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Sand preparation, moulding and regeneration

10th April 2018 at Coimbatore

Under the project
Capacity Building of Local Service Providers (LSPs)

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Workshop summary

Overview of workshop

Capacity Building workshop of Local Service Providers (LSPs) on Sand preparation, moulding and regeneration was organized by TERI on 10th April 2018 in association with COINDIA under GEF-UNIDO project. Total 63 participants were present during the workshop and for the industry visit, which was organized after the workshop. Agenda of the workshop and list of participants are attached in the annexure 1 and annexure 2 respectively.

Summary of points discussed in the meeting

The welcome address was made by Mr. S Kuppusamy, President & MD/CEO, COINDIA. He emphasized the importance of energy conservation in sand preparation and moulding in foundry, and thanked UNIDO and TERI for organizing the workshop.

Mr. Prosanto Pal and Mr Nilesh Shedge, TERI, made a joint presentation on the activities conducted in the cluster so far and the key highlights. Case-studies of energy monitoring in sand plant, power curves of sand plant motors, and other energy conservation options like variable frequency drives and timers were presented. Use of energy efficient motors and air management in sand plant were highlighted.

Mr. Arulmozhidevan, Integra Automation made a detailed presentation on green sand preparation. He explained in detail the green sand moulding process which is the most widely used process for casting production. Approximately 70-80% of the Grey/SG Iron castings are produced by green sand moulding process. Sand preparation and moulding is also very energy intensive. It is estimated that sand preparation alone account for up to 20% of the energy use in a mechanised foundry. Energy is typically used in sand conveying, preparation, moulding, mould handling, shakeout, reclamation, reconditioning and more conveying.

Mr Manish Kothari, Rhino Machines made a detailed presentation on principal moulding machines used in foundry viz. simultaneous Jolt Squeeze moulding technology working on compressed air, high pressure moulding technology working on combination of compressed air and hydraulic energy and high pressure moulding technology working on hydraulic. He explained that in terms of basic mechanical engineering, the efficiency of power transmission through compressed air has been considered the poorest – even if very popular and useful – to as low as 30%, which some manufacturers have been able to improve to a bit more. When comparing with Jolt Squeeze technology the high pressure routes have also a distinct advantage of weight saving as a result of the 5 to 6 times higher squeezing force applied with the right pre-compaction. The energy consumed per hour for a 600 x 600 mm box size in hydraulic was 0.19 kWh/mould while that for jolt squeeze technology pneumatic machine was about 0.3 kWh/mould (without factoring in the compressor efficiency here). This would impact a metal saving of about 2% from weight saving, about 0.5% from rejection and the contribution from 2.5% of additional saleable castings.

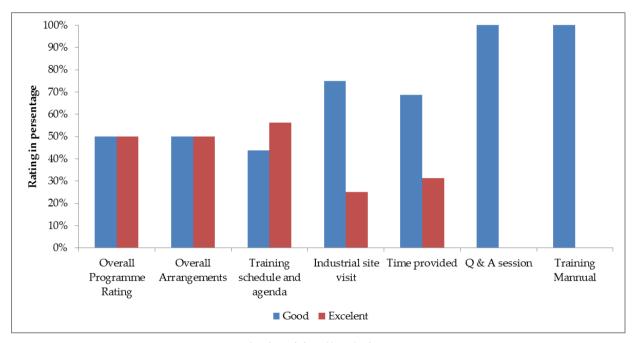
After the lunch, plant tour through the M/s Ammarun Foundries was arranged. The foundry is one of the leading foundries in Coimbatore and has a large and modern sand plant. Hence



the participants could see actual implementation of energy savings in moulding and other sections and benefit from the site visit. Selected photos of the workshop and visit are attached in the annexure 3.

Feedback forms

Based on the analysis of the feedback forms received from the participants, it is observed that workshop was well received by the participants and 80% participants were satisfied with foundry visit, Q&A session and training module provided to them. About 50% participants have rated overall program as "Excellent" while rest of them have rated it as "Good". More than 50% of participants were satisfied with arrangements made, training schedule and agenda of the program. Few sample feedback forms are attached in the annexure 4.



