

Fleet Management Simulation Using Queuing Theory to Achieve Coal Production Targets

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ABSTRACT

In the match factor, mining activity between the haulers and loader equipment dramatically affects each fleet's production. The purpose of this study is to simulate the sufficient number of transportation uses as an effort to achieve production targets using queuing theory. The research methods are quantitative and descriptive by analyzing the compatibility value of fleet, fleet production capability, queue number, and queue time. The data required is the time of the distribution, the distance from the mining front to the ROM, and the company's speed limit. The results of this research are beneficial to users of the transporter simulation to be applied based on the theory of the queue is six transport units in the Angrek pit with a compatibility value of 1.01, five transport units in the Dahlia pit with compatibility value 0.98, and five units of transport in the pit Angrek with compatibility value 1.04. The haulers' recommendations were made by allocating two haulers units from the pit Angrek to the Pit Dahlia and Kenanga. Each simulation's production capability reached the monthly production target, namely fleet Angrek of 50,416.45 tons, fleet Dahlia of 32,424.3 tons, and fleet Kenanga of 46,027.8 tons. Based on the study results, the achievement of production targets can be fulfilled by simulating the number of haulers usage and controlling fleet management's compatibility level on each working front.

Key words: Coal production, Fleet management, Match factor, Queuing theory, Simulation.

1. INTRODUCTION

The mining industry has a long-term interest in determining the efficiency and productivity of the use of production equipment [1]. Production equipment is often used in fleet management, namely transport and loading equipment [2]. Coal mining activities are used by various mechanical equipment, including excavators as loading tools, dump trucks as transportation means, and bulldozers as peeling

equipment [3]. The coal mining project in the Kananai Block area in South Barito Regency, especially surface mining, is a capital-intensive business. Open-pit operational costs require about 50% to be allocated for hauling and loading equipment [4]–[6].

The match factor is a key performance indicator in mining equipment such as trucks and loaders [7]. In mining activities, the match factor between haulage and loading equipment greatly influences each fleet's production so that it is optimal [8], [9]. The current mining process is focused on managing the fleet, which always causes problems in the internal transportation system [10]. Equipment performance can be improved by simulating a sufficient fleet usage to meet the expected production target using queuing theory [11]. Based on the mining plan in the Kananai Block in November 2019, which consists of three pits, namely Angrek pit, Dahlia pit, and Kenanga pit, which applies one fleet to each pit. Kananai Block coal mining activity use the open-pit method with loading equipment in the form of a backhoe and a Scania type dump-truck. Any mining activity is very important in optimizing fleet management to achieve coal production targets [12]. Management of the transport fleet in coal mining is a concept that combines fleet configuration, fleet allocation, and vehicle routes by considering vehicles that are homogeneous or heterogeneous [13]. The Kananai Block mining has a production target of 132,500 tons of coal with details of 50,200 tons of coal for the Angrek pit target, 30,000 tons of coal for the Dahlia pit target, and 52,300 tons of coal for the Kenanga pit target.

Coal mining in the Kananai Block is still not optimal. It is because the standby time is too high due to the number of loaders that do not match the number of haulers on one front of the work, queues occur due to trucks overcapacity and fleet management that is not in accordance with field problems resulting in the production target not being achieved [14], [15]. The queuing theory for the three fleets in the Kananai Block can determine the Number of queuing points and the Number of main equipment requirements for mining activities [16]. This research is very important in

predicting the queue point, the number of haulers queuing in the system, the length of time waiting in line for the haulers, and the level of loaders activity according to the use of haulers in each mining fleet. Knowing the queue point can be overcome by allocating haulers so that queues can be minimized so that the system's use is effective.

Based on the actual condition of the field, it is necessary to analyze the needs of the tool based on the concept of Queuing Theory [17] to minimize the probability of lost time as well as create a simulation of fleet management in real-time [11], [18]. Applying the recommended number of tools based on queuing theory will maximize each fleet [19] and meet the monthly production target in the Kananai Block.

2. RESEARCH METHODS

The research methods were quantitative and descriptive by analyzing the compatibility value of fleet, fleet production capability, queue number, and queue time. The data collection consists of loading time, transportation time, dumping time, and time to return to the mining front on transportation. While the data needed on the backhoe excavator is digging time, swing load time, dumping time, and empty swing time. The data collected is then processed according to the flow chart (Figure 1). This research was conducted in the Anggrek, Dahlia, and Kenanga pits in the Kananai Block, South Barito Regency.

