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# Final Report on the Project "Gasifier based Energy Generation System at Cocodrilo, Cuba"

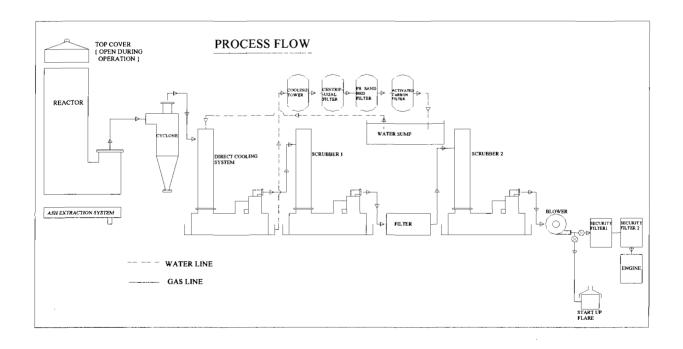
#### UNIDO Project No.: GP/CUB/05/001

#### UNIDO Contract No.: 16001226

The project was undertaken to set up a 70 kg/hr gasifier with a suitable dual fuel engine for Power generation at Cocodrilo on Island of Juventad, Cuba.

#### I. Process Description of IISc open top down draft gasification system

The overall schematic of the gasifier system is shown in **Fig.** This is basically an open top downdraft system, where both gas and feed stock move downward as the reaction proceeds. The air required for gasification is partly drawn from the top, and the remaining from the air nozzles surrounding the combustion zone and central air nozzle directed to the reactor core. The required suction for this process is obtained from the engine (or the blower depending on the mode of operation). Bio-residue after drying and pyrolysing in the upper zone of the reactor undergoes volatile combustion becoming char by the time it reaches the oxidation zone. In the oxidation zone the volatiles undergo oxidation with the release of  $CO_2$  and  $H_2O$ . These product gases undergo reduction, in the presence of hot bed of charcoal, and yield a combustible gas mixture. The hot gas exiting at the reactor bottom passes through cooling and cleaning system consisting of water sprays, Scrubbers and fabric filters depending upon the requirements. Further the gas flows through the primary blower and then branches into two streams, one stream leads to the pilot burner and another to the engine. Water used for cooling the gas can be used either as a single pass or re-circulated by using a water treatment plant



Sub system.	Items	Qty.
Reactor with ash extraction	<ul> <li>Ceramic lined reactor with top cover</li> <li>Ash extraction system fitted to the reactor bottom</li> </ul>	1 No.
unit	• Instrumentation for pressure measurement at reactor exit.	
Structural	• Suitable support structure to facilitate gasifier operation with epoxy coat of paint.	1 No.
Gas cooling scrubbing & filtering system	<ul> <li>Suitable cooling and cleaning system to maintain the temperature and quality of the gas</li> <li>Water dump to collect wash water under the cooler</li> </ul>	1 set
	<ul> <li>Suitable water pumps</li> <li>Water plumbing from/to water sump</li> <li>Fabric filter</li> </ul>	
Water cooling and treatment system	A suitable cooling tower with flocculation tanks and recirculation pump	1 set
Blower	Mild steel blower with high quality epoxy paint and with shaft seal arrangement	1 No.
Pilot burner	Stainless steel swirl burner along with flame arrestor	1 No.
Plumbing	Corrosion resistant gas and water piping with necessary valves and fittings	1 set
Engine Generator	A suitable Diesel Engine Generator mounted on anti vibration mounting (AVM) with producer gas adaptation to generate 220/110V at 60 HZ along with 12 V battery, diesel tank and control panel	1set
Biomass loading system	A winch based manual biomass loading system	1 No
Miscellaneous	<ul> <li>One oxygen measuring system for safety</li> <li>Water manometers at various locations</li> </ul>	1 set
Spares	• Essential gasifier and engine spares for one year maintenance	1 set
Tools	• Essential tools for gasifier and engine maintenance	1 set
O & M manual	• Comprehensive operation and maintenance manual for gasifier and engine published in English	1No

# II. Gasifier and Engine Systems – Technical Specifications

### III. Auxillaries

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i)	Biomass chipper	A suitable biomass chipper to meet the requirement	
ii)	Wood chip drier	A suitable wood chip drier to control the biomass	
	_	moisture level to the specified level.	

