



RMK Energy expands coal logistic services in S. Sumatra

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An IDX-listed coal logistics company, PT RMK Energy Tbk, keeps expanding the coal logistics services for coal producers in South Sumatra Province. RMK Energy develops both upstream and downstream coal logistics services and increases the coal handling capacity up to 20-25 million tons per year.

South Sumatra, resources-rich province, has abundant coal deposits as much as 22.2 billion tons of coal but limited coal logistics services. The province only produces about 50 million tons of coal per year out of 129 IUP Operation Production holders.

RMK Energy provides coal loading and loading facilities from producing regions in Lahat and Muara Enim Regencies to Palembang, the location of RMK Energy's coal port. The company, so far, is the first and only private coal

logistics company that has integrated operation with railway in cooperation with PT KAI (Persero).

"We completed the development of coal loading facility in Gunung Megang, Muara Enim Regency and started the operation in February this year. We also completed one new unloading facility in Simpang Station in June," Tony Saputra, President Director of RMK Energy, said recently.

The loading facility, so-called Train Loading System (TLS), in Gunung Megang currently accommodates the

coal transport via railway for RMK Energy's subsidiary PT Truba Bara Banyu Enim (TBBE). However, Tony said that the TLS may be utilized by other IUP holders in Muara Enim and surrounding areas.

"We are constructing coal hauling road connecting the TLS to IUPs near to the TLS, so they can start producing coal and transport it through our facility," Tony said. Most of coal from South Sumatra comes from Lahat and Muara Enim Regencies. There are five coal loading facilities in the province in which four of them owned and operated by subsidiary of PT KAI (Persero) in Lahat, and one facility is owned and operated by RMK Energy in Muara Enim.

In the downstream sector, RMK Energy expands the capacity of coal unloading facility at Simpang Station by adding new facility and currently can accommodate about 16 trainsets per day, which each trainset has capacity 2,800 tons of coal.

Coal containers from Simpang Station are transported through 7 kilometers hauling road to RMK Energy's port for loading to barges. The RMK Energy's port has capacity 20-25 million tons per year and operates three lines of barge loading conveyors. ■