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# **EFFECT OF DRY PRE-DESHALING OF HIGH ASH METALLURGICAL COAL ON DOWNSTREAM WET PROCESS PLANT**

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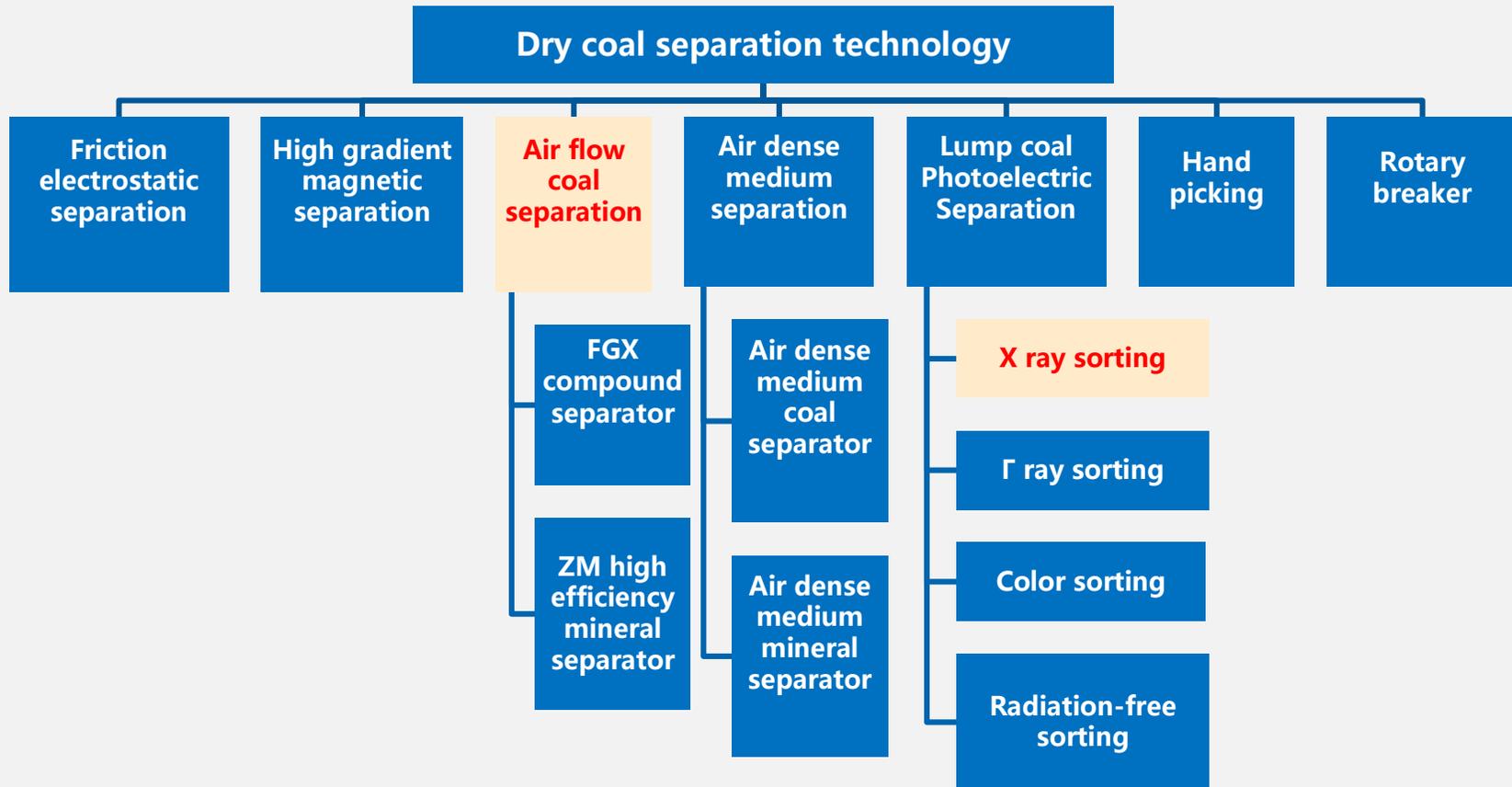
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# 1. DRY COAL SEPARATION TECHNOLOGY IN CHINA



## 1) Large-scale and serization of dry separation equipment





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## 1) Large-scale and serization of dry separation equipment

◆ FGX Compound Dry Separator



80-0mm mixed coal separation

◆ FGXH Environment-friendly dry separator



80-0mm mixed coal separation

- 80-0mm mixed coal separation
- 80-30mm lump coal separation
- 30-1mm fine coal separation

