

The Capabilities and Economics of Specialty Ballast Excavation

Advanced Methodology and Techniques for Specialty Ballast Remediation on MRS Railway

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Abstract

This study focuses on the efficiency gains and increased versatility obtained through the use of vacuum excavation technology to repair specialty track work areas such as bridges, tunnels, and switches. Heavier axle loads coupled with progressive increases in traffic volumes have intensified the demand for track maintenance. Specialty track works are among the most expensive part of any railroad maintenance budget yet commonly the most neglected as they create unique challenges. Traditional methods of repairing specialty track works require significant resources and track outages. As a result, maintenance is often delayed in these areas, resulting in a variety of debilitating ballast and subgrade problems. Specialized vacuum excavation equipment with unique flexibility has led to non-evasive maintenance techniques that allow railways to optimize their maintenance activities and avoid service interruptions. Additionally, utilizing vacuum excavation provides improved remediation of the track structure, increasing the load bearing capacity, restoring desired drainage, and increasing the overall maintenance completion rate in these difficult areas.

Introduction

Specialty Trackwork is an expensive part of any railroad's infrastructure. In North America Special Trackwork annual cost, for just turnouts and diamonds, is more than \$1 billion. Maintenance and train delay represent over 50% of that cost. Maintenance of Specialty Trackwork represents approximately 5% of maintenance budgets and up to 50% of train delays are attributed to Specialty Trackworks. The payback for keeping Specialty Trackwork maintained can be significant.

Ballast has two main functions in its interaction with Specialty Trackwork structures. First ballast needs to anchor the track and provide resistance against lateral, longitudinal and vertical movement of ties and rail while distributing the applied load with diminished unit pressure to the subgrade beneath. The second important function of the ballast is to provide drainage. However, the repeated impact loading on the ballast, as trains pass, cause the sharp edges to break off and wear down into fines. These fines then begin to impede the drainage of the moisture. As the moisture and fines combine the ballast begins to lose its ability to provide the stability. This deterioration begins with the first load applied to the ballast as wheels begin rolling down the rails. If the fines and silt are not removed with routine maintenance the ballast loses its ability to restrain the track from lateral, longitudinal and vertical movement. If not corrected with ballast replacement, the probability of broken rails and derailments is high. Even with proper maintenance for drainage, over time the ballast will deteriorate and lose its ability to provide resistance to lateral, longitudinal and vertical movements because the sharp edges and corners of the ballast become worn over time and lose their interlocking strength thereby requiring ballast replacement.

The most effective means of restoring track performance on Specialty Trackworks is ballast replacement. Traditional ballast replacement practices are expensive, highly disruptive, often involves the removal of the superstructure so off-track equipment can be used to remove the ballast. In areas where off-track equipment use is not feasible, using manual labor or deploying an undercutter are options. Undercutters are designed for use in major track rehabilitation projects and are probably already overbooked for these major projects. If the Specialty Trackwork has restrictive clearances, the undercutter is not an option. Furthermore these processes render the track inaccessible, create significant track outages, and are resource intensive.

Specialty Ballast Remediation is the process of correcting the problem of poor or bad ballast conditions through ballast replacement and required drainage enhancements on Specialty Trackworks including switches, crossings, bridge decks, viaducts, tunnels, platforms, random mud spots or track with third rail electrification.

MRS Logistica S.A. Overview

MRS Logistica SA (MRS) is a Brazil-based company engaged in transportation services. The company focuses on the public service of freight railroad transportation and is active in the control, operation and monitoring of the Southeastern Federal Railroad Network. The company has been in railway transportation of cargo including ore, finished steel products, cement, bauxite, pulp, green coke, containers and agricultural commodities, among others since 1996. It interconnects the Brazilian states of Minas Gerais, Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, as well as ports of Rio de Janeiro, Guaiba, Itaguaí and Santos. This region amasses approximately 55% of Brazil's gross domestic product and is home to the country's largest industries.



MRS Logistica S.A System

MRS Logistica SA has 1,643 kilometers (1,021 mi) of 1600 mm (63") track with 76 Km (47.2 mi) of tunnels and 32 Km (19.9 mi.) of closed platform bridges and viaducts. The track traverses through very rugged mountainous terrain which receives an average rainfall of 100 to 150 cm (40 to 60 in.) per year (See Appendix A for Annual Rainfall Map). Traffic density is very high on this track with axle loads of 32 tonnes (35 ton). These difficult conditions and the abundance of Specialty Trackwork assets i.e. tunnels, bridges, viaducts and switches require a tremendous effort to keep the track well maintained.

MRS Logistica's Challenge

MRS Logistica realized it was time to find a better method of rehabilitating their Specialty Trackwork following a 2009 derailment in Tunnel 9 (see insert to right) caused by a broken rail as a result of ineffective ballast and drainage maintenance.



Tunnel 9 Derailment

MRS Logistica had been performing the track maintenance manually but it was becoming very apparent the ballast and drainage maintenance being performed was not productive enough to keep up with the rate of deterioration plus it was not complete and the overall result was very ineffective. In fact the ballast condition had reached a point where it was jeopardizing the safety and reliability of the track.

MRS began to assess their needs. Their tunnels, bridges and viaducts were the highest priority. The system has 76 Km (47.2 mi) of tunnels and 32 Km (19.9 mi.) of bridges and viaducts that needed ballast replacement and with their current method of manual labor it would take an estimated 13.8 years to accomplish. Out of the entire system it was determined that 10 Km (6.2 mi.) of tunnels and 26 Km (16.2 mi.) of bridges and viaducts were critical to the success of MRS and needed immediate rehabilitation. To accomplish this would take an estimated 4.6 years with manual labor.

Desguarnecedora de Lastro a Vácuo	
Immediate demand for removal of ballast	
MRS - Extensão de Obras de Arte (Km)	
Tunnels	76
Bridges and viaducts of Closed Platform	32
ANNUAL PRODUCTION - MRS	ANNUAL PRODUCTION - MRS
12.400 Metres	7.500 Metres
DEMAND	DEMAND
100.000 Metres	50.000 Metres
ESTIMATED TIME	ESTIMATED TIME
8.1 years	13.8 years

Desguarnecedora de Lastro a Vácuo	
Immediate Demand Priority Stretches	
Viaducts	26
SERRA DO MAR Tunnels	10
TOTAL Km	36
Forecast	4.6 Yrs
Other applications: AMV's, indents, confined areas, localized pockets, passage of cables, etc.	

MRS Logistica's Search for New Specialty Trackworks Rehabilitation Method

Realizing the current method of Ballast and Drainage Maintenance on Specialty Trackwork assets was insufficient, MRS went on a mission to find a better and more productive method. An External Expert was hired for an opinion on their situation. A part of the External Expert's opinion, relating to the concrete viaducts, recommended the complete removal of the existing badly contaminated ballast and replaced with good quality new ballast and a new track (ties and rail) at the same time. (See insert to right)

Desguarnecedora de Lastro a Vácuo	
External Report Opinion	
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MRS also sent a team to North America to discover how one of the Class 1 railroads was cleaning their tunnels. On their visit they witnessed a Loram Railvac undercutting fouled track in a tunnel with tight restrictive clearances. In fact the conditions were very similar to those on MRS Logistica's system. The track had serious drainage issues and the ballast was very wet and contaminated. The restrictive clearances were similar to those on the MRS. The MRS Exploratory Team realized that with a Railvac they could be more productive in maintaining the ballast in their tunnels and on their bridges and viaducts. With the Loram Railvac the opportunity to maintain their Specialty Trackwork assets to a higher standard was possible. The team's next step was the development of a justification for the investment in equipment and training for the next generation of Specialty Trackwork Rehabilitation Methodology.