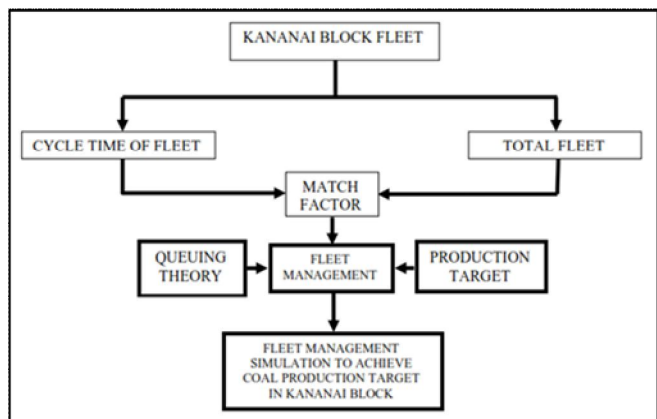


Figure 1: Research flow chart

According to the suitability theory of tools, there are three indicators, namely; $MF < 1$, $MF = 1$, and $MF > 1$. It aims to determine the fleet management simulation [20], [21]. Fleet management is carried out to optimize the condition of a fleet with a compatibility level of less than one ($MF < 1$) and reduce overload truck conditions ($MF > 1$).

After obtaining the value of the match factor for each well-organized fleet [22], [23], the number of fleets used will be simulated based on queuing theory [17], [24]. The fleet management simulations offered are in the form of fleet numbers, designs, and mathematical concepts based on problems that often occur in actual conditions, such as efforts to achieve production targets by carrying out fleet mutations [25], [26]. The use of haulers on each mining

front is obtained based on the probability of the situation using the following equation:

$$\frac{(N+M-1)!}{(M-1)!(N)!} \tag{1}$$

M = Number of stages

N = Number of haulers

3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In the actual condition of the Blok Kananai fleet management, the Anggrek fleet was overstruck, causing queues. In contrast, the Dahlia and Kenanga fleets had a shortage of haulers, so that they did not reach the production target (Table 1).

Table 1. Current Fleet Management of the Kananai Block

Anggrek Pit		Dahlia Pit		Kenanga Pit	
Fleet Availability		Fleet Availability		Fleet Availability	
Loader	Haulers	Loader	Haulers	Loader	Haulers
1 Excavator Unit ZX-350H-5G ID Number 2063	TC-3016	1 Excavator Unit PC-300 ID Number 2057	TC-3043	1 Excavator Unit ZX-350H-5G ID Number 2064	TC-3070
	TC-3019				TC-3094
	TC-3020		TC-3048		TC-3104
	TC-3021		TC-3049		TC-3105
	TC-3024				
	TC-3030				
	TC-3033		TC-3058		
TC-3034					

Based on the actual use of the Anggrek pits, Dahlia pits, and Kenanga pits, the compatibility values and production capabilities are obtained each month, as shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Match Factors Equipment Production Ability

Fleet	Number of loaders	Number of haulers	MF Value	Productions/ Month	Targets Achievement
Anggrek	1 unit	8 unit	1,34	67223.99 Tons	Achieved
Dahlia	1 unit	4 unit	0,79	25939.4 Tons	Not Achieved
Kenanga	1 unit	4 unit	0,83	36821.5 Tons	Not Achieved

Fleet management simulations are prepared based on the situation and availability of the fleet in the Kananai Block. The calculation results obtained from the Queuing Theory table for the three fleets in the Kananai Block in determining the Number of queuing points and the Number of main equipment requirements for mining will be discussed further.

3.1 Determination of Service Level

In determining the level of service in accordance with the rules of queuing theory, the components of the distribution time are divided into 4 stages, namely filling time, placement

time, hauling, dumping placement time, dumping, and hauling empty (Table 3).

