

## **EXPLOITATION OF COAL IN THE MINE SIBOVČ IN BASIC RESEARCH, ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Considering great demands for the energy as inside also outside Kosovo, it is very necessary to open the mine of Sibovc for coal exploitation, for existing thermo-plants, as well as for those which will be built in future in order to have a stable economic development.*

*The exploitation of the coal in surface mines especially in our mines it is a problem that requires professional and scientific approach, since not recognizing this problem often has resulted with sequences in the term of material.*

*In this context, thankfully to the technological revolution, today is possible to use a range of methods for the slope stability calculations. We use these methods, too, mainly for the purpose of defining geotechnical safety at the border slope systems as well as at the advance slope systems*

*Taking into account all geological – engineering data, including tectonic movements, surface and underground water, seismic factors etc. Today there are a lot of contemporary approaches, development and improvement of which enable input of all geological – engineering data (geo mechanical parameters) in order to analyze and design slopes in generally.*

**Keywords:** exploitation, methods, drillings, geotechnical security

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Kosovo territory is very rich with natural resources that have a particular strategically importance for the development of different branches of industry and economy of Kosovo.

One very important place within these resources takes place also the areas with resources of coal particularly those in the puddle of Kosovo and Dukagjin wherein we should also include the puddle of Coal in Drenica .

In this period the researching are done according to the distances 250x250, 750x750 and 1000x1000 whereas in years 2004-2005-2006-2011 there are done and complementary drillings in basin of SW Sibovc according to the necessity of the coal exploitation ,which are shown in the figure below not avoiding the completing of laboratory analysis in order to determine physical-mechanical parameters for the clay and coal

### **2. GEOLOGICAL CONSTRUCTION**

The zone where the research is done in the surface mine of Sibovc SW, as well as in the peripheral zones around ,are constructed by Paleozoic , Mesozoic and Cenozoic formations ( Quaternary and tertiary).

**Paleozoic**-the formation of Paleozoic is presented with crystal and limestone thickness .The crystal thickness (layer) take an important place in the sides construction of Kosovo basin and they are spread as in West as well in East.

**Mesozoic**- The formations of Mesozoic are presented by serendipities, periodicities, the above cretac and limestone fleshes.

Serendipities and periodicities in the siding part of the basin come into surface; some zones lay in the direction of NNW-SSE

**Cenozoic**- The formations of Cenozoic are presented with tertiary and quaternary deposits. The tertiary is represented by andezit - dacit rocks as well as the tufts of Neogen of Kosovo basin.

Quaternary in the greatest part of Kosovo is represented with sand and gravel, alluvial deposits.

