

# TICHe Plant Design Competition Year 2021-2022

## “Cold Energy Utilization from LNG”

### 1. Background and Motivation

Liquefied natural gas (LNG) is natural gas (predominantly Methane, CH<sub>4</sub>, with some Ethane, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>) that has been cooled down to liquid at approximately -162 °C (-260 °F); form for ease and safety of non-pressurized storage or transport. When LNG changes its phase from Liquid to gas, the volume expands 600 times of original volume in the gaseous state. It is odorless, colorless, non-toxic and non-corrosive.

In Thailand, the energy demand will increase due to economic growth and an increasing population so LNG will be an energy resource to strengthen national energy security.

LNG is a cryogenic fluid having latent heat around 190 kWh of cold energy per ton under 100 barg. Typically, sea water is used as a heating medium to vaporize LNG from liquid to gas state for the regasification process in LNG terminal due to its low operating cost while the cold energy of LNG is wastefully discharged to the sea.

The propose of this study is to optimize and recover the cold energy to be a more environmentally friendly TERMINAL operation. One of the hardest problems in the recovery of cold energy is investment, commonly governed by financial break even.

### 2. Process and LNG plant basis of design

#### 2.1 TERMINAL Capacity and Throughput

At TERMINAL, LNG is re-gasified by vaporizers for gas send-out and deliver to a PTT gas pipeline network through new send-out gas line (Operating pressure max. 86 barg).

Design capacity of LNG terminal is shown as below table.

	Phase I
Required Send-out Capacity	7.5 MMTPA (nominal) 9.0 MMTPA (peak rate)
Average hourly gas send-out rate (t/h)	856
Maximum hourly gas send-out rate (t/h)	1,028

The terminal is available for 24 hours/day and 365 days/year operation.

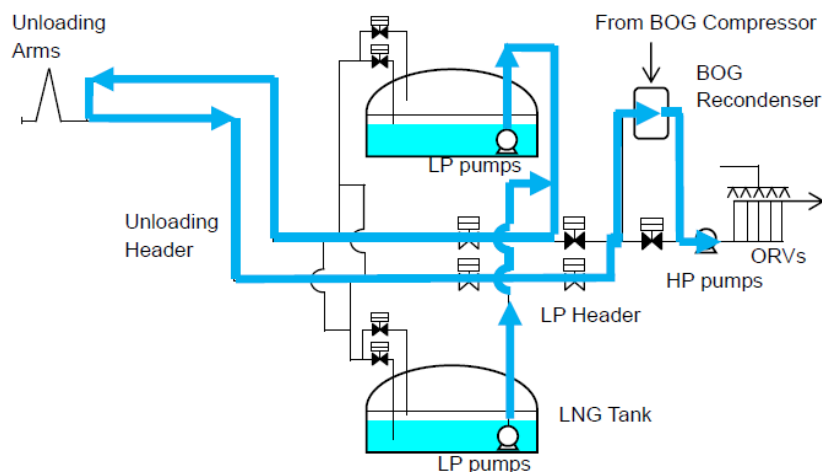
#### 2.2 LNG Sources

LNG composition for process design is shown in the table below.

Table 4.5.1 LNG Composition

Composition (mol %)	Lean Case	Rich Case	High N <sub>2</sub> Case
CH <sub>4</sub>	99.84	87.24	93.40
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	0.01	8.45	3.90
C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	0.00	3.15	1.12
i- C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	0.00	1.11	0.58
n- C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00
i- C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	0.00	0.05	0.00
n- C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00
CO <sub>2</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00
N <sub>2</sub>	0.15	0.00	1.00
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Molecular Weight	16.06	18.61	17.27
Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) @ b.p. at 1 atm	424.7	469.5	451.9

## 2.3 Process Description



Simplified diagram of existing LNG terminal

### 2.3.1 LNG Storage Tank

2 Full containment type of LNG tanks with an inner shell of 9%Ni alloy steel and a pre-stressed concrete outer shell (including roof) is used to contain LNG. To avoid any risk of uncontrolled spill, all instrumentation and piping connections to the tank is routed through the tank roof.

### 2.3.2 LNG Off-loading

LNG is withdrawn from the LNG tanks by in-tank LNG pumps (LP Pumps) installed in the pump wells. All LNG pumped up by the LP LNG pumps is sent to suction of High-Pressure LNG pumps (HP Pumps). LNG is pressurized to the pressure higher than pipeline maximum operating pressure by HP pumps and then sent to the vaporizers.

### 2.3.3 LNG Regasification

Open rack vaporizers (ORV) are used to re-gasify LNG by using the heat from seawater. ORV operating pressure changes depending on the pipeline pressure which fluctuates in the range of 50-86 barg. Operating temperature of natural gas is within 15.6 - 48.6 deg. C.

#### Types of LNG vaporizers available in the market

##### **(i) Open rack vaporizer (ORV)**

In the Open Rack Vaporizer, seawater flows on the surface of panels with many heat exchanger tubes (star-fin tubes) to vaporize the internal LNG. Seawater used as a heat source.

