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COVERS: I. Washing Data on :-

- (a) Douglas Baum washed duff.
- (b) Raw duff from Transvaal Navigation Colliery.
- II. Analytical and other data on blend constituents and coke from blends containing <u>Douglas</u> swelling coal.

SECTION I.

WASHING RESULTS OF 5 BATCHES OF WITBANK NO. 2 SEAM DUFF COALS WASHED IN THE CYCLONE WASHER IN THE COAL PREPARATION PILOT PLANT FOR COKING TESTS AT ISCOR. *

BATCH I. DATE WASHED: 28th. and 29th. August, 1958.

ORIGIN: Baum Washed Duff coal from Douglas Colliery. Per cent of minus 30 mesh material in feed to washery: 29.6 (From sample taken at colliery over 1 shift).

S.G. of SEPARATION (+30 mesh material):

ESTIMATED YIELD OF WASHED COAL%: 50

PROBABLE ERROR OF SEPARATION: 0.018

H₀0 % ANALYSIS OF PRODUCTS: Ash % Vol. Matter %

2.3 Washed Coal 3 5.9 31.7 Middlings 15.2

ESTIMATED TONNAGE OF WASHED COAL DESPATCHED TO ISCOR: 70

BATCH II. DATE WASHED: 18th. September, 1958.

ORIGIN: Baum Washed Duff coal from Douglas Colliery. Per cent of minus 30 mesh material in feed to washery: 29.6

S.G. OF SEPARATION (+30 mesh fraction):

ESTIMATED YIELD OF WASHED COAL %: 50

PROBABLE ERROR OF SEPARATION: 0.019

ANALYSIS OF PRODUCTS: Ash % H₂0 % Vol. Matter % Sw. No.

Washed Coal

2.1 5.3

32.5

3

Middlings

15.0

ESTIMATED TONNAGE OF WASHED COAL DESPATCHED TO ISCOR:

40

BATCH III.

Only +30 mesh material was washed and despatched to Iscor.

Since a washed duff was procured from the Colliery in this case, the discard from the washer is designated "Middlings". In later tests where an unwashed duff was treated (see T.N.C.) the discard is termed "Refuse".

BATCH III. DATE WASHED: 19th. September, 1958.

ORIGIN: Baum Washed Duff coal from Douglas Colliery.

Ber cent of - 30 mesh material in feed to

washery: 29.6

S.G. OF SEPARATION (+30 mesh fraction): 1.411

YIELD OF WASHED COAL % (determined): 61.8

PROBABLE ERROR OF SEPARATION: 0.021

ANALYSIS OF PRODUCTS: Ash % H₂0 % Vol.Matter % Sw. No.

Washed Coal 6.4 2.0 30.7 2

Middlings 16.6 1.9 23.5 -

ESTIMATED TONNAGE OF WASHED COAL DESPATCHED TO ISCOR:

BATCH IV. DATE WASHED: 6th. and 7th. October, 1958.

ORIGIN: Raw Duff coal from Transvaal Navigation

Colliery.

Per cent -30 mesh material in feed to washery:

79

20.3 (From sample taken at Coll.)

Sw.

S.G. OF SEPARATION (+30 mesh material): 1.365

ESTIMATED YIELD OF WASHED COAL %: 45

PROBABLE ERROR OF SEPARATION: 0.019

ANALYSIS OF PRODUCTS: Ash % H20 % Vol. Matter % Sw. No.

Washed Coal: 6.7 2.4 35.6 3
Refuse: 23.4 2.1 25.7 -

ESTIMATED TONNAGE OF WASHED COAL DESPATCHED TO ISCOR: 93

BATCH V. DATE WASHED: 15th. and 16th. October, 1958.

ORIGIN: Raw Duff coal from Transvaal Navigation Colliery.

Per cent -30 mesh material in feed to washery:

20.3

S.G. OF SEPARATION (+ 30 mesh fraction: 1.414.

PROBABLE ERROR OF SEPARATION: 0.022

ESTIMATED YIELD OF WASHED COAL %: 60

ANALYSIS OF PRODUCTS: Ash % H₂O % Vol. Matter % No. C.V.

Washed coal: 7.5 2.8 33.1 2 - Refuse: 27.4 1.6 26.0 - 10.2

ESTIMATED TONNAGE OF WASHED COAL DESPATCHED TO ISCOR: 108

SECTION II

NOTES ON TABULATED RESULTS (SHEET I.) OF TESTS ON WITBANK WASHED DUFF AS BLEND COKING COAL.

1. The tests are divided into groups for Blesbok 70%, Springbok 70%, Master Blend, Douglas Duff Series 1 and Douglas Duff Series 2.

The Douglas Series 1 tests are blends with different proportions of Douglas duff washed to a relatively low yield and "high" swelling number, and the Douglas Series 2 tests are blends with Douglas duff washed to a higher yield and lower swelling number.