MRS Logistica's Justification

Because the tunnels bridges and viaducts had been without effective maintenance for decades, the condition was jeopardizing the safety and reliability of the rail system. MRS realized the need was a complete change in the approach to Specialty Trackworks Ballast Maintenance. They needed a better method of restoring track performance that still included ballast replacement but was less expensive, less disruptive and required fewer resources. It would require the purchase of a Loram Railvac machine plus the operation and maintenance training of the Railvac.



MRS saw the Loram Railvac as a versatile machine with a tremendous amount of flexibility. It was designed to work as an undercutter, excavator, or high performance debris or Hazmat collector capable of working in open track areas as well as in the restrictive clearance environments that are commonly associated with Special Trackworks. The six (6) degrees of freedom on the nozzle (See Appendix A for examples) and the capability of rotating the nozzle 45° from vertical in all directions (See Appendix A for examples) would make it easy to reach those difficult spots when undercutting and trenching. The Railvac was also very versatile in handling the waste material. It could store 15 m³ (20 yd³) of material onboard, dispose of the material, onto the right of way, up to 9 m (30 ft.) either side of track center or transfer the material directly to a material handling car. The Railvac can also haul four full ballast cars at speeds up to 80 km/h (50 mph). (See Appendix A for examples)

In compacted ballast conditions, the Railvac's work arm could use its 2,270 kg (5,000 lbs.) of penetrating force and rotating nozzle to quickly break up material for quick disposal at a rate of 15 m³/hr. (20 yd³/hr.). (See Appendix A for examples)

The Railvac has the unique ability to access any location by rail, eliminating the need for off-road access equipment. It has the power and ruggedness to breakup compacted ballast. It has the flexibility to reach up to 4.5 m (15 ft.) to either side of the track center to clear ditches or unplug culverts with its nozzle but still has the gentleness and finesse necessary to uncover sensitive objects like buried communication wires, drainage tile, or switch componentry without the risk of damage. (See Appendix A for examples)

MRS recognized the Railvac as a machine that would allow them to provide an improved standard of Ballast Maintenance with minimal track disruption and extremely large reductions in resources.

In addition to the benefits Loram's Railvac provided, there must also be an economic justification for the investment as well. MRS Logistica's current method required a train to haul away the waste. They knew this requirement could be eliminated because Loram's Railvac offered many acceptable options for waste material handling.

MRS estimated an increase of 60% in productivity from 20 m³/hr. (65.5 ft.³/hr.) to 32 m³/hr. (105 ft.³/hr.) plus a 76% reduction of manpower. MRS had been using 50 people under their traditional method and they estimated 12 people would be required with the Railvac.

MRS estimated the unit cost of the Railvac at R\$ 93.95 (\$29.69 USD). This included the depreciation cost of the Railvac, operating expenses and wages of 12 people. Under MRS' traditional method the unit cost ranged from R\$ 155.13 (\$ 49.02 USD) on the low end up to R\$ 425.44 (\$ 134.43 USD). This range was dependent on the complexity of the ballast replacement work being completed. The average unit cost under the traditional method is R\$ 290.29 (\$ 91.73 USD). Comparing the average unit cost under the traditional method against the estimated unit cost of the Railvac results in a per unit savings of R\$196.34/m³ (\$62.04 USD/m³). With an annual production estimate of 12480 meters (40945 feet) the

estimated annual savings would be R\$ 2,450,260.80 (\$ 774,228.51 USD). (See Appendix B for MRS comparisons)

MRS Tunnel 12 Track Remediation Project Economic Comparison

Tunnel 12 of MRS Railway was chosen for a comparative study to determine the economics of the Railvac methodology versus the traditional method used at MRS. The length of Tunnel 12 is 2,233 m. (1.39 mi.). The last time Tunnel 12 was re-ballasted using their traditional method, it required 110 days of 8 hour duration with 50 workers for a total cost of R\$ 950,000.00 (\$ 300,200 USD).

Using the Railvac on the same tunnel of 2,233 m. (1.39 mi.) of track and 8 hour duration days changed the economics considerably. The project was completed in 14 days. The number of people used with the Railvac project was 12. The total cost of the project, using the Railvac, was R\$209,790 (\$66,290 USD).

This represents an 87% improvement in the number of days, a 76% reduction in the number of people required, and the total cost of the project improved by 78%. The cost savings for the project was R\$740,210 (\$233,910 USD).

The total hours worked with the Traditional Method was 44,000 hours (8 hour days; 110 days; 50 people) as compared to 1,344 hours (8 hour days; 14 days; 12 people) using the Railvac. Productivity calculated as meters completed per hour worked improved 3,174% from 0.051 m/hr. to 1.66 m/hr. (See Appendix C for Economic Comparisons between Traditional Method and Railvac Method)

MRS Ballast Removal on Double Track in Mountains

On a recent track renewal project on double main track in the mountains between KM64 and KM110 the Railvac was spot cleaning only the very contaminated sections of track. The machine was operated by two people.

The production records for June 1 and June 2 show the machine worked 1 hr. and 49 minutes on June 1 and 3 hr. and 29 minutes on June 2, removing 39 m³ and 91 m³ respectively. For these two days of operation the average production was 24.53 m³/hr.

June 1, 2015

16:21 - Start of work

**Km71+445 to 71+307 between the tracks = 34.5m³
in 60 minutes**

**Km71+445 to 71+429 right shoulder = 4.5m³
in 11 minutes**

**TOTAL = 39m³ in 1h11minutes – 2 full dumpings
(7 min each dump)**

18:10pm - end of work



Work Location on June 1

June 2, 2015

14:51 pm - the start of work

Right shoulder - km74 + 232 to 74 + 070

Left shoulder - km74 + 172 to 74 + 018

Total = 91m³ and 7 dumpings

18:20 pm – end of the work



Work Location on June 2

One significant improvement since MRS began using the Railvac is the number of people operating the machine. When MRS first started they had four (4) people assigned to the machine. That number has been cut in half from 4 to 2 and the unit cost has improved 35% from R\$ 93.95/m³ to R\$ 60.62/m³ during the first two years of operation of the Railvac. (See Appendix D for pictures and chart)

CN Bathurst Ore Impacted Ballast Removal

CN identified an environmental concern related to the transport of mined ore concentrate containing Pb, Zn, Cu and other heavy metals from 1964 to 2013. CN unit trains transported the ore concentrate a distance of 70km (44 miles) from a mine site through a CN Yard to a smelter site. The track is bordered by 1000 adjacent properties, a city and several towns, it crosses 51 mapped streams and six provincially designated environmentally significant areas and bisects a First Nation (tribe) property. The visible ore concentrate on the track was mapped at various times between 2010 and 2014. At the time of the mine site closure, visible ore concentrate was present within the gauge of 23km [14 miles] of track because of the accumulation of small particles escaping from the unit trains during transport.



In the fall of 2013 and winter 2014, a remedial plan to recover the visible ore concentrate was developed following CN's environmental strategy that is focused on safety, emissions reduction, waste management, and environmental stewardship. The planning process was proactive and involved: monthly meetings with the project team including various CN department representatives (e.g. Environment, Engineering, Mechanical, Legal, Public Relations, and Purchasing), an environmental engineering firm and Loram. This planning process was crucial to the success of the project. It included stakeholder engagement with consistent communication to regulators, local government, and the mine prior to starting the remedial work.