Analysis of feedback forms

Suggestions by participants

Some participants have made suggestions as follows;

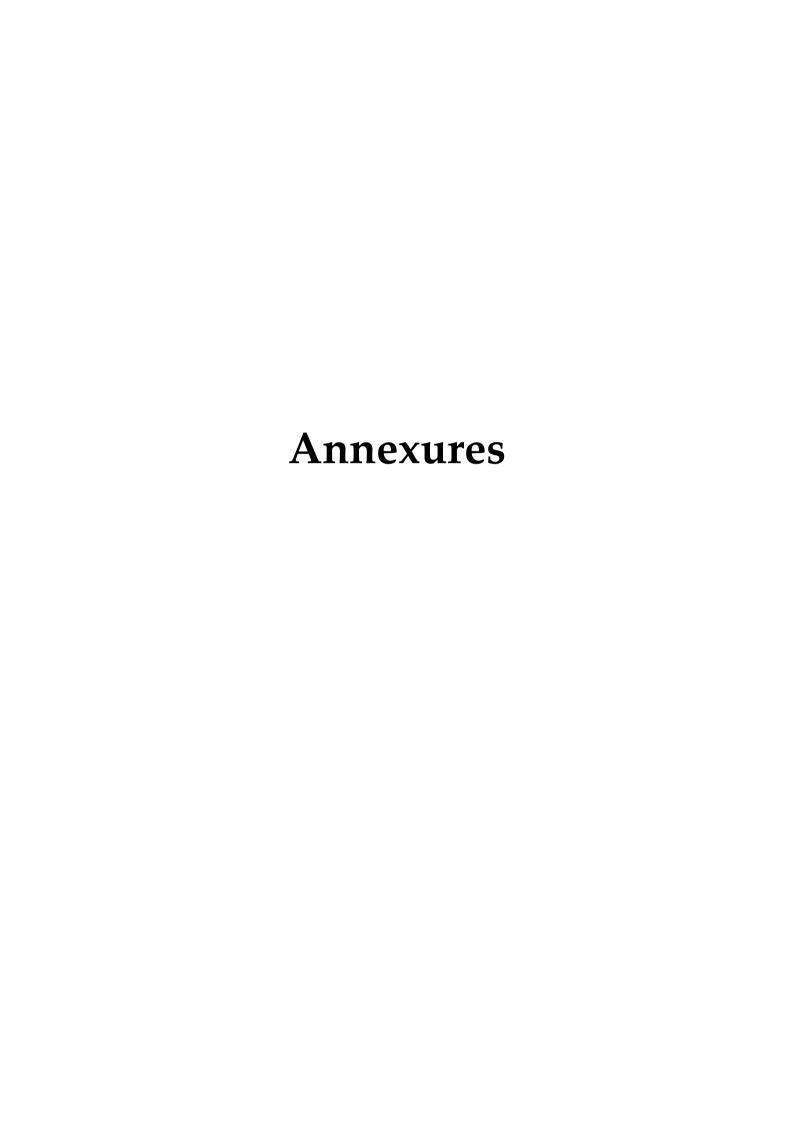
1) Regular program on different issues in foundries

Learning's by participants

Some of the topics learned by the participants and mentioned by them are listed below;

- 1) Development of sand system with low energy consumption
- 2) EE applicability in foundry industries
- 3) Zone wise energy consumption data analysis
- 4) Green sand preparation control





Annexure 1: Agenda of the program







Capacity Building Workshop Sand preparation, moulding and regeneration

Tuesday, 10 April 2018

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Agenda

10:00 - 10:30	Registration
10:30 - 10:40	Welcome Address Mr S Kuppusamy, President & MD/CEO, COINDIA
10:40 – 10:50	Special Address Mr Suresh Kennit, National Project Manager, GEF-UNIDO-BEE Project on EE / RE in MSMEs
10:50 – 11:05	Overview of activities conducted in Coimbatore cluster by TERI and energy saving opportunities in sand plant Mr Prosanto Pal, TERI
11:05 – 11:45	Green sand preparation & control Mr Arulmozhidevan, General Manager, Integra Automation
11:45 – 12:45	Sand mixing, moulding & regeneration Mr Manish Kothari, Rhino Machines
12:45 – 13:00	Q&A
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Site Visit / On-site training Visit to an industrial unit
16.00 – 16:30	Feedback from participants
16:30 – 16:45	Vote of thanks Mr Niranjan Rao Deevela, National Technology Coordinator, GEF-UNIDO-BEE Project on EE RE in MSMEs

