Revenue Estimation of Pit Seam 14 Quarter Mine Block Sequence Design Based on Coal Reference Price Prediction at PT Alam Jaya Pratama, East Kalimantan Province

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Abstract

Seam 14 is one of coal prospects owned by PT Alamjaya Bara Pratama (PT ABP) with an estimated coal resources of $\pm 4,022,458.63$ tons which is will be produced in 2020 so that required a pit and mine sequence design used as a guideline in carrying out coal production activities. On the other hand, the uncertainty of coal prices caused the mine sequence design to be evaluated within a certain time as the coal reference price (HBA) was altered and company's production target. The model equation of coal reference price prediction in 2020 was carried out by using multiple linear regression method. Based on that model, prediction of coal reference price was obtained in CW 1 = \$80.21, CW 2 = \$81.47 and CW 3 = \$82.50. The Pit 14 was designed with the consideration of company's geotechnical recommendation which is can be achieved on the conditions of stripping ratio (SR) of 6 and 7. The mine sequence was designed base on the evaluation of coal production in 2019 (CW 1 = SR > 3, CW 2 = $3 \le SR \le 6$ and CW 3 = SR > 6). The calculation results of estimated revenue of Pit 14 with SR = 6 is CW 1 = US\$40,131,297.12; CW 2 = US\$36,431,457.31; and CW 3 = US\$19,601,965.40. Estimated revenue of Pit 14 with SR = 7 is CW 1 = US\$41,821,080.50; CW 2 = US\$39,204,128.39; and CW 3 = US\$31,715,767.60.

Keywords: Coal; coal getting; mine sequence; multiple linear regression; stripping ratio

1. Introduction

Seam 14 is one of the coal prospects owned by PT ABP with a large volume of resources which is estimated at 4,022,458.63 ton and will begin his production in 2020 thus it need a pit design that is used as a guidelines in carrying out that coal production activities [1]. The geometry of a pit design generally influenced by factors such as spatial characteristics of coal deposits, actual topography, geometry of safe slopes, and rates of profit in relation to the used value of stripping ratio (SR) [2].

Natural factors such as geological conditions (spatial deposits and geotechnical characteristics) are factors that occur beyond human control so that when designing the pit must adjust to that condition. On the other hand, the value stripping ratio was influenced by two main factors, namely amount of cost to be incurred to peel top soil and overburden and the coal reference price. The cost of mining operations is a factor that can be controlled by every mining company, but the magnitude of the coal price

*Corresponding author. Jalan Poros Malino km. 6 Bontomarannu Gowa, Indonsia 92171 depends on global market conditions. In the last few years, coal price performance in global markets tends to fluctuate as coal demand decreases due to economic retarding in China, other Asian countries and Europe. In addition, increased coal production in South Africa, Colombia and Indonesia caused surplus coal stocks in global markets to increase [3].

Price prediction is an integral part of economic decision making. Specifically, somebody can use predictions to try to earn optimal income from speculative activities, determine optimal government policies, or to make business decisions [4].

Multiple linear regression model is one of the common methods used by academics in making a prediction model. Regression analysis relates to the study of the dependence of a variable called dependent variable on one or more variables (independent variables). Regression analysis aims to estimate and or predict the average value of the dependent variable if the value of the explaining variable is known [5].

The uncertainty of the coal price in the global market and the world economic conditions that have not been stable cause mining companies, especially in Indonesia, difficult to choose the coal reference price as an input in designing a pit. On the other hand, coal price is one of the factors that need to be considered in determining the value of breakeven stripping ratio (BESR) as it can lead to the pit design which is made in the beginning of production year should be evaluated same as the mine sequence design also need to be evaluated in line with the change of coal price.

The prediction of coal reference price (HBA) is one of the solutions that can be done to get the approach value of coal reference price (HBA) in the future. Therefore, this research is done to predict the approach value of coal reference price (HBA) which can be used as consideration in determining the magnitude of break even stripping ratio (BESR), create a pit design of seam 14 coal prospects, create a block sequence design based on PT ABP coal production in 2019 and estimate the revenue of each sequence based on the coal reference price prediction.