The remedial work was performed in the summer of 2014 using a Loram Railvac™, equipped with HEPA filters, and five Knapp cars supplied by CN. A total of 4,100 tonnes (4,500 tons) of recovered ore-impacted ballast was 1) excavated from the track by Loram's Railvac™, 2) transferred to the five Knapp cars and 3) transported to the Mine site by the Loram's Railvac™ for re-use (which resulted in greenhouse gas reduction of >300 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent). During the remediation process air quality protection measures were utilized to mitigate dust and real-time particulate matter monitoring was completed.

Utilizing the specialized rail bound equipment; the remedial work was completed successfully. There was no disruption to rail service and no complaints from the public. It also resulted in significant cost saving to CN because the project generated less waste material than conventional remedial techniques and was completed in four weeks versus the projected eight weeks.

Loram Mud Spot Undercutting – Third Rail & Platform

In April, 2015 a Loram customer had a mud spot next to a platform on third rail electrified track. The length of track requiring ballast renewal was 7.5 m (24.6 ft.). The project scope included travel from tie-up spot to work location, de-energizing the third rail, unfastening the third rail from the ties, unloading new ties and associated hardware, undercutting the mud spot site, removing old ties and subsequent tie replacement, loading old ties on to truck crane bed, reattaching the third rail, ballast replacement, tamping, reenergizing the third rail, travel back to tie up spot and unloading hopper. The work window to complete this project was 4.5 hours.

Support equipment working with Loram's Railvac included a Hi-Rail Hydraulic Boom Truck with new ties, a Hi-Rail Material Handling Vehicle with new ballast and a Tamper.

Loram did a full undercut including the removal of the fast clips on the ties, dropping the ties from the rails, pushing the old ties onto the right-of-way and staging the new ties under the rail for installation. The work crew was able to safely install ties as the Railvac was completing the undercutting work, giving the Project Leader sufficient time to complete the job within the time limits. All of this work was done in 1 hour. Another 30 minutes was required to unload and tamp the new ballast. (See Appendix E for pictures of work).

Additional Benefits

Loram's Railvac offers MRS Logistica, CN and all of its customers many additional benefits beyond the Tunnel, HazMat Cleanup, and Undercutting between a Platform and Third Rail Specialty Trackworks applications illustrated in this paper. It is an excellent machine for Ballast Excavation on Switches, Diamonds, Bridge Decks, and Viaducts or track with clearance restrictions.

The Railvac can also be used to dig trenches to drain water away from the track and into a drainage ditch. It can also dig trenches alongside the track or under the track to bury wires and cables. The Railvac can be used to uncover buried wires and cables without damaging them. The Railvac is great at cleaning up debris in yards and other areas where trash and debris accumulate. (See Appendix E for pictures of other Railvac activities)



Summary

With the use of Loram's Railvac the CN (Canadian National Railway) was able to clean up an environmental concern safely with less waste than traditional methods and in 1/2 the expected time.

A 7.5 m (24.6 ft.) mud spot next to a platform and on third rail track was totally restored and back in service with one hour to spare of the 4.5 hour work window granted for the project.

The Railvac purchased by MRS in 2012 was a very good investment. The comparison of Tunnel 12 proved the economics of the Railvac methodology over the traditional method for MRS by reducing project duration 87%, reducing resource requirements 76% and increasing the productivity (work completed per total hours expended) by over 3000%. (See Appendix C for Economic Improvement Comparisons between Traditional Method and Railvac Method)

MRS tracked their productivity (m³/hour) for one full year (March 26, 2013 to March 26, 2014). During this period MRS operated the Loram Railvac a total of 125 days and 243.75 hours. Its production, for that year, averaged 25.9 m³/hr. MRS continues to make improvements in their productivity and have recently reduced the Railvac operating crew from four (4) to two (2) people.

These are just a few examples of how Railvac can help you keep your ballast maintained and healthy on all of your Specialty Trackworks while also saving you time, money and resources over the traditional methods of Specialty Ballast Remediation.

Let Loram's Railvac take your Specialty Trackworks from:



This



To This



To This

in less time, with fewer resources and less disruptions than traditional methods for your Specialty Trackworks Ballast Remediation Projects.

4. Material Handling Capabilities



Waste - Onboard



Waste to Material Handling Car



Waste to Right of Way



Pulling 4 Material Handling Cars

5. Examples of Rotating Nozzle



6. Examples of uncovering buried communication wires, trenching, and drainage work



Appendix B

1. Comparison Estimates on two tunnels.

Manual cleaning comparative x Mechanized				MRS	
Location Considered: Tunnel of Goats					
Manual Labor(1)			Job Railvac		
Cleaning Extension- meters	497		Cleaning Extension- meters	497	
Range Required - hours	38		Range Required - hours	17	
Material removal with Train service (800 m ³)	R\$ 15,346,36		Material removal with Train service (800 m ³)	0	
Cost - R\$	R\$ 10,446,36		Cost - R\$	R\$ 46,652,01	
Unit cost considered:	R\$ 155,11		Unit cost considered	R\$ 93,50	
Annual production considered - meters	12,480		Annual production considered - meters	12,480	
Annual Cost	R\$1,936,022,40		Annual Cost	R\$ 1,172,496,00	
Value of the investment		R\$12,928,500,00			

Manual cleaning comparative x Mechanized				MRS	
<i>Comparative: ballast Cleaning 12 Tunnel</i>					
MANUAL LABOR			DESQUARN WORK THE VACUUM		
The cleaning extension - meters	2.233		The cleaning extension - meters	2.233	
Days for execution (8 hours)	110		Days for execution (8 hours)	14	
Range Required - hours	880		Range Required - hours	112	
Number of Men	50		Number of Men	12	
Total Cost	R\$ 950.000,00		Estimated Cost	R\$ 209.790,35	
Unit Cost		425,438832	Estimated unit cost		93,95
Fonte : Malha Ferroviária					
NOTE: the difference in productivity between the two manual service Tunnels explained: -12 Tunnel is much larger (2 Km) and tighter feedback; -The service in the tunnel was 12 more complete, including drainage devices.					

2. Picture of Traditional Method and Mechanized Method



Traditional Method



Mechanized Method

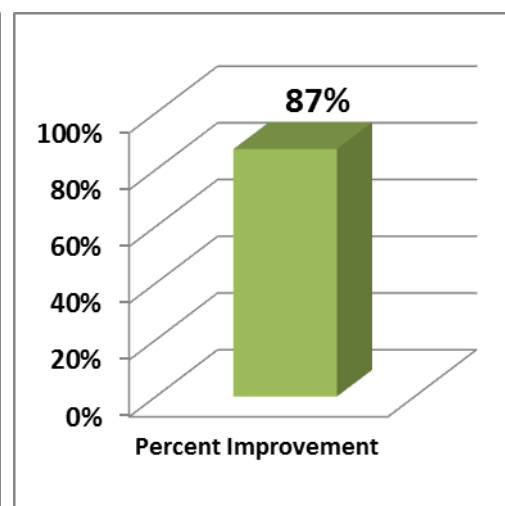
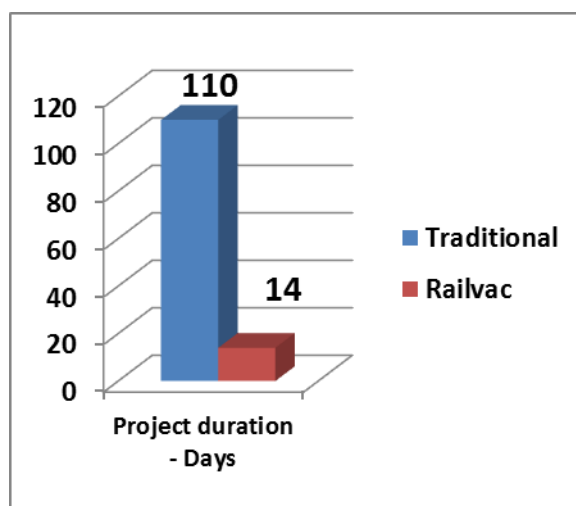
Appendix C