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Annexure 2: List of participants











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Annexure 3: Selected photographs of the event





Annexure 4: Sample feedback forms







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Evaluation Sheet for Participants

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Annexure 5: Copy of presentations



TERI's activities and initial thoughts on energy savings in sand plant

Training Workshop

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Coimbatore 10 April 2018

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- Foundry industry TERI's experience
- Recent training activities in Coimbatore cluster
- Initial thoughts on energy savings in sand plant





- Started working in foundries since 1991
- > Initial energy audits in Agra and Howrah
- Demonstration DBC + PCS installed at Howrah in 1998
- > Over 130 TERI designed DBC in operation
- 185 detailed energy audits conducted in induction furnace units in Kolhapur & Rajkot
- > Over 60% of the audit recommendations implemented

Training programs at Coimbatore Foundry Cluster



S. No.	Training topic	Date	Number of participants
1	Energy conservation	9 th Feb 2018	50
2	Pollution control system	2 nd Mar 2018	53
3	Lean manufacturing	21st Mar 2018	60
4	Sand Preparation	10 th April 2018	







Field visit to M/s Aqua Sub Engineering Foundry (Unit II)







Capacity building workshop on Pollution control system





Field visit to M/s PSG Foundries







Capacity building workshop on Lean manufacturing







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Field visit to M/s Ellen Industries Pvt. Ltd.





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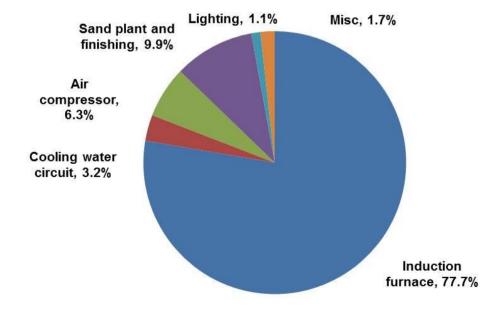


- (1) Improving energy efficiency of Induction furnace
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 - Revamp
- (2) Energy-saving in other areas (moulding, air compressor, lighting, ladle preheating, heat treatment)
- (3) Energy-saving by improving yields

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Energy usage in typical induction furnace foundry









Areas of energy savings in a plant



- (1) Improving energy efficiency of furnace
 - · BOP
 - Retrofit
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- (2) Energy-saving in other areas (moulding, air compressor, lighting, ladle preheating, heat treatment)
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Energy saving opportunities in Sand Plant

Tuesday, 10th April 2018
Coimbatore
Nilesh Shedge











Contents



- Energy Monitoring
- Power Curves and Application of Kaizen
- Energy Saving Options





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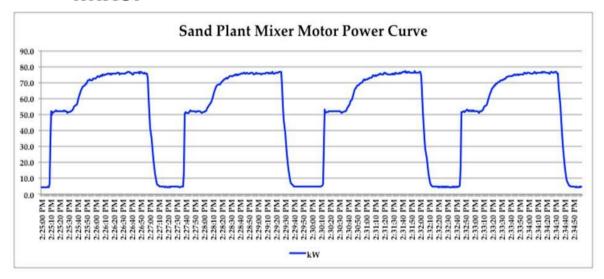


- Data monitoring
 - Per day kWh
 - > Per hour kWh
 - > Per cycle
- Specific Energy Consumption
- kWh/kg of sand
- kWh/cycle
- Frequent Energy Audits of Sand Plant