Table 3. Determination of Unit Service Level

Fleet	Indicators	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Phase IV
Fleet Anggrek	Activity Details	Time of Placement Charging Time	Hauling	Time of Placement Dumping Time	Hauling Empty
	Duration Time	9.44 minutes / truck		17.83 minutes / truck	
	Probability of Arrival	7 trucks / hour	4 trucks / hour	16 trucks / hour	4 trucks / hour
Fleet Dahlia	Activity Details	Time of Placement Charging Time	Hauling	Time of Placement Dumping Time	Hauling Empty
	Duration Time	9.48 minutes / truck		18.56 minutes / truck	
	Probability of Arrival	7 trucks / hour	4 trucks / hour	30 trucks / hour	4 trucks / hour
Fleet Kenanga	Activity Details	Time of Placement Charging Time	Hauling	Time of Placement Dumping Time	Hauling Empty
	Duration Time	10.18 minutes / truck		18.53 minutes / truck	
	Probability of Arrival	6 trucks / hour	4 trucks / hour	32 trucks / hour	4 trucks / hour

3.2 Probability of Queue State

Based on the actual conditions in the field, and following the concept of queuing theory, the calculation of the probability of queuing conditions uses the formula "Many Conditions". The number of transportation means is denoted by (N), and the number of queuing stages is symbolized by (M) so that the number of queuing conditions is 165 conditions in the Anggrek pits and 35 conditions in the Dahlia and Kenanga pits (Table 4).

Table 4. Number of Probability of Conditions

Fleet	Known		Equation	Number of Probability of Conditions
Fleet Anggrek	M	4 stage	$\frac{(N + M - 1)!}{(M - 1)! (N)!}$	165
	N	8 units		
Fleet Dahlia	M	4 stage	$\frac{(N + M - 1)!}{(M - 1)! (N)!}$	35
	N	4 units		
Fleet Kenanga	M	4 stage	$\frac{(N + M - 1)!}{(M - 1)! (N)!}$	35
	N	4 units		

3.3 The Number of Haulers Queuing at The Loading Point (Lq 1) and ROM Kananai (Lq 3)

The number of haulers queued at the loading point (Lq1) provided the value of $n1 > 1$ on each fleet. In addition to the loading point, there was also a queue in stage 3, namely dumping at the Kananai ROM. The number of haulers queuing when dumping at Kananai ROM with a value of $n3 > 1$ (Lq3). Each hauler has different waiting times, depending on the order of the queue. $Wq1$ symbolizes the waiting time. To get the value of $Wq1$, then calculate the excavator's busyness level ($\eta1$) first. The ZX-350H backhoe excavator hull number 2063 has a busyness rate of 97.42% with a maximum service of 7 trucks/hour, the PC-300 backhoe excavator hull number 2057 has a busyness rate of 68.70%, and the ZX-250H backhoe excavator hull number 2064 has a busyness rate of 71.84% with a maximum service of 5 trucks/hour. For more details, the number of queues and queuing times can be seen in Table 5.

Table 5. Number of Queues and Queue Time

Fleet	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Phase IV
	Time of Placement Charging Time	Hauling	Time of Placement Dumping Time	Hauling Empty
Fleet Anggrek	3 Trucks Queuing for 6.8 minutes	No Queue	1 Truck Queuing for 2.1 minutes	No Queue
Fleet Dahlia	1 Truck Queuing for 7.5 minutes	No Queue	1 Truck Queuing for 0.25 minutes	No Queue
Fleet Kenanga	1 Truck Queuing for 8.7 minutes	No Queue	1 Truck Queuing for 0.22 minutes	No Queue

