30-15:45 Tea**

15:45– 17:00 - Coal beneficiation - washability tests and characteristics of coal, tests and the compilation and interpretation of washability tables. *Mr Lionel Falcon, Wits*

## COURSE 3 - ADVANCED ANALYSES FOR COAL

### DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2009

#### OUTLINE OF DAY 3

Principles and practice of advanced analytical techniques for indepth assessment of coal qualities for specialised utilisation purposes; the use of forensic techniques to evaluate, diagnose and predict coal quality and performance in detail. Principles and practice of petrography and mineralogy. Laboratory scale tests to predict self-heating leading to spontaneous combustion and explosibility

#### **08:00-08:30 - Registration**

08:30-10:30 – Coal Petrography - organic and inorganic constituents in coal, rank determination, condition analyses (oxidised, weathered and heated-affected analyses), coke-char forms; technical properties, potential performance and impacts on a variety of utilisation processes. *Prof R Falcon, Wits*

#### **10:30-11:00 Tea**

11:00-12:00 – Coal Petrography - organic and inorganic constituents (continued). *Prof R Falcon, Wits*

12:00-13:00 – Coal Mineralogy: Iron in coal – assessment and impact on utilisation. *Prof F Waanders, NWU*

#### **13:00-14:00 Lunch**

14:00-15:30 – Forms and distribution of trace elements, their properties and impacts on health and the environment. *Dr Nikki Wagner, Wits*

#### **15:30-16:00 Tea**

16:00-17:00 – Spontaneous combustion – causes, self heating characteristics of coal, tests, diagnostic and predictability indices. *Prof R Falcon, Wits*

## **COURSE 4 – COAL USER REQUIREMENTS**

### **DAY 4: THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2009**

#### **OUTLINE OF DAY 4**

Specialised aspects and case histories in the predication of the coal performance relative to the requirements of users in the power generation, gasification, metallurgical and petrochemical industries in South Africa. Summary of the key coal properties required for each user process. Solving performance problems. Product specification. National and international standards for classification.

#### **08:00-08:30 - Registration**

08:30-09:30 – Users of coal in South Africa; **industrial coal utilisation**. *Prof R Falcon, Wits*

09:30-10:30 – Impact of coal quality on gasification and the **petrochemical industry**. *Prof J van Heerden, Sasol*

#### **10:30-11:00 Tea**

11:00-13:00 - Impact of coal quality on **power station** performance with application of on-line analysing systems. Key case histories. *Mr Mike Blenkinsop, Consultant*

14:00-15:30 – Coal quality requirements for the **metallurgical industries**. Principles of coal selection, acquisition and substitution. Coal classification and categorization of coal for marketing purposes. Latest ISO coal classification standards. *Dr Ricky Pinheiro, Petmin Holdings.*

#### **15:30-15:45 Tea**

15:45-17:30 - Final Group Discussion: Summary and closure. *Prof R Falcon, Wits*

## **COURSE 5 - ADVANCED COMBUSTION TESTS – VISIT TO ERID**

### **DAY 5: FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2009**

**Host:** Energy Research and Innovation Centre, Eskom - *Mr Priven Rajoo*

#### **OUTLINE OF DAY 5**

#### **PLANT VISIT - ESKOM TSI COMBUSTION TEST RIG AND DROP TUBE**

Principles and practice of special pilot scale tests used in the evaluation of coal for specific coal combustion and gasification purposes.

#### **08:00-09:00 - Registration**

09:00-12:30 - Visit to pilot scale combustion test facility with lectures on combustion and gasification testing, modelling and monitoring.

09:30-10:15 – Lecture: Assessment of combustion potential for power generation.,

10:15-10:45 – Lecture: Clean Coal Technologies for power generation.

#### **10:45-11:00 – Tea**

11:00-11:30 – Tour of Drop Tube Furnace

11:30-12:30 – Tour of Pilot Scale Test Facilities – pulverized coal and fluidized bed.

#### **12:30- 13:30 - Lunch**

13:30-16:00 - Group discussions

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**REGISTRATION - FIVE-DAY ATTENDANCE:**

**R6 600.00 + VAT R924.00= R7 524.00**

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## **FORTHCOMING COAL SCHOOLS in 2009**

### *Provisional Dates*

1. – **Coal and CBM Geology, Exploration and Carbon Sequestration:** 16-20 March 2009
2. - **Coal Mining and Exploitation:** 4-8 May 2009
3. –**Coal and Coke in the Metallurgical Industry:** 8-12 June 2009
4. - **Coal Preparation and Beneficiation:** 3-7 August 2009
5. - **Coal Conversion:** 31 August – 4 September 2009
6. - **Coal Combustion, Power Generation and CCT:** 9-13 November 2009

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