

# March 2021 Quarterly Production and Activities Report

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## **March 2021 Quarter Operational Activity**

		Quarter Ended Mar-21	Quarter Ended Dec-20	Annual Guidance
ROM coal mined	kt	208	228	950-1,000
Coal delivered to Beringovsky Port	kt	62	109	
Coal loaded	kt	0	103	
Coal sold <sup>1</sup>	kt	6	189	750-800
Total coal stocks	kt	655	453	
Coal at port stockpile	kt	161	105	
Waste mined	Bcm	777	1 213	
ROM strip ratio <sup>2</sup>	bcm : t	3.7:1	5.3:1	

- 1. Includes coal sold to local companies
- 2. bcm waste: tonne ROM coal

## **Highlights**

- **COVID 19** TIG continues implementation of appropriate measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to minimize its impact on our employees and operations. Vaccination programme with Russian Sputnik V vaccines started at site.
- Safety The cumulative Total Reportable Injury Frequency Rate ("TRIFR") decreased to 2.9 per million hours from 3.08 in the December quarter. No lost time injuries ("LTI") were recorded during the March quarter.
- **Coal Production** 208kt of coal was mined during the March quarter, 62kt delivered to port and 146kt to intermediate stockpile near the location of the future CHPP for further processing.
- **Port operations** During Q1 2021 TIG started preparations for the 2021 shipping season, which included repair and maintenance as well as dredging activities.
- **CHPP Project** CHPP equipment is on its way to Russia and is expected to be in Vladivostok by the middle of May and in Beringovsky in June 2021.
- Sales 2021 sales guidance is estimated at 750 800kt
- Compliance and licencing The Company is in material compliance with all license obligations.

#### **Health and Safety**

TIG continues to implement measures as recommended by the health authorities in relation to the COVID – 19 pandemic. Tests for the COVID - 19 were acquired for diagnosing persons with clinical symptoms of respiratory disease. The tests are carried out by trained medical personnel. TIG started a vaccination programme at site using the Sputnik V vaccine.

TIG's cumulative TRIFR decreased to 2.9 per million hours worked, from 3.08 as recorded in the December 2020 quarter. No lost time injuries ("LTI") were recorded during the March quarter.

### **Mining and Haulage Operations**

		January	February	March	Total
ROM coal mined	kt	57	72	79	208
Coal delivered to Beringovsky Port	kt	15	14	33	62
Waste mined	kbcm	280	187	310	777
Stripping ratio	bcm:t	4.9	2.6	3.9	3.7
Coal in Port stockpiles	kt	118	130	161	
Total Coal stocks (end of month)	kt	508	578	655	

During the March quarter, TIG mined 208kt of ROM coal and delivered 62kt to Port. 146kt was hauled to TIG's intermediate stockpile near the location of the future CHPP. The decrease of coal mined compared to December quarter was due to severe weather conditions in January, February and March, including snowstorms and strong winds. The quarterly average stripping ratio decreased from 5.3:1 in the December quarter to 3.7:1 due to concentrating our mining activities at Seam 3.



## **CHPP Project**

CHPP works are continuing on schedule. The CHPP equipment is on its way to Russia and is expected to be in Vladivostok for customs clearance by the middle of May. Detailed engineering works and preparation for civil construction are well underway.

## **Beringovsky Port Operations**

During the March quarter TIG has started preparation for the 2021 shipping season, including maintenance of the conveyor and loading system in the port, initial dredging works as well as the

necessary minor repairs on the fleet and cranes. Most port personnel started to arrive in Beringovsky in April.





#### **Coal Sales and Marketing**

During the first quarter of 2021 sales activities have been confined to booking one vessel – a 100kt geared ice class vessel for H2 May loading, and one sale into China of T1 thermal coal (for the above cargo). This vessel should set a new record for both vessel and cargo size at our port of Beringovsky.

#### **Sales Guidance**

Based on actual performance year to date, current production capacity, as well as investment in some additional mining equipment scheduled for arrival in Q2, the sales target for 2021 is set at 750 – 800kt.

#### **Market Outlook**

The Asian coking coal market remains severely disrupted by the Chinese import ban on Australian coal. This has changed seaborne trade flows for coking coal and effectively split the market into two segments with two different price structures – China (the non-Australian Supplier's Market), and the rest of the world (where Australian coking coal is in oversupply). The main beneficiaries of this situation are Indonesian and Russian coal suppliers operating through east coast ports.

The Chinese spot metcoal market has been very strong for US, Canadian and Russian coal, with recent CFR prices around \$220/t whereas the rest of the world has seen weaker pricing. Prices for Peak Downs, the Australian benchmark coking coal, have been rangebound between c. \$100 - \$110/t FOB all year.

In thermal coal markets, Q1 2021 prices bounced back strongly on winter demand in China, which faced some of its coldest weather in many years, compounded by supply chain disruption in Indonesia due to heavy rain and tightness created by the Chinese demand for non-Australian coals.

Tight supplies, cold weather and strong industrial activity in the run up to Chinese New Year of 11 February pushed Chinese domestic thermal prices to highs of around CNY 900/t (~US\$139/t) in early January. Since then, continued tightness due to high demand and a spate of domestic mine shutdowns for safety checks has supported domestic prices. The current ZCE (Chinese domestic coal) futures contract price for May deliveries is CNY 755/t, which is providing strong support to Russian import prices. Newcastle 6,000 NAR and 5,500 NAR coals are trading at \$92/t and \$56/t respectively,

up from \$57/t and \$45/t last October. The initial price recovery was faster than many industry participants expected.