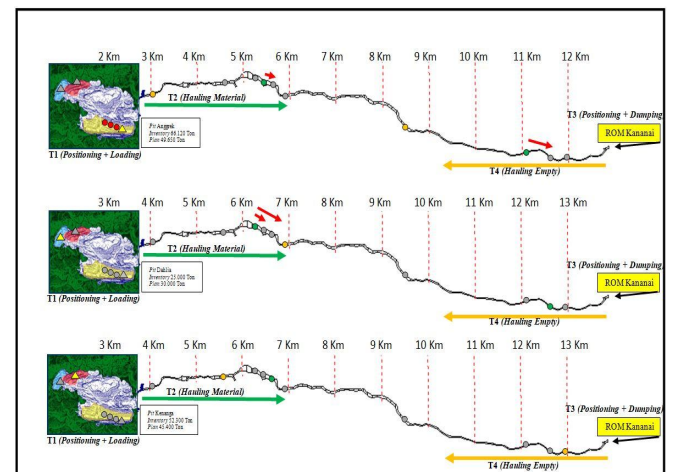


Figure 2: Actual Fleet Management

The actual condition of using tools in Blok Kananai is 1 loader unit with 8 units of haulers on the Anggrek pit, 1 loader unit with 4 units of haulers on the Dahlia and Kenanga pits. In the actual fleet condition (Figure 2), it is known that there is a queue of 3 units of dump trucks on the front of Anggrek pit mining. Simultaneously, the Dahlia and Kenanga fleets occur depending on the carrier so that the production target is not reached. Therefore, the tool needs analysis using queue theory and estimated the needs of

hauliers by considering competitiveness. Here is an estimate of using the number of tools (Table 6) of Blok Kananai based on the match factor equation.

Table 6. Estimated Use of Kananai Block Tools

No.	Anggrek		MF Value	Wait time Loader (Minute)	Wait for time Haulers (Minute)	Production/ Month	Targets
	Loader	Haulers					
1	1	1	0.16	38	-	8,402.23	Not Achieved
2	1	2	0.33	15	-	16,804.46	Not Achieved
3	1	3	0.50	7	-	25,206.68	Not Achieved
4	1	4	0.67	3.7	-	33,611.99	Not Achieved
5	1	5	0.84	1.4	-	42,014.22	Not Achieved
6	1	6	1.01	-	5.4 seconds	50,416.45	Achieved
7	1	7	1.18	-	1.1	58,821.76	Achieved
8	1	8	1.34	-	2.0	67,223.99	Achieved
No.	Dahlia		MF Value	Wait time Loader (Minute)	Wait for time Haulers (Minute)	Production/ Month	Targets
	Loader	Haulers					
1	1	1	0.19	37	-	6,240.8	Not Achieved
2	1	2	0.39	14.2	-	12,969.7	Not Achieved
3	1	3	0.59	6.4	-	19,454.6	Not Achieved
4	1	4	0.79	2	-	25,939.4	Not Achieved
5	1	5	0.98	6 seconds	-	32,424.3	Achieved
6	1	6	1.18	-	1.4	38,909.2	Achieved
No.	Kenanga		MF Value	Wait time Loader (Minute)	Wait for time Haulers (Minute)	Production/ Month	Targets
	Loader	Haulers					
1	1	1	0.2	37.70	-	9,202.4	Not Achieved
2	1	2	0.41	13.88	-	18,408.4	Not Achieved
3	1	3	0.62	5.93	-	27,615.1	Not Achieved
4	1	4	0.83	1.96	-	36,821.5	Not Achieved
5	1	5	1.04	-	24 seconds	46,027.8	Achieved
6	1	6	1.25	-	2	55,234.2	Achieved

Based on the queue theory and the estimated number of hauliers in the table above, it is recommended to use the recommended tools to reduce queues and reach the monthly production target. A real-time picture of the Kananai Block fleet management simulation can be seen in Figure 3, Figure 4, and Figure 5.