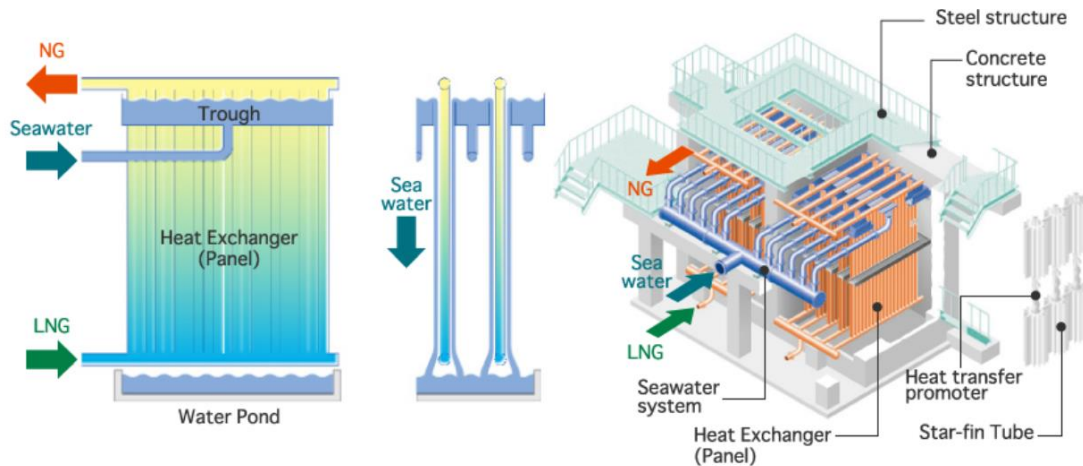
ORV is mainly composed of (1) Heat Exchanger, (2) Seawater system

##### **a) Heat Exchanger (Panel)**

Lining up several Aluminum heat exchanger tubes (called panel), flowing LNG inside the tubes, and LNG is to exchange heat with seawater that flows down outside of tubes and vaporized.

##### **b) Seawater system**

System for supplying seawater which works as heat source is consisted of seawater manifold, distribution pipe, and trough.



Configuration of Open rack vaporizer (ORV)

##### **(ii) Intermediate Fluid Vaporizer (IFV)**

The IFV is characterized by its unique concept of three heat exchangers and the use of intermediate fluid. Thanks to the use of intermediate fluid, the IFV is not subject to freezing and has a wider temperature range of the heating medium.

IFV is mainly composed of (1) E1: Intermediate Fluid Vaporizer, (2) E2: LNG Vaporizer, (3) E3: NG heater

##### **a) E1: Intermediate Fluid Vaporizer**

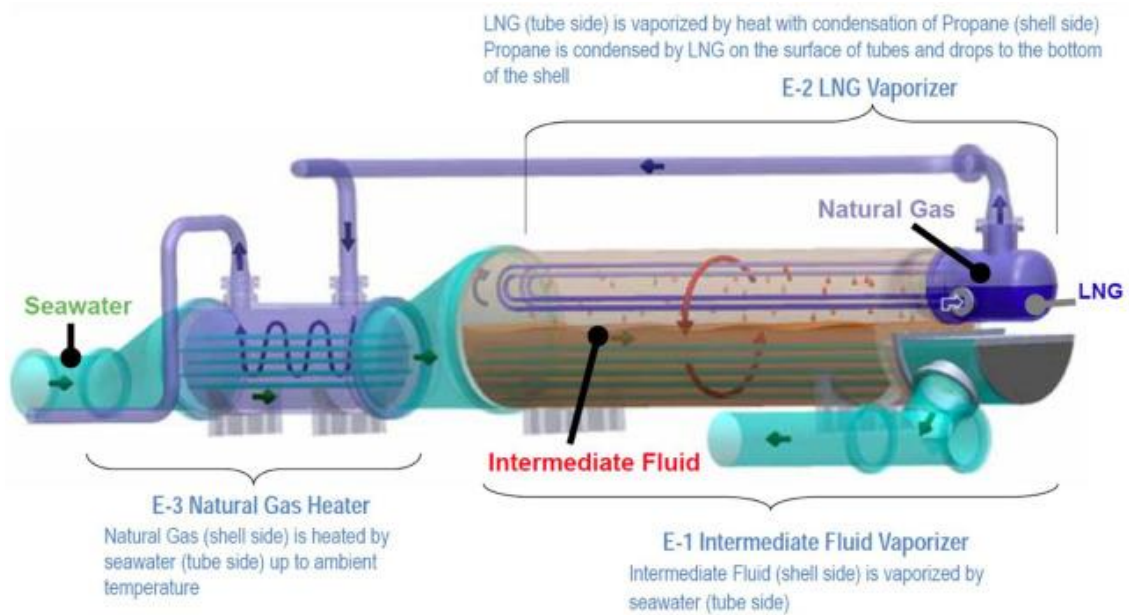
Intermediate fluid (shell side) is vaporized by seawater (tube side).

**b) E2: LNG Vaporizer**

LNG (tube side) is vaporized by the heat from the condensation of the intermediate fluid (shell side). Intermediate fluid is condensed by LNG on the surface of the tubes and dropped to the bottom of the shell.

**c) E3: NG heater**

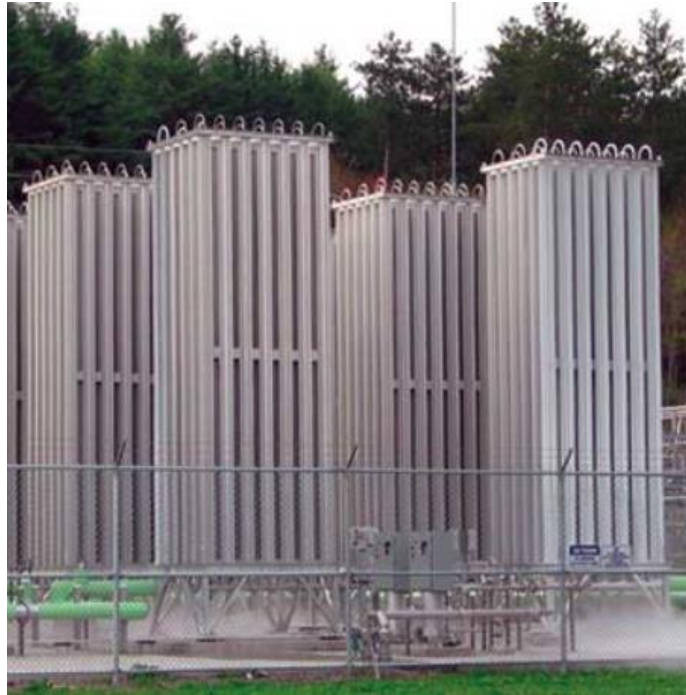
LNG (shell side) is heated by seawater (tube side) up to an ambient temperature