Power Curves



➤ Typical Power curve of Sand plant Mixer

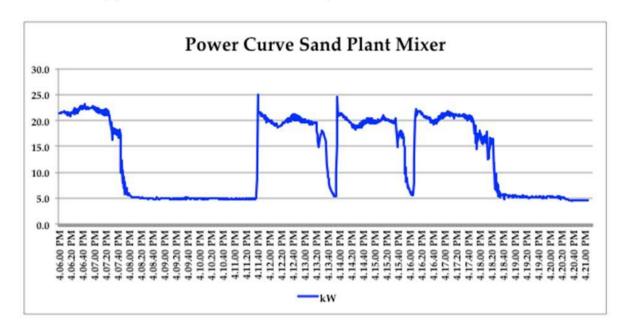




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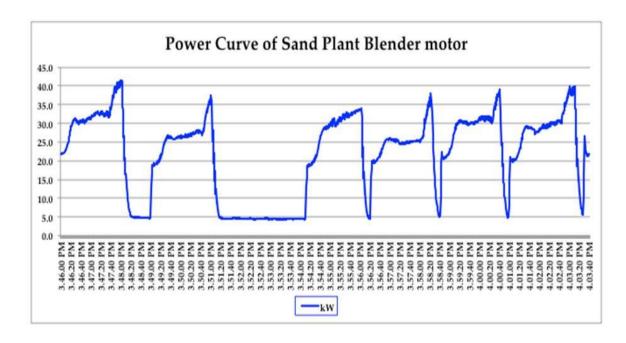
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Power Curves



>Typical Power curve of Sand plant Blender motor





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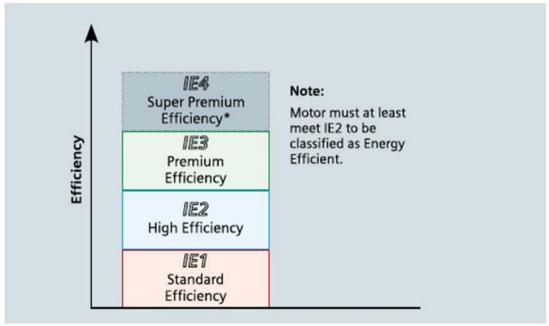




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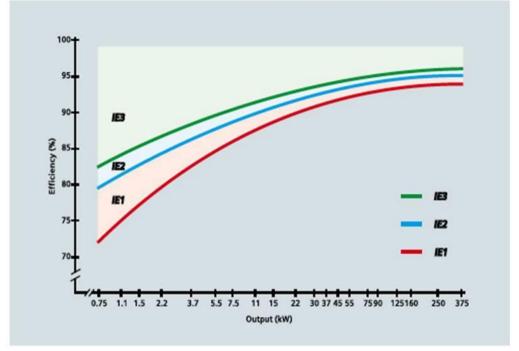






IE3 motors





Air management



- Optimum usage of air at optimum pressure
- Avoid leakages in the pneumatic systems
- · Demand side management for air
- · Use of dedicated receiver for sand plant
- · Improved house keeping practices





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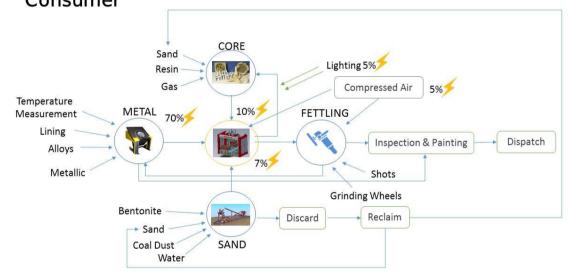
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At Workshop Organised by TERI & COINDIA

Creating a Greener Sustainable Future for Foundries

Moulding Process – 2nd Highest Energy Consumer

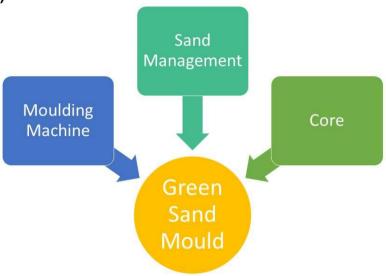






Moulding Technology Elements (Green Sand Process)





