



Preventive Maintenance Is it worth doing?

With our desire for instant rewards and gratification, most of us hate spending time and money on activities, such as Preventive Maintenance (PM), whose payoff is in the future. And then there are fires or unexpected problems, which require immediate attention and effort. It seems we are always under a time crunch. So, now the question, “Is an ounce of prevention worth a pound of cure?”

The answer is an emphatic yes, based on history and experience. For an example, I have implemented a PM plan at my house for the last two years with remarkable results. I had no unscheduled breakdowns, the cost was next to nothing and it took me only a few minits every month to complete the necessary tasks.

Considering the large capital invested in procuring, owning and operating the aggregate and the mining equipment, it seems strange that very little attention is paid to PM programs. Based on simple arithmetic, the largest ROI is produced by an effective PM program compared to all other investments. Most of the suppliers are willing to train the customers in such programs at a minimal cost. What we need is a management leadership that makes PM one of the top strategic actions for the company. A champion should be selected to implement, operate and run the program. I promise that the results will simply be phenomenal.