

An aerial photograph of a vast, arid desert landscape. In the center, a large solar plant is visible, consisting of a dense array of solar panels arranged in a rectangular grid. To the left of the solar array, there are several small, dark, rectangular structures, possibly water storage tanks or small buildings. The surrounding terrain is flat and sandy, with some faint tracks or roads visible. The overall scene is captured in a high-angle, wide-area shot, emphasizing the scale of the project.

# The Gaby project

Large scale solar plant for  
Chilean copper mines

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# Leo Holm

- Engineer
- Working with District Heating and alternative energy sources since 1988
- 1991 – 2013 Manager Marstal District Heating
- 1. of April 2013, Engineer at the company SUNMARK Solutions

# Sunmark Solutions A/S

## Sunmark Solutions in head lines

- Established in 2014, after a reconstruction of the SUNMARK company, and changed ownership.
- Owned by Hans Grydehøj.
- The company is based on more than 20 years of experience and knowhow.
- Experience from installations totaling, more than 200,000 m<sup>2</sup>.
- Collector production in Vietnam, certified according ISO 9001, Solar Keymark and EN 12975.
- Highest efficiency flat plate collector in the market without Teflon.
- Production of heat exchange stations in Denmark.
- Product development in Denmark..



# Selection of References

Country	Project	Type of delivery	Area	MWh/year <sup>1</sup>	Max load <sup>2</sup>
Denmark	Rise District Heating	Turn-key	3,600 m <sup>2</sup>	1,692	2.66 MW
	Marstal District Heating I+II	Turn-key	16,295 m <sup>2</sup>	7,659	12.06 MW
	Sønderborg District Heating I+II+III	Panels	7,779 m <sup>2</sup>	3,656	5.76 MW
	Tørring CHP	Turn-key	7,500 m <sup>2</sup>	3,525	5.55 MW
	Ærøskøbing District Heating	Panels	2,195 m <sup>2</sup>	1,032	1.62 MW
	Oksbøl District Heating	Turn-key	10,000 m <sup>2</sup>	4,700	7.40 MW
	Jægerspris CHP I+II	Turn-key	13,300 m <sup>2</sup>	6,251	9.84 MW
	Hejnsvig District Heating I+II	Turn-key	5,766 m <sup>2</sup>	2,710	4.27 MW
	Vojens District Heating	Turn-key	17,500 m <sup>2</sup>	8,225	12.95 MW
	Sæby District Heating	Turn-key	11,921 m <sup>2</sup>	5,603	8.82 MW
	Ejstrupholm District Heating	Panels	6,243 m <sup>2</sup>	2,934	4.62 MW
	Skovlund District Heating	Panels	2,970 m <sup>2</sup>	1,396	2.20 MW
	Toftlund District Heating	Turn-key	11,000 m <sup>2</sup>	5,170	8.14 MW
	Sydlangeland District Heating	Turn-key	12,500 m <sup>2</sup>	5,875	9.25 MW
	Tim District Heating	Turn-key	4,235 m <sup>2</sup>	1,990	3.13 MW
Norway	Akershus Energi	Panels	12,810 m <sup>2</sup>	4,223	9.61 MW
Netherlands	Almere	Panels	7,134 m <sup>2</sup>	3,353	5.28 MW
Chile	Minera Gaby SpA	Turn-key	36,000 m <sup>2</sup>	51,800	32 MW
Vietnam	Sheraton Hotel	Panels	112 m <sup>2</sup>	123	88 kW
	Perrin Tannery	Panels	238 m <sup>2</sup>	262	188 kW
Thailand	Thai Union Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	Panels	462 m <sup>2</sup>	508	365 kW
	Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok	Panels	921 m <sup>2</sup>	1,013	728 kW

<sup>1</sup> Calculation based on average of 470 kWh/year in Northern Europe and 1100 kWh/year in Asia.

<sup>2</sup> Calculation based on average of 740 w/m<sup>2</sup> in Northern Europe and 790 w/m<sup>2</sup> in Asia.





## Main copper producer in the world

- Chilean state-owned Codelco – the world's largest copper mining company
- Controls around 10% of the world reserves.
- More than US\$30 billions in assets.
- In 2012, produced 1.75 million metric tons of refined copper (10% of world production).
- 8 operations throughout Chile.



# Minera Gaby

- Placed in the northern Chile in the middle of  
The Atacama Desert
- 150 km from nearest city and 2,660 m. a. s. l.
- 120.000 metrics tons of copper produced in 2012.
- First operation using only autonomous trucks to haul mineral.
- Women account for **23%** of the staff (Mining industry average: 6%).