1. Tunnel 12 Economic Analysis Summary

Tunnel 12 Economic Analysis			
	Traditional	Railvac	% Improvement Railvac vs. Traditional
Meters Reballasted	2233	2233	0%
Project duration - Days	110	14	87%
Hours per day	8	8	0%
Number of Employees	50	12	76%
Project duration - Hours	880	112	87%
Total Labor Hours (1000)	44	1.344	97%
Total Cost (1,000's)(R\$)	R\$ 950.00	R\$ 209.79	78%
Total Cost (USD) (1,000's)	\$300.18	\$66.29	78%
Unit Cost (R\$/m)	R\$ 425.44	R\$ 93.95	78%
Unit Cost (\$ USD/Meter)	\$134.43	\$29.69	78%
Meters per hour worked	50.750	1,661.458	3174%
Productivity increase	3174%		

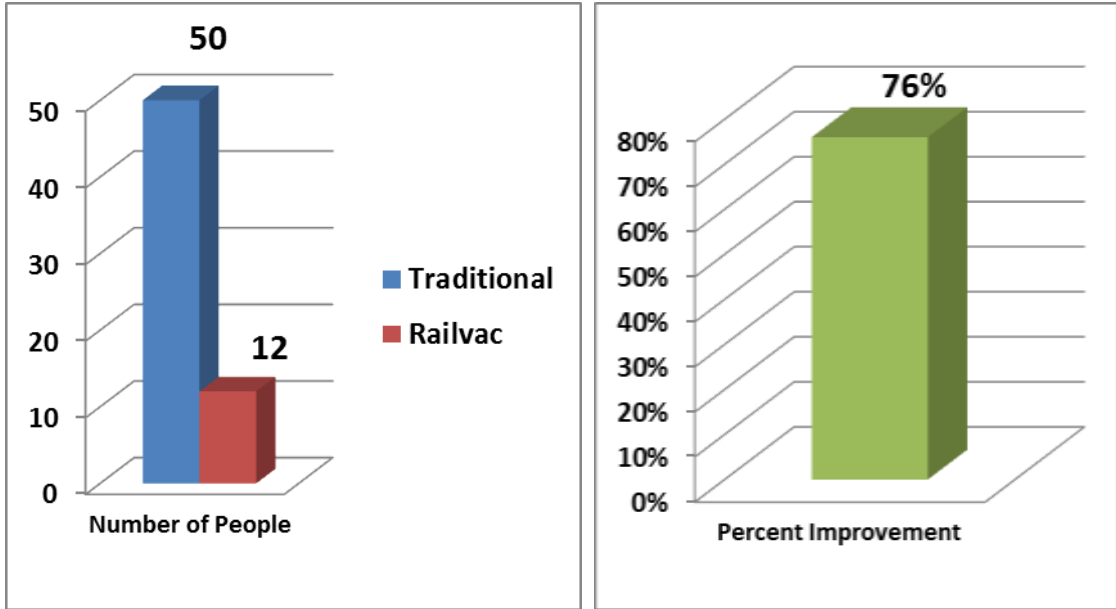
2. Project Duration Comparison

	Traditional	Railvac	% Improvement Railvac vs. Traditional
Project duration - Days	110	14	87%



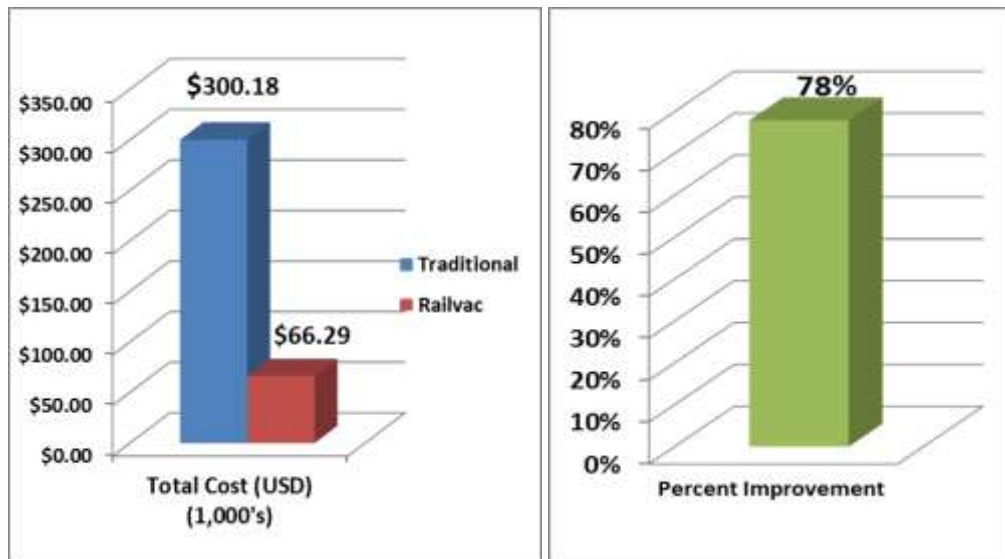
3. Manpower Requirements Comparison

	Traditional	Railvac	% Improvement Railvac vs. Traditional
Number of Employees	50	12	76%



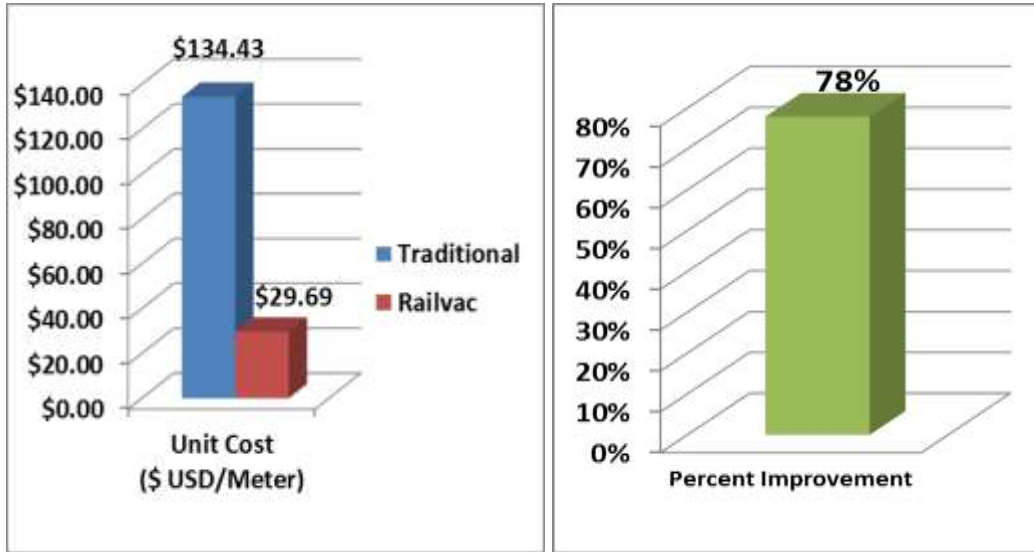
4. Total Cost Comparison

	Traditional	Railvac	% Improvement Railvac vs. Traditional
Total Cost (USD) (1,000's)	\$300.18	\$66.29	78%