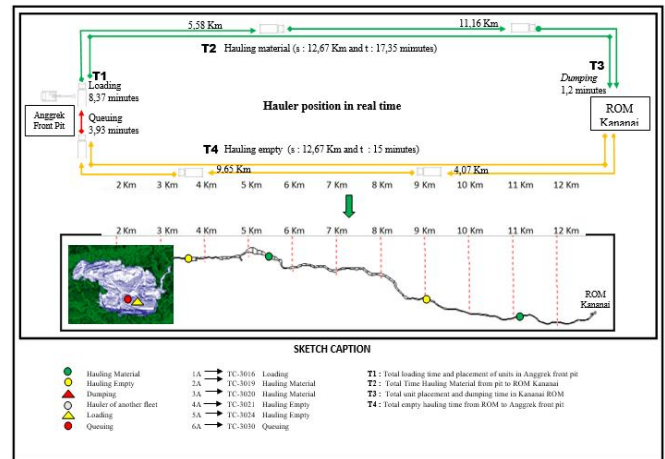


Figure 3: Management simulation of the Anggrek fleet

In Figure 3, it is shown that the Anggrek fleet only uses 6 transport units. This simulation is carried out to reduce the possibility of queues while maximizing the fleet at Anggrek pit. The allocation of 2 hauliers from the Anggrek fleet is aimed at the Dahlia fleet and the Kenanga fleet, namely the TC-3033 and TC 3034. This allocation has a good impact on the level of suitability of equipment in the Anggrek pit to 1.01 with a production of 50,416.45 tons of coal and achieving the production target. Dahlia fleet management simulation is carried out with the allocation of 1 unit hauliers from the Anggrek fleet. The number of hauliers working in the Dahlia fleet is changed to 5 units. Allocation efforts can increase production and reach the monthly plan target; namely, Dahlia pit production to 32,424.3 tons with a harmony value of 0.98. Based on the queue (Figure 4), the queue only occurs when TC-3048 is dumping in the ROM.

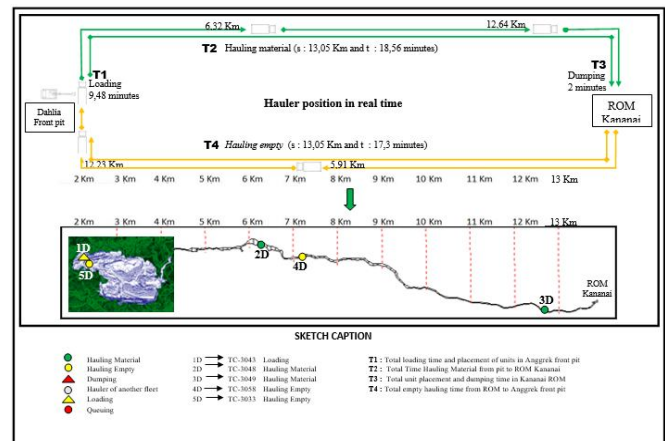


Figure 4: Management simulation of the Dahlia fleet

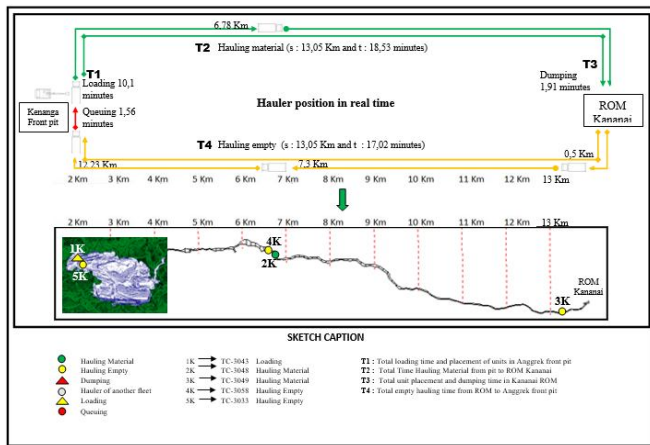


Figure 5: Kenanga fleet management simulation

Based on Figure 5, it can be known that there are 1 unit haulers (TC-3034) queuing at the front loading pit Kenanga. Based on the queue theory and estimated level of harmony in the haulers, fleet Kenanga uses 5 units of haulers. Efforts to add this unit increased Kenanga fleet production to 46,027.8 tons and the value of harmony 1.04. Fleet management simulation design The Kananai Block in each pit is 1:6 (fleet Anggrek), 1:5 (fleet Dahlia), and 1:5 (fleet Kenanga). Result in match factor analysis 1.01, 0.98, and 1.04 with the capability production of each Simulation 50,416.45 tons, 32,424.3 tons, and 46,027.8 tons.

4. CONCLUSIONS

The design of the Blok Kananai block fleet management simulation begins with analyzing the number of transportation needs based on queuing theory and an estimate of the suitability factor. Based on the calculation results, 2 hauler units were allocated from the Anggrek fleet to the Dahlia and Kenanga fleets, 1 unit each to minimize queues at the Anggrek pit while maximizing the performance of the Dahlia and Kenanga fleets. The use of tools is 1 loader unit with 6 hauler units run at the Anggrek pit, 1 loader unit with 5 hauler units run at the Dahlia pit, and 1 loader unit with 5 hauler units run at the Kenanga pit. Based on the suitability factors, which are 1.01, 0.98, and 1.04, each simulation achieves the corresponding monthly plan target with high production capabilities.

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