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# **Final Report**

# Feasibility Test of Carbon Black Production from Tar Oil

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#### **1** INTRODUCTION

The Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. will investigate the feasibility to use tar oil from the carbonisation of lignite as carbon black feedstock. The Bureau of Mines Correlation Index (BMCI), is a particularly important criterion of the quality of a carbon black feedstock. The investigation of the BMCI and other investigations were done by DMT-FuelTec.

#### 2 BUREAU OF MINES CORRELATION INDEX - BMCI

In the furnace process, which today dominates carbon black production, oils rich in aromatics from naphtha or gas oil pyrolysis, and mixtures of aromatics from coal tar, are used as feedstock. The Bureau of Mines Correlation Index (BMCI) defined below, is a particularly important criterion of the quality of the carbon black feedstock:

BMCI =  $473.7 * d - 456.8 + 48640 * K^{-1}$ 

Here, d is the density of the hydrocarbon mixture in g/ml at 15.6 °C and K the average boiling temperature in Kelvin.

Hydrocarbon mixtures of predominantly nature have a correlation index (CI) from 15 to 50; benzene, according to the defining, has a CI of 100, while high-boiling aromatic mixtures have a correlation index in excess of 100. The yield of carbon black increases as the correlation index rises; the highest yields are obtained using three- and four-ring aromatic compounds /1/.

#### **3** TAR SAMPLE

A one kg tar sample was delivered from Neyvelis Lignite Corporation Ltd., Dy. Chief Scientist, with a covering letter dated 28.02.1997, via Mr. Grant Ramsay, UNIDO officer, Vienna, to DMT. The sample arrived on 10.03.1997.

#### 4 ANALYSIS

#### Visual judgement

The sample is waxy and seems inhomogeneous, the color is light to dark brown

#### Density

Determination of density with Areometer (DIN 51757, 1984 and ISO 3675, 1975) The density was determined at 60 °C and converted to 15.6 °C.

$$\rho$$
 (15.6 °C) =  $\rho_E$  (t) +  $\alpha$  (t - 15.6 °C)

Here,  $\rho$  is the density,  $\rho_E$  the density at measuring temperatur t and  $\alpha$  a temperature coefficient ( $\alpha = 0.63 \text{ kg/cm}^3 * \text{K}$ )

 $\rho_{\rm E}$  (60 °C) = 929 kg/m<sup>3</sup>  $\rho$  (15.6 °C) = 957 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

## **Boiling curve**

A preparatory destillation of the tar was not possible. The initial boiling point is to high. A simulated destillation was done by a GC-method. The report is additional as appendix 1.

I.B.P.	303 °C
50 %	473 °C
F.B.P.	> 545 °C

### Ultimate analysis

С	85.35 %	Method:	LECO
Η	10.50 %		LECO
N	0.16 %		LECO
S	0.33 %		ASTM D 5453-93
0	3.66 %		difference

#### Water

not detectable with xylol method

#### Ash

not detectable with EN7

## Determination of the Conradson carbon residue (coking tendency), DIN 51551 and ASTM D 189-65

Carbon residue 3.3 %

### Solubilities

Toluene insoluble	0.1 %
Heptane insoluble	4.0 %
(Asphaltene)	
Pentane insoluble	10.8 %

## **Melting point**

51 °C

## **Calculation of the BMCI**

BMCI = 62

#### 5 VALUATION

The BMCI of the tar sample from Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. is very low. Comparatie values from other feedstocks are 125 - 140 for pyrolysis oil, and 140 - 160 for hard coal tar /1/.

The yield of carbon black decreases as the correlation index sinks. The feed of a hydrocarbon mixture with a correlation index of 62 for the production of carbon black is not suitable.

Further investigations were not done.

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