Energy Consumption in Green Sand Moulding



Green Sand Management

Sand Mixing

Sand Cooling

Sand Conveying

Dust Collection

Green Sand Moulding

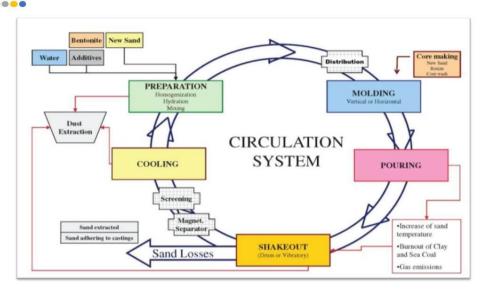
Mould Making

Mould Handling



Elements of Sand Handling System





Sand Mixers - Energy Consumption



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Batch (kgs)	220	250	500	760	500			
Process Time (sec)	360	180	100	120	140			
Output kg/hr	2,200	5,000	18,000	22,800	12,857			
Power (kW)	7.5	13	67.5	68.5	33			
Utilisation	85%	85%	85%	85%	NA			
Power Consumed kW/hr	6.375	11.05	57.375	58.225	NA			
Specific Power Consumption kW/MT	2 90	2.21	3.19	2.55	1.60			



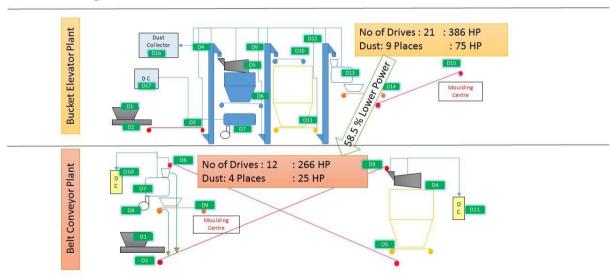
Sand Cooler – Energy Consumption



Specific Power	Consumption l	w/MT for Pop	ularly Known Sa	nd Coolers
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	Rotary Drum Evaporative Cooling	Fluidised Bed with Heat Exchanger Tubes	Eight Type Cooler Evaporative Cooling	Mixer cum Cooler Evaporative Cooling
Output kg/hr	10,000	1,000	22,000	20,000
Power (kW) - only cooling	7.5	18.5	44	11
Utilisation	85%	85%	85%	85%
Power Consumed kW/hr	6.375	15.725	37.4	9.35
Specific Power Consumption kW/MT	0.64	15.73	1.70	0.47

Handling Energy – Bucket Elevator vs Belt Conveyor







Sand Handling – Installed Energy Calculation



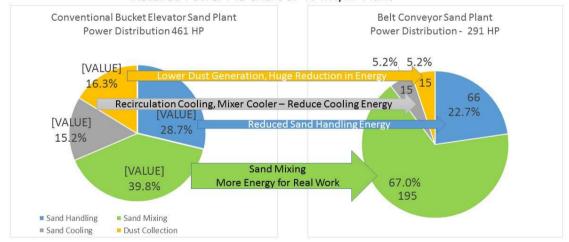
Belt Conveyor Plant - Eq	ot & HP	Bucket Elevator Plant – Eqpt & HP			
KNOCK OUT M1 & M2	7.5	КО	10		
VIB.FEEDER M1 & M2	3	VF	3		
BC	10	BC	10		
OBMS	2	OBMS	3		
PS	10	BC	5		
PS Suction	10	BE	15		
BC	5	PS	7.5		
BC	10	FBC	7.5		
Screw	1	BC	5		
RMC Drive	210	BE	15		
RMC Dust Collector	15	BC	10		
BC	7.5	FBC	7.5		
		Screw Conveyor	4		
		Mixer	183.6		
		FBC	7.5		
		BC	7.5		
		BC	7.5		
		BC	7.5		
		Cooler Blower	40		
		Cooler DC	30		
		Central DC	75		
TOTAL HP	291		461.1		

		Conveyor Plant	Bucket Elevato Plant		
	HP	%age of Total	HP	%age of Total	
Sand Handling	66	22.7%	132.5	28.7%	
Sand Mixing	195	67.0%	183.6	39.8%	
Sand Cooling	15	5.2%	70	15.2%	
Dust Collection	15	5.2%	75	16.3%	
Total	291		461.1		