2. Research Methods

Broadly, the research was conducted in three main phases, which is to predict the coal reference price using the econometrics model of multiple linear regression where the predicted result was used in calculating the break even stripping ratio (BESR), create a pit design with consideration of company's geotechnical recommendations, create mine block sequences design based on PT ABP coal production in 2019 and estimate the revenue of each sequence based on the coal reference price prediction.

2.1. Data collection

The coal reference price (HBA) prediction is done by using multiple linear regression models, the pit design and mine block sequences of coal mining requires some data to get the research activities can be done properly.

2.1.1. Coal reference price prediction data

Type of data that was used in predicting the coal reference price (HBA) by using the multiple linear regression is time series data, namely:

1. Coal Reference Price

The coal reference price was issued monthly by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources of the Republic of Indonesia. Coal reference price data in the time span of January 2009 until March 2019 was used in this research.

2. WTI Crude Oil Price

The WTI crude oil price was derived from www.investing.com which provides information about the movement and magnitude of WTI coal price periodically. WTI crude oil price data in the time span of January 2009 until March 2019 was used in this research.

3. Coal Consumption for Electricity Generation

The coal consumption was obtained from the monthly report issued by the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Coal consumption data in the time span of January 2009 until March 2019 was used in this research. 4. Renewable Energy Consumption

The renewable energy consumption was obtained from the monthly report issued by the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Renewable energy consumption data in the time span of January 2009 until March 2019 was used in this research.

5. Natural Gas Price

The natural gas price was derived from www.investing.com which provides information about the movement and magnitude of natural gas price periodically. Natural gas price data in the time span of January 2009 until March 2019 was used in this research.

- 6. Exchange Rate of Rupiah Against US Dollar The exchange rate was updated periodically by the Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Indonesia. Exchange rate data in the time span of January 2009 until March 2019 was used in this research.
- Oil and Gas Commodity Price Projection for 2020 -2025

Oil and gas commodity price projection data was obtained from www.pubdocs.worldbank.com which is that website belongs to World Bank Institution.

2.1.2. Pit and mine block sequence design data

The required data in designing of pit and mine block sequence, namely:

1. Geological Drilling

The geological drilling data was used in geological modelling of coal deposits (gridded seam model). Geological drilling data was obtained from the Geological Division of PT ABP.

2. Actual Topography Survey

The actual topography survey is a data that indicating the changes of the topographical condition along with the mine progress in certain periods. Actual topography survey data was obtained from the Civil Engineering Division of PT ABP.

- Bench Geometry Recommendation The bench geometry recommendation was issued by the Geotechnical Division of PT ABP based on geotechnical studies that was conducted in seam 14 coal prospects area. The recommended geometry is:
 - a. Single slope angle (high wall) : 60°
 - b. Bench width (high wall) : 5 meter
 - c. Bench height (high wall) :10 meter
 - d. Maximum request level (RL) : 50 meter
 - e. Overall slope angle (low wall) : 20° (based on seam 14 dip which is plan to be the pit floor)
 - f. Ramp width : Based on Komatsu HD-785 dimension.
- 4. Mining Equipment Specification The largest mining equipment that will be used in seam 14 coal prospects area was the Komatsu HD-785 with the detail specification is written in the Komatsu Specification Handbook of HD-785.
- 5. Mining Operational Costs The mining operational costs was obtained from the Directorate General of Mineral and Coal of the Republic of Indonesia which was contained in the Kepdirjen Minerba No. 579.K/32/DJB/2015. Mining operational costs can be seen in Table 1.

Costs Type	Description	Units	Costs Amount	Planned Costs
	Overburden Removal	US\$/bcm	2.41	2.41
Direct Production	Overburden Hauling	US\$/ton/km	1.74	3.48
Costs	Coal Getting	US\$/ton	1.70	1.70
	Coal Transportation to the coal processing plant location	US\$/ton/km	0.28	2.52
Indirect Production Costs	Coal Processing	US\$/ton	1.98	1.98
	Amortization, land acquisition or land replacement and depreciation	US\$/ton	6.88	6.88
	A. Utilization, management of reclamation and post-mining environments B. Occupational Health and Safety	US\$/ton	0.55	0.55
General and Administration Costs	C. Community Development			
Administration Costs	Overhead	US\$/ton	2.07	2.07
	Fixed Dues	US\$/ton	0.11	0.11
	Royalty	US\$/ton	20.3%	4.41
	Margin	US\$/ton	25%	6.53