◆ ZM High efficiency mineral separator



◆ CZM super dry separator



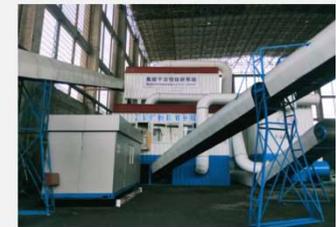
100-0mm mixed coal separation

◆ Large scale mobile full size separation system for open pit mine

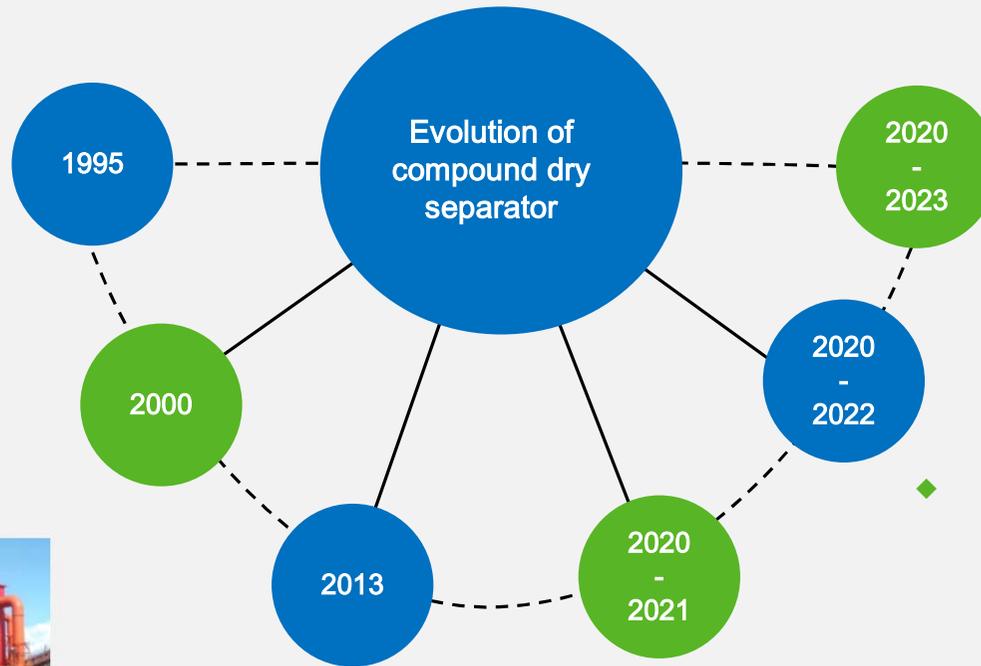


300-0mm coal separation

◆ JZM Step type fine coal separator



50-0mm fine coal separation





# 1. DRY COAL SEPARATION TECHNOLOGY IN CHINA



## 1) Large-scale and serization of dry separation equipment

### Typical compound dry separator (air flow separation equipment)

Type	Forces of sorting	Model	Maximum unit capacity, t/h	Typical Feed size, mm	Ecart probable moyen, Ep	Producer
mixed coal compound separator	air blowing + vibration motor	ZM600	600	-100+0	0.13-0.23	TSM
		CZM500	500	-100+0	0.13-0.19	TSM
fine coal compound separator	air blowing + vibration motor	MZM500	300	-25+0	0.18	TSM



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## 1) Large-scale and serization of air flow separation equipment

### Capacity of representative IDS type photoelectric coal sorters

Model	Description	Separation mechanism	Feed size mm	Maximum capacity t/h	Producer
IDS-240A	Lump coal separation	X-ray recognition	-300+50	240	TSM
IDS-140A	Medium size coal separation	X-ray recognition	-100+25	140	TSM





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## 2) Construction and operation of a number of large demonstrative dry separation projects

- Separation of lignite----9 Mt/a plant of No. 1 Coal mine of Shanghai Miao Mining Co., LTD of Shandong Energy Group to process -30mm fine coal;
- Lump coal separation----3 Mt/a plant of Kailuan donghuantuo coal mine to process 80-30mm coal;
- Pre-deshaling of metallurgical coal ----1.2 Mt/a plant of Suntuan coal mine of Huaibei Mining Group to process -50mm coal;
- <13mm fine coal processing----2.2 Mt/a plant of No. 5 coal mine of Shanxi Yangquan Mining Group;
- 300-0mm Dirty coal processing in open pit coal mine ----2.0 Mt/a plant at Huolinhe South open-pit mine of China Power Investment Corporation
- 300-50mm coal X ray sorting ----1.0 Mt/a plant at Dongbaowei coal mine;
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## A. 30-0mm lignite coal processing



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## B. 300-50mm lump coal x ray sorting



- 1.0 Mt/a plant at Dongbaowei coal mine



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## C. 300-0mm size range dry separation (X ray sorting + air flow separation)



- 2.0 Mt/a plant at Huolinhe South open-pit mine of China Power Investment Corporation



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## 3) Improved dry separation accuracy

Compound dry separator			X-ray intelligent separator	
Item	CZM500 Super separator	MZM500 Fine coal separator	Item	IDS-2000A
Nominal capacity, t/h	500	300	Nominal capacity, t/h	200
Feed size, mm	<100	<30	Feed size, mm	<400
Bottom size limit of efficient separation, mm	3	1	Optimal sorting granularity range, mm	300-50
Separation density, SG <sub>50</sub> , g/cm <sup>3</sup>	>1.7	>1.7	Separation density, SG <sub>50</sub> , g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.3-2.5
Separation accuracy, Ep, g/cm <sup>3</sup>	<b>0.13-0.19</b>	<b>0.18-0.28</b>	Separation accuracy, Ep, g/cm <sup>3</sup>	<b>0.06-0.1</b> <b>Rock rejection rate:&gt;95%,</b> <b>coal loss in reject:&lt;1%</b>
Installed power, kW	964	675	Installed power, kW	260
Unit power consumption, kWhr/t	<1.6	<2	Unit power consumption, kWhr/t	<1.6



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## 4) Diversified separation processes