Comparison of Energy Utilisation



Installed Power Pie Chart of 40 MT/hr Plant





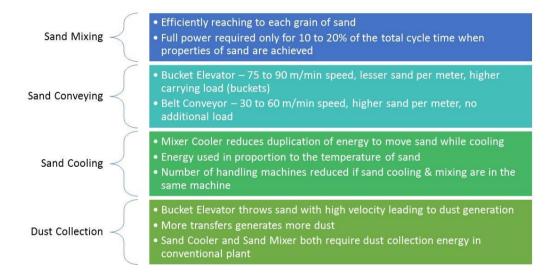
Estimated Impact of Energy on Casting Production



	BE Plant	BC Plant
Installed Power HP	461	291
Utilisation of Power (Load)	85%	85%
Power consumed - kW/hr	288.13	181.88
Sand Plant Capacity MT/hr	40	40
Power for Sand Processing kW/MT	7.20	4.55
Saving in kWh/MT of Sand Processed		2.66
Sand : Metal Ratio	8.00	8.00
Power per MT of Casting kW/MT	57.63	36.38
Cost of Power Rs/kWh	8.00	8.00
Energy Cost Rs/MT of Casting	461.00	291.00
Impact on Casting Cost due to Energy in Rs/MT		170.00

Sand Plant Energy Efficiency Differentiators







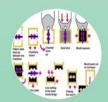
Types of Moulding Machines – Broad Classification





100% Compressed Air

Simultaneous Jolt Squeeze Moulding Technology working on Compressed Air



Compressed Air & Hydraulic Energy

High Pressure Moulding Technology working on combination of Compressed Air and Hydraulic Energy



Full Hydraulic

High Pressure Moulding Technology working on Hydraulic Energy only

JSQ v/s FM - The Energy & Process Advantage of FM*



Specific Squeeze Force 1.5Kg/cm²



Reduces Weight Improves Dimensional Accuracy

> Improves Global Competitiveness

Energy saving 30% in Machine 50% in Machining 2% in Material

Safe Working Conditions

Safety as per International Standards Adheres to Pollution Norms High Pressure Moulding

Specific Squeeze Force 10 kg/cm2 (6 times)



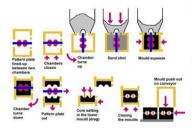




Typical Energy Comparison Hyd-Air v/s Fully







Cake/Box Size 600 x 500 mm						
75,000	Moulds per Month	30,000				
36,375	Units Consumed per Month	6,563				
3.6	Power Cost per Mould	1.6				
2,72,813	Estimated Energy Bill per Month	49,219				
FM consumes 55% lesser Energy						

Typical Comparison

Hydraulic Horizontal Flask Moulding Machine







 ${\it Disclaimer: Data\ are\ indicative-tabulated\ to\ invoke\ the\ energy\ efficiency\ debate}$

Commercial Comparison Comp Air v/s Fully Hydraulic

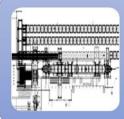


Process & Energy Economics 350 TPM FM v/s JSQ							
Weight reduction saving @ 2.5%	@ Rs 15,000/MT	Rs 12.6 Lakhs					
Power Saving @0.2 kWh/mould (600x600 box)	@ Rs 8.0/kWh	Rs 17.28 Lakhs					
Manpower Reduction in Process	@ Rs 15,000/man/month	Rs 5.40 Lakhs					
Recurring saving year on year Rs. 35.28 Lakhs out of which 50% is from Direct Energy and 30% contributes directly to Melting Energy							



Mould Handling – the energy efficiency market evolves





Use of Customised Machines for Turnovers, Box Closing, Box Separation, Box Cleaning, Sprue Cutting, Hydraulics



Robots working with Servo Motors, more than 50% energy reduction in Mould Handling

Mould Plant Energy Differentiators



Moulding Machine

- Compressed air is known to have 12 to 30 % conversion of energy from Electrical Energy to Compressed Air
- Minimising movements for the same process requirements
- Calculating peak energy requirements with detailed energy demand study on timeline basis

