Pyroshield® Syn XHvy Open Gear Lubricant (9011)

Soda Ash Plant in Southwest Wyoming

Svedala Rod Mill 6x10

- 50% lubricant reduction

Customer Profile

Since 1962 this soda ash plant has been among the world’s leading producers of high quality soda ash.

Application

The plant uses a 150hp Svedala Rod Mill with a 13 ft diameter bull gear and pinion diameter of 19 inches. This piece of equipment crushes soda ash ore operating in temperatures from 60°F (16°C) to 95°F (35°C) and often in high humidity.

Challenge

They were experiencing pumpability problems, a high consumption rate and excessive lubricant waste.

LE Solution

Mill #6ML04 was converted in August 2005 to LE’s Pyroshield® Syn XHvy Open Gear Lubricant (9011). This lubricant is a 100% synthetic, high viscosity base fluid designed for open gears operating in heavy-duty service. It is formulated with a unique combination of EP additives and Almasol®, LE’s exclusive wear-reducing additive.

Results

The mill grease application is regulated using a Farval 4000 control unit with two spray nozzles. The customer is now applying two cycles every 20 minutes versus two cycles every 10 minutes with their previous lubricant. This 50% reduction has resulted in an estimated savings of $1,889.60 per year.

The customer is very pleased with the appearance of gears, lack of wear, consistent temperature profile, reduction of waste, and LE’s Support.

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