- ◆ **Mixed coal separation**  
<80mm coal processed by FGX, ZM , CZM compound dry separator
- ◆ **Fine coal separation**  
<30mm coal processed by MZM coal separator;
- ◆ **Lump coal separation**  
300-50mm coal processed by X ray separator;
- ◆ **300-0mm full size range dry separation**  
300-50mm X ray sorting+ 50-0mm compound dry separation(air flow separation) for both power coal and coking deshaling;
- ◆ **Wet+Dry process combination**  
+13mm coal by Heavy medium separation, 13-0mm dry separation  
or Pre-deshaling by dry separation + wet process re-cleaning;  
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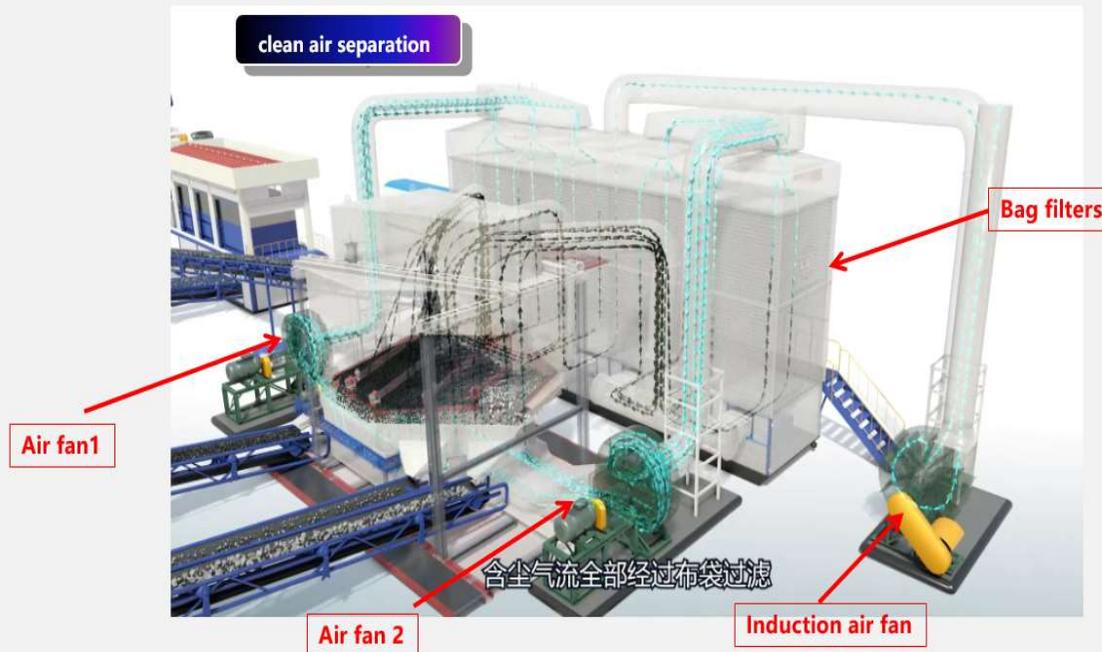
## 5) Significant energy and water saving

Name	Capacity, Mtpa	Separation process description	Calorific value increase kcal/kg	Designed unit power consumption, kWh/t
Xilinhot Power Generation Co., LTD. (Shengli Dong No. 2 Open Pit Coal Mine)	3.0	-300+80 mm: IDS sorter, -80+6 mm: ZM separator, -6 mm bypassed	500-700	2.81
South Opencast Coal Mine of State Power Investment Huolinhe Opencast Coal Industry Co. LTD	2.0	-300+80 mm: IDS sorter, -80+0 mm: ZM separator, clean coal: fines removal @ 6 mm	700-900	3.03
Tiebei Coal Mine Jalainur Coal Industry Co China Huaneng Group	3.6	-300+80 mm: IDS sorter, -80+0 mm: ZM separator	400	3.16
Liuja Coal Mine State energy group	0.8	Raw coal classified at 40 mm and 10 mm, +40 mm: Intelligent sorting, -40+10mm: ZM separator, -10mm bypassed	1200	2.52
Ru Jigou anthracite Company Ningxia Coal Group National energy Group	2.0	-300+80 mm : Intelligent sorting, -80+0mm: ZM separator, clean coal: fines removal @ 3 mm	>2000	2.49
Average				<b>2.80</b>



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## 6) Environmental protection performance Improvement



- ◆ **All bag filters**  
Closed, negative pressure operation,  
all dusty air is filtered;
- ◆ **Clean air coal separation**  
Filtered air, less erosions, less congestion;
- ◆ **Convenient Maintenance**
- ◆ **Less dust emission**  
Dust emission concentration:  $<20\text{mg}/\text{NM}^3$ ;
- ◆ **Modular design**



## 2 BENEFITS OF PRE-DESHALING OF HIGH ASH METALLURGICAL COAL



### **Worsening quality of metallurgical raw coal**

- Increasing rock content, increasing ash;
- Decreasing of lump coal quantity;
- Very low good coal ratio in >50mm particles;
- High ratio of coal powder;
- Existing of some easy to degrade clay rock;
- Bad froth flotation selectivity;
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## 2 BENEFITS OF PRE-DESHALING OF HIGH ASH METALLURGICAL COAL



### **Negative effect of clay particles in wet process separation**

- **Increased viscosity of heavy medium and thus lower separation efficiency of HMC and HMV;**
- **Worsening froth flotation performance;**
- **High consumption of collectors and frothers;**
- **Difficult to settle in thickener;**
- **High moisture of coal slime cake;**
- **High power consumption;**



## 2 BENEFITS OF PRE-DESHALING OF HIGH ASH METALLURGICAL COAL



### Negative effect of clay particles on froth flotation:

- Pollution of clean coal
- Low selectivity
- High froth flotation clean coal ash and low tailing ash
- Increased chemical consumptions
- High clean coal moisture;
- Low overall clean coal yield;
- Complicated flowsheet;
- High capital and operation cost



### **Advantages of dry coal deshaling of high ash raw coal**

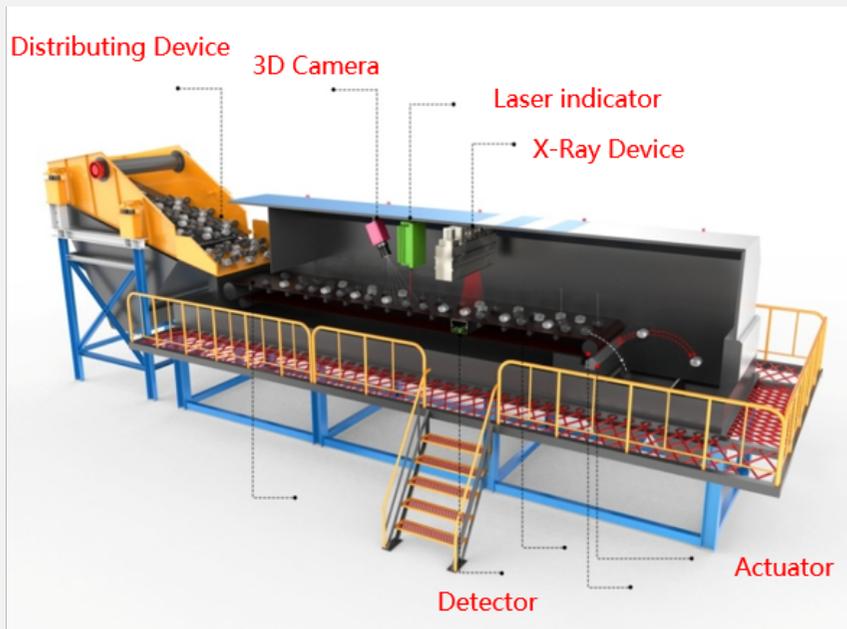
- 1. Lower ash of raw coal feeding to heavy medium cyclone plant,;**
  - 2. Reduce wear and tear of equipment and pipes, prevent plugging of equipment;**
  - 3. Increased unit capacity of equipment;**
  - 4. Increased separation efficiency if heavy medium cyclone;**
  - 5. Better quality feed to flotation, significantly reduce clay particles entering froth flotation machines and improve its performance;**
  - 6. Increased overall clean coal yield;**
  - 7. Less quantity of high moisture of coal slime cake;**
  - 8. Save water, power, magnetite and chemicals;**
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### 3. PERFORMANCE OF DRY SEPARATORS