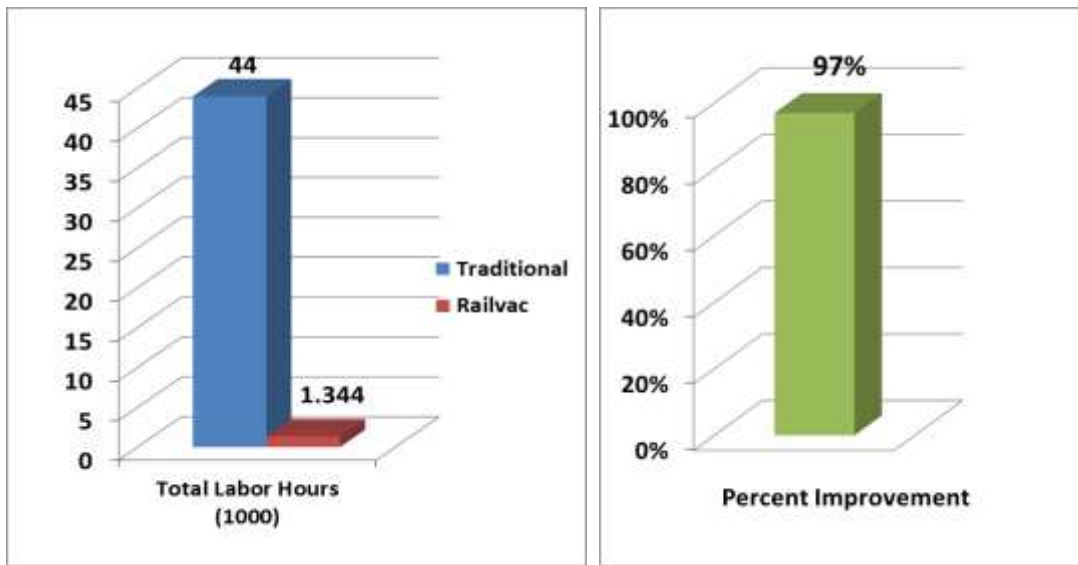
5. Unit Cost Comparison

	Traditional	Railvac	% Improvement Railvac vs. Traditional
Unit Cost (\$ USD/Meter)	\$134.43	\$29.69	78%

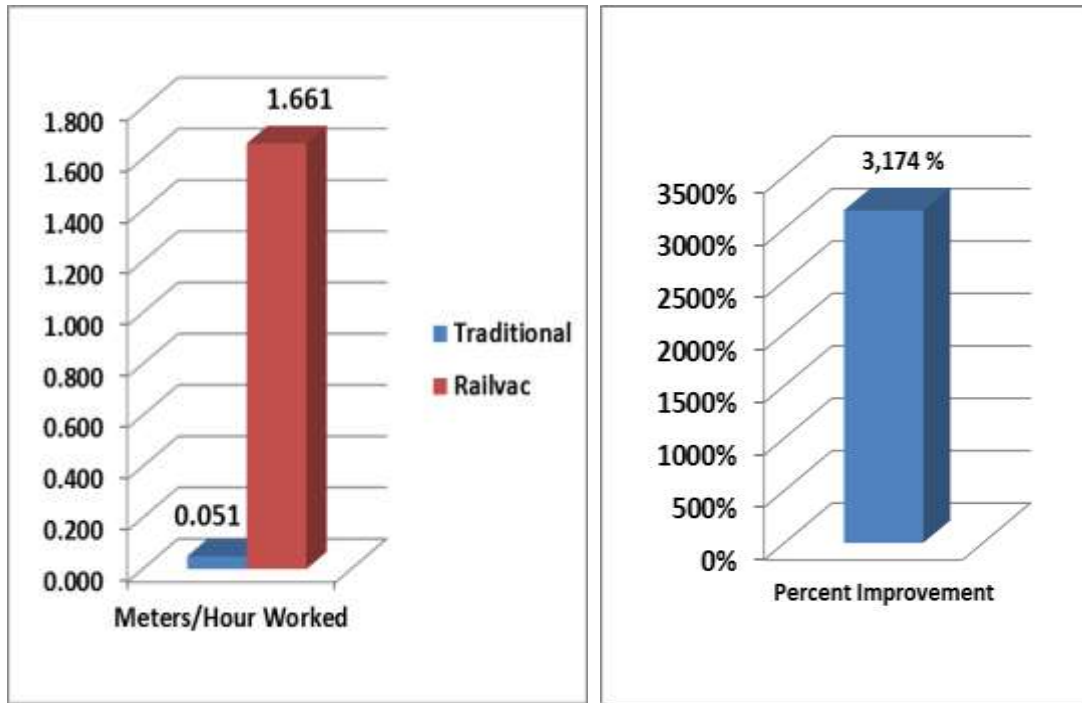


6. Total Labor Hours Worked Comparison

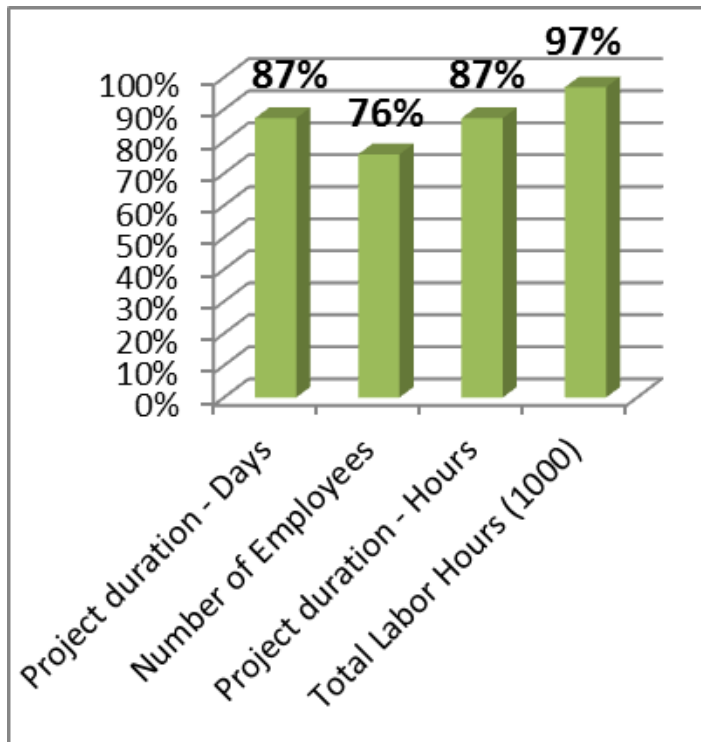
	Traditional	Railvac	% Improvement Railvac vs. Traditional
Total Labor Hours (1000)	44	1.344	97%