- 2. The numbers allocated to the tests are in numerical order according to the date on which the test blends were charged to the coke oven. A space has been left below this for Iscor to insert their own test numbers if the identification given is not considered adequate by Iscor.
- The components of the various blends are identified by the following letters:-
 - N Natal coal (mixture of D.N.C. and Northfield).
 - B Blesbok coal.
 - CE Coal Estates (Navigation) coal.
 - S Springbok No. 5-Seam coal.
 - D Douglas duff rewashed in cyclone washer.

In the same line the percentage of the component in the blend is given and the ash content and swelling number of the component are given in the two following lines.

- 4. The total moisture contents of the blends were determined on a special moisture sample, and the screen and proximate analyses on the normal analytical samples.
- on selected coke samples, and is reported on the air-dry basis. The ratio: coke ash to coal ash (both air dry) on the samples so far available varies from 1.40 to 1.47 with a mean value of 1.43, so that using this factor one could obtain a reasonable approximation of the coke ash

for those samples where the ash content was not determined.

The mean size of the coke is obtained by adding the products of the percentages and mean sizes of the various size fractions and dividing by 100.

The shatter size stability (SSS) is the ratio of the mean size of the coke after the shatter test to the mean size (of the +2" coke used) before the shatter test, multiplied by 100.

The abrasion size stability (ASS) is the ratio of the mean size of the coke after the abrasion test to the mean size of the coke charged to the abrasion drum (taken as 2.5 inches), multiplied by 100.

The resistance to shatter and abrasion (RSA) is the product of the shatter and abrasion size stabilities divided by 100.

- 6. In <u>Test 11</u> the first test with nominal 20% of Douglas, Series 2, washed coal in the blend the automatic control of the feeder for the Douglas coal was not operating properly and the calculated percentage (17.3) of Douglas duff in the blend cannot be regarded as correct. It is considered that the actual percentage of Douglas duff in the blend is likely to be somewhat lower than the figure given. This would affect the quantities of the other components in the blend, but the relative proportions of Natal and Blesbok coal should be correct.
- 7. The Douglas duff in <u>Tests 12 and 13</u> Douglas Series 2 with 30% duff, and the repeat test on 20% duff appears to have been contaminated with some other coal. The identity of the contaminating coal could not be established. The results of the tests have, nevertheless, been included in the table.
- 8. Some of the values in the table have been reported to a higher degree of accuracy than is normally significant. The reason for this is that one object of these tests is to make comparisons between the results of individual tests in the series.

9. Proximate analyses were done on the Natal component of all 16 blends, on two samples of the Blesbok component, and on one sample each of Coal Estates (Navigation) and Springbok No. 5 coal. The average results were as follows:-

Coal	Test No.	H ₂ 0 %	Ash%	V.M.%	F.C.%
Blesbok	1 and 16	2.7	11.0	32.9	53.4
Springbok	1	2.1	11.0	34.4	52.5
Coal Estates	1	2.0	13.0	30.8	54.2
Natal	1 to 16	1.2	11.5	30.5	56.8
Maximum and	minimum values fo	or the 1	Natal c	oal sam	ples
were:-					
Maximum		1.5	11.9	31.1	57.5
Minimum		1.0	10.9	30.1	56.2

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SHEETS 1 AND 2./

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ISCOR COKE-OVEN TESTS ON BLENDS CONTAINING WASHED WITBANK DUFF COAL.

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SHEET

Test No.	1	15	2	3
(omposition of)	30% D.N.C. 30% Blesbok 17% Springbok 23% S.A.C.E.	30% Natal 30% Blesbok 17% Springbok 23% S.A.C.E.	30% Natal 65% Blesbok 5% Douglas Duff	30% Na 60% B1 10% Do
late Charged	26/8/58	6/10/58	29/8/58	3/9/
Coking Time (hrs.)	$16rac{1}{2}$	16½	16½	16
(ven No. and) lemp. (C.)	62, 52, 42 1271°C.	36, 26, 16 1330°C	3, 76, 66 1301°C.	1 5, 5
Colour	Grey to sil- very with dark patches.	Grey.	Dark grey.	Dark gr grey.
Ehape	Blocky.	Blocky irregu- lar with a large amount of prismatic pieces.	Blocky.	Blocky.
Longitudinal }	Large amount.	Large amount Less than cokes ex Duff test series.	Large amount.	Large a
Transverse) Fiasures.	Large amount.	Large amount less than cokes ex Duff test series.	Large amount.	Large
Cell Structure	Good.	Fairly good to good.	Variating and not good due to rough appropriate of coke.	Fair, better Test 2 still able.
Epongy Ends.	Normal amount.	Normal amount.	Normal amount.	Normal amount
Cauliflower) Inds.	Well de- veloped.	Well to over- developed in- clined to break off.	Well develop- ed inclined to break off.	Well to develoj clined break o
Fing.	Good.	Fairly good to good.	Fair.	Fair to
lebbly Material	Large amount	Large amount	Large amount	Large a
Lemarks.	Has better appearance than normal Iscor coke. Probably good met. coke.	Probably a good met. coke. Duplicate of Test 1.	Very rough appearance probably not met.coke.	Coke habetter ance the Test 2 ably me