#### A. 300-50mm coal X ray sorting



- ◆ Single belt channel maximum capacity: 200-280 TPH
- ◆ Reasonable separation bottom size limit: 50mm
- ◆ High density cutting ( $>1.8$ ), separation efficiency:  
 $E_p = 0.06-0.1 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ;
- ◆ Low density cutting ( $<1.4$ ), separation efficiency:  
 $E_p = 0.05 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ;
- ◆ Deshaling rate  $>98\%$ , coal loss in reject  $<1\%$

**IDS Lump Coal Intelligent Sorter**



### 3. PERFORMANCE OF DRY SEPARATORS



#### B. CZM Compound dry separator



Type	Super dry separator CZM500
Unit power consumption	1.64
Nominal capacity	500
Feed size,mm	100-0
Separation efficiency	0.13-0.19
Installed system power kW	964
Overall dimensions (L * W * H) m	25×17×10



## 4. 300-0mm FULL SIZE SEPARATION PROCESS FLOWSHEET

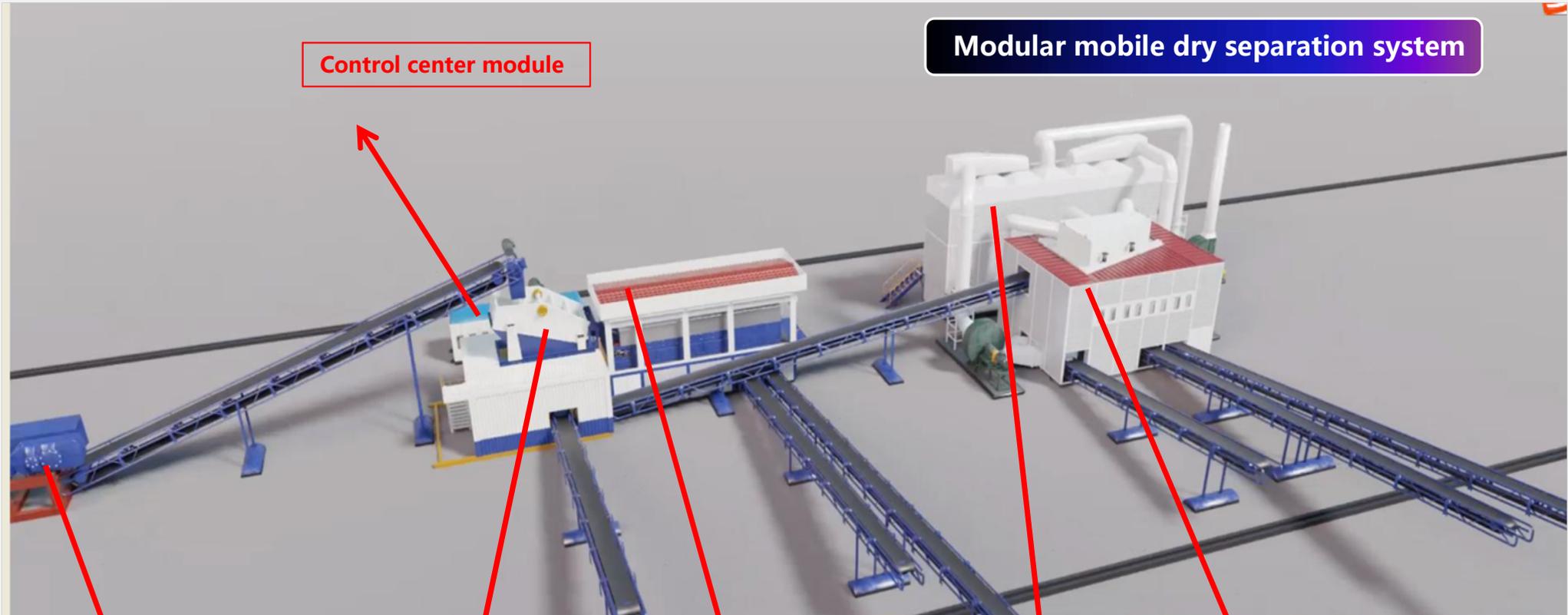


**IDS+ZM System Power consumption: <3 kWh/t**

- It is suitable for sorting of raw coal containing high ratio of lump coal and coal containing high hardness rock;
- Reduce the cost of wet washing;
- Helping to release coal mining production capacity;
- No high moisture coal slime product;
- Flexible processes;
- Modular design;
- Energy saving ;
- Can be used in large power coal and metallurgical coal plants