7. Productivity Comparison



8. Summary of Comparisons Improvements



9. Railvac Production Data (March 26, 2013 to March 26, 2014)

 PRODUÇÃO RAILVAC LRV-15 2013								
Week	Year	Days	Range	Responsible coordination	Volume (m³)	While producing liquid (h)	Average produced (m³/h)	Observações
10	2013	26-Mar	Elisson a Mario Belo	Barra do Pirai	39	214	17,46	Linha 1 - 69+700 (ombros e grade)
10	2013	28-Mar	Elisson a Mario Belo	Barra do Pirai	39	209	18,14	Linha 1 - 70+200 (ombros esquerdo)
11	2013	2-Apr	Elisson a Mario Belo	Barra do Pirai	42,5	1,28	28,98	Linha 1 - 69+400 (excesso de pedra entre via)
11	2013	4-Apr	Elisson a Mario Belo	Barra do Pirai	59,5	1,47	33,36	Linha 1 - 70+150 (excesso de pedra entre via)
12	2013	8-Apr	Elisson a Mario Belo	Barra do Pirai	94,5	3,36	25,97	Linha 1 - 71 +450 ao 71 +590 (excesso de pedra ombro)
12	2013	9-Apr	Mario Belo a Gurgel	Barra do Pirai	34	243	12,52	Linha 1 - 76+000
12	2013	11-Apr	Mario Belo a Gurgel	Barra do Pirai	76,5	3,21	22,84	Bolsão 75+900 / 76+000 / 76+080
12	2013	12-Apr	Mario Belo a Gurgel	Barra do Pirai	51	2,04	24,68	Entre via superior túnel n°2 e ombro esquerdo 74+700
13	2013	18-Apr	Mario Belo a Gurgel	Barra do Pirai	54	2,12	24,55	74+250 (entre via) 74+830 (ombro esq. e entre via)
13	2013	19-Apr	Mario Belo a Gurgel	Barra do Pirai	41	1,59	20,67	74+520 (ombro esq.) 74+650 (entre via)
14	2013	22-Apr	Mario Belo a Gurgel	Barra do Pirai	39	1,49	21,47	74+470 (grade)
14	2013	23-Apr	Mario Belo a Gurgel	Barra do Pirai	51	3,17	15,53	74+830 (grade) 74+600 (entre via)
14	2013	25-Apr	Mario Belo a Gurgel	Barra do Pirai	73	2,44	26,71	72+910 (ombro e entre via) 72+800 (entre via)
14	2013	26-Apr	Mario Belo a Gurgel	Barra do Pirai	30	1,41	17,82	Linha 1 - 72+700
15	2013	29-Apr	Pátio da Barra	Barra do Pirai	51	2,54	17,59	Linha 1 - 108+600 (Ombro esquerdo)
15	2013	30-Apr	Pátio da Barra	Barra do Pirai	104	4,19	24,09	Linha 3 - 108+300 / 107+500
15	2013	1-May	Pátio da Barra	Barra do Pirai	42,5	1,44	24,52	Linha 1 - 106 e 107
16	2013	7-May	Pátio da Barra	Barra do Pirai	91	3,10	26,74	Linha 1 - 106 e 107
16	2013	8-May	Pátio da Barra	Barra do Pirai	73,5	2,51	25,79	Linha 1 - 106+850
16	2013	9-May	Pátio da Barra	Barra do Pirai	43	3,37	11,89	Linha 1 - 104+500 a 104+100
16	2013	10-May	Pátio da Barra	Barra do Pirai	102	3,56	25,98	Linha 1 - 107+100 a 107+700
17	2013	14-May	Bom Jardim	P2-06	21	1,29	14,46	Pátio P2-6 Linha 1 116 m desguarnecendo total 99+544 ao 560
17	2013	15-May	Bom Jardim	P2-06	56	3,02	18,46	Pátio P2-6 Linha 2 130m desguarnecendo total 99+530 ao 560
18	2013	21-May	Bom Jardim	P2-06	34,5	1,38	21,12	Túnel dos cabritos, lado superior (104+300 - Ombro esquerdo) 132m
18	2013	23-May	Bom Jardim	P2-06	34	2,32	14,47	Túnel dos cabritos, lado superior (104+300 - centro da grade) 128m
19	2013	27-May	Pátio da Barra	Barra do Pirai	13	0,38	20,33	Linha 1 Pátio da Barra 27m ombro esquerdo km 107 +725 ao 751
19	2013	28-May	Pátio da Barra	Barra do Pirai	39	2,23	16,36	Linha 1 Pátio da Barra (km 107+600 ao 107 +700)
19	2013	29-May	Pátio da Barra	Barra do Pirai	52	2,09	24,19	Linha 1 Pátio da Barra (entre km 107 e 108)
20	2013	3-Jun	Paulo de Frontim	Barra do Pirai	41,5	2,24	17,29	Túnel 12 linha 1 (excesso de pedra 41m linear)
20	2013	4-Jun	Paulo de Frontim	Barra do Pirai	26	1,13	21,37	Linha 1 Pátio de Frontim
20	2013	5-Jun	Pátio da Barra	Barra do Pirai	65	2,50	22,94	Linha 1 Pátio da Barra (excesso de pedra 167 m linear km 108 + 050 ao 217)
20	2013	6-Jun	Pátio da Barra	Barra do Pirai	77,5	3,57	19,62	Linha 1 Pátio da Barra (excesso de pedra 200m Entre via e ombro esq. km 107 +500 ao 700)
20	2013	7-Jun	Paulo de Frontim	Barra do Pirai	26	1,18	20,00	Linha 1 Pátio de Frontim 75m linear entre km 85 e 86
20	2013	12-Jun	Paulo de Frontim	Barra do Pirai	21,5	1,14	17,43	Linha 1 Pátio da Barra (excesso de pedra)
21	2013	12-Jun	Pátio da Barra	Barra do Pirai	25,5	1,07	22,84	Linha 1 Pátio da Barra (excesso de pedra)
21	2013	14-Jun	Pátio da Barra	Barra do Pirai	30,5	1,36	19,06	Linha 1 Pátio da Barra (excesso de pedra 40 m linear)
22	2013	19-Jun	Pátio da Barra	Barra do Pirai	82,5	3,48	22,30	Linha 1 Pátio da Barra (excesso de pedra km 107+650 ao 600)
22	2013	20-Jun	Pátio da Barra	Barra do Pirai	69	2,38	26,26	Linha 1 Pátio da Barra (excesso de pedra km 107+650 ao 600)
22	2013	21-Jun	Pátio da Barra	Barra do Pirai	28	1,48	15,56	Linha 1 Pátio da Barra (excesso de pedra km 106 + 400)
23	2013	25-Jun	Pátio da Barra	Barra do Pirai	34,5	1,17	26,88	Linha 1 Pátio da Barra (excesso de pedra km 106 +400 ao 500)
23	2013	26-Jun	Helisson a Gurgel	Barra do Pirai	13	0,39	20,00	Túnel #3 Linha 1, com descarga do material próximo ao túnel #3
23	2013	27-Jun	Frontin a Humberto	Barra do Pirai	38,5	2,17	17,30	Túnel #12, linha 2 300m de linha na inferior do túnel
24	2013	1-Jul	Frontin a Humberto	Barra do Pirai	38,5	2,34	15,00	Túnel #12, linha 2, 400m linear (Descobridor pregão)
24	2013	2-Jul	Frontin a Humberto	Barra do Pirai	29	1,46	16,42	Túnel #12, linha 2, 200m linear (Descobridor pregão)
24	2013	3-Jul	Elisson a Mario Belo	Barra do Pirai	48,5	2,23	20,38	Túnel #12, linha 2, 375 (Descobridor pregão)
24	2013	4-Jul	Frontin a Humberto	Barra do Pirai	25,5	1,27	17,59	Túnel #12, linha 2, 100m linear (Descobridor pregão)
25	2013	8-Jul	Elisson a Gurgel	Barra do Pirai	26	1,19	19,75	Excesso de pedra no desvio do pátio, e Linha 1 - km 70 + 450
25	2013	9-Jul	Frontin a Humberto	Barra do Pirai	22	1,28	15,00	Túnel #12, linha 2, Desguarnecendo bolsão no suspiro do túnel
26	2013	16-Jul	Helisson a Mario Belo	Barra do Pirai	17	1,05	15,69	Linha 2, Túnel #2
30	2013	13-Aug	Helisson a Mario Belo	Barra do Pirai	17,5	0,44	23,86	superior do túnel #1 (Remoção de excesso de pedra para posicionamento de trilho para troca).
30	2013	14-Aug	Santana a Morsing	Barra do Pirai	4,5	0,16	16,88	Intervalo linha 2 (engastamento de 3 bolsões na linha 1 próximo a PN Santana).
30	2013	15-Aug	Morsing a Martins	Barra do Pirai	21,5	1,25	15,18	Desguarnecendo total de bolsão no km 97+ 710 a 730 na superior do túnel.
31	2013	20-Aug	Helisson a Mario Belo	Barra do Pirai	26,5	1,27	18,28	Exgotando bolsão (ombro até a base do dormente), Km 70+300 a 328 e Km 70 + 250 a 279. Limpando canaleta km 70 + 250 a 291.
31	2013	21-Aug	Frontin a Humberto	Barra do Pirai	21,5	0,53	24,34	Trabalho do túnel 12 linha 1, produção de 10m linear de bolsão
31	2013	22-Aug	Palmeira a Mario Belo	Barra do Pirai	36,5	1,13	23,08	Túnel 75, km 324-563 ao 325-106, desguarnecendo ombro esquerdo 6 metros
