**Success Stories:**

**Regional Clean Coal Partnership Program**

The Regional Clean Coal Partnership (RCCP) Program was initiated at a regional workshop in Kolkata, India in September 2008. The RCCP program was initiated in response to the significant demand for coal in the SARI region and the resulting impact on regional security. The RCCP program has been designed to support regional energy security through the promotion of Clean Coal Partnerships. The discussion, interaction and deliberations among the participants and the speakers during the regional workshop and site visit was significant and has established the groundwork for continuing interaction among SARI countries.

Following the regional workshop, SARI/Energy organized a week-long course in July 2009 on coal preparation and beneficiation. The program was able to acquaint and acclimatize the participants to the principles of clean coal preparation. The course also touched upon the issue of optimizing combustion efficiency of the coal. Through this program, SARI/Energy enhanced the understanding of development of coal beneficiation and preparation among the participants. SARI/Energy partnered with India’s premier Coal Research and Development Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CIMFR), Dhanbad, Jharkhand, India for this initiative.

Moving the RCCP is continuing to organize regional events and promote interaction among SARI countries on coal related issues. An Advanced Coal Management Program (ACMP), held in Kolkata in December 2009, presented best practices in enhancing the managerial potential of senior coal sector managers. The program will support these senior level managers to make strategic business decisions and develop cross functional skills to meet managerial challenges. Areas addressed included: marketing and management challenges, contract management and outsourcing, logistics management, transportation / material / mechanization, financial management, and the social and environmental dimensions of the coal industry.