# 4. 300-0mm FULL SIZE SEPARATION PROCESS FLOWSHEET



Control center module

**Modular mobile dry separation system**

Coal receiving and crushing module

Classification module

X ray sorting module

Bag filter module

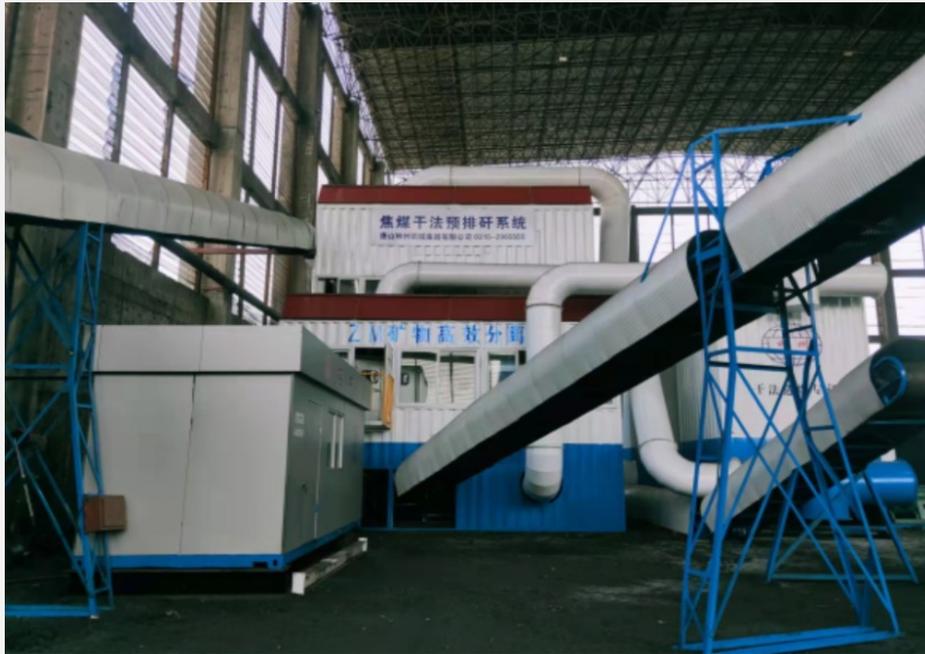
Super dry separator module



## 5. INDUSTRIAL TESTING AND APPLICATION CASES



### 1) Shuguan Coal Mine of Shanxi Metallurgical Coal Group



Product balance of dry separation (Shuguan Coal Mine)

Product	Yield Wt%	Ash Ad%
Clean coal	65.11	37.85
Reject	34.89	81.30
Raw coal	100.00	53.01

Clean coal yield: ↑ 1.3%;

Feed to flotation: ↓ 15%;

Flotation feed ash: ↓ 5.67%;

Coal slime tailing quantity: ↓ 32%

Economical benefits: ↑ 23-30 RMB/t

Unit power consumption: ↓ 17.5%

Power consumption before and after raw coal pre-deshaling

Separation processes	Direct wet processing	Dry separation+Wet washing
Ratio of raw coal washed	100%	65.11%
Power consumption kWh/t	15.3	12.62



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### 1) Shuguan Coal Mine of Shanxi Metallurgical Coal Group

Table 1 Raw coal size analysis (2022. 4. 16)

Size,mm	Wt%	Ad%	Cumulative	
			Wt%	Ad%
>13	33.43	73.12	33.43	73.12
13-6	17.87	59.09	51.31	68.24
6-3	12.59	46.43	63.89	63.94
3-0.5	28.55	34.00	92.44	54.69
0.5-0	7.56	32.48	100.00	53.01
合计	100.00	53.01		



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### 1) Shuguan Coal Mine of Shanxi Metallurgical Coal Group

Table 2 Raw coal float-sink testing analysis (2022. 4. 16)

Size	>13mm		13-6mm		6-3mm	
	Wt%	Ad%	Wt%	Ad%	Wt%	Ad%
<1.4	5.66	8.07	22.28	7.67	36.79	6.98
1.4-1.6	1.88	24.73	5.71	24.46	7.71	24.53
1.6-1.8	2.67	42.77	4.56	42.07	4.82	42.61
>1.8	89.79	79.14	67.45	80.16	50.69	78.75
合计	100.00	73.12	100.00	59.09	100.00	46.43



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### 2) Linxi Coal Mine of Kailuan Coal Group



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#### Dry Separation of >6mm Coal

Size (mm)	Density g/cm <sup>3</sup>	Yield (%)	Ad%	Qnet,ar, Kcal/kg
CLEAN COAL	<1.8	15.46	14.57	6963
	>1.8	9.35	83.59	608
	合计	24.81	40.57	4569
REJECT	<1.8	0.36	15.79	6852
	>1.8	74.83	82.20	737
	合计	75.19	81.89	766
RAW COAL	<1.8	15.82	14.60	6960
	>1.8	84.18	82.36	723
	合计	100.00	71.63	1710
DESHALING RATE			88.9%	
COAL LOSS IN REJECT			0.48%	



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### 2) Linxi Coal Mine of Kailuan Coal Group

#### Dry Separation of >3mm Coal

Size (mm)	Density g/cm <sup>3</sup>	Yield (%)	Ad%	LHV Kcal/kg
CLEAN COAL	<1.8	24.07	14.28	6976
	>1.8	18.03	83.06	657
	合计	42.10	43.73	4271
REJECT	<1.8	0.63	16.28	6789
	>1.8	57.27	82.26	732
	合计	57.90	81.54	798
RAW COAL	<1.8	24.71	14.33	6971
	>1.8	75.29	82.45	714
	合计	100.00	65.62	2260
DESHALING RATE			76.1%	
COAL LOSS IN REJECT			1.09%	



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### 2) Linxi Coal Mine of Kailuan Coal Group

#### Froth flotation product balance (without dry pre-deshaling )

Product	Wt%	Ad%
Clean coal	<b>65.63</b>	13.96
Reject	24.37	<b>50.39</b>
Raw coal	100.00	26.48