# **IV. System Specifications**

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Parameter	Details
Gasifier Type	Open top, twin air entry, down draft gasifier system
Gasifier Capacity	70 kg/hr
Dual fuel engine capacity	55 kWe (The net available after in-house consumption will be 47 kWe)
Turndown ratio	4:1
Diesel Replacement	80%
Tar and particulate level in gas after cooling, cleaning train at rated load	<10 ppm
Tar and particulate level in gas after cooling, cleaning train at $2/3^{rd}$ of Full load	<15 ppm
Tar and particulate level in gas after cooling, cleaning train at 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> of Full load	<25 ppm
Calorific value of gas generated from gasifier and its composition	Mean Cal value is $4.6 \pm 0.2 \text{ MJ/Kg}$ Composition: CO: $20 \pm 1\%$ ; CH <sub>4</sub> : $2.0 \pm 0.5\%$ , H <sub>2</sub> : $20 \pm 1\%$ , CO <sub>2</sub> : 12 $\pm 1\%$ and rest N <sub>2</sub> .
Standard System elements	Reactor, cooling and cleaning system, DG set
Auxiliaries	Biomass cutter, Biomass drier
Feed stock	Any solid bio-residue of bulk density over $250 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , ash content less than 5% and moisture content less than 15%.

Size of feed stock, mm	60 x 25 x 25 and a mix in lower ranges
Allowable moisture content in biomass	< 15%
Biomass to gas conversion efficiency	80 %
Water requirement, m <sup>3</sup> /hr	14
Parasitic load, kWe	8.0
System Running	System will be designed to run 24 hours on rated load
Annual Plant Load Factor (APLF)	> 75%
Biomass requirement	$1.1 \pm 0.1$ kg/kWh with < 15% moisture and < 5% ash content fuel
Man power requirement	2 operators per shift for gasifier and 1 operator per shift for biomass processing

### V. Plant Control

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Voltage Control	Through Governor of Engine
Safety Device	(1) Oxygen Monitor for gas
	(2) Pressure relief diaphragm at mixing chamber near
	engine
Gasifier and Water	Through Control Panel provided for the sake
treatment plant	
operations	

### VI. Miscellaneous Item

Platform	For approach to gasifier for observation and loading of	
	biomass	
Fire Extinguisher	1. Sand	
(Recommended)	2. CO <sub>2</sub>	

# VII. Specification of Equipment

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Description	Unit	Particulars
GASIFIER	1 no	
Manufacturer		
- type	IBG - 70	IISc Open top down
		IISc Open top down draft re-burn Biomass

		Gasifier
- weight	Kg	3000
- max. gas production	Nm <sup>3</sup> /hr	175
- min. gas production (in continuous	Nm <sup>3</sup> /hr	58
operation)		
- gas heating value max. load	kJ/Nm <sup>3</sup>	5.0
- gas heating value 60% load	kJ/Nm <sup>3</sup>	4.6
- max. fuel moisture content	% (d.b.)	15
- max. fuel ash content	%	5
- max. fuel size	mm x mm x mm	60 X 30 X 30
- min. fuel size	mm x mm x mm	15 X 15 X 15
- fuel size distribution requirements		Mix in the above
		range
- min. fuel bulk density	Kg/m <sup>3</sup>	250
- type of ash removal system		Screw based dry
		extraction
- auxiliary power consumption gasifier	kWh/kWh	8
- gasifier start up time	Min.	10

Description	Unit	Particulars
GAS TREATMENT SECTION	1 set	
- type (filter bag, cyclone, impingement, scrubber, others)		Filter bag, cyclone, scrubbers and chill water scrubber
- weight	Kg	1500
- cleaning (automatic, manual)		manual
- maintenance requirements	Man hours/kWh	6.7 X 10 <sup>-4</sup>
- gas tar content after complete gas treatment section:		< 2 ppm
- gas dust content after complete gas treatment section:		< 8 ppm
- auxiliary power consumption gas treatment section		7 kWh
- auxiliary water consumption gas treatment	Kg/kWh	Make up water amounting to 3% per day
- consumable requirements gas treatment section (specify)	M <sup>3</sup> /kWh	Nil

Description	Unit	Particulars
DIESEL ENGINE		
- manufacturer		Isuzu A-6BG1
- weight	Kg	1590 kg (Dry)
- cylinder volume	Ltr	6.5

- no. of cylinders		6
- type		Vertical inline
- rated speed	Rpm	1800
- compression ration		NA
- max. power output on producer gas (state standard)	kWh	55
- efficiency at 100 % load (state standard)	%	30
- efficiency at 60% load (state standard)	%	26
- governor manufacturer		-
- governor type no.		-