Configuration of Intermediate Fluid Vaporizer (IFV)

**(iii) LNG Ambient Air Vaporizer**

LNG ambient vaporizers use the natural convection of air to vaporize liquefied gases. Finned aluminum tubes absorb heat from the air and transfer it to the product gas. A combination of proprietary fin tube profiles maximize heat transfer performance and optimize run times.



Configuration of LNG Ambient Air Vaporizer (AAV)

**(iv) Submerged Combustion LNG Vaporizer (SCV)**

The LNG is warmed by flowing through tube bundles that are submerged in a water bath which is heated by flue gases coming from natural gas fired burners. The submerged combustion burner emits hot exhaust gas that directly heats the water bath by bubbling through the water to an exhaust stack. The flue gas will be cooled below the dew point, the water from the combustion condenses out giving up its latent heat to the water bath.

SCV is mainly composed of (1) Heat Exchanger, (2) Combustion system

**a) Heat exchanger**

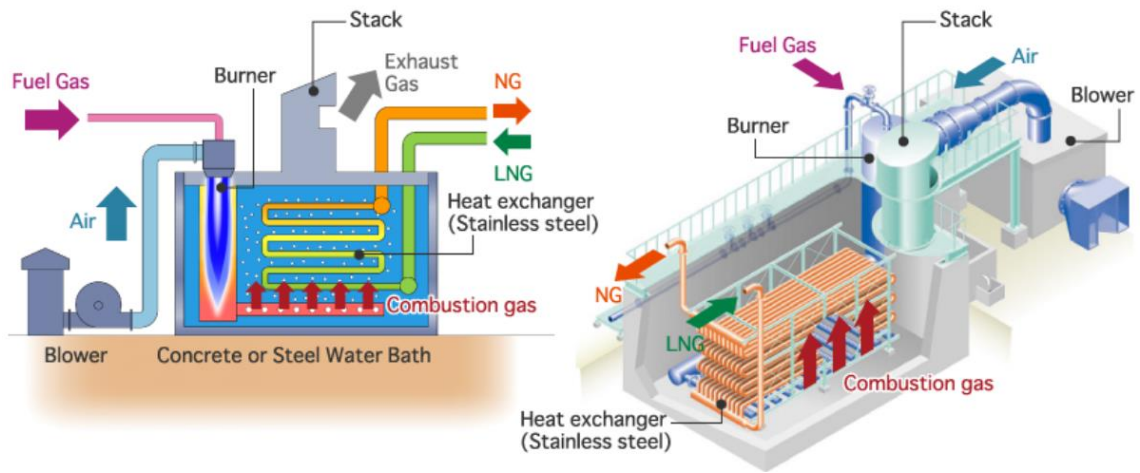
Heat exchanger is composed of bundled stainless-steel tubes. Flowing LNG inside the tubes,

LNG is vaporized exchanging heat from warmed water by combustion gas.

**b) Combustion system**

System for warming water bath by combustion gas produced at burner, composed of

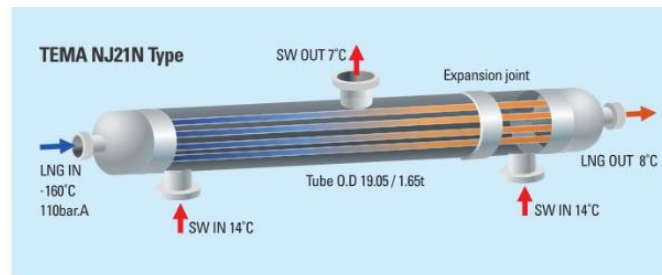
blower, burner, down comer, fuel gas piping, etc.



Configuration of Submerged Combustion LNG Vaporizer (SCV)

**(v) Shell and Tube vaporizer (STV)**

LNG that is being supplied from RV/FSRU (combination of LNG Tanker, Re-gasification facility and Gas unloading facility) by HP LNG Pump, is vaporized by HP Vaporizer. The seawater is utilized as a source of heat that vaporizes LNG.



Configuration of Shell and Tube vaporizer (STV)

**(vi) Plate heat exchanger (Cold box)**

Cold box is a complete package of brazed aluminium heat exchanger contained in carbon steel or stainless steel casing with structural support, insulation containment, and protection for the internal equipment. Insulation work of heat exchanger and piping assembly can be easily done by perlite insulation and inside of cold box will be pressurized and purged by dry nitrogen gas.

