

Romania: Coal from Indonesia enables TE Mintia to operate in accordance with EU environmental standards

Low-sulfur coal combustion tests imported from Indonesia at the Mintia thermal power plant were successfully completed and showed that the electricity producer can meet environmental requirements, both in terms of emissions to the atmosphere and in terms of ash content, if this coal will be used in the future, the union said.

“The test for low-sulfur coal imports from Indonesia has been successful. Based on the results obtained, sulfur emissions in the atmosphere are below the values allowed by European environmental standards. This means that the thermal power plant can operate without a desulfurization plant, which would cost around € 70 million for each energy group,” Cristian Istoc, president of the Mintia Solidarity Hunedoara Power Plant Union, told Agerpres.

Indonesia’s coal combustion process has been overseen by experts from ICEMENERG, the National Institute for Energy Research, and an official report will be finalized next week. According to the union leader, coal from imports is a solution that allows the Mintia power plant to continue its operations in compliance with EU environmental standards. In addition, coal from Indonesia is cheaper than domestic coal from mines in the Jiu Valley.

“For us, the union, remains a big question as to why the Energy Ministry has failed to find a solution from 2007 until now, as this sulfur-poor coal solves all of the plant’s environmental problems,” Istoc said.

The chairman of the Free Trade Union of the Deva Power Plant, Mircea Crisovan, estimated that the use of low-sulfur coal would allow the Mintia power plant to operate by 2030, the deadline allowed by the European directive, without changing the filter installations.

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