Description	Unit	Particulars
GENERATOR		A standard make.
- manufacturer		-
- type nr.		-
- model		DCA-75SPI
- make		-
- weight	kg	-
- kVA rating	kVA	75
- kW rating	kW	60

Description	Unit	Particulars
ELECTRICAL CONTROL PANEL		A standard make.
- type nr		-
- model		-
- make		-
- weight	kg	-
- kVA rating	kVA	75
- kW rating	kW	60
- Voltage meter		Provided
- Ammeter		Provided
- frequency		Provided
- kWhr meter		-
- Protection		Included
- Change over switch if any		-
- Earthing details		Will be provided
		later
- Cables from alternator terminal to control panel		Will be provided
bus bar		later

Description	Unit	Particulars
OVERALL INSTALLATION		
- max. power output (delivered)	kW (el)	47
- min. thermal efficiency		75
- biomass fuel consumption for 1 hour period		
incl. start up:		70

- at 100% load		50
- at 60% load		
- biomass fuel consumption for 6 hour		
continuous operation:		
- at 100% load		420 - 440
- at 60% load		300 - 320
- operation requirements	Man-hours/kWh	0.1

Description	Unit	Particulars
MISCELLANOUS ITEMS		
- automatic plant load control		None
- weight		

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#### **Performance Test Report on Cuba System**

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Date of Test - 6/7/07

The gasifier project sponsored by UNIDO for demonstration at Cocodrilo, Cuba was trial tested at CGPL. During the visit of Cuban delegation, performance tests were conducted to qualify the system. This report provides details of the long duration performance test conducted on 6/7/07. The testing process included familiarization of the equipment in class room sessions with detailed discussion of component specifications, operation and maintenance, do and don'ts and trouble shooting.

### **Performance Evaluation Test**

As a part of the training, the reactor was unloaded and re-loaded with fresh charcoal and biomass and gasifier was operated on  $4^{th}$  and  $5^{th}$  July for about 10 hours so that the charcoal at the nozzles is from the wood chips loaded. Before the start of gasifier, the diesel engine was run in diesel mode and fuel consumption and exhaust composition obtained at 40%, 60%, 80% and 100% of dual fuel mode power. The output power in dual fuel mode is fixed at 55 kWe at Bangalore conditions from the previous data obtained. Table 1 provides the load and other measurements taken in diesel mode.

Load kWe	Diesel Consumption kg/hr	SFC kg/kWh	Efficiency %
20.93	6.65	0.32	27
35.14	9.49	0.27	32
44.66	12.18	0.27	31
55.31	14.66	0.27	31

Table 1: Specific Fuel Consumption of Diesel Engine

The gasifier was started at 11:00 Am and allowed to operate for 1 hour in flare mode and later dual fuel operations were carried out at above loads for 1 hour at each load. Biomass was topped in the reactor before load change so that the consumption in that particular hour gives an indication of specific biomass consumption. Producer gas composition, biomass consumption, diesel replacement and exhaust composition were monitored during the test. Chart 1 shows the biomass consumption over the test duration. The biomass consumption remained steady excepting between 240 and 360 mins when the

load on the genset was high. The gas calorific value over the test duration is shown in chart 2. The gas composition remained steady and hence the calorific value remained over 4.5 MJ/kg over large part of test duration. The hot gas temperature also increased to more than 400  $^{\circ}$ C quickly and remained between 400 and 500  $^{\circ}$ C during the tests indicating stable reactor operations. Chart 3 shows the hot gas temperature with time. The diesel replacement in dual fuel mode is shown in table 2. Table 3 shows the specific biomass consumption in dual fuel mode. From the tables 3 and 4 it can be seen that nearing rated loads, the biomass consumption is less than 1 kg/kWh and diesel consumption is less than 75 ml/kWh. This value improves for long duration operations. The gasifier has met with the designed specifications and can be suitably deployed to site.