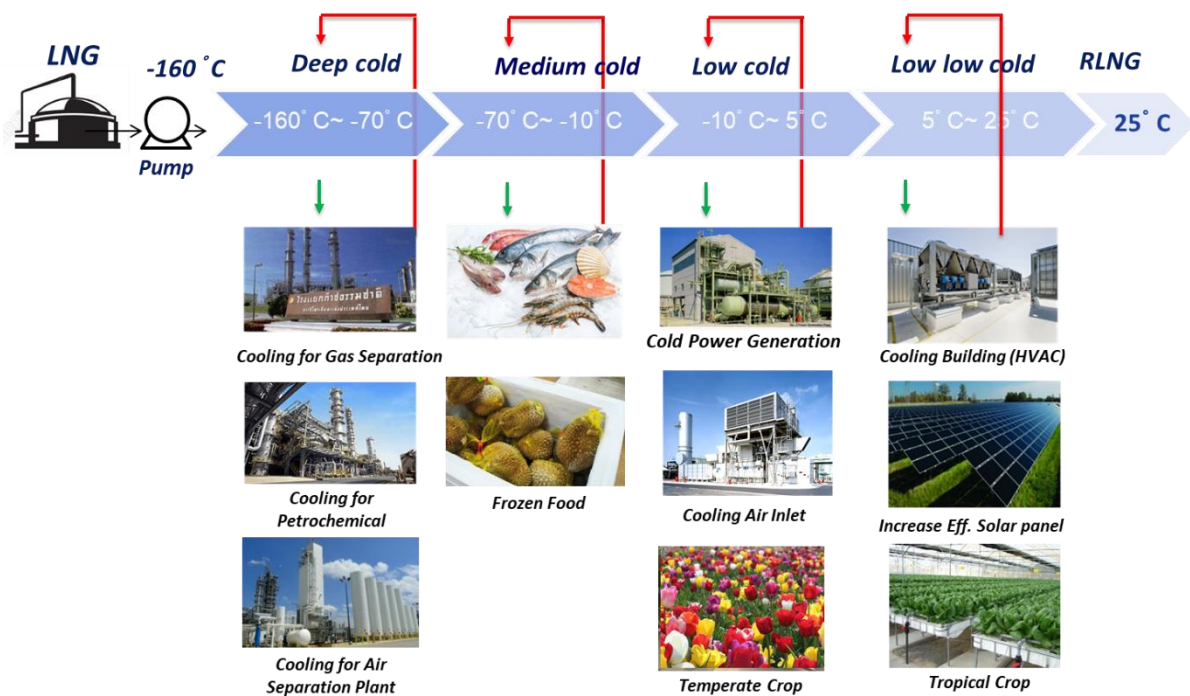


Configuration of Plate heat exchanger

### **3. Project Objective**

The objective is to perform a feasibility study including economic analyses of a new cold energy utilization plant in the Map Ta Phut Industrial Estate, Rayong. Your job is to define, analyze, evaluate, select, and design a valuable cold energy utilization process for LNG and related auxiliary facilities. An economic analysis report of the plant which you have designed is also required.

Typical cold energy utilization usage



**Note: it is mandatory to design a cold energy utilization plant for medium cold and low cold applications**

This is an open ended project. You need to incorporate all kinds of Chemical Engineering knowledges such as Thermodynamics, Plant Design, Unit Operations, Transport Phenomena, Process Control, HAZOP. You may utilize reliable outside information for the study. All assumptions made must be rational and be clearly stated. Its system configuration, pipe sizing, equipment unit capacity, way of control etc shall be determined by yourself. Any equipment, control devices, instrumentations etc that are necessary can be added as long as there is no information regarding in this document.

Your plant layout must be designed at areas as shown in the figure below

- 20 Rai area on west side of LNG terminal  
(The piping length from tie-in point up to battery limit is 460 m.)
- 60 m x 50 m area inside the LNG terminal  
(The piping length from tie-in point up to battery limit is 330 m.)



### **3.1 Design Requirements**

The process design of plant takes full account of the following main aspects:

- Plant to be available for 24 hours/day and 365 days/year operation.
- Safety of operations with safeguard systems consists of Safety Instrumented System (SIS)



- Simple plant operations with automatic routines where relevant
- High plant efficiency by selecting state-of-the-art equipment and superior thermal insulation
- High plant availability by selecting proven equipment and appropriate sparing equipment
- “No Flaring” philosophy in normal operation
- Direct or indirect media for cold energy transferring to your plant to be also considered environmental and safety perspective.  
e.g. Direct transferring LNG to be limited in only industrial area which clearly define hazardous area in case of leakage. It might be not safe if it goes through residential and public areas.

### 3.2 Design Parameters

3.2.1 SI unit to be used for all design assumptions.

3.2.2 Your plant to be designed to utilize cold energy via using high pressure of LNG. LNG must be taken from High pressure LNG header and to return the natural gas in gas phase to High pressure NG header.

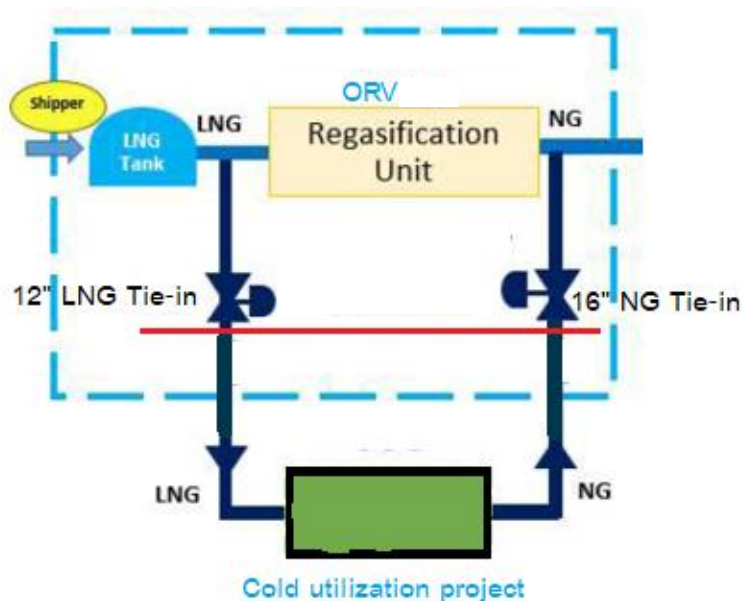
The conditions of supply LNG are shown below

#### High pressure (HP) LNG

- Supply high pressure of LNG 90.5 – 105.5 barg
- Supply LNG temperature -129.3 to -154.5 deg. C
- **Available of LNG flow which will be utilized cold energy utilization is 100 t/h.**
- Overall allowable pressure drop 10 bar ( from HP LNG header and return to HP NG header)
- The returned temperature 15.6 - 48.9 deg C.
- Tie in point for HP LNG and HP NG header is 12 and 16 inches, respectively.
- The recommendation of velocity flow rate complied with API-14E.

