



Session: Coal #2  
Wednesday, Sept. 24  
10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
Room N255, Las Vegas Convention Center, Upper Concourse

Title: Optimizing Powered Haulage Investments in Surface Coal Mining Applications

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Abstract:

The current coal mining climate is seeing record consumption rates as demand continues to outpace supply all over the world. Because of this increased demand, record coal prices have been seen from Eastern and Western United States, to Australia and into Indonesia and China. With new surface coal mining operations coming online and existing mines expanding operations and supplementing original powered haulage fleets with new equipment, it is imperative that high payload haulage equipment be utilized in the excavation and extraction of this “precious” fossil fuel. With forecasts that coal will be the dominant energy form over the next few decades, by utilizing ultra class payloads with sufficient horsepower for surface coal applications both new mines and existing mines can reduce their overall cost per ton while effectively optimizing their power haulage investment and fully capitalize on the current momentous upswing that exists in today’s coal market.