#### Froth flotation product balance (after dry pre-deshaling )

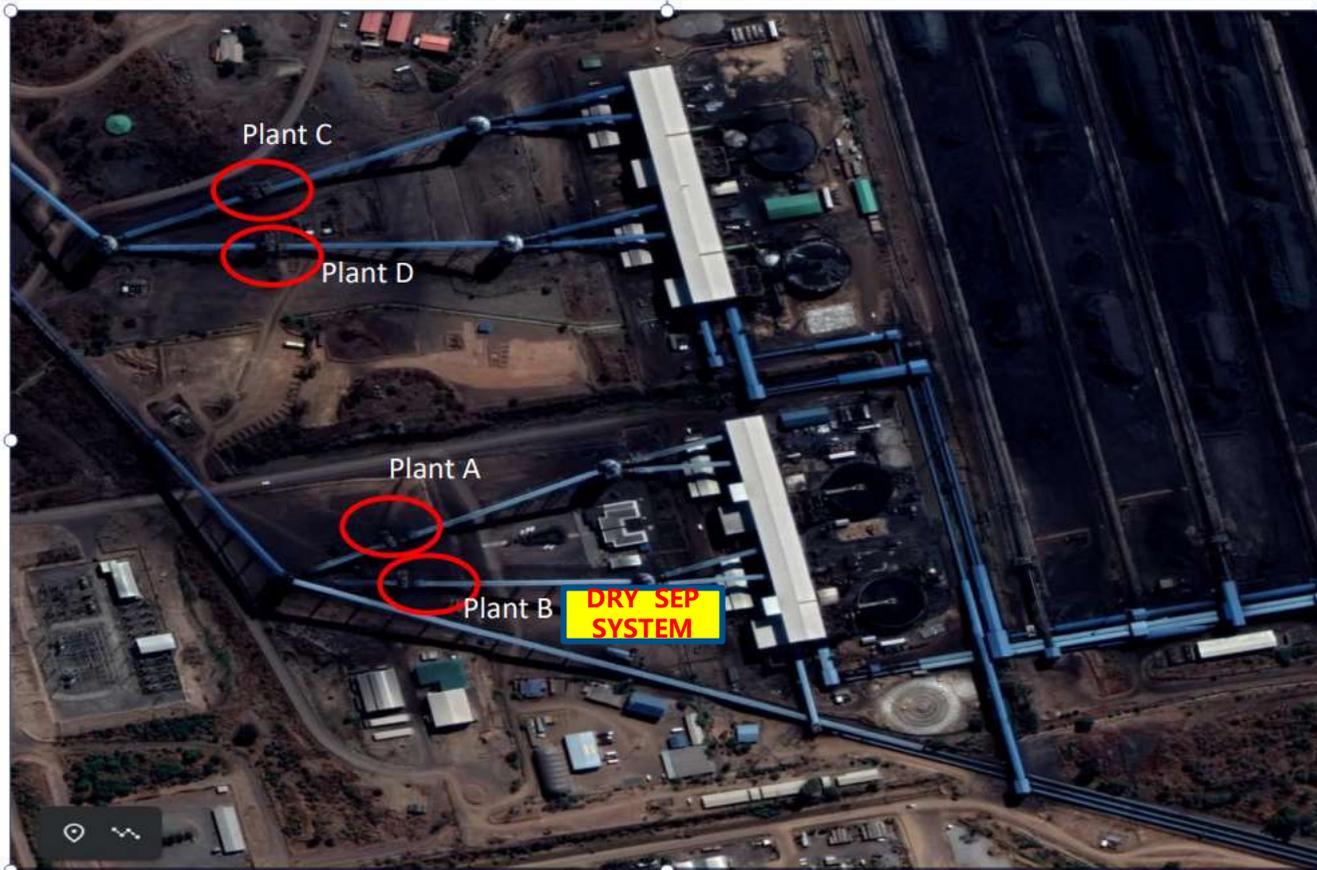
Product	Wt%	Ad%
Clean coal	<b>77.89</b>	13.53
Reject	22.11	<b>62.34</b>
Raw coal	100.00	24.32



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### 3) VULCAN RESOURCES, Mozambique



- ◆ Feed capacity: 8000TPH ;
- ◆ Raw coal ash: >45%;
- ◆ Low clean coal yield;
- ◆ Unsatisfactory flotation;
- ◆ High operational cost;



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### 3) VULCAN RESOURCES, Mozambique

#### Size wise Ash distribution of PLY UCS6

Size		Fractional (%ad)		Ash (%ad)
Fraction (mm)		Mass %	Mass (g)	Calculated
	+ 50.0	4.0	1923.8	65.5
50.0	+ 4.0	56.9	27305.5	55.1
- 4.0	+ 1.0	17.4	8355.1	38.3
- 1.0	+ 0.25	10.9	5219.2	28.2
-0.25		10.8	5196.4	32.5
Total		100.0		47.2



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### 3) VULCAN RESOURCES, Mozambique

