

**Date** 26 October  
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**Subject** Outstanding performance of the KOVENT 1400mm Ventilation run used.

## Introduction

The A-North Development team and the Ventilation Engineering team of Olympic Dam were really impressed with the quality and performance of the 1400mm KOVENT Ventilation run.

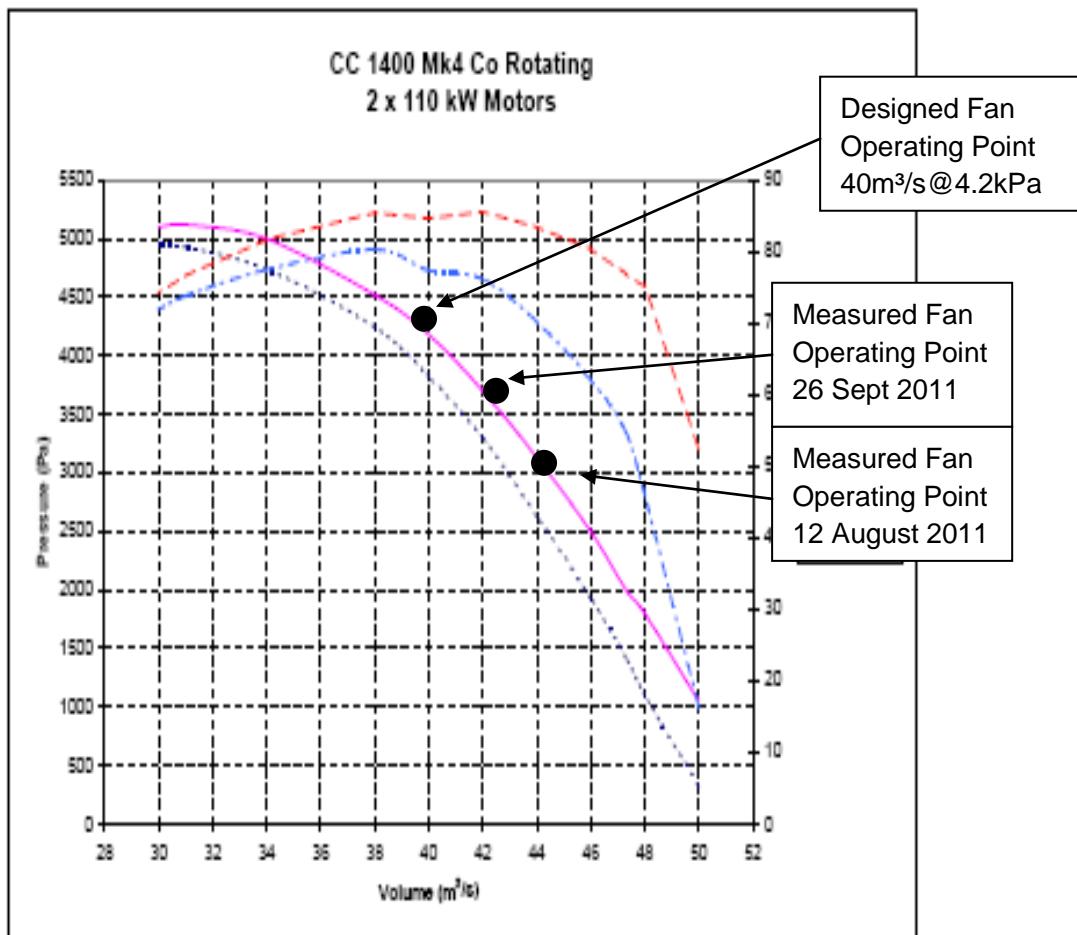
## Ventilation set up

The decline is ventilated by means of a T/S 110kw (220kw) 1400mm fan via a 1400mm diameter flexible ventilation run.

Fan designed operating point is 40m<sup>3</sup>/s@4.2kPa

## Ventilation Measurements

12 August 11	26 September 11
<b>Intake</b> Velocity 21.1m/s x 0.87 CP Factor = 18.36m/s Screen area: = 2.43 m <sup>2</sup> Volume of air = 44.6 m <sup>3</sup> /s	<b>Intake</b> Velocity 19.8 m/s x 0.87 CP Factor = 17.2 m/s Screen area: = 2.43 m <sup>2</sup> Volume of air = 42.0 m <sup>3</sup> /s
<b>Discharge</b> Velocity 29.5m/s x 0.87 CP Factor = 25.67m/s Area of duct = 1.33 m <sup>2</sup> Volume of air = 34m <sup>3</sup> /s	<b>Discharge</b> Velocity 22.5 m/s x 0.92 CP Factor = 20.7m/s Area of duct = 1.33 m <sup>2</sup> Volume of air = 27.53m <sup>3</sup> /s
Length of vent duct = 1490m* Air volume loss over 1490m, as measured = 10.6m <sup>3</sup> /s Leakage, per 100m of duct = ±1m <sup>3</sup> /s/100m Leakage = 23%	Length of vent duct = 1751m* Air volume loss over 1751m, as measured = 12.8m <sup>3</sup> /s Leakage, per 100m of duct = ±1m <sup>3</sup> /s/100m Leakage = 34.4%
<b>24 October 2011 (Just before Breakthrough)</b>	
Fan Total pressure: 4170Pa	Length of vent duct = 1980m*



### Conclusion:

With the following results achieved we were impressed with the installation and the performance of the KOVENT 1400mm flexible ducting. According to historical figures the K-Factor for Flexible Ducting is between 0.012 – 0.042 Ns<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>4</sup>

After all measurements were taken we calculated a K-Factor of 0.0011 Ns<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>4</sup>, better than the preferred galvanised pipes used with a K-Factor of 0.0037 Ns<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>4</sup>

One advantage we had was that the column was installed in a straight decline with no sharp bends and turns which could have had an effect on the results, but still these ducting performed well and everyone involved should be proud.

### Your's in health and safety

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