The limit of velocity in the pipe line as follows

- Liquid 3 - 6 m/s
- Gas 15 – 20 m/s



3.3.3 Your plant to be designed for a lifetime of 25 years. Automatic plant control system may be installed and complied with Thai regulations and international standards.

3.3.4 In consideration of economic analysis, the cost of LNG cold energy to be 20 Baht per ton of LNG when LNG is returned to existing terminal. LNG molecule price to be charged at 10 USD per MMBTU.

3.3.5 Rental cost of a filled land in the industrial estate at 200,000 Baht/Rai/year.

3.3.6 Discount rate is assumed at 10%.

## **4. Deliverables**

The report must have contents in the following order. Forms and some examples of deliverables are provided in the attachments.

1. Letter of Transmittal
2. Cover Page
3. Table of Contents
4. Abbreviations
5. Introduction/ Conceptual Design including block diagram/ Design Basis
6. Design philosophy
7. Control philosophy
8. Process Control System (PCS) and Safety Instrumented System (SIS)
9. Process Flow Diagram
10. Material Selection (optional)
11. Process Description
12. Material/Energy Balances
13. Preliminary hydraulic calculation
14. Preliminary Piping and Instrument Diagram
15. Utility Requirements
16. Equipment and control valve data sheet
17. Equipment List
18. Equipment Specification Sheets
19. Preliminary Plot Plan
20. Equipment Cost Summary
21. Power consumption and electrical load list
22. Economic Analysis (NPV, payback period, IRR)
23. Safety, Health, and Environmental Considerations
24. Other Important Considerations (optional)
25. Conclusions and Recommendations
26. Acknowledgements
27. Bibliography

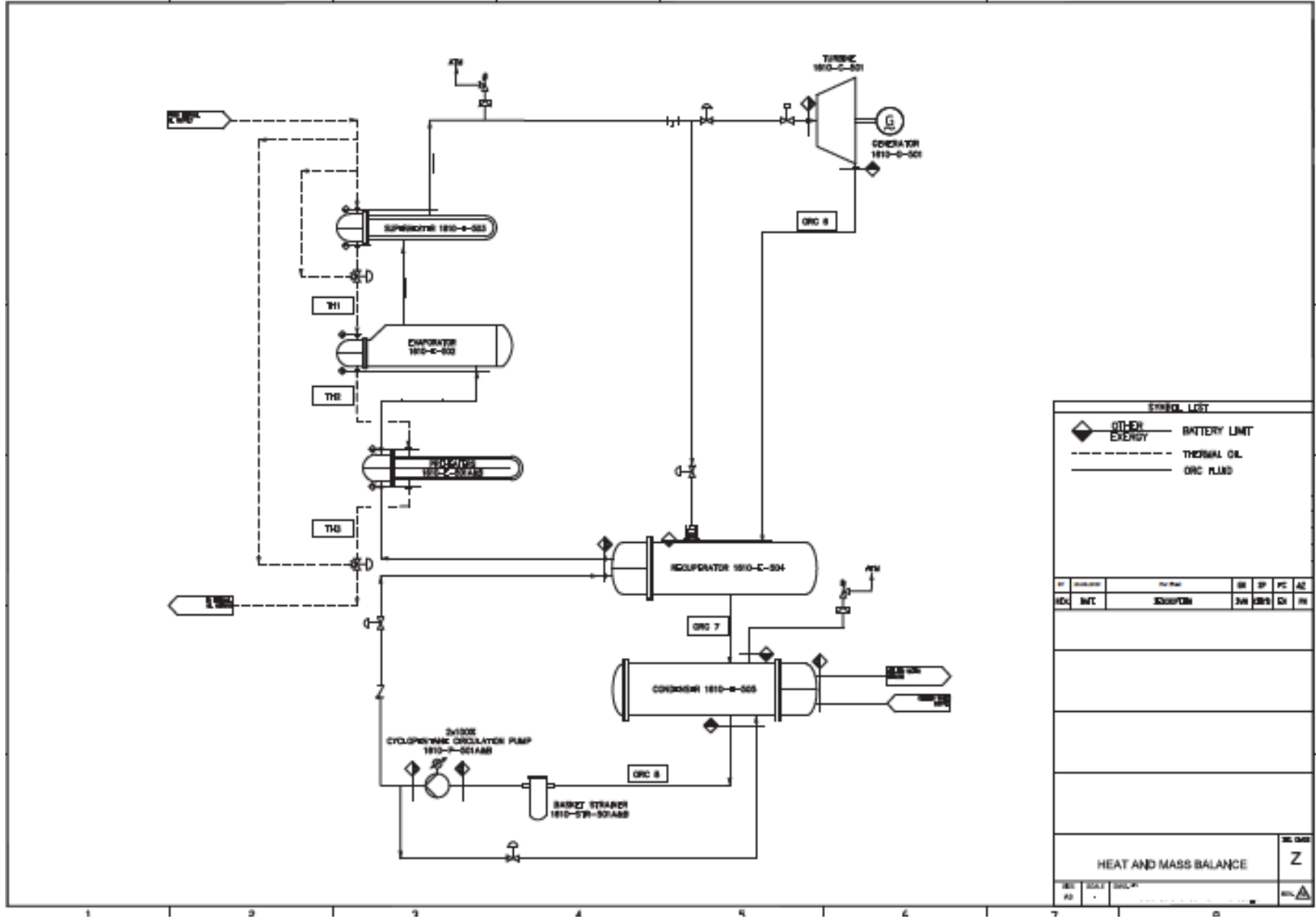
## 28. Appendix/Calculation and Sizing Spreadsheets

