DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THERMAL POWER PLANTS

DIRECTION: Energy Sector

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THERMAL ENERGY AS A MAJOR SOURCE OF ELECTRICITY

Most of the electricity in the United States—and worldwide —is generated using thermal energy. Adjusting the amount of electricity needed to meet shifting demand primarily relies on thermal power generation

Thermal power plants utilize a broad range of fuels to produce electricity, focusing on stability, cost-effectiveness, and environmental considerations. These include liquefied natural gas (LNG) and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), both regarded as clean energy sources free of sulfur. Petroleum-based fuels, such as heavy oil and crude oil, as well as coal, are also commonly used

Thermal power plants are installations designed for electricity production through the conversion and processing of thermal energy



APPLICATIONS OF LOW-CAPACITY THERMAL POWER PLANTS

Low-capacity thermal power plants are widely used in various sectors due to their compact size, costefficiency, and ability to provide autonomous power supply

They are utilized for heating and electricity in smaller facilities such as schools, daycare centers, pools, clinics, and sports complexes. This is especially relevant in remote or hard-to-reach areas where centralized heating and power networks are absent or not economically viable



These plants are also used in agriculture—on farms and in greenhouses-where continuous heating and electricity are essential for normal operations



SIGNIFICANCE OF LARGE THERMAL POWER PLANTS

Large thermal power plants, in turn, play a crucial role in sustaining entire communities and major industrial facilities. They provide centralized heating for residential buildings, offices, and factories—especially in colder regions. With their high capacity, these plants can support large-scale facilities such as metallurgical complexes, chemical factories, and other enterprises requiring substantial heat and electricity Thus, both low-capacity and large thermal power plants are indispensable to the energy system, powering various economic sectors and enhancing people's quality of life



COMPREHENSIVE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION BY DEL MAR ENERGY

Del Mar Energy's Engineering and Design Center specializes in the full-spectrum design of thermal power plants and electrical infrastructure. Our engineering experts operate not only in the U.S. but also across many countries around the world

SINCE 2000

Del Mar Energy has focused on designing and building power plants. Acting as the general contractor, the company has constructed more than 95 power plants to date. We bring extensive experience, skilled personnel, and continuously evolving resources to every project

Thermal power plant design is one of the company's core business areas. Del Mar Energy's team of designers includes professionals with over 30 years of experience in the energy sector, enabling us to successfully complete projects of any complexity Del Mar Energy's primary goal is to deliver high-quality work at minimal cost to clients, implementing green energy principles, innovative technologies, and modern operational management systems for power plants



There are thousands of **TPP** worldwide, with the greatest concentration found in countries with high energy demands, such as China, the United States,. and India. Most power plants run on coal, natural gas, and oil, although there is growing interest in alternative fuels like biomass

THERMAL POWER PLANTS (TPP)

Thermal power plants (TPP) play a pivotal role in global energy, supplying much of the electricity used by both residential and industrial consumers

Coal-fired TPP remain among the most widespread, producing up to 40% of the world's electricity. However, gas-fired plants, which generate about 23% of energy due to their environmental and operational advantages, are gaining popularity. Oil-fired plants are less common and are typically found in regions with accessible oil resources. Modern TPPs can range in capacity from 50 to 1,000 MW or more, and construction can take anywhere from 2 to 5 years, depending on the project's scope and type



CONSTRUCTION TRENDS AND MODERNIZATION IN THERMAL POWER

Construction of TPP is accelerating most rapidly in developing countries like India and Vietnam, where electricity demand continues to grow. In developed nations such as Germany and the U.S., the focus is on modernizing existing plants and implementing eco-friendly technologies, including carbon capture systems. The total installed capacity of TPP globally exceeds 5 TW, with hundreds of billions of dollars allocated annually for their construction and upgrades



Key advantages of TPP include stable power output, the ability to meet peak demand, and fuel flexibility. However, they also face challenges such as high greenhouse gas emissions, dependence on fossil fuels, and the urgent need for greener solutions. Many countries, including those in the European Union and the U.S., are gradually shutting down coal-fired TPPs in favor of more modern gas plants or renewable energy sources