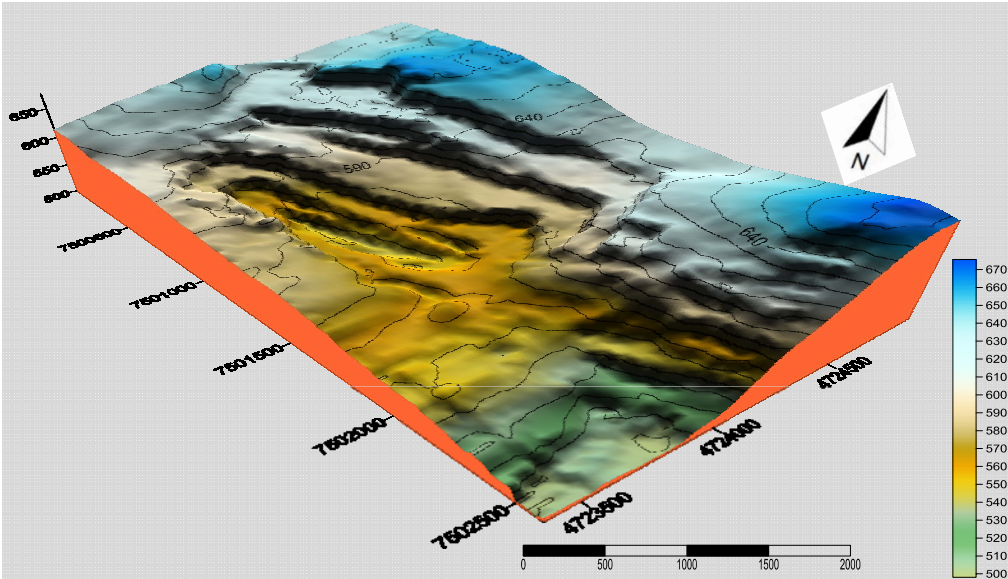


Figure 1. Basin of SW Sibovc

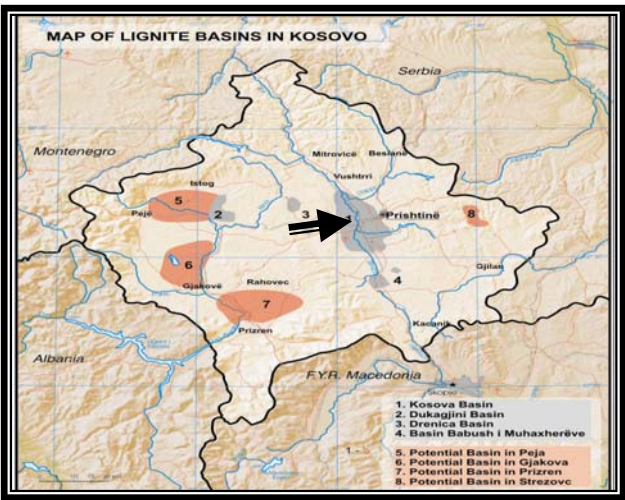


Figure 2. Map of Lignite Basins in Kosovo

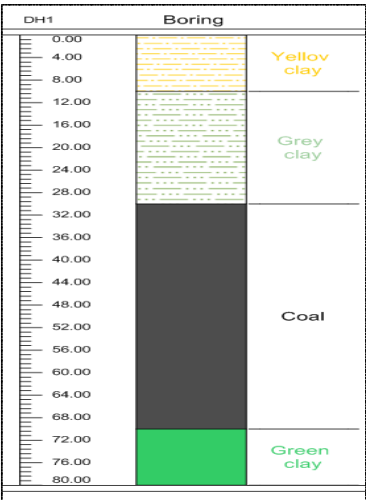


Figure 3. Thickness of drilling

Basing on the data of the drillings that are shown in the fig.1.by the geologic-engineer, the mine of Sibovc SW is composed by these formations: Yellow clay with an average thickness of 10-12m, Grey clay with an average thickness of 30m ,coal with an average thickness of 70m and at the end the green clay ,all these are shown in the drilling in fig 3. There are realized 100 champions for geo mechanical analyses by using the test (TRIAXIAL) ,direct test (DIRECTSHEAR) the (ring Shear) test in the base of these analyses are gained the ultimate parameters for calculation that are shown on table.1 ,whereas the calculations for clay are shown on table 2.

Table 1. Soil-mechanical Parameters

| Geological Layers | $\varphi[^\circ]$ | $C[\text{KN/m}^2]$ | $\gamma[\text{KN/m}^3]$ |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Yellow clay       | 12.8              | 5.8                | 17.7                    |
| grey clay         | 10.5              | 9.3                | 17.8                    |
| coal seam         | 22                | 30                 | 12.2                    |
| <b>green clay</b> | <b>16.1</b>       | <b>16.7</b>        | <b>19.5</b>             |

$$T = \frac{[Gi - (ui + \Delta ui) * bi] * \tan \varphi + ci * b}{\cos \vartheta_i + \frac{1}{\eta} \tan \varphi_i * \sin \vartheta_i} \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\eta = \frac{r \sum Ti + \sum Ms}{r \sum Gi * \sin \vartheta_i + \sum M} \quad \dots(2)$$

Table 2. Slopes calculation partial with Seismic coeff.