## Clarification Form

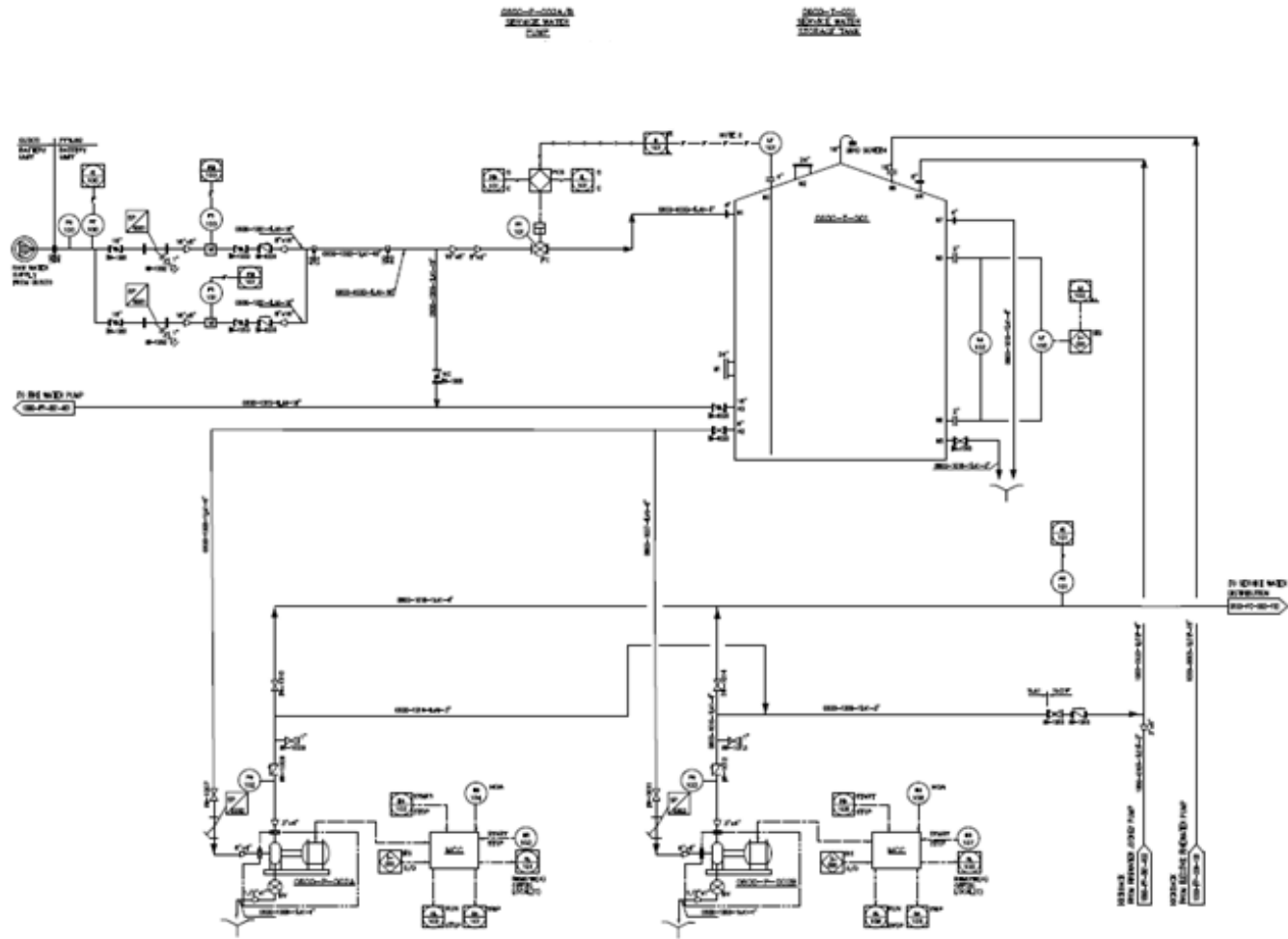
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<b>Question 1: -</b> _____    					
<b>Question 2: -</b> _____    					
<b>Answer 1: -</b>    					
<b>Answer 2: -</b>    					
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## **Some Examples of Deliverables**

\*You can create deliver document based on your design.