Thus, TPP remain a vital part of the global energy system, though their future increasingly hinges on the adoption of innovative technologies to reduce environmental impact and a shift toward cleaner energy sources



PROSPECTIVE DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRALIZED HEATING SYSTEMS

 Advances in centralized heating, along with improvements in traditional methods of producing, distributing, and consuming thermal energy, call for the active use of alternative and renewable energy sources. Emphasis is placed on enhancing energy, environmental, and economic efficiency. In the future, such systems should be integrated into a unified "metasystem" that enables a holistic approach to resource management 0.43%

7.02%

46.97%

39.73%

5.85%

Nuclear Power Plants (NPPs)

Thermal Power Generating Companies (TPP GCs)

Hydroelectric Power Plants (HPPs) (excluding small ones)

Cogeneration Plants (CHPs)

Small Hydroelectric Power Plants (Small HPPs)

- Wind Power Plants (WPPs)
- Solar Energy
- Biomass
- Other



ADVANTAGES OF THERMAL POWER PLANTS (TPP)



COST-EFFECTIVE FUEL

Fuel used at TPP is generally cheaper than comparable resources used at nuclear power plants



LOWER **CONSTRUCTION COSTS**

The construction and preparation of TPP typically require smaller investments compared to other types of power generation



FLEXIBLE SITING

TPP can be built virtually anywhere, as they do not depend on proximity to natural resources. Fuel can be transported by road or rail from anywhere in the world

COMPACT FOOTPRINT

TPP occupy relatively little space, making them suitable even for countries with limited land where real estate is highly valued



CHEAPER FUEL

Fuel for TPP is generally less expensive than fuel for diesel-powered installations



INDEPENDENCE FROM SEASONAL FACTORS

Power generation at thermal power plants (TPPs) is not dependent on seasonal fluctuations, which gives them an advantage over hydroelectric power stations

EASE OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Operating a TPP is relatively straightforward, making it more convenient and costeffective to maintain

DURABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

Supporting infrastructure for water and heat supply retains its operational characteristics for a long period and can continue functioning after the main equipment is upgraded

EASE OF DECOMMISSIONING

At the end of a TPP's service life, dismantling and disposal are relatively simple. Moreover, infrastructure elements—such as water and heating systems—remain functional even after key components like boilers and turbines have been replaced

RAPID CONSTRUCTION

TPP construction is wellestablished and can be completed quickly, saving a significant amount of time

These advantages make TPPs an important and in-demand part of the energy system, especially when there's a need for quick, cost-effective power solutions







While thermal power plants operate, they produce water and steam that can be used for heating systems or various industrial processes. TPPs are key energy producers, generating around 80% of the country's electricity

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Combining power generation with heat supply, plus a long service life, makes TPPs economically advantageous systems. Thanks to extensive experience, accountability, and highly skilled specialists, Del Mar Energy leads not only domestically but also on the international stage



OUR HIGHLY QUALIFIED SPECIALISTS EXPERTLY DESIGN THERMAL POWER PLANTS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Development of TPPs based on steam turbine generators ranging from 1 MW, using boilers fueled by various resources (gas, liquid, or solid)

Design of TPPs using gas piston power plants with capacities starting at 100 kW

Full-cycle TPP construction and design on a turnkey basis

When designing combined heat and power plants (CHPs), we use equipment and technology from leading global manufacturers such as MWM, MTU, JCB, Cummins, Wilson, Parsons, G-Team, Ekol, and others



boilers and turbines. Supercritical and ultra-supercritical pressure technologies improve plant



DIGITIZATION, AUTOMATION, AND HYBRID APPROACHES FOR MODERN THERMAL POWER PLANTS



Digitalization and automation play a pivotal role in enhancing TPP operations. Smart sensors, monitoring systems, and artificial intelligence enable real-time tracking of equipment health, predicting potential failures, and optimizing operational processes. This increases station reliability, lowers maintenance costs, and reduces energy losses

