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FOREWORD

I should be grateful to the All-Mighty God, with His Spirit, I can accomplish this monograph. The monograph presents investigation results on the prospective application of solar energy for food refrigeration in Indonesia a hot climate country.

has abundant renewable Indonesia energy resources. However, the country only consumed 11.3% renewable energy of the total energy consumption in 2020 and only 0.05% was from solar energy. It results in high CO₂ emissions. Solar energy systems would be as an option to reduce the CO_2 emissions of this country. The investigation aims to study the application of solar energy to provide cooling for medium temperature food refrigeration based on Indonesian weather conditions. The project additionally analyses the environmental impact relating to CO₂ emissions, and to investigate the economical aspect. CFD software is applied on modelling the modification of the chiller generator, while F-Chart and Microsoft Excel spreadsheet are used to analyse the solar system and the economics of the technology.

The optimum configuration of solar driven absorption chiller consists of an ammonia-water absorption chiller of cooling capacity 12.8 kW with 800 litres storage tank and 44 m² parabolic trough collectors. The system can harness 71,643 kWh renewable energy with average solar fraction of 0.38. It was found to have a payback period of 20 years. However, the replacement of a vapour compression cycle in Indonesia with a solar driven absorption chiller provides a tremendous impact to the environment. A reduction of 23.4% of CO₂ emission would be achieved.

This monograph can be used as an intellectual and scientific medium for especially lecturers in the Politeknik Negeri Bali and generally researchers who work in the fields of renewable energy and refrigeration. Of course, this monograph still has many inadequacies and weaknesses, for those the author is happy to receive inputs for the improvement of this monograph. Thank you.

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NOTATIONS

٨	$-2rop(m^2)$
A	$= \operatorname{area} (m^2)$
a	= permeability (m ²) (for porous media) or absorptance
(for sola	ar collector)
C ₂	= porous jump coefficient (m ⁻¹)
Cp	= heat transfer coefficient (J/kgK)
δ	= the plate thickness (mm)
d	= diameter (mm)
ξ	= pressure loss factor
η	= efficiency
F _R	= collector heat removal factor
h₅	= surface heat transfer coefficient (W/m ² K)
I _{b,a}	= normal incident solar irradiation (W/m ²)
k	= thermal conductivity (W/mK)
m	= mass flow rate (kg/s)
μ	= dynamic viscosity (Pa.s)
Р Ta	
	= ambient temperature (°C)
T _{avg}	= average temperature (°C)
T _f	= fluid temperature (°C)
T_{max}	= maximum temperature (°C)
T_{min}	= minimum temperature (°C)
Ts	= surface temperature (°C)
т	= transmittance
р	= pressure (Pa)
Q	= heat flow (kW)
q	= the rate of heat flow (heat flux) (W/m^2)

- U_L = solar collector overall heat transmittance (W/m²K)
- v = velocity (m/s)
- \dot{V} = Volume flow rate (m³/s)

ABBREVIATIONS AND GLOSSARY

	Air and diving and Define ration to this to
ARI	Air conditioning and Refrigeration Institute
ASHRAE	American Society of Heating Refrigerating
	Air- conditioning Engineers
BOE	Barrel Oil Equivalent (1 BOE equivalent to 0.2
	ton coal; 0.1437 kilolitres fuel oil; 0.1242 ton
	LNG or 1.631 MWh electricity))
CFD	Computational Fluid Dynamics
CHP	Combined Heat and Power
CIBSE	Chartered Institution of Building Services
	Engineers
CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
Commercial sector	Business establishments that are not
	engaged in transportation or in
	manufacturing or other type of industrial
	activities (mining, agriculture or
	construction). This sector includes hotels,
	motels, restaurants, wholesale businesses,
	retail stores, laundries and other services
	enterprises: health, social and educational
	institutions (Purwanto <i>et al.</i> , 2006)
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food and Rural
	Affairs
Fossil fuel	An energy source formed in the earths crust
	from decayed organic material. The common
	fossil fuels are petroleum, coal and natural
	gas.

Food refrigeration	Application of a refrigeration system on the prevention and retardation of microbial, physiological, and chemical changes in foods. It also plays a major role in maintaining a safe food supply, nutritional content and retaining characteristics such as flavour, colour and texture (ASHRAE, 2006)
GAX	Generator absorber heat exchange
GW	Gigawatt (one billion watts or one thousand megawatts)
НХ	Heat Exchanger
IDR	Indonesian Rupiah (Currency of Indonesia)
Insolation	Incident solar radiation: the energy flux from
	the sun falling onto a surface on the earth in
	watts per square meter of collector
IPPC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
kW	Kilowatt
kWh	Kilowatt hour
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas (natural gas-primarily
	methane that has been liquefied by reducing
	its temperature to -162°C at atmospheric
	pressure
LPG	Liquefied petroleum gas such as propane and
	butane produced at refineries or natural gas
	processing plant
MW	Megawatt
MWh	Megawatt hour = 1000 kilowatt hour
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space
	Administration
NOx	Oxides of nitrogen, the sum of NO and NO_2
Primary energy	All energy consumed by end users, excluding
	electricity but including the energy consumed
	at electric utilities to generate electricity

PLN	Perusahaan Listrik Negara (State-owned
	Electricity Company)
ppb	Part per billion
ppm	Part per million
RH	Relative Humidity, the unit in %
SOx	Oxides of sulphur, in emissions,
	predominantly SO ₂



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