Mould Handling

- Optimising the number of movements with good time
 & motion study can reduce the energy in conventional process
- Understanding the actual need of movements for meeting process requirements – use of Robots have a huge saving



Green Sand to Core Sand Reclamation Reclamation Courtesy – Flometallics (Brakes India) Jhagadia



Test Results:

Original Sand	Test Data	Accepted S2 Reclaimed Sand at Rhino	Accepted S3 Reclaimed Sand at Rhino	Accepted S3 Reclaimed Sand at FIPL
58 to 60	AFS	54 to 58	50 to 52	52 to 54
6 to 8%	LOI	0.06 to 0.08	0.03 to 0.06	0.03 to 0.06
Not checked	ADV	3.5 to 4 @ 7.5 pH	3.5 to 4 @ 7.5 pH	2.2 to 2.5
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RECLAIM SAND STRENGTH TEST SAMPLES



Dog bone sample



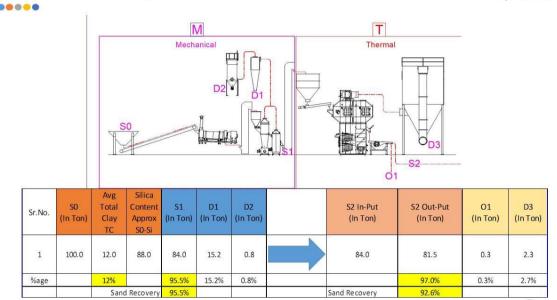
Transverse sample





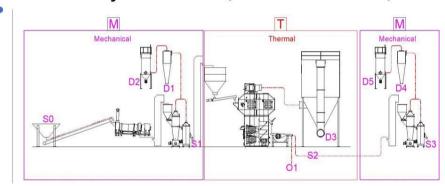
Green Sand to System Sand (Mech + Thermal)





Green Sand to System Sand (Mech + Thermal)





Sr.No.	50 (In Ton)	Avg Total Clay TC	Silica Content Approx S0-Si	S1 (In Ton)	D1 (In Ton)	D2 (In Ton)	S2 In-Put (In Ton)	S2 Out-Put (In Ton)	O1 (In Ton)	D3 (In Ton)	8	S3 In-put (In Ton)	S3 Out-Put (In Ton)	D4 (In Ton)	D5 (In Ton)
1	100	12	88	84	14.0	1.9	84.0	81.5	0.3	2.3		81.5	70	11.2	0.2
%age		12%		95.5%	14.0%	1.9%		97.0%	0.3%	2.7%			86.0%	13.8%	0.2%
		Sano	Recovery	95.5%			Sand Recovery	92.6%				Sand Recovery	79.7%		



Processing Cost Moulding Sand(S2) & Core Sand (S3)*



Green San Input - Return Sand (Output - Thermally Reclaimed	rom Gree	n Sand System	Process
Green Sand Reclamation Plant Cos	it		
	Qty	Unit Rate in INR	Cost per MT in INR
Direct Processing Costs			
PNG m3/MT, Rs/M3 (running)	33	38.0	1,254
Energy Cost (kWh, Rs/kWh)	86	8.0	688
Direct Cost of Regenerated Sand	in Rs/MT	of Useful Sand	1,942
Manpower Cost/MT (B)			152
Cost of Cold Start - Rs/MT (C)			43
Total Cost of Sand Processing with	Manpow	er & Cold Start	2,137

Green Sa Input - Return Sanc Output - Reclaimed Sand for		n Sand System	oduction
Green Sand Reclamation Plant C	ort		
Green Janu Necramation Flance	Qty	Unit Rate in INR	Cost per MT
Direct Processing Costs			
PNG m3/MT, Rs/M3 (running)	33	38.0	1,254
Energy Cost (kWh, Rs/kWh)	116	8.0	928
Direct Cost of Regenerated Sar	nd in Rs/MT	of Useful Sand	2,182
Manpower Cost/MT (B)			108
Cost of Cold Start - Rs/MT (C)			43
Total Cost of Sand Processing wi	th Manpow	er & Cold Start	2,334





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