Additionally, the industry is seeing rapid growth in modular and hybrid power plants. Due to their compact size and scalability, modular TPPs can be constructed quickly. Hybrid solutions that combine traditional TPPs with renewable sources provide stable and eco-friendly power supplies



Cogeneration and trigeneration are also becoming standard at modern TPPs. These technologies produce electricity, heat, and cooling simultaneously, making the plants more versatile and cost-effective. Along with the use of innovative materials and the adoption of distributed generation systems, these advancements solidify TPPs' role as a critical component of the global energy infrastructure











STRATEGIES FOR COST REDUCTION AND REVENUE DIVERSIFICATION

Operating expenses can be lowered through efficient maintenance management, streamlined fuel logistics, and the use of durable materials that cut equipment replacement costs. Revenue diversification, such as providing industrial customers with heat, integrating renewable



energy sources, selling captured CO₂, and participating in capacity markets, opens additional financial opportunities Investments in innovations—like carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) systems, modular and hybrid TPPs, and

energy storage solutions—boost companies' competitiveness. Enhanced staff training and automating routine tasks also reduce personnel costs and enable more efficient oversight of complex equipment Selling surplus power during peak demand hours at higher prices on capacity markets further increases profits. In combination, these strategies help thermal power companies strengthen their positions, trim costs, and increase profitability while ensuring sustainable business growth amid rising competition and environmental standards



COST FACTORS IN BUILDING A THERMAL POWER PLANT

Their costs hinge on chosen technologies, such as supercritical or ultra-supercritical pressure. Modern power plants also require advanced digital control systems, adding an additional 5–10% to overall expenditures

The expenses for constructing a thermal power plant (TPP) depend on numerous factors, including plant type, capacity, technology, fuel choice, location, and automation level. On average, building a 500 MW TPP ranges from \$500 million to \$1 billion, but actual costs can vary significantly

One major cost component is the design and preparatory phase, which involves engineering solutions, environmental impact assessments, and construction planning. These preliminary efforts typically account for about 5–10% of the budget

The largest share of expenses comes from turbines, generators, and boilers. Turbine systems can consume up to 40% of the budget, while boilers account for another 15–25%







Infrastructure systems such as fuel supply, water provision, and cooling play a pivotal role. The cost of transporting and storing fuel—particularly for coal or gas—accounts for about 10–15% of the budget. Cooling and water intake systems add another 10–20%, depending on plant requirements and local conditions. Construction and installation work, including building structures, equipment installation, and pipeline laying, takes up 15–25% of the total cost

Connecting the plant to power grids requires additional investment, especially if substations or transmission lines must be built. These expenditures typically run about 5–10% of the budget. Environmental requirements, including carbon capture systems and emission filters, can add another 5–15% —particularly in countries with stringent environmental regulations



FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES IN TPP CONSTRUCTION

Financial and administrative costs—such as licensing, insurance, taxes, and project management—make up 5–10% of the total

Gas-fired thermal power plants generally cost less to construct, ranging from \$500 million to \$800 million for 500 MW capacity, whereas coal-fired plants are pricier (from \$800 million to \$1.2 billion) due to more complex fuel-supply systems and additional environmental measures. Compact modular TPPs are typically less expensive at around \$300-\$500 million but offer lower capacity

Thus, building a TPP is a multifaceted process involving significant expenses for equipment, infrastructure, design, and compliance with environmental standards. With proper planning and modern technologies, these costs can be optimized while maintaining high plant efficiency and reliability



Constructing thermal power plants (TPPs) involves various risks that can affect timelines, budgets, safety, and efficiency. One major category is technical risks. During design, construction, and equipment installation, unforeseen ground or geological conditions may arise, requiring additional reinforcement or project adjustments

Delivery delays or specification mismatches

of high-tech components —such as turbines and boilers—can complicate installation and calibration, extending the time needed to bring the plant online