Table 1. Mining operational costs

2.2. Data processing and analysis

Data processing and analysis was conducted in the Mine Planning and Valuation Laboratory, Mining Engineering Department, Hasanuddin University. The data processing and analysis is done by using the Eviews 9 in creating the econometrics model of multiple linear regression to predict the coal reference price (HBA), MineScape 5.7 is use in designing the pit and block sequence, and Microsoft Excel 2010 is use in further output data processing from Eviews 9 and MineScape 5.7. The research stages are:

1. Creating an Econometric Model of Coal Reference Price Prediction

Prediction of the coal reference price was carried out by using econometrics model of multiple linear regression. Coal reference price prediction equation was obtained from Eviews 9.

2. Econometric Model Validation of Coal Reference Price Prediction

The validation of econometric model was carried out by using the Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) test.

3. Pit Limit Design

The pit limit was designed base on company's geotechnical recommendation. MineScape 5.7 was used in designing the pit limit.

4. Pit Design

Pit design was created based on geotechnical recommendation and ramp width calculation in straight and corner condition. MineScape 5.7 was used in designing the pit.

5. Calculation of Mineable Reserve

The number of mineable reserve was obtained from the intersection of pit design and actual topography. The calculation was performed by using Microsoft Excel 2010.

6. Quarter Mine Block Sequence Design

The quarter mine block sequence design was created base on evaluation of PT ABP coal production in 2019. Block sequence design was carried out by using MineScape 5.7. 7. Revenue Estimation of Quarter Mine Block Sequence Revenue estimation was calculated by multiplying the coal getting of pit design with coal reference price prediction using Microsoft Excel 2010.

3. Research Results

3.1. Multiple linear regression model and coal reference price prediction

Econometric model of multiple linear regression was obtained by interpreting the estimated outcome of the equation model generated by Eviews 9 (Table 2). The multiple linear regression equation model was used to perform the coal reference price prediction.

Before interpreting the equation of coal reference price prediction, previously the multiple linear regression need to be tested by the classic assumption test which is consists of normality test, heteroscedasticity test, multicollinearity test, autocolleration test, t-test, F-test, and coefficient determination test.

3.1.1. Normality test

Based on histogram of the models that shows a form like a bell and the value of Probability Jarque-Bera > 0.05 (α) (Fig. 1) it can be concluded that the model was distributed normally.



Figure 1. Histogram of econometric model

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
С	-164.5968	33.15924	-4.96383	0
NG	4.896968	2.915754	1.67949	0.0979
ERC	0.089055	0.019398	4.59107	0
ER	0.008979	0.001875	4.78846	0
COP	0.498939	0.108657	4.59187	0
CC	-1.45E-05	0.000153	-0.09477	0.9248
R-squared	0.601396	Mean dependent var		76.9076
Adjusted R-squared	0.570255	S.D. dependent var		16.1728
S.E. of regression	10.60204	Akaike info criterion		7.64179
Sum squared resid	7193.814	Schwarz criterion		7.83452
Log likelihood	-261.4625	Hannan-Quinn criter.		7.71834
F-statistic	19.31208	Durbin-Watson stat		0.45434
Prob(F-statistic)	0			

Table 2. Multiple linear regression model results

Table 3. Glejser heteroskedasticity test result

Heteroskedasticity Test: Glejser					
F-statistic	0.526809	Prob. F(5,64)	0.7551		
Obs*R-squared	2.767102	Prob.Chi- Square(5)	0.7358		
Scaled explained SS	1.719221	Prob Chi- Square(5)	0.8865		

Table 4. VIF test result

Variable	Coefficient Variance	Uncentered VIF	Centered VIF
С	1099.535	684.7437	NA
NG	8.501624	55.27376	2.591778
ERC	0.000376	178.5108	1.592015
ER	3.52E-06	377.9009	2.499943
COP	0.011806	33.58642	3.373953
CC	2.35E-08	55.08977	2.007341

3.1.2. Heteroskedasticity test

Heteroskedasticity test was carried out by using Glejser Test (Table 3), it shows that the value of Probability F-Statistic is 0.7551 which is greater than 0.05 (α) thus it can be concluded that the model has no heteroscedasticity symptoms.