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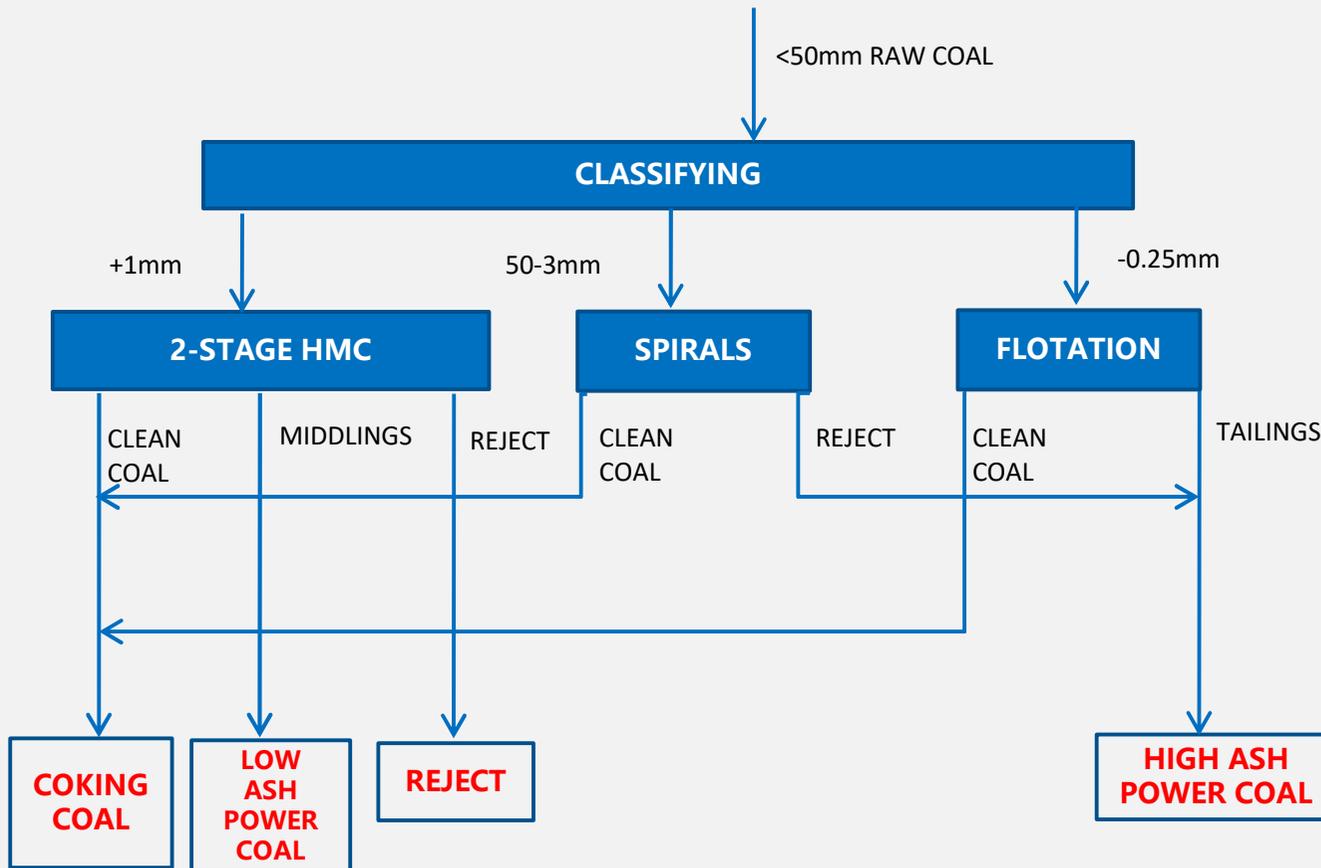
SG		Wt%	Aad%	Cum Wt	Cum Aad%
<1.25		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.25	1.30	0.30	8.40	0.30	8.40
1.40	1.35	0.50	11.10	0.80	10.08
1.35	1.40	1.45	14.00	2.25	12.61
1.40	1.45	2.88	18.80	5.13	16.08
1.45	1.50	4.31	23.20	9.44	19.33
1.50	1.55	7.17	26.00	16.61	22.21
1.55	1.60	4.65	30.20	21.26	23.96
1.60	1.70	9.40	38.60	30.66	28.45
1.70	1.80	9.29	45.70	39.95	32.46
1.80	2.00	13.52	57.70	53.46	38.84
>2.00		46.54	73.70	100.00	55.06
Total		100.00	55.06		



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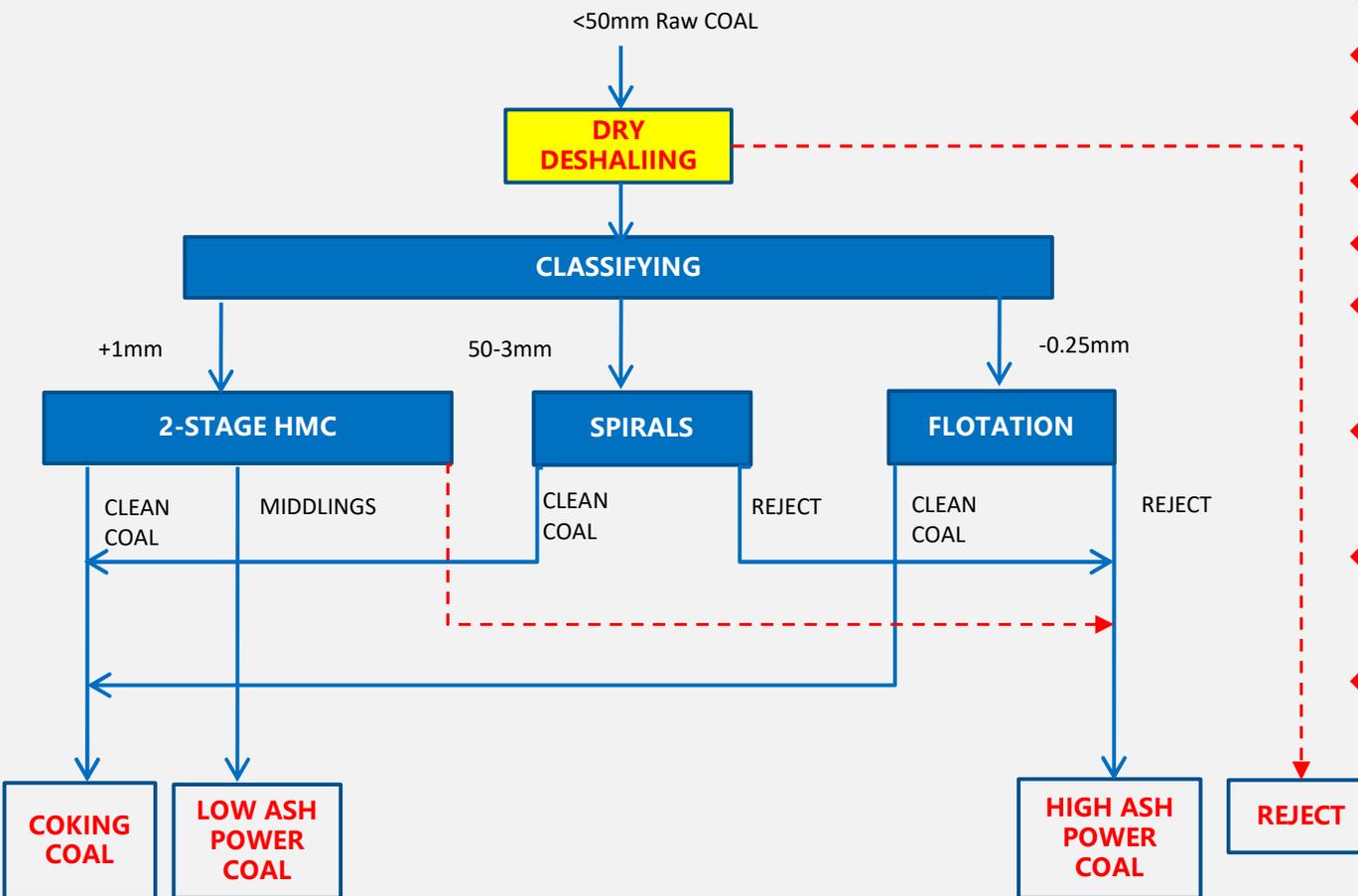
- ◆ High ash raw coal;
- ◆ Serious wear and tear in equipment and pipes;
- ◆ Low cutting density in HMC,
- ◆ Rereject ash is low;
- ◆ High flotation clean coal ash;
- ◆ Large quantity of coal slime;
- ◆ High operation cost;



