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SMPC spends P3.5B on fleet modernization



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Integrated energy company Semirara Mining and Power Corporation (SMPC) spent P3.5 billion on its mining equipment capital expenditures during the first half of the year, as part of its mine expansion and fleet modernization program.

The delivered equipment includes 46 dump trucks, 6 hydraulic excavators and other support machinery. By year-end, SMPC is expecting the shipment of 21 more heavy equipment.

SMPC aims to increase its coal production to 16 million metric tons in the next two to three years to align with the national government's push for power stability, optimal energy pricing and modernized infrastructure.

"The new dump trucks and hydraulic excavators are designed to be more fuel efficient so they will contribute to the reduction of our carbon footprint and operating costs," said SMPC President and COO Victor A. Consunji.

According to its Japanese heavy equipment supplier, fuel consumption of the new dump trucks may be reduced by as much as 14 percent compared to older models. Fuel expenses account for about 40 to 45 percent of SMPC's mining costs.

"This is just the start of our fleet modernization program. We plan to continue this next year by decommissioning our aging heavy equipment and replacing them with newer models," said Consunji.

"Our goal is to improve our operational efficiency and environmental performance," he added.

SMPC is the only power producer in the country that owns and mines its own fuel source, allowing it to generate affordable baseload power for the Luzon and Visayas grids.

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