3.1.3. Multicollinearity test

Generally, the statisctic tool that was used to find out the multicollinearity symptomps in econometric model is variance inflation factor (VIF). Based on Table 4, it shows that the value of Centered VIF from all of the variable in model was lower than 10 so it can be concluded that there is no multicollinearity symptomps.

3.1.4. Autocolleration test

Autocolleration test can be done by using the Durbin-Watson Test, the criteria that used in making the decision from Durbin-Watson Test is:

1) D-W < -2	: Positive Autocolleration
2) D-W > +2	: Negative Autocolleration

3) 2 < D-W < +2 : No Autocolleration

Based on Table 2, it shows that the value of Durbin Watson Statistic is 0.45434 so it can be concluded that there is no autocolleration symptomps because the value of D-W Statistic had been meet the third criteria of Durbin Watson Test.

3.1.5. F test

The aim of F test is to find out the influence proportion of independent variable which is used in constructing econometric model simultaneously to the dependent variable. Based on Table 2, it shows that the value of Probability F-Statistic is 0 which is lower than 0.05 (α) thus it can be concluded that all the independent variable in equation model simultaneously influenced the dependent variable.

3.1.6. t test

The aim of F test is to find out the influence proportion of independent variable which is used in constructing econometric model partially to the dependent variable. Based on Table 2, it shows that almost all of the independent variable has value of t-Statistic lower than 0.05 (α) which is influenced the value of dependent variable partially except for natural gas and coal consumption.



Figure 2. Comparative graphic of HBA actual and prediction

3.1.7. Coefficient determination test

The aim of coefficent determination test is to find out the influenced proportion of independent variable to dependent variable in percentage. Based on Table 2, it shows that the value of Adjusted R Square is 0.570255 so it can be concluded that the influenced proportion of independent variable is 57%.

3.1.8. Model validation and interpretation

Before interpreting the model equation of coal reference price prediction, previously the model must be validated using Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE). Based on the validation result, the value of MAPE is 12.04% it means that the model has a good performance to use in predicting coal reference price. Deviation between predicted and actual value can be seen in Figure 2. Now, the model equation can be interpreted from Table 2 and the equation result is:

$$HBA = -164,5968 + [4,896968(NG)] + [0,089055(ERC)] + [0,008979(ER)] + [0,498939(COP)] - [0,0000145(CC)]$$

where

- NG : Natural gas price
- ERC : Renewable energy consumption
- ER : Exchange rate of rupiah against dollar
- COP : WTI crude oil price
- CC : Coal consumption for electricity generation

Before predicting the coal reference price using the chosen model equation, previously the value of independent variable for prediction observations need to be known by using Simple Moving Average (SMA) Method for independent variable that had tendency to increased or decreased in certain period and for the value of independent variable that had tendency to fluctuate in certain period such as Natural Gas and WTI Crude Oil Price were determined from Oil and Gas Price Projection 2020 – 2025 by World Bank Institution. Prediction result of coal reference price can be seen in Table 5.

Table 5. Coal refe	erence price	prediction	results	(2020)
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Periode	HBA (Forecast)
Januari - 20	79.43
Februari - 20	79.71
Maret - 20	79.96
April-20	80.21
Mei - 20	80.42
Juni - 20	80.72
Juli - 20	81.09
Agustus - 20	81.47
September-20	81.79
Oktober - 20	82.06
November-20	82.28
Desember - 20	82.50

3.2. Pit and quarter mine block sequence design

3.2.1. Estimated mining operational costs

Mining operational costs is one of the important factors that need to be considered in determining the value of break even stripping ratio based on coal reference price prediction (HBA). As can be seen in Table 1, the amount cost of overburden stripping is \$2.41/bcm and total mining operation cost (exclude overburden stripping cost) is \$30.22/ton.

3.2.2. Calculation of break even stripping ratio (BESR(2))

The minimum and maximum value of coal reference price prediction (HBA) were used in this research to find out the allowable value of stripping ratio (SR) in creating pit design. Based on coal price prediction (HBA) as a whole, the minimum value is \$76,57/ton in Mei 2019 and the maximum value \$87,31/ton in January 2023.