NOTES

REVISION						
NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY	CHKD	APP'D	DATE

PROJECT	NO. 10
DATE	2008
PROJECT	PPENG & INSTRUMENTATION DIAGRAM
SCALE	1:1
NO.	100
BY	PU







		INSTRUMENT TYPICAL DATASHEET Control Valve				Doc. No. 1902068-32016-CS-02-027				R E V
						Project				
						Client				
						Job No.	22016	Page	1 of 1	
GENERAL	1	Tag Number			(Typical)					
	2	Service			NG and utility system					
	3	Line No./Eqpt. No.								
	4	Area Classification			Class 1 Division 2 as minimum					
	5	Allowable Sound Pressure Level			85dBA *see notes 1					
	6	Tightness Requirements			ANSI Class IV *see notes 2					
	7	Available Air Supply Pressure	Min.	Max.	5 barg					
	8	Power Failure Position			*see notes 9					
	9	P&ID No.								
PIPE LINE	10	Line Size and Schedule	Inlet	Outlet						
	11	Pipe Material								
	12	Pipe Insulation								
PROCESS CONDITIONS	13	Process Fluid			NG and utility system					
	14	Upstream Condition								
	15	Differential Pressure								
	16				Units	⊕ Max. Flow	⊖ Norm. Flow	⊖ Min. Flow		
	17	Flow Rate								
	18	Inlet Pressure			bar-G					
	19	Pressure Drop			bar					
	20	Inlet Temperature			degC					
	21	Inlet Density / Specific Gravity / Molecular Mass			-					
	22	Inlet Compressibility Factor			-					
	23	Inlet Viscosity			cP					
24	Inlet Specific Heat Ratio			-						
25	Inlet Vapour Pressure									
CALCULATED RESULTS	26	Flow Coefficient Cv			-					
	27	Travel			%					
	28	Sound Pressure Level @ Maximum Flow			dBA					
BODY AND TRIM	29	MFR	Model		POSITIONER	56	MFR	Model		
	30	Body Type		Globe		57	Signal Inlet	Outlet		
	31	Body Size	Trim Size			58	Increase Signal Valve			
	32	Rated Cv	Characteris.			59	Cam Characteristic		by MFR	
	33	End Connec. & Rating		Flange End		60	Bypass	Gauges	No Yes	
	34	Body Material		WCC carbon steel		61	Communication failure valve		*see notes 9	
	35	Bonnet Type	Material	Standard WCC carbon steel	62					
	36	Flow Direction			SOLENOID VALVE	63	MFR	Model	- -	
	37	Flow Action To				64	Type	-		
	38	Lubricator	Isolat. Valve	No No		65	When De-Energ. Valve		-	
	39	Guiding	No. of Ports	- 1	66					
	40	Trim Type	Characteristic	*see notes 4	SWITCHES	67	MFR	Model	- -	
	41	Rated Travel				68	Type	Quantity	- -	
	42	Plug/ Bell/ Disk Material		316SS *see notes 5		69	Contacts / Rating		-	
	43	Seat Material		316SS *see notes 5		70	Switching Position		-	
	44	Packing type / material		Teflon	71					
	45	Gasket Material			AIR SET	72	MFR	Model		
46	Stem Material		316SS *see notes 5	73		Set Pressure				
47	Balanced/Unbalanced		Balanced	74		Filter	Gauge	Yes Yes		
ACTUATOR	48	MFR	Model		TESTS	75	Isolation Valve		the instrument test valve, 316SS	
	49	Type		Pneumatic *see notes 3		76	Hydro. Pressure		1.5 times work pressure	
	50	Size	Area			77	Leakage		FCI 70-2	
	51	Air Failure Valve				78				
	52	Handwheel Location		Side	MANUFACTURE	79	Manufacturer			
	53	Bench Range				80	Model			
	54	Painting/coating color		Green		81				
	55	Power failure valve				82				

**Data Sheet for  
LNG Open Rack Vaporizer**

CLIENT	
PROJECT	
DOC. NO.	
LOCATION	
SYSTEM ID.	0100, Process System
ITEM NO.	
JOB NO.	1002002
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<b>1 OPERATING CONDITIONS</b>		TYPE:	Open Rack Type
<b>2 CODES:</b>		SERVICE:	LNG Open Rack Vaporizer
<b>3 CAPACITY:</b>		NO. REQUIRED:	6 (sh)
<b>4 DESIGN PRESSURE:</b>	Tube-side: 128 (Note-3) NOR. MAX. 210 (sh)	MANUFACTURER:	-
<b>5 OPER. PRESSURE:</b>	Tube-side: 40 to 80 (Note-7) See water-side: Note-3 (barg)		
<b>6 DESIGN TEMP.:</b>	Tube-side: -185 / 85 See water-side: 85 (°C)	<b>WEIGHTS</b>	(Note-3)
<b>7 OPER. TEMP. (inlet):</b>	Tube-side: -154 See water-side: Min. 21/Max. 34 (°C)	BLOCK/PANEL MANIFOLDS:	(kg)
<b>8 FLUID NATURE/PHASE:</b>	Tube-side: LNG / NO See water-side: Sea Water	TROUGH:	(kg)
<b>9 LIQUID/GAS RATE:</b>	Tube-side: 210 See water-side: Max. 4,600 (sh)	SPINO ASSY:	(kg)
<b>10 PRESSURE DROP:</b>	Tube-side: less than 2 See water-side: (barg)	OTHERS:	(kg)
<b>11</b>		TOTAL:	(kg)
<b>12</b>			
<b>13</b>			

