







PROMOTING MARKET TRANSFORMATION FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

Ministry of micro, small and medium enterprises (MoMSME), Government of India in association with United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is implementing a project funded by Global Environmental Facility (GEF) titled "Promoting Market Transformation for Energy Efficiency in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises" in India. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) is the implementing partner for the project.

The overall project objective is to promote the implementation of energy efficiency in the MSME sector; to create and sustain a revolving fund mechanism to ensure replication of energy efficiency measures in the sector; and to address the identified barriers for scaling-up energy efficiency measures and consequently promote a cleaner and more competitive MSME industry in India. The project envisages to extend support to 470 MSME units across 10 identified energy intensive MSME clusters with a target of reduction of energy consumption by 110,000 tonnes of oil equivalent and greenhouse gas emissions by 1 million tonnes of CO2 emission, leveraging an investment of USD 150 million towards energy efficiency, during its tenure.

CASE STUDY - 3

Installation of Fiber Reinforced Plastic (FRP) based Withering Fan (6 Troughs, 12 fans)

Objective:

Withering Fans is one of the key utilities in Tea processing units. Most of the units are having Cast Iron (CI), Cast Steel (CS) or Aluminum (AI) based withering fans to cater to their tea leaves withering operations, which consumes significant energy. The project envisaged saving in terms of energy through technology up gradation.

Implementation:

The unit replaced 39 Cast Iron based fan with Fiber Reinforced Plastic based withering fans. The project supported replacement of the existing CI based withering fans with FRP based axial fans to help units become energy efficient and cost competitive.

Principle:

Withering is the first step in tea manufacturing process wherein the moisture in green leaves is reduced by almost 30% (from 90% in fresh green leaf to about 70% moisture in withered leaf). In withering process, axial fans are used to provide the required air-flow for reducing the moisture.

Fan blades made up of Fiber-Glass Reinforced Plastic (FRP) is specially designed with aerodynamic properties to ensure uniform air flow over entire blade length. These blades are corrosion and erosion resistant and deliver more air flow with less power consumption.







Unit Profile

Goneshbari Tea Co. Pvt Ltd., incorporated in the year 1954, is a leading CTC tea producer in the region. The unit produces close to 15, 00,000 kg of made-tea annually. Located at Mohanbari Airfield, Dibrugarh , Assam, the plant has state-of-the-art facilities to produce good quality tea. The unit is equipped with 6 numbers of troughs to cater to their withering requirements

Benefits

- 10% to 15 % cost saving
- 10% energy saving
- Efficient Airflow
- Corrosion resistance
- ◆ 5% to 10% maintenance cost reduction

Project Economic



Project Impacts



Cost Economics

Energy Consumption (Baseline)	39.6 kW
Energy Consumption (Post Implementation)	26.9 kW
Annual Energy Saving	44,396 kWh/y
Annual Monetary Saving	Rs. 3,93,000
Investment	Rs 5, 37,000
Simple Payback	1.4 Years

After

Replication Potential





The technology has significant replication potential in across all industrial process. In Jorhat Tea Cluster, the replication potential is expected in 36% of the units i.e. around 143 units. **Calculation**

Savings in terms of energy: Baseline energy consumption (kWh/yr) – Post Implementation energy consumption (kWh / yr).



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