RISK FACTORS IN TPP CONSTRUCTION

Financial risks also play a significant role in TPP construction, given its capital-intensive nature. Increases in the cost of building materials and equipment—due to global market changes or currency fluctuations—can substantially inflate the overall budget

A lack of funding, delays in financing, or withdrawal of investor support may lead to project suspension or revised construction timelines



ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS

Negative effects on the local environment, such as disrupting water balance or improper waste management, may spark protests from local communities or environmental groups, adding reputational and financial burdens

Social risks include potential public discontent, especially if constructing the plant raises health concerns or worsens local environmental conditions. Protests or legal actions can slow down the project or necessitate additional spending on communication and conflict resolution. In some instances, residents may need to be relocated, increasing costs and creating social tensions



Del Mar Energy Inc. employs a comprehensive approach to managing the risks associated with designing and constructing thermal power plants (TPPs). The company leverages modern technologies, advanced planning methods, and highly qualified personnel to minimize technical, financial, environmental, and social risks

> Technical risk management begins with thorough preparation during the design stage. The company conducts detailed geological and engineering surveys to avoid potential ground issues and accommodate any necessary project adjustments. To prevent equipment delivery delays, Del Mar Energy partners with reliable international suppliers, securing long-term contracts that ensure quality and on-time shipment

COMPREHENSIVE RISK MANAGEMENT IN TPP PROJECTS

Equipment installation and calibration are carried out by experienced specialists under strict oversight. Furthermore, the use of digital technologies and monitoring systems enables quick detection and resolution of potential malfunctions



FINANCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RISK MITIGATION

- Financial risk reduction is achieved through careful financial planning and budget optimization. Del Mar Energy signs long-term contracts for materials and equipment to minimize the impact of market fluctuations on project costs
- To guard against currency risks, the company uses financial instruments like hedging. Additionally, it actively seeks investments and collaborates with international financial institutions, ensuring stable funding even amid unforeseen changes
- Addressing environmental risks is one of Del Mar Energy's top priorities. The company implements advanced emission control systems, carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS), and waste management practices
- Environmental assessments conducted during the design phase help minimize ecological impacts. Del Mar Energy also actively integrates renewable energy sources, such as biomass, alongside traditional fuels, reducing each plant's carbon footprint



Addressing social risks relies on active communication with local residents and stakeholders. del mar energy consults with community members to consider their perspectives and minimize social tension. if relocation is necessary, the company provides compensation and support, including infrastructure improvements in areas where plants are built. these measures help build trust within local communities and ensure the sustainable execution of projects

MANAGING SOCIAL RISKS



EXAMPLE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

By opening a deposit of \$75,000, in 230 days, your balance will be

\$222,180

Deposit Term: **230 DAYS**

ROI: 296.24%





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And be yourself

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How to get started?

get a bonus of 25 USD for activating the tariff

By using these strategies, Del Mar Energy Inc. successfully manages risks, reduces expenses, and delivers high-quality thermal energy projects



LEADERSHIP TEAM

MICHAEL LATHAM



Founder/CEO

Michael Latham is the founder and CEO of Del Mar Energy. He established the holding company in 2002 in Texas, successfully building and growing industrial sectors

STEFAN RUSSO



CIO (Chief Information Officer)

Stefan started his internship at Del Mar Energy in 2016. In less than five years, he advanced from intern to company director

NICK KAUFMAN

COO (Chief Operating Officer)

Nick has served as COO since 2018. A Texas native and graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Nick initially worked in law. He first encountered Del Mar Energy in 2013 and officially became a partner in 2018. Nick introduced many of the modernized technologies now used in production

THOMAS LIEBERMAN



CMO (Chief Marketing Officer)

Born in 1984 in Nevada, Thomas studied at a local university before moving to New York in 2006 to work in marketing and public relations. He began collaborating with Del Mar Energy in 2011. Prior to joining the company, Thomas worked on promoting brands such as P&G, Gillette, and General Motors

