

**Transcript of September 18, 2013 Morning Interview of  
Village Official (Zhang Gui Hua 张贵华) regarding the  
Hong Xing Coal Washing Facility**

(Investigators hold a local newspaper, dated September 11, 2013, in front of the camera. This was the most recent newspaper they could find in this remote, rural village in China.)

(The investigators walk for about 2 minutes and stopped in front of an arched gate, bearing a sign saying "Village Committee of Walu Village, Xiongbi Township, Shizong County". The investigators walk into the office building and climb the stairs.)

Investigator A: Excuse me Madam; we're from Sichuan Coal Group. I am here to learn some information about Hong Xing Coal Washing Factory (Hong Xing).

Unidentified female: Hong Xing Coal Washing Factory? Hong Xing Coal Washing Factory is not at this place.

Investigator A: It's not here anymore. I just would like to know whether someone here would have a little knowledge about Hong Xing, because our parent group company may go to acquire the factory.

Unidentified female: Don't know. Don't know.

Investigator B: Isn't Hong Xing just nearby?

Investigator A: Yeah, isn't Hong Xing located in this area?

Unidentified female: Um, I don't know. (inaudible)

Investigator A: Whom should we talk to about this matter?

Unidentified female: I don't know. You should go upstairs and (ask around).

Investigator A: Upstairs? Okay.

(The investigators climb up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and then the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor).

Investigator A: No one is in this office here. (Talked to himself)

(The investigators climb back down to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and enter an office room)

Investigator A: Hello, excuse us, sir. We're from Sichuan Coal Group. We are here to find out more about the Hong Xing Coal Washing Factory. Our company has considered acquiring it.

Village Official: Hong Xing Coal Washing Factory?

Investigator A: That Hong Xing Coal Washing Factory up there nearby.

Village Official: Regarding that matter... you should find the owner to talk about it?

Investigator A: Talk to the company owner? I just wanted to find out some initial information. I heard from others that it stopped production and went out of business.

Village Official: Right.

Investigator A: How long has it been since it went bankrupt?

Village Official: Not a very long time (ago). Since 11.10 (November 10) accident happened, the whole mine (mining industry) idled (inaudible)...all...uh, come in and have a seat.

Investigator A: Okay, okay. I appreciate this.

(The investigators go into the inner meeting room of the official's office and sit down)

Investigator A: Thank you.

Village Official: You guys are...?

Investigator A: Sichuan Coal Group. Sichuan Coal Industry Group. We are told to come here to inquire. After this, our company leaders will find whomever they need to talk to, because we didn't just come here for this purpose. We were actually touring in the area.

Village Official: It, since the 11.10 accident happened...(interrupted).

Investigator A: When did that accident happen?

Village Official: On November 10<sup>th</sup> of 2011.

Investigator A: November 10<sup>th</sup> of 2010?

Village Official: 2011.

Investigator A: Okay 2011.

Village Official: After that, all the mines were shut down, in Shizong County. (inaudible) all mines in Shizong.

Investigator A: So it stopped in 2011?

Village Official: After 2011, the government regulation on coal mining industry has been restricting the (mine) production. Only after May of this year, production, barely, was gradually recovering. (inaudible)

Investigator A: What was the detailed situation with that accident?

Village Official: That was what happened at the lower (inaudible) level, we are not sure about it here. (inaudible) Without coal, it didn't have anything to wash.

Investigator B: So it stopped due to the production accident.

Investigator A: Oh...so it stopped due to the accident. After the accident, there was no business, (because) it did not have any coal to wash? Is that what happened?

Village Official: These mines, from up in Da (inaudible) down to here in Shizong area, have not been in production before. It's been (inaudible).

Investigator A: Then when did it (Hong Xing) go out of business? Was it also from 201\_(interrupted)

Village Official: It was from...(inaudible)...from July of last year.

Investigator A: July of last year?

Village Official: (inaudible) has not had any coal to wash. It's been idled.

Investigator A: Who is the owner of this place?

Village Official: This belonged to Yifu Ma (or Zifu Ma, local dialect hard to understand). Then he sold it to others.

Investigator A: What was name of the original owner again?

Village Official: Yifu Ma.

Investigator A: Investigator B: Yifu Ma.

Village Official: From Shizong (county).

Investigator A: Okay, from Shizong.

Investigator B: You don't know the name of the new owner?

Investigator A: So the main reason it stopped production was the mine accident.  
After the accident, there was no coal to wash?

Village Official: The coal produced came from mines...(interrupted)

(The recording stopped. The investigators returned to the same official in this same office later in the day for more clarification.)