1. Value of BESR(2) if HBA Prediction is \$76,57/ton Balance=HBA Prediction-Operational Mine Costs Balance=\$76,57/ton-\$30,22/ton Balance=\$46,35/ton

Furthermore, the calculation value of BESR (2) can be done by using the following equation:

- [BESR] _((2))=Balance⁄(Overburden Stripping Cost)
 [BESR] _((2))=(\$46,35/ton)/(\$2,41/bcm)=19,23≈20 bcm/ton
- 2. Value of BESR(2) if HBA Prediction is \$87,31/ton Balance=HBA Prediction-∑Operational Mine Costs Balance=\$87,31/ton-\$30,22/ton Balance=\$57,09/ton

Furthermore, the calculation value of BESR(2) can be done by using the following equation:

- [BESR] _((2))=Balance/(Overburden Stripping Cost)
- [BESR] _((2))=(\$57,09/ton)/(\$2,41/bcm)=23,69≈24 bcm/ton

3.2.3. Pit limit design

Technical factors that affect the determining and designing of pit limit design is stripping ratio which is calculated with an approach to BESR(2), recommended bench geometry based on geotechnical study, actual topography and geological conditions. The pit limit design was done by using MineScape 5.7 and the result can be seen in Figs. 3 and 4.

3.2.4. Pit and disposal design

The calculation of mine haul road (ramp) geometry must be done before creating the pit design. Generally, the mine haul road geometry was calculated in two different conditions namely straight and corner condition. The mine haul road geometry must be adjusted to the largest equiopment that will operate in the pit location (Komatsu HD 785).

1. Ramp width (straight condition)

The maximum width (Wt) of Komatsu HD 785 is 6.885 meters, thus the ramp width was calculated on a straight condition with two lanes (n) as follows. L_min=n .W_t+(n+1)(0,5 .W_t) L_min=2 .6,885 m+(2+1)(0,5 .6,885 m) L min=24,0975 m \approx 24,1 m



Figure 3. Pit Limit Design (SR = 6)



Figure 4. Pit Limit Design (SR = 7)

- 2. Ramp width (turn condition)
 - Komatsu HD 785 has a trail width (U) at 1.716 meters, front tire width when making a turn (Fa) at 1.410 and rear tire width when making a turn (Fb) at 2.093 meters, and the width of roadside (Z) at 4.679 meters. $W_{min=2(U+F_a+F_b+Z)+C}$ $W_{min=2(1,716 m+1,410 m+2,093 m+4,679 m)+4,679 m$ $W_{min=24,475 m \approx 24,5 m$

The disposal design that created in this research was designed by continuing the existed disposal area of Pit 7 (Eastern Disposal). This is done based on some technical consideration, such as to minimize the amount of run off water that flows direct to the pit. The pit design can be seen in Figs. 5 and 6.

3.2.5. Mineable coal reserve estimation

Determining the loss factor in estimating the mineable coal reserve is important because the result will become more realistic to the actual operational condition. The value of loss factor is 0.2, it means that 10 cm on roof and floor side of the coal seam wouldn't be included in estimation process. The minimum thickness of coal seam that will be included in estimating the coal reserve is 30 cm. The results of mineable coal reserve estimation can be seen in Table 6.



Figure 5. Pit 14 Design (SR = 6)



Figure 6. Pit 14 Design (SR = 7)

Table 6. Mineable coal reserve estimation results

Pit 14	OB Removal (bcm)	Coal Getting (ton)
SR 6	7,312,524.70	1,190,194.65
SR 7	9,602,251.09	1,391,812.52

3.2.6. Quarter mine block sequence design

The scenario of quarterly mine block sequence design was determined base on PT ABP coal production in 2019. Pit 7 North is one of the pit owned by PT ABP wiould be mined out at the end of the third quarter of 2019 with stripping ratio (SR = 3) and because of that PT ABP will be facing production deficit in the beginning of quarter 1 in 2020. Thus, Pit 14 was designed to avoid the production deficit and the mine block sequence scenario (Figures 7 and 8) that will be use is