### Dryer test

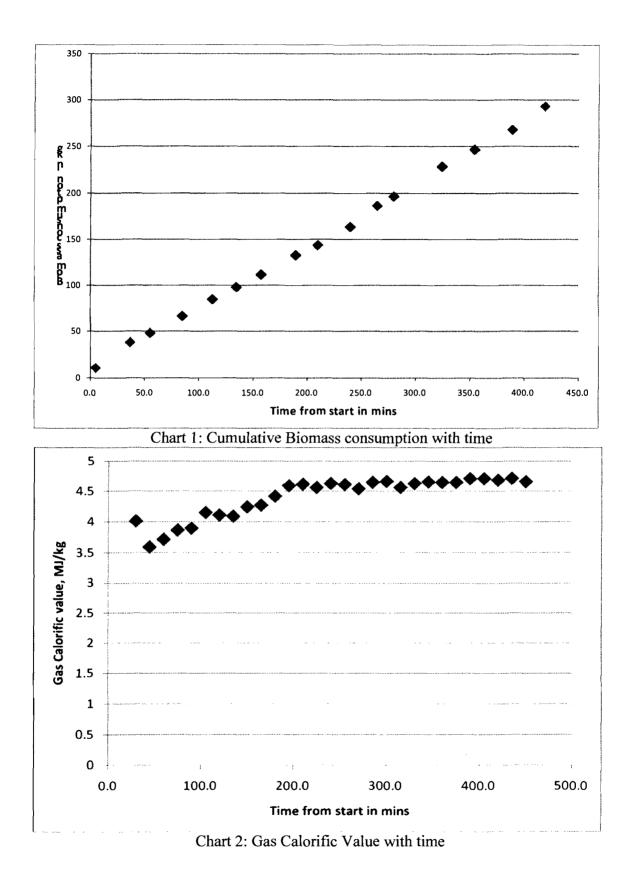
Dryer was tested with loading of 308 kg of biomass. The dryer was operated for 3 hours and the final dry weight of biomass is 288 kg. This suffices the system requirement.

### **Cutting machine testing**

The cutting machine was operated and cutting rate of biomass was tested for two hours. The first hour cutting rate was 90 kg/hr and second hour cutting rate was 100 kg/hr. An average cutting rate of 95 kg/hr will be more than the demand of the gasification system.

### Water treatment jar tests

To appreciate the effectiveness of the water treatment, jar test was demonstrated. The water sample from the gasifier sump was drawn. The non-ferric alum and polyelectrolyte of required concentration was added to the water sample and allowed to settle after stirring. Within 5 minutes the sludge got settled and clear water was demonstrated.



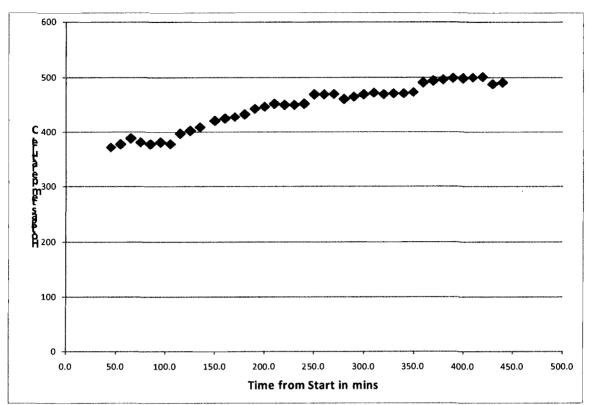


Chart 3: Hot gas temperature with time

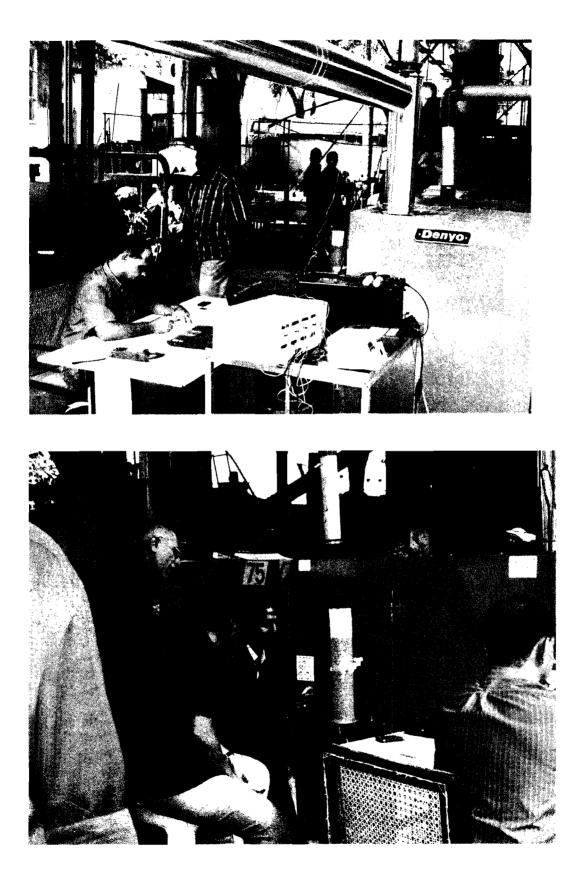
Table 2: Diesel Replacement in Dual fuel mode	•
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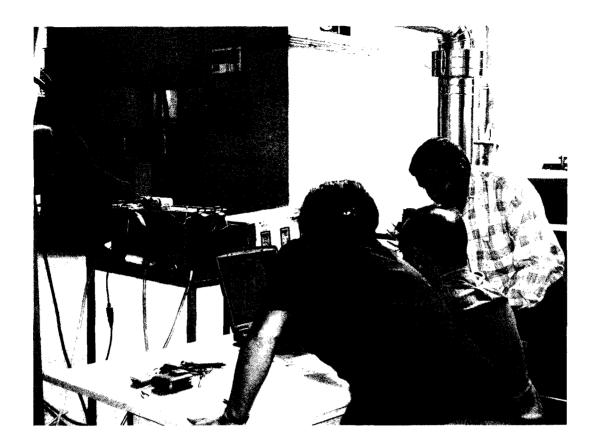
D	Duel fuel mode Diesel			Efficiency
Load	kg/hr	kg/kWh	Replacement	%
25.75	0.85	0.03	87.22	15
36.15	1.41	0.04	85.14	21
44.14	2.16	0.05	82.27	20
52.38	3.40	0.06	76.81	20