## **Capital investments**

Capital investments during the March quarter included:

- CHPP building
- 2 x Scania trucks for coal haulage
- 1 x Liebherr crane for for the assembly of metal structures
- 1 x Liebherr PR754 bulldozer
- 1 x Liebherr L566 loader
- 1 x drilling rig
- Various equipment for CHPP construction activities

#### **Corporate**

On 11 January the Company announced that it had successfully completed the shortfall bookbuild. In total TIG raised A\$43.5 (US\$32) million through the Entitlement Offer.

Notice of TIG's Annual General Meeting ("AGM") was announced on 29 March, the AGM to be held at 3 pm (Melbourne time) on Thursday 29 April 2021 at the Rendezvous Hotel, 328 Flinders Street, Melbourne. A virtual meeting platform has been established to ensure compliance with COVID – 19 related restrictions.

On 16 April TIG announced that Non-Executive Director Tagir Sitdekov has resigned from the Board, effective 14 April 2021.

#### Stakeholder relations

In Q1 2021 TIG continued its work in the following areas:

#### **Environment**

- TIG received approval from the Chukotka Department of Natural Resources for its plans to reduce the emissions of pollutants into the atmosphere through the end of 2027.
- The standards for emissions / discharges and waste generation for the port have been established for a period of 7 years by Rosprirodnadzor.
- Commissioning works were organized for the installation of a biological wastewater treatment plant in camp.
- An assessment was made of the impact on aquatic biological resources and their habitat due
  to port activity. The assessment indicates a short-term indirect negative impact in the form
  of increased noise level and vibration, but the activity will not cause direct damage to aquatic
  biological resources and their habitat.

#### **Community relations**

 TIG was invited by Governor Roman Kopin to the VI Congress of the Indigenous People of Chukotka. TIG's CEO Dmitry Gavrilin made a presentation on the social and environmental partnership between the Company and the region. TIG detailed its production volumes and plans, social projects & environmental responsibility, and fulfillment of the clauses of the Agreement with the Association of the Indigenous People of Chukotka. The event was extensively covered in the regional press and social media.



## **Exploration and Licencing Activities**

The Company is in material compliance with all license obligations.

#### **Cash balances**

At the end of the quarter, TIG had a cash balance of US\$25.4mln in cash with no bank liabilities outstanding.

## Capital Structure (as at 31 March 2021)

Ordinary shares on issue: 13,066,702,368

Options on issue: 9,907,000

This announcement has been authorized by the Board of Directors

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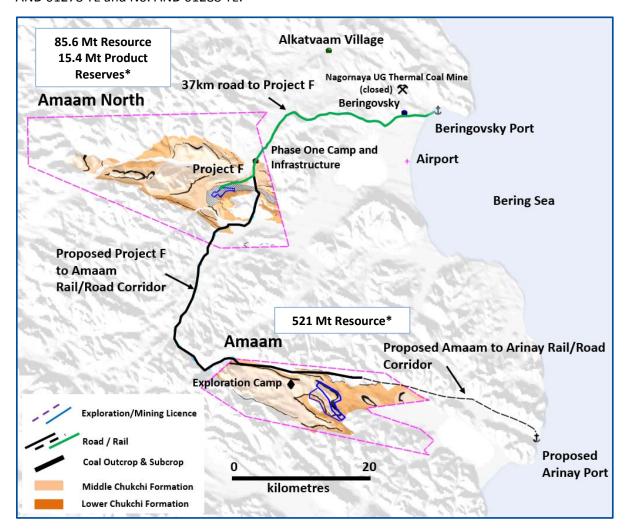
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#### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

TIG is developing a large-scale coking coal basin that covers two areas, Amaam and Amaam North (Figure A below), with combined Resources of up to 607 Mt.

At Amaam North, TIG owns a 100% beneficial interest in Exploration Licence No. AND01203 TP (Levoberezhniy Licence), the Exploration and Extraction (Mining) Licence No. AND 15813 TE, which covers the initial Project F mine development area (Fandyushkinskoe Field) and the Exploration and Extraction (Mining) Licence No. AND 01314 TE, which covers the Zvonkoye licence area, the eastern extension of the Project F licence area.

At Amaam, TIG owns an 80% beneficial interest in Exploration Licence Amaam AND 01379 TP (former AND 01277 TP Zapadniy Subsoil Licence) and two Exploration and Extraction (Mining) Licences, No. AND 01278 TE and No. AND 01288 TE.



\*Total estimated project

Figure A Amaam and Amaam North Coking Coal Projects

Amaam and Amaam North are two exceptionally well-located coking coal deposits, approximately 40km from the Bering Sea with shorter shipping distances to North Asian markets than from peer producers in Queensland and British Columbia.

## At Amaam North - Project F

- Project F Phase One is in production
- Amaam North Project F reserves as disclosed in ASX release "TIG Announces Results of New Amaam North JORC Report" on 24 November 2020:
  - o 15.4 Mt of Marketable Reserves, 9.8 Mt Proven & 5.6 Mt Probable;
  - o 85.6 Mt Total Resource, 24.2 Mt Measured, 26.4 Mt Indicated & 35.0 Mt Inferred.
- TIG owns and operates the Beringovsky coal port terminal

#### At Amaam:

- A Project Feasibility Study completed on 5.0 Mtpa open pit operation producing a high vitrinite content (>90%) coking coal with excellent coking properties
- The total Resource is 521 Mt comprising 3 Mt Measured, 91 Mt Indicated, and 427 Mt Inferred