32	2013	26-Aug	Mario Belo a Gurgel	Barra do Pirai	21,5	0,55	23,45	Linha 1 - Túnel #3, 3 bolsões, km 76+630, 640 e 670
32	2013	27-Aug	Palmeira a Humberto	Barra do Pirai	25,5	1,46	14,43	Linha 2 - Túnel #12, bolsão sob chafi + valeta na superior do túnel
32	2013	28-Aug	Palmeira a Humberto	Barra do Pirai	17	0,38	26,84	Linha 1, inferior túnel 8 (km 82+280), bolsão 10 metros
32	2013	29-Aug	Gurgel a Palmeira	Barra do Pirai	17	1,30	11,33	Linha 2, Túnel #7 - Bolsão 8m linear e valeta na entre-via para escoar água
33	2013	4-Sep	Humberto a Martins	Barra do Pirai	51,5	2,08	24,34	Linha 2, Desguarnecendo entre-via para escoar água de bolsão, km 91+800 a 92+000
33	2013	5-Sep	Palmeira a Frontin	Barra do Pirai	30,5	1,44	17,60	Linha 1 Túnel 11 e km 83 e linha 2 Túnel 11
35	2013	20-Sep	Pires a P1-05	P1-07	39	1,51	21,08	Túnel 75, km 324-563 ao 325+106, desguarnecendo ombro esquerdo 208 metros
36	2013	23-Sep	Pires a P1-05	P1-07	34	1,27	23,45	Túnel 75, km 324-563 ao 325+106, desguarnecendo ombro esquerdo 6 metros
36	2013	27-Sep	Pires a P1-05	P1-07	26	1,13	21,37	Túnel 75, km 324-563 ao 325+106, desguarnecendo ombro esquerdo 151 metros
37	2013	3-Oct	P1-08	P1-07	13	0,38	20,53	Túnel 68, km 278, desguarnecendo de entre-via para escoamento de bolsão 18m
38	2013	9-Oct	Pires a P1-05	P1-07	38	1,27	26,21	Túnel 75, km 324-563 ao 325+106, desguarnecendo ombro esquerdo 120 metros
38	2013	10-Oct	P1-08	P1-07	43	2,15	19,11	Túnel 68, km 278, desguarnecendo de ombro direito e excesso de pedra
38	2013	11-Oct	Pires a P1-05	P1-07	81,5	3,17	24,82	Túnel 75, km 324-563 ao 325+106, desguarnecendo ombro direito 235 metros e 20 casas para troca de dormente.
39	2013	14-Oct	Pires a P1-05	P1-07	8,5	0,20	25,50	Túnel 75, km 324-563 ao 325+106, desguarnecendo ombro direito 31 metros
39	2013	17-Oct	P1-08	P1-07	26	0,54	28,89	Viaduto 81, 15 metros de ombro esq. e dir. e viaduto 82, 17 metros de ombro esq. e dir.
39	2013	18-Oct	Pires a P1-05	P1-07	86	3,02	28,35	Túnel 75, desguarnecendo 245 m linear e 20 casas para troca de dormentes
41	2013	30-Oct	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	41	1,28	27,55	Túnel 67, metros linear ombro direito
41	2013	31-Oct	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	51	1,48	28,33	Túnel 67, metros linear ombro direito
42	2013	5-Nov	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	64,5	1,54	33,95	Túnel 67, metros linear ombro direito
42	2013	6-Nov	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	17	0,45	23,67	Túnel 64, metros linear ombro direito
42	2013	7-Nov	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	38,5	1,24	27,50	Túnel 64m linear de canaleta direita, 47m linear de canaleta esquerda.
43	2013	12-Nov	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	72,5	2,19	21,29	Túnel 60, metros linear ombro esquerdo
43	2013	14-Nov	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	34	1,18	26,15	Túnel 60, metros linear ombro esquerdo
44	2013	19-Nov	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	34	1,29	29,17	Túnel 60, metros linear ombro esquerdo
44	2013	21-Nov	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	42,5	1,10	36,43	Túnel 60, metros linear ombro esquerdo
45	2013	26-Nov	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	51	1,16	40,26	Túnel 60, metros linear ombro esquerdo
45	2013	28-Nov	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	70	2,07	34,43	Túnel 60, metros linear ombro esquerdo
46	2013	3-Dec	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	77	2,17	29,43	Túnel 60, metros linear ombro esquerdo
46	2013	5-Dec	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	72,5	2,23	30,42	Túnel 60, metros linear ombro esquerdo
47	2013	10-Dec	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	51	1,33	32,90	Túnel 60, metros linear ombro esquerdo
47	2013	11-Dec	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	76,5	2,37	29,24	Túnel 60, metros linear ombro esquerdo
47	2013	12-Dec	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	85	1,56	43,07	Túnel 60, metros linear ombro esquerdo
48	2013	19-Dec	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	42,5	1,53	22,57	Túnel 60, metros linear ombro esquerdo
48	2013	19-Dec	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	17	1,06	15,45	Túnel 60, metros linear ombro esquerdo
2	2014	7-Jan	IPG e IBA	IPG	85	1,40	51,00	Túnel entre IPG e IBA, Desg. de 125 m linear de ombros esquerdo e direito.
2	2014	8-Jan	IPG e IBA	IPG	159	2,32	60,39	Túnel entre IPG e IBA, Desg. de 110 m linear de ombros esq. e 155m de ombro direito
2	2014	9-Jan	IPG e IBA	IPG	102	1,36	63,75	Túnel entre IPG e IBA, Desg. de 120 m linear de ombro direito e 105m linear de ombro esq.
3	2014	13-Jan	IPG e IBA	IPG	100	1,31	65,93	Túnel entre IPG e IBA, Desg. de 155m linear, ombro esquerdo, (km 4+975 ao 5+130)
3	2014	14-Jan	IPG e IBA	IPG	127,5	1,53	67,70	Túnel entre IPG e IBA, Desg. de 135 m linear de ombro esquerdo, (5+130 ao 5+285)
3	2014	15-Jan	IPG e IBA	IPG	187	3,12	58,44	Desg. de 325 m linear de ombro esq. e 10m linear de ombro direito, (4+070 ao 4+545 e 4+545 ao 5+555)
3	2014	16-Jan	IPG e IBA	IPG	144,5	2,00	72,25	Desguarnecendo de 220 m linear de ombro direito, (4+555 ao 4+775)
3	2014	17-Jan	IPG e IBA	IPG	137,5	2,01	68,18	Desg. de 220 m linear de ombro direito, (4+775 ao 4+870, 5+050 ao 5+075, 5+285 ao 5+185)
3	2014	18-Jan	IPG e IBA	IPG	149,5	2,29	60,20	Desg. de 190 m linear de ombro direito, (5+075 ao 5+205 e 4+370 ao 4+310)
4	2014	20-Jan	IPG e IBA	IPG	153	2,33	60,00	Desg. de 170m linear de ombro direito e esquerdo, (5+205 ao 5+515 e 4+310 ao 4+300)
6	2014	5-Feb	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	34	2,10	15,69	Túnel 60, Desg. 277 m de lateral direita (96+684 ao 96+407)
6	2014	6-Feb	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	30,5	1,26	21,28	Desguarnecendo de 130m linear lateral direita, (89+630 a 89+700) e 15m linear lateral esquerda (89+630 a 89+645)
7	2014	10-Feb	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	42,5	2,33	16,67	Desguarnecendo de 280, linear nas laterais esquerda e direita. (km 85,380 ao 88,760)
7	2014	11-Feb	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	38,5	1,24	27,50	Desguarnecendo de 20m linear (sacos bag) nas laterais esquerda e direita.
7	2014	12-Feb	P2-06 ao P2-07	P2-06	61,5	2,49	21,83	Desguarnecendo de 135m linear nas laterais esquerda e direita.