Table 3: Specific Biomass consumption in dual fuel mode

Load	Duration	Biomass consumption in the duration, kg/hr	Specific Biomass Consumption kg/KWh
26	1	36	1.38
36	1	35	0.97
44	1	43	0.98
52.	1	50	0.96

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## Data Sheets of the tests

### Pressure and Temperature readings of the Gasifier

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Time	Time from start in mine	Reactor will presure(P1)	Cooler-1 Inst(P2)	Cooler-1 Outst(P3)	Chill Cecilir Inist[P4]	Filler Intel(P6)	Filter Custos(P7)	Hot gas Temp(°C)	Colf gas Yomp("C)
11.45	45.0	-47	-51	40	160	230	-38	371	72
11:55	55.0	-49	-56	39	162	231	-35	377	72
12:05	65.0	-45	-51	36	160	235	-35	368	6.6
12:15	75.0	-41	-46	40	186	233	-35	380	7.5
12:25	85.0	-42	-47	40	170	234	-35	377	65
12:35	950	-42	-49	39	164	235	-34	380	71
12:45	105.0	-43	-46	40	164	234	-35	377	6.5
12.55	115.0	-45	-51	39	163	235	-35	396	98
13:05	125.0	-48	-56	29	150	235	-35	402	6.5
13:15	135 O	-40	-45	36	182	225	-35	408	6
13:30	150.0	-40	-50	40	160	225	-33	420	5.8
13:40	160.0	-41	-45	40	160	225	-34	424	5.9
13:50	170.0	-41	-44	41	160	228	-34	427	6.8
14,00	180.0	-41	-46	40	160	225	-33	432	6.7
14:10	190.0	-35	-40	41	160	230	-35	442	7.3
14:20	200.0	-35	-41	41	160	225	-33	446	6.6
14:30	210.0	-39	-44	38	150	215	-33	451	7.3
14:40	220.0	-41	-46	36	150	212	-31	440	7.2
14.50	230.0	-42	-50	30	144	212	-32	449	72
15:00	240.0	-42	-51	30	147	231	-30	451	6.8
15:10	250.0	-41	-48	30	146	230	-34	458	73
15 20	260.0	-42	-48	4	150	220	-30	468	7
15:30	270.0	-40	-44	44	160	245	-34	469	72
15 40	260 0	-39	-42	50	180	250	-37	460	74
15:50	290 0	-52	-60	50	136	210	-35	464	7.5
16:00	300.0	-49	-52	50	182	265	-55	468	12
16:10	310.0	-56	-60	38	170	245	-55	471	73
16:20	320 0	-55	-61	32	170	230	-55	468	60
16:30	330.0	-55	-60	30	160	230	-55	470	1
16:40	340.0	-56	-60	30	155	230	-55	470	73
16:50	350.0	-57	-84	25	148	215	-45	472	71
17:00	360.0	-54	-60	21	140	205	-40	490	6.9
17:10	370.0	-58	-61	20	140	203	-35	493	7.8
17.20	360.0	-58	-60	20	141	205	-35	495	76
17.30	390.0	-59	-66	18	139	202	-35	498	75
17.40	400 0	-58	-65	15	138	205	-35	497	76
17:50	410.0	-80	-86	12	130	209	-35	499	7
18:00	420.0	-62	-69	19	141	215	-45	500	77
16:10	430.0	-68	-71	18	140	215	-45	487	6.6
18.30	440 0	-75	-80	10	140	210	-55	490	65