- 1) Quarter 1 = SR < 3 (Blue Zone)
- 2) Quarter $2 = 3 \le SR \le 6$ (Green Zone)
- 3) Quarter 3 = SR > 6 (Red Zone)



Figure 7. Pit 14 (SR = 6) mine block sequence

The estimated revenue of Pit 14 (SR = 6) and (SR = 7) block sequence as can be seen in Table 7 and 8 shows that there is a downtrend but on the other side the coal reference price prediction was increased until the end of quarter 3. It's happen because there is no synchronization between the amount of coal getting and the movement of coal reference price prediction which is cannot be controlled by using the mine block sequence method. The comparative histogram of Pit 14 estimated revenue can be seen in Figure 9.



Figure 8. Pit 14 (SR = 7) mine block sequence

Table 7	Revenue	estimation	results of	pit 14 (SR = 6) for 2020	production
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Periods	Sequence Scenario	OB Removal (bcm)	Coal Getting (ton)	HBA (\$/ton)	Estimated Revenue (\$)	SR
CW 1	SR < 3	1,268,103	500,328	80.21	40,131,297	3
CW 2	$3 \le SR \le 6$	2,491,213	447,176	81.47	36,431,457	6
CW 3	SR > 6	3,541,863	237,600	82.50	19,601,965	15
Gra	nd Total	7,301,180	1,185,104	-	96,164,720	-
Stripp	ping Ratio		б			

Tabel 8. Revenue estimation results of pit 14 (SR = 7) for 2020 production

Periods	Sequence Scenario	OB Removal (bcm)	Coal Getting (ton)	HBA (\$/ton)	Estimated Revenue (\$)	SR
CW 1	SR < 3	1,332,526	521,395	80.21	41,821,081	3
CW 2	$3 \le SR \le 6$	2,796,084	481,209	81.47	39,204,128	6
CW 3	SR > 6	5,461,043	384,434	82.50	31,715,768	14
Gra	nd Total	9,589,654	1,387,038	-	112,740,976	-
Stripp	oing Ratio	7				



Figure 9. Estimated revenue comparison between Pit 14 SR 6 and SR 7

	Descr	ription	Produ	ction Cost	Estimated	Estimated	
SR	OB (bcm)	Coal (ton)	OB (\$/bcm)	Coal (\$/ton)	Prod. Cost (\$)	Revenue (\$)	Profit (\$)
6	7,301,180	1,185,104	5.89	26.74	74,695,254	96,164,720	21,469,466
7	9,589,654	1,387,038	5.89	26.74	93,574,358	112,740,976	19,166,618
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Table 9. Profit calculation results of pit 14 block sequence scenario

Figure 10. Profit Comparison Between Pit 14 SR 6 and SR 7

In choosing the best scenario between SR 6 and SR 7, it need to be validated by calculating the possible profit from that scenario. From that, the best possible scenario can be chosen. The profit calculation results can be seen in Table 9.

Based on Figure 10, it shows that the possible profit of Pit 14 SR 6 is \$21,469,466.23 and Pit 14 SR 7 is \$19,166,618.21. It can be concluded that Pit 14 SR 6 gives more profit than Pit 14 SR 7. The profit calculation was done by using Mining Operational Costs issued by Directorate General of Coal and Minerals on Kepdirjen Minerba No. 579.K/32/DJB/2015.

4. Conclusion

The coal reference price (in Indonesian: HBA) in the initial period was suffered a significant decrease of \$76.57/ton (May 2019) which previously is \$90.57/ton. After a significant decrease, the coal reference price (HBA) predicted to be increase at the maximum value of \$87.31/ton (January 2023).

The optimal stripping ratio were obtained by trial and error and still considering the company's geotechnical recommendation is SR = 6 and SR = 7. Estimated revenue of Pit 14 (SR 6) for coal production in 2020 at Quarter 1 = 40,131,297.12, Quarter 2 = 36,431,457.31, and Quarter 3 = 19,601,965.40, whereas the estimated revenue of Pit 14 (SR 7) for coal production in 2020 at Quarter 1 = 41,821,080.50, Quarter 2 = 39,204,128.39, and Quarter 3 = 31,715,767.60.

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