

BIG LIFT IN SMELTER OUTPUT

As a result of the present Avonmouth campaign shutdown Cockle Creek has been called upon to produce an additional 8,000 tons of zinc during 1972. The extra tonnage is being shipped to Avonmouth for selling on the British domestic market.

This output lift means that we are now on a virtually unrestricted production level for the remainder of the year. A continuation of this output rate will result in a record tonnage from Cockle Creek in 1972. Our target is 64,000 tons of furnace zinc. Output to the end of March was 15,600 tons.

The increase was applied on 12th February and production per week since this date has averaged approx. 1,350 tons per week.

COWPER STOVES PREVIEW

Following the closing down of the Smelter at Swansea, Wales, Sulphide Corporation purchased the Plant's Hot Blast Cowper Stoves, with a view to recovering any items which could be economically used in the construction of the proposed Stoves at Cockle Creek.

To date all the valves, burners, electrics and instruments have been removed to the manufacturer's works in the United Kingdom for overhaul and modifications to suit the planned operating conditions of our I.S.F. Plant. In addition approximately six hundred tonnes of checker bricks have been recovered, packed and are ready for shipment.

The present day cost of the recovered items if purchased new and delivered to Cockle Creek would approximate \$500,000.

The stoves are expected to come on line in the second half of 1973.

The upper section of the Hot Blast Stoves at Swansea showing the domes, the surplus L.C.V. gas flare stack in the background and the waste gas stack in the foreground.

