

SOME ASPECTS OF INTENSIFICATION THE CAST IRON SMELTING

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Purpose. Using the conical backfilling system and principles of thermodynamic conversion was providing technical and technological insuring the process of iron smelting for providing minimal coke losses.

Methodology. The studies were carried on using special equipment for providing the trajectory and fulfilling of coke and iron ore according the quantity proportions and qualities of inputting material and providing the final characteristics of the product. All this activity allows to manage the melting process.

Findings. It is proposed that the coal mining and power energy generation development just now have a huge problem.

The paper represents the analysis, which has helped to determine the spreads and trends in in cast iron smelting in blast furnaces. The thermodynamic processes, which are based on Nijman criterion, allows to describe the common processes in blast furnaces with high level of accordance. Provided practical researches shown that the furnaces during iron smelting are under complicate processes, which are really hard to estimate only theoretically. Thermodynamic processes are defined as very difficult in such an environment to physically lay sensors that could take into account the geometric shape of the charge. So, it is proposed to use the developed special devices for determining the geometrical parameters of iron smelting material in the furnace. Such equipment has the title a gamma locator. Its allows to fix the fluidized state of the charge on the blast furnace grate. It makes possible to keep almost virtually horizontal surface on the grate after the next supply of the appropriate portion of material. On this basis, it is proposed to adapt different ways of feeding the charge into the blast furnace to more efficiently ensure the melting process. The economic indicators of the proposed technological solutions are given.

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SOME ISSUES OF THE THIN COAL EXPLORTION AT JSW GROUP MINES

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Purpose. Carrying out the research for application of the extraction technologies for thin coal seams at JSW Group mines at economically expedient level.

Methodology. Applying the methods of mathematical statistics, as well as the assessment of existing technological solutions in mining, the possibility of technical and technological justification of the thin coal seams mining at an economically feasible level.

Findings. Global trends in the development of coal deposits show different approaches to standardization of reserves and the application of standards to their assessment. Today, in Poland, to thin seams are included reserves with formations less than 1.5 m thick. However, directly in this structures the significant reserves of coal in mines are concentrated. This means, that these reserves are defined as off-balance. So they are not economically feasible for extraction by existing mining equipment. At the same time, the practice of mining reserves, even with a smaller thickness, is quite widespread in other countries. In particular, in Ukrainian mines for a long period have been effectively mined the coal seams below 1.2 m. There are also other positive examples of mining equipment usage in such conditions. Therefore, the article considers the possibility of introducing technical and technological improvements for the extraction of off-balance reserves at JSW Group and other polish mines. Along with technical improvement, an economic assessment is conducted, which proves the validity of the proposed approaches.

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