Appendix D

1. June 1, 2015; Km71+445 to 71+429



Before – June 1, 2015



After Ballast Excavation - June 1, 2015

2. June 2, 2015; km74 + 232 to 74 + 018



Before – June 2, 2015



After Ballast Excavation – June 2, 2015

3. Summary of June 1 – 2, 2015 Production

Summary of MRS' June 1-2, 2015 Production						
Date	Hours Worked (Hrs)	Volume (m³)	Average (m³/Hr.)	Per Unit Cost (R\$/m³)	Per Unit Cost (\$ USD/m3)*	Total Cost (\$USD)*
1-Jun-15	1.82	39	21.43	R\$ 60.62	\$ 19.15	\$747.03
2-Jun-15	3.48	91	26.15	R\$ 60.62	\$ 19.15	\$1,743.07
Two Day Totals	5.3	130	24.53	R\$ 60.62	\$ 19.15	\$2,490.10

* NOTE: R\$ 1 = \$0.315978 USD Conversion Rate

Appendix E

1. Pictures of Railvac Undercutting beside platform on Third Rail Track



Condition Before Undercutting



Railvac Undercutting-Notice Third Rail and Dropped Ties



Railvac Sliding Dropped Ties onto Right-of-Way Under Third Rail



Railvac Staging New Ties Under Rails for Installation



New Ties Being Secured to Rails and Reattaching Third Rail



Track Waiting for Removal of Old Ties, New Ballast and Tamping

Main

Contract Detail

Machine RV16
Shift Date 04/28/2015 Night Tuesday
Project # 100017764
Call Time 04/28/15 22:00
Release Time 04/29/15 06:00
Lapsed Time 480 min
Consumables No

Customer Detail

Customer
Parent Company
Region
Division
Subdivision
Tie-Up Loc.
Line Segment -
Cust. Proj. # -
Report # -
of Trains 19

Daily Time Summary

Minutes	Production	Transit	Total
Operating Time	60	-	60
Dumping Time	30	-	30
Travel Time	80	-	80
Travel To Clear	-	-	-
Train Delay	280	-	280
Customer Delay	30	-	30
Machine Delay	-	-	-
Loram Delay	-	-	-
Force Majeure	-	-	-
Total Time Available:	480	0	480

Daily Production Summary

Total Production 24 ft 0.00 mi
Avg. Speed 24 ft/h 0.00 mph

Comments

Hard Copy Detail of Work Performed

Appendix E



Undercutting Bridge Deck



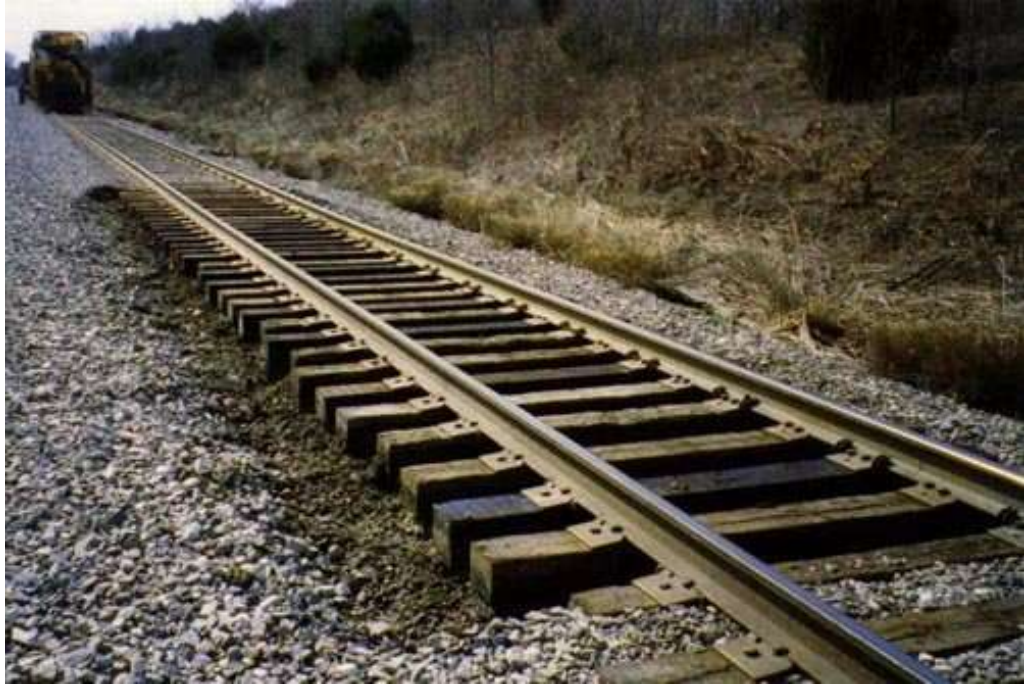
Bridge Deck Cleaning



Undercutting Switch and Turnout



Clean Up Taconite Pellets



Undercut Mud Spots – Open Track

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