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# Gas Composition

Producer Gas Composition							
CO	CO	CH.	01	H <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	Molwt	CV CV
			· · ·				MJ/kg
			Vol	(%)			
17.11	22.45	3.62	0.29	14.03	42.5	27.5214	4.009934
15.69	15.73	1.82	0.3	15.12	51.34	26.3792	3.589533
18.04	14.27	1.01	0.36	15.89	50.43	26.045	3.71194
17.46	15.26	1.37	0.38	16.8	48.73	25 9244	3.86120
18.18	14.63	1.3	03	16.51	49.08	25.9042	3.893693
19.32	13.69	1.17	0.31	1761	47.9	254838	4.146222
19.44	13.53	1.18	03	17.16	48 39	25.5736	4.105675
19	13.73	1.21	0.31	17.34	48.41	25.5556	4.086599
20.66	12.71	1.08	0.27	17.25	48 03	25.4298	4.24045
20.7	12.64	1.07	0.29	17.43	47.87	25.3738	4.268123
20.35	13.16	1.4	0.27	18.06	46.76	25.2528	4.41353
20.83	13.18	1.61	0.25	18.43	45.7	25 1338	4.589656
21.18	13.08	1.61	0.25	18.31	45.57	25.149	4.61439
20.84	13.28	1.55	0.26	18.38	45.69	25.1704	4.560376
20.57	13.66	1.76	0.26	18.64	45.11	25.1384	4.627343
19.85	14.12	1.85	0.27	18.96	44.95	25 1184	4.609828
21.22	12.8	1.39	0.25	18.24	46.1	25.1488	4.54266
20.45	13.48	1.66	0.26	19.06	45.09	250124	4 645736
20.9	13.32	1.72	0.26	1866	45.14	25.0836	4.863525
20.65	13.3	1.54	0 27	18 57	45 67	25 1258	4 56228
20.22	13.8	1.77	0.27	1891	45.03	25 0898	4.626243
20.1	13.98	1.81	0.38	19.14	44.59	25.0584	4.65335
20.37	13.75	1.89	0.27	1864	45.08	25.1376	4.646327
20.36	13.88	1.86	0.25	1874	44 91	25.1352	4.645716
21	13.5	1.85	0.25	18.62	44.78	25.1068	4.707709
21.11	13.38	1.89	0.26	1843	44.93	25.1326	4.70964
21.04	13.48	1.85	0.26	18.42	44.95	25.156	4.683873
20.91	13.74	1.96	0.26	18.5	44.63	25.1636	4.710375
21.17	13.26	1.77	0.28	18.27	45.25	25.1702	4.656121

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### **Biomass Consumption**

Biomass Consumption						
Time		Weight(kg)	Cumm(kg)	Remarks		
11:05	5.0	11	11	topped		
11:37	37.0	27	38			
11:55	55.0	10	48	topped		
12.25	85.0	18	66			
12:53	113.0	18	84			
1:15	135 0	13	97	topped		
1:38	158.0	14	111			
2:10	190.0	21	132	topped		
2:30	210.0	11	143	topped		
3:00	240 0	20	163			
3:25	265.0	23	186			
3:40	280.0	10	196	topped		
4:25	325.0	32	228			
4:55	355.0	18	246	topped		
5:30	390.0	21	267			
6:00	420.0	25	292	topped		

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### **Test Summary**

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Parameter	Guaranteed	Achieved		
Power Output	50 kWe generation including In- house consumption	- 55 kWe generation netuding in house consumption		
Gas Quality	Gas Calorific value 4.6 ± 0.2 MJ/kg	Gas Calorific value 4.6 ± 0.2 MJ/kg		
Fuel Consumption at rated load	<ul> <li>a) 1.1 ± 0.1 kg/kWh of biomass</li> <li>b) 60 - 90 ml/kWh of diesel</li> </ul>	a) 0.96 kg/kWh of biomass b) 60 ml/kWh of diesel		
Cutting machine	70 kg/hr	95 kg/hr		
Dryer	70 kg/hr	70 kg/hr		

The system has met the guaranteed parameters and can be suitable deployed to site.

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