| Method                | Heigh (m) | Angle $\beta^\circ$ | Center (x,y)          | Radius       | Seismic coeff. | Load q[KN/m <sup>2</sup> ] | Porewater. pressure. ru | <b>Fs.</b>  |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Bishop-it             | 20        | 52                  | 4.32<br>46.75         | 36.50        | 0.05           | 110                        | 0.0                     | 0.44        |
| Janbu                 | 19        | 50                  | 5.23<br>45.56         | 35.48        | 0.05           | 110                        | 0.0                     | 0.462       |
| Corps of Engineers #1 | 18        | 47                  | 6.20<br>47.07         | 37.12        | 0.05           | 110                        | 0.0                     | 0.496       |
| Corps of Engineers #2 | 17        | 44                  | 9.78<br>43.25         | 33.18        | 0.05           | 110                        | 0.0                     | 0.530       |
| GLE/Morgenstern-Price | 16        | 41                  | 8.24<br>47.20         | 36.86        | 0.05           | 110                        | 0.0                     | 0.568       |
| Lowe-Karafiath        | 15        | 38                  | 9.41<br>48.52         | 38.42        | 0.05           | 110                        | 0.0                     | 0.592       |
| Ordinary/Fellenius    | 12        | 35                  | 16.48<br>35.58        | 26.20        | 0.05           | 110                        | 0.0                     | 0.664       |
| <b>Spencer</b>        | <b>12</b> | <b>25</b>           | <b>15.53<br/>40.0</b> | <b>30.43</b> | <b>0.05</b>    | <b>110</b>                 | <b>0.0</b>              | <b>0.70</b> |

### 3. CONCLUSION

The coal basin of Kosovo is one of the largest basins in Balkan with the exploitation in the surface mine in the open sky with exploitation reserves more than 100 years.

The average thickness of the coal lay is 70m and covered with deposits of Quaternary, alluvion with an average thickness of 8-10 m .In other sectors the coal lay is (65% of the surface covers) by the yellow clay with an average thickness of 10-12m and grey clay with an average thickness of 30m

Therefore this report coal cover-layer in ratio 3:1 is conditioned the exploitation of surface mine.

In geological composition of the basin and peripheral zone take place many formations, as those of Paleozoic (with crystal limestone snow slip), Mesozoic (limestone and cretaceous fleshes), Cenozoic that is represented by the depositions of Neogene and those of Quaternary mainly with gravel and

alluvion sand. In geological composition the basin of Kosovo is characterized with diversity lit logy, as in horizontal as well in vertical extension. In the structural side the basin of Kosovo has a developed tectonics it is represented graded of grebe type, covered with deposits of Neogene and Quaternary. Within this synclinal, in the lays of coal are developed many separations tectonically systems with parallel and diagonal directions with lengthwise as of the basin

#### 4. RECOMMANDATION

Basing on geo-mechanical parameters that are processed and realized in the laboratory according to the drillings done, without trying to avoid the tectonic introduced, the presence of surface water, underground there are calculated the partial and general slopes with different heights and angles as in coal as well in clay, up to the time the minimal and maximal possible factor was found for exploitation of coal .

As a conclusion it should be said for exploitation of coal should be considered the height of covered slopes which should be  $h \leq 10\text{m}$  and the angle  $\alpha \leq 25^\circ$  for yellow clay as partial angles, whereas for the grey clay the height of slope is:

$h \leq 12\text{m}$  and the angle  $\alpha \leq 25^\circ$  that are shown in a tabular form and table 2, whereas in coal the partial angle should be  $\alpha \leq 65^\circ$  with a height  $h \leq 12\text{m}$ , that is shown in table 2 and the general one in coal  $\alpha \leq 22^\circ$  that is shown in table 2, that in any way should be the removal of water through protected canals in order not to deal with any weakness of physic-mechanical parameters.

Temporary greening is recommended to counteract erosion in the area of the head slopes. If necessary, use of geo textiles has to be checked.

Furthermore specific geotechnical features like underground cavities resulting from coal first and past mining activities, formation of fissures in fault zones or sliding masses have to bi considerate. According to the gained results, all methods have given satisfactory results but we should distinguish: Bishop's methods, give 90% results in ductile rocks (clays) in report of tough formations (coals) . The reason is in the fact that the circle cylinder form is difficult to realize in coals except of any sliding in the same form.

Whereas the form of Janb-us (polygonal) and that of blocks (polygonal) in tough rocks (coals) have given more satisfactory results in report with those of circle cylindrical forms, because the tectonic in coal is expressed in the form of blocks, that suits these two methods for calculation of stability of slopes.

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