



United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
IREED Division, www.unece.org/ie

UN Economic Commission for Europe

Capacity Building Project to Promote
Financing of CMM Projects in the
CEE/CIS Region:
Update

Clark Talkington,
UNECE Sustainable Energy Division



CMM Capture & Use

- Many Benefits

- Profit/Cost Savings
- Mine safety
- Reduced downtime & improved efficiency
- Public safety
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Energy production
- Investment vehicle
- Positive corporate image

- Barriers

- Legal/Policy
- Market
- Technical

- **Financial**

- **Inability to move from project concept to project implementation**



UNECE CMM PROJECT

- 3-year project to analyze and address financing issues specific to CMM projects in CEE & CIS
- Provide technical assistance to CMM projects 3-6 projects in CEE/CIS over next three years to develop bankable documents for additional feasibility support
- Provide link with financial community
 - UNECE GEF Project
 - UNECE Swiss Re Clean Energy Fund
- Document and report out on lessons learned to benefit others
- Develop roadmap for financing additional CMM projects in the region



What You Should Know

- UNECE is providing technical support, *not project funding*
 - Technical support for early stage document preparation
 - Presentation to ECE funds for detailed feasibility and business plan development
 - Introduction to investors
 - Outreach/education for sustainability
- Require *clear commitment* of mine and corporate management
- *Transparency* is critical to the success, credibility and integrity of the project



Project Status

- Project concludes September 2008
 - Projects accepted to ECE funds can continue after
- Have developed initial documents in English and Russian
 - Project Identification Form
 - Business plan template and guidance
- Schedule to Conclusion
 - Feb 2008 – Mini-Workshop – Szczyrk, Poland
 - 2nd detailed Workshop in Poland if interest and commitment from project sponsors
 - June 2008 – Workshop – Kemerovo Oblast, Russia Federation



UNECE Team

- UNECE Staff
 - *Clark Talkington*, has worked on CMM issues globally, including the CIS, for 7 years, first at US EPA's Coalbed Methane Outreach Program and now at UNECE
- Financial Expert
 - *Deltcho Vitchev*, many years experience financing alternative energy projects in the CEE/CIS region.
- CMM Project Development Expert
 - *Karl Schultz*, 14 years experience on CMM and recognized global expert on structuring CMM projects



United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
IREED Division, www.unece.org/ie

UNECE Contact

Clark Talkington
clark.talkington@unece.org
+41 22 917 2671

Thank You!