

Rambor hits Mid-point in their WAM Cycle

Located in South Nowra, NSW is an Australian owned company named **Rambor Pty Ltd** (Incorporating King Cobra Mining Equipment), part of the PPK Group Limited. The company employs approximately 40 people and has been manufacturing specialist mining equipment for almost 20 years.

Wanting to continue to grow the company and its capabilities, which will also include moving to a new premises (in the near future) **Managing Director**, Peter Mastalir organised a meeting with CTPM Australasia to hear about a range of Improvement Opportunities and a pathway forward.

From CTPM's range of short programs linked to Competitive Manufacturing units which are being sponsored by the *NSW Department of Education & Training – State Training Services*. The 12 week **Work Area Management (5S)** program was taken on board and kicked-off in early March 2012 with 3 teams (a total of 15 employees) from different areas within the site. Including:

- The Machine Shop;
- Moulding; and
- Winding Areas.

Being an Approved Provider under the 2011-2012 NSW Strategic Skills Program for Existing Workers, CTPM was able to get funding of \$1,125 per student to assist Rambor's employees to achieve this selected single Unit of Competency from a nationally recognised qualification, Certificate III in Competitive Manufacturing.

*This is a great example where NSW sites are able to **improve productivity and reduce cost** with the aid of training funded by the NSW Government in partnership with the Commonwealth Government!*

With the help of the Rambor Leadership Team including the nominated TPM³ Co-ordinator Andy Halliday (Operations Manager), the teams have gradually progressed through the first steps of Work Area Management, ticking off the following activities:

- Clear-up of allocated improvement area;
- Identify requirements for improvements to be made within area; and
- Establishing a place for everything and everything in its place throughout the improvement area.

ABOUT RAMBOR

Rambor products are designed and manufactured for the underground coal mining industry where they are used for the installation of roof and rib (wall) retention chemical anchor bolts. Rambor products are used worldwide and recognised to be a leader in its field.

Rambor also provides equipment servicing and rental services. The 'Rambor Rental Model' has proven successful with customers by reducing maintenance costs and repair time, providing better availability of equipment and so higher production output.



On the 2 May 2012 Mid-point Presentations took place as seen in Figure 1 below. All three teams presented their recommendations for improvement and described tasks they had completed to date. With their TPM³ Improvement Sheets in hand, ideas were shared amongst the teams and management.

Figure 1 – Teams Mid-point Presentation



A couple of comments that stood out during the presentations included:

"In general, it's a lot tidier and more assessable. We made a lot more room..."

"Everyone is doing the same thing which is good in a way, because it makes us aware of where we should be and how we can get there. Doing these programs raise the awareness that things can be improved."

Overall it has been an excellent start to Rambor's Improvement journey. Teams are developing and everyone is getting in and having a go. We look forward to seeing what the Final Presentations bring to the table.

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