<b>4 PROPERTIES</b>											
Cold Side (Note-4)					Hot Side						
Characteristic	Lean		Rich		High N <sub>2</sub>		Remarks	Characteristic	Sea Water (Note-3, -6)		Remarks
	inlet (LNG)	outlet (G)	inlet (LNG)	outlet (G)	inlet (LNG)	outlet (G)			Inlet	Outlet	
8 Pressure (barg)	80-52	80-50	80-52	80-50	80-52	80-50	(Note-7)	Pressure (barg)	3	-	(Note-3, -6)
9 Temperature (°C)	-154	≥ 15.4	-154	≥ 15.4	-154	≥ 15.4		Temperature (°C)	21 / 34	14 / 27	(Note-9)
10 Flowrate (sh)	210		210		210			Flowrate (sh)	6600		(Note-10, -11)
11 Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	424.7		469.4		451.9		(Note-8)	Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1020		
12 Heat Load (MW)								pH (at 25 °C)	8.2		
13 Thermal Condu. (W/mK)								DO (mg/l)			
14 Viscosity (cP)								Conductivity (mS/cm)			
15 Mol Weight	18.06		18.61		17.27			Salinity (‰)			
16 Methane (mol %)	99.84		87.24		93.40			TSS (mg/l)			
17 Ethane (mol %)	0.01		8.45		3.90			DTS (mg/l)			
18 Propane (mol %)	0.00		3.15		1.12			NH <sub>4</sub> (mg/l)			
19 n-Butane (mol %)	0.00		1.11		0.58			NO <sub>2</sub> (mg/l)			
20 i-Butane (mol %)	0.00		0.00		0.00			NO <sub>3</sub> (mg/l)			
21 n-Pentane (mol %)	0.00		0.05		0.00			SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> (mg/l)			
22 i-Pentane (mol %)	0.00		0.00		0.00			Cl <sup>-</sup> (mg/l)			
23 Nitrogen (mol %)	0.15		0.00		1.00			Phenol (mg/l)			
24 CO <sub>2</sub> (mol %)	0.00		0.00		0.00			TOC (mg/l)			
25								BOD (mg/l)			
26								COD (mg/l)			
27								Coli Form (MPN/100ml)			
28											
29											

<b>30 MATERIAL</b> (Note-12)									
Cold Side					Hot Side (Seawater)				
31 Heat Transfer Tubes	Aluminum (Specified by SUPPLIER)				Manifold & Nozzles	(Note-3)			
32 Headers and Manifolds	INLET: Aluminum (Specified by SUPPLIER) OUTLET: Aluminum (Specified by SUPPLIER)				Header Pipe	(Note-3)			
33 Support Insulator for LNG Manifold	Bakelite				Header Pipe Support	Aluminum (Specified by SUPPLIER)			
34 TRANSITION JOINT:	Aluminum/316L Stainless Steel				Tough and Gaskets	Aluminum (Specified by SUPPLIER)			
OTHERS									
35 Windbreaker	FRP								
36 Deck with Handrail	ASTM A36 (Outside the concrete structure), Structure: SS316L, Gratings: Aluminum (Inside the concrete structure)								
37 Deck w/h									
38 Access Door	Iron Wood or equivalent (in terms of corrosion resistance from sea water) with Tempered Glass								
39									

<b>44 CONSTRUCTION</b> (Note-3)					<b>ACCESSORIES</b>				
<b>45 UNITS:</b>									
<b>46 BLOCKS PER UNIT:</b>									
<b>47 PANELS PER BLOCK:</b>									
<b>48 TUBES PER PANEL:</b>									
<b>49</b>									
<b>50 HEAT TRANSFER TUBES</b>									
TYPE:									
LENGTH: O.D. THK. (mm)									
PITCH: (mm)									
<b>51</b>									
<b>52 HEADERS</b>									
INLET:									
OUTLET:									
<b>53</b>									
<b>54 MANFOLD</b>									
INLET:									
OUTLET:									
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## ลักษณะภูมิอากาศจังหวัดระยอง

มีลักษณะภูมิอากาศแบบมรสุมเขตร้อน ลมทะเลพัดผ่านตลอดปี อากาศอบอุ่น ไม่ร้อนจัดบริเวณชายฝั่งทะเลเย็นสบาย ในฤดูฝนจะมี ฝนตกชุกระหว่างเดือนพฤษภาคมถึงตุลาคมของทุกปี อุณหภูมิเฉลี่ยตลอดปี ประมาณ 28.3 องศาเซลเซียส อุณหภูมิสูงสุดเฉลี่ย 32.6 องศาเซลเซียส อุณหภูมิต่ำสุดเฉลี่ย 25.0 องศาเซลเซียส โดยมีอุณหภูมิสูงสุดในเดือนเมษายน วัดได้ 38.7 องศาเซลเซียสและอุณหภูมิต่ำสุดในเดือนมกราคมวัดได้ 17.8 องศาเซลเซียส

ปริมาณน้ำฝนจังหวัดระยองเฉลี่ย อยู่ระหว่าง 1000 – 2000 มิลลิเมตร ต่อปี โดยที่ ฝนตกชุกที่สุดเฉลี่ย 1800-2000 มิลลิเมตรต่อปีจะอยู่ที่บางส่วนของตำบลพังราด อำเภอแกลง รองลงมาเฉลี่ย 1600-1800 มิลลิเมตรต่อปี จะอยู่ในพื้นที่บางส่วนของอำเภอแกลง ที่ติดกับชายทะเล ปริมาณฝนเฉลี่ย 1400-1600 มิลลิเมตรต่อปี อยู่ในพื้นที่ส่วนใหญ่ของอำเภอแกลง บางส่วนของอำเภอเมือง และบางส่วนของกิ่งอำเภอเขาชะเมา พื้นที่ส่วนใหญ่ของจังหวัดจะมีปริมาณน้ำฝนเฉลี่ย 1200-1400 มิลลิเมตรต่อปี ซึ่งจะอยู่ในพื้นที่ของอำเภอบ้านฉาง กิ่งอำเภอนิคมน้ำอ้น อำเภอบ้านค่าย อำเภอปลวกแดง อำเภอวังจันทร์ และพื้นที่ส่วนใหญ่ของกิ่งอำเภอเขาชะเมา พื้นที่ที่ แล้งที่สุด จะอยู่ที่ ตำบลหนองไร่ อำเภอปลวกแดง ซึ่งมีปริมาณน้ำฝนเฉลี่ยต่อปีอยู่ที่ 1000-1200 มิลลิเมตร