77 (17)	4	5	8	9
tal esbok uglas Duff	30% D.N.C. 50% Blesbok 20% Douglas Duff	30% D.N.C. 40% Blesbok 30% Douglas Duff	70% Douglas Duff 30% Natal	5 % Douglas Duff 30% Natal 65% Blesbok
58	4/9/58	9/9/58	15/9/58	18/9/58
12	18	18 1	18 1	16½
, 78 38 C	51, 41, 31 1326°C	38, 28, 18 1297°¢.		11, 74, 64 1317°C
ey to	Dark grey to grey.	Dark grey to grey.	Dark grey to grey.	Dark grey to grey.
	Blocky in- cluding a few prismatic pieces.	Blocky.	Blocky.	Blocky, some prismatic pieces ob-served.
mount.	Large amount.	Large amount.	Large amount.	Large amount.
amount.	Large amount.	Large amount.	Large amount.	Large amount.
but than , but vari-	Fair to good but variable	Fair to good but variable	Fair.	Fair to fairly good.
	Normal amount.	Normal amount.	Normal amount.	Normal amount.
over ped in- to off.	Well to over devel-oped.	Well to over developed inclined to break off	Well to over- developed and breakin; off.	Well to over developed, in- clined to break off.
good.	Fair to good but variable	Good.	Fairly good.	Fairly good.
ımount	Large amount	Large amount	Large amount	Large amount
ian Prob-	Coke seems to be better than Test 3. Probably met. coke Prismatic pieces; breaks into small pieces.	rougher appearance than Test 4: Probably good met.	Coke has a rough appearance and is of smaller size. Probably highly abranot met.coke. dable. Probably a met.cok	

DESCRIPTION OF

DEBOTTITION_ OF				
Test No.	10	11	13	12
Composition of)	10% Douglas Duff 30% D.N.C. 60% Blesbok	30% Natal 50% Blesbok 20% Douglas Duff	30% Natal 50% Blesbok 20% Douglas Duff	30% Natal 40% Blesb 30% Dougla Duf:
Date Charged	22/9/58	24/9/58	1/10/58	29/9/5
Coking Time (hrs.)	16½	16½	16½	161
Oven No. and) Temp. C.)	3, 76, 66 1308°C.	67,57, 37, 1315°C.	39, 29, 19 1314°C.	75, 65, 65, 1307°(
Colour	Grey.	Grey.	Dark grey to grey.	Grey.
Shape	Blocky with prismatic pieces.	Blocky with a large num- ber of pris- matic pieces.	Blocky, ir- regular with numerous pris- matic pieces.	Blocky, ill regular winumerous j matic pied
Longitudinal) Fissures.)	Large amount.	Large amount.	Large amount.	Large amou
Transverse) Fissures.)	Large amount.	Large amount.	Large amount.	Large amoi
Cell Structure	Fair.	Fair but variable.	Fair.	Fair.
Spongy Ends.	Normal amount.	Fair but variable.	Normal amount.	Normal amount.
Cauliflower ends.	Well to over- developed.	Well to over- developed; inclined to break off.	Well to over- developed; inclined to break off.	Well to ov developed; inclined t break off.
Ring.	Fair.	Fairly good, but variable.	Fair.	Fair.
Pebbly Material.	Large amount	Large amount	Large amount	Large amou
Remarks.	Coke has a similar appearance to Test 9. Probably not met. coke.	Coke was very variable when sampled from the belt.Similar to Test 10 but slightly better.Probably met,coke		Coke has a better app ance than Test 11. Pably met.

TOT	O OTT TI •	(SHEET 2	CONTINUED).	
	14	6	16	7
k s	70% Douglas Duff (Series 2) 30% Natal	30% D.N.C. 70% Blesbok	30% Natal 70% Blesbok	70% Springbok 30% D.N.C.
	2/10/58	11/9/58	8/10/58	12/9/58
	16½	18 1	${f 1}6rac{1}{2}$	18½
5	28 1320°c.	68, 58, 48 1335°C.	70, 60, 50 128 1 °C.	37, 27, 17 1292 C.
	Dark grey to grey.	Dark grey to grey.	Dark grey.	Dark grey to grey.
th ris-	Blocky, ir- regular; linge amount of pris matic pieces.	-Blocky.	Blocky, ir- regular, with large amount of prismatic pieces.	Blocky.
nt.	Large amount.	Large amount.	Large amount.	Fairly large amount.
nt.	Large amount.	Large amount.	Large amount.	Fairly large amount.
	Fair but variable.	Fairly good. Pores are larger.	Fair.	Good.
	Inclined to be above nor-mal amount.	Normal amount.	Normal amount.	Normal amount.
er - o	Well to over- developed; inclined to break off.	Well to over- developed; inclined to break off.	Well to over- developed; inclined to break off.	Well to over- developed; inclined to break off.
	Fair.	Fair.	Fair.	Good.
nt	Large amount	Large amount	Large amount	Large amount, but less than in Tests 1 to 6.
	Coke is very small and probably not met. coke.	Coke has a rough appearance similar to Tests 1 to 5. Probably met. coke.	Coke has a rough appearance.Probably not met.coke.	Coke has a good appearance. Most probably met. coke.
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