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### 3) VULCAN RESOURCES, Mozambique



- ◆ Lower raw coal ash at least 10 pc points;
- ◆ Less wear and tear;
- ◆ High as reject, less coal loss in reject;
- ◆ All products from wet process are saleable;
- ◆ Increase 18 pc points of power coal ;
- ◆ Flotation feed drop by 13.7%, ash lowered by 5.8 pc points;
- ◆ Flotation clean coal ash is lowered by 0.5-1 pc points;
- ◆ Overall clean coal yield increased by 2 pc points;
- ◆ Reduce coal slime tailings by 41%;



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### 3) VULCAN RESOURCES, Mozambique

#### Product balance of dry separation pilot testing

Product	Yield %	Ash, Aad%
Clean coal	68.91%	38.11
Reject	31.09%	71.6
Raw Coal	100.00%	48.52

- ◆ **Reject yield: >30%;**
- ◆ **Reject ash: >70%;**
- ◆ **Raw coal ash lowered : > 10%;**

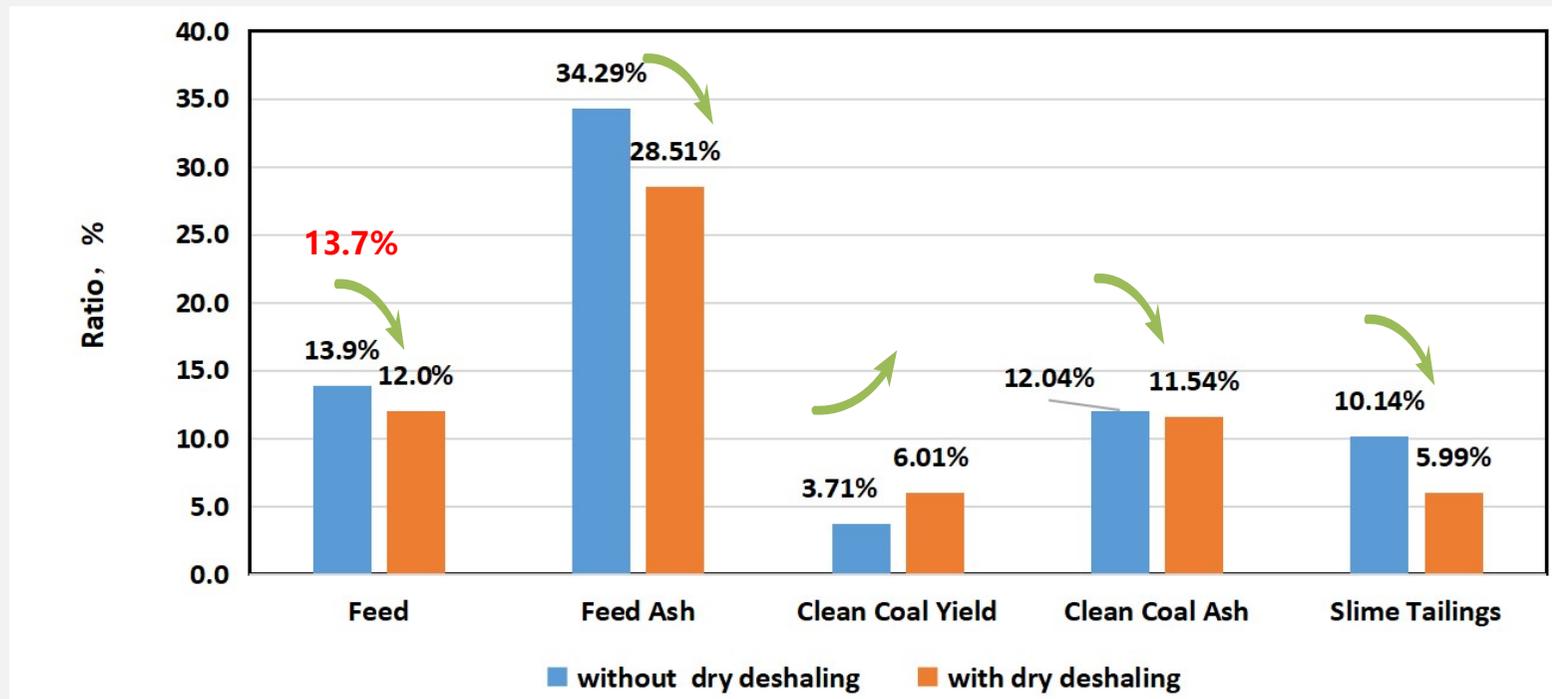


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### 3) VULCAN RESOURCES, Mozambique

#### ESTIMATED EFFECT ON FROTH FLOTATION BY DRY PRE-DESHALING



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## PART

### Conclusions

- ◆ Improvement in serialization, capacity, efficiency and environmental protection of dry separators;
- ◆ 300-0mm full size range dry separation can enhance flotation performance;
- ◆ Dry separation can be used for both power coal and metallurgical coal plant;
- ◆ Dry separation will help to increase clean coal yield and quality, cut capital cost and operation cost, save power consumption and water, and bring more environmental protection benefits....



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