

"PROMOTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY IN SELECTED MSME CLUSTERS IN INDIA"

To develop and promote a market environment for introducing energy efficiency and enhanced use of renewable energy technologies in process applications in the selected energy-intensive MSME clusters, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in collaboration with Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) is implementing a project titled "Promoting Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in selected MSME clusters in India" funded by Global Environment Facility (GEF) and co-financed by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).

Installation of a screw compressor with in-build VFD in ceramic glazing unit

Objective

To minimize the energy consumption in the compressed air system by avoiding unloading of the compressor.

Implementation

Installed a screw compressor with inbuilt VFD in place of existing reciprocating compressor to reduce energy consumption.

Principle

The screw compressor is generally not equipped with valves and has no mechanical forces that cause unbalance. So, it can work at a high shaft speed and can combine a large flow rate with small exterior dimensions. VFD installed screw compressors can speedup and slowdown in response to load. They are the best choice for efficiency when a compressed air load varies throughout the day.

- Offers a constant air flow at all times and guarantees a uniform pressure through out
- Improves the life of the compressor by limiting functioning time
- Reduces the electrical consumption of the compressor system.

VFD air compressors can reduce the energy consumption by 10 - 40% compared to modulating compressors.



Savings

₹ 4,01,000



Investment

₹ 9,80,000



Pay Back

30 months



Unit Profile

Champion Ceramic is a ceramic industry located in Thangadh. The capacity of the unit is 3600 MT of sanitary ware per year.

Benefits

- Improved life of the machinery & process output by maintaining constant header pressure
- Constant airflow at uniform pressure
- Reduced leakages
- Reduction in specific energy consumption in the compressed air system.



Outcomes



61,285 kWh of annual energy saving



₹ 4,01,000 of annual cost saving



50.2 T of CO₂ reduction per year (0.82 kg/kWh)



Replication Potential

In all the units with transformers on No-load

Cost Economics

Input motor power	28 kWh
Specific Power Consumption (kW/m ³ /min)	9.19
Proposed power consumption (kW/m ³ /min)	6
Reduction of power consumption	18 kWh
Reduction in annual energy consumption	61,285 kWh
Annual cost savings	₹ 4,01,000
Installation cost of new screw compressor with VFD	₹ 9,80,000
Simple payback period	30 months



Calculation

Energy savings per annum (kWh/year) = (Energy consumption before implementation - after implementation, kWh/month) * 12

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