# Pampa Elvira Solar project Gabriela Mistral, Codelco.

One of the World largest thermal solar plants

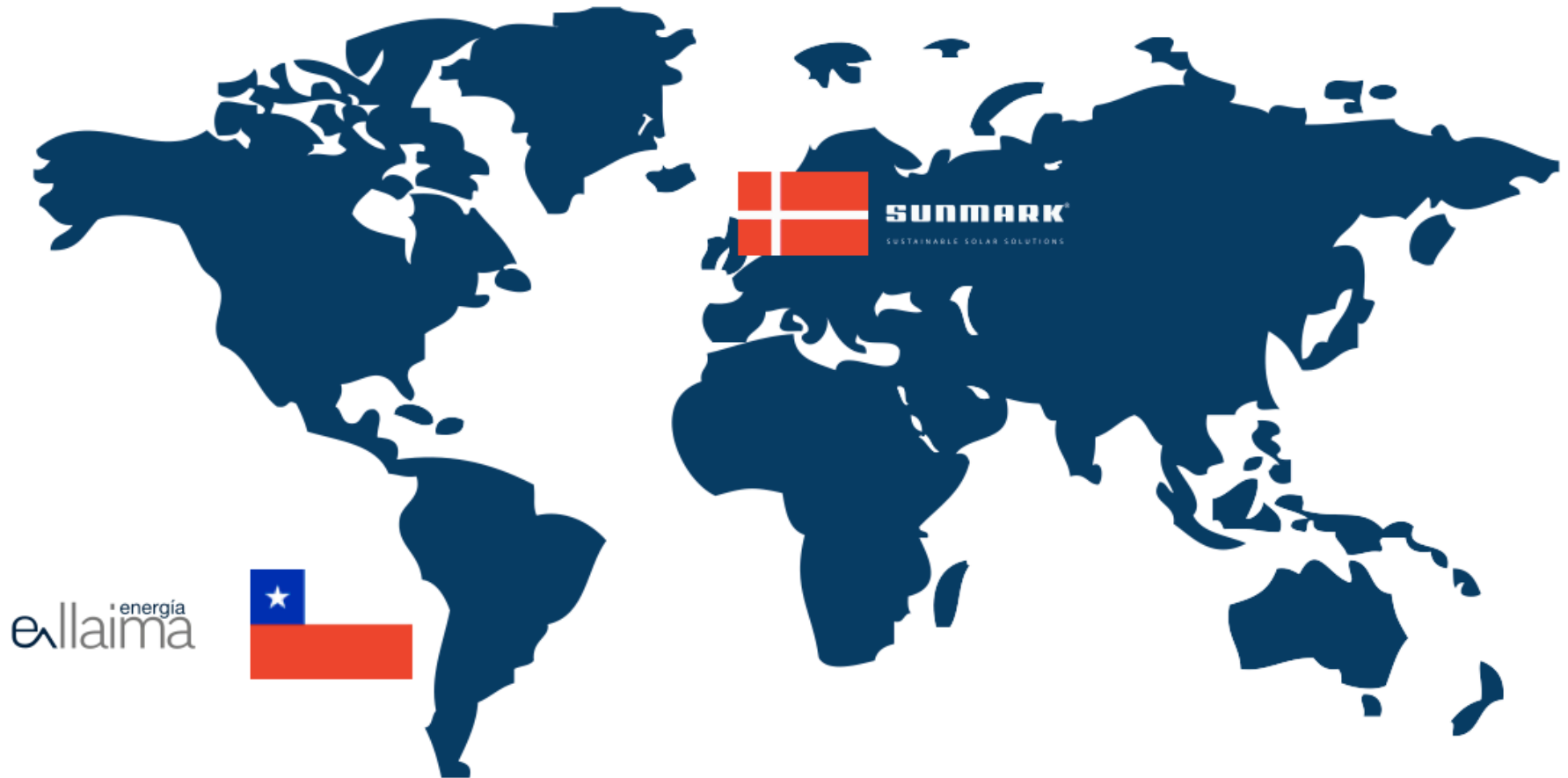
## Installation & performance data

- Collectors area : 36.025 m<sup>2</sup> .
- 2.620 13,75 m panels.
- Annual production: 51.800 MWh.
- Share in annual heat demand: 85%.
- Tank capacity : 4.300 m<sup>3</sup> .

## Key figures

- Diesel savings: 6.500 ton/year + 250 truck travels/year. <sub>2</sub>
- Reduction CO<sub>2</sub> : 15.000 ton/year.
- Start-up: August 2013.

# Pampa Elvira Solar





# Thermal Power Purchase Agreement:

- Agreement on minimum monthly amount of solar energy delivered.
- We operate and maintain heaters as backup as well as Heat Exchangers
- 24/7 heat supply.
- Covenants on heat supply quality (Electrolyte Temperature) and safety.
- Contract length: 10 years.
- Stable energy tariff US\$/MWh + Fixed charge heaters O&M.



# How Pampa Elvira Solar works

## FLAT PLATE SOLAR COLLECTORS

- 1** The thermal solar plant consists of 2,620 flat plate collectors and covers a total area of 39,300 m<sup>2</sup>, becoming the largest of its kind in the world. The plant receives the solar radiation and heats a water-anticoolant mix, transforming the radiation into thermal energy (heat).



## Solar Thermal Battery

- 4** The tank is 17 meters high and 17 meters of diameter, having a total storage capacity of 4,300 m<sup>3</sup>. It is thermally insulated and its design allows to stratify the water at different temperatures. Additionally, an automatic control system allows the plant to steadily supply heat 24 hours per day.

## BACK UP SYSTEM (HEATERS)

- 5** The existing boiler system serves as a back-up system.

## HEAT EXCHANGERS

- 2** The heat exchangers transfer the heat to the different stages of the system

## PIPING

- 3** 3,500 meters of thermally insulated pipes transport the fluid at different temperatures to the stages of the plant and points in the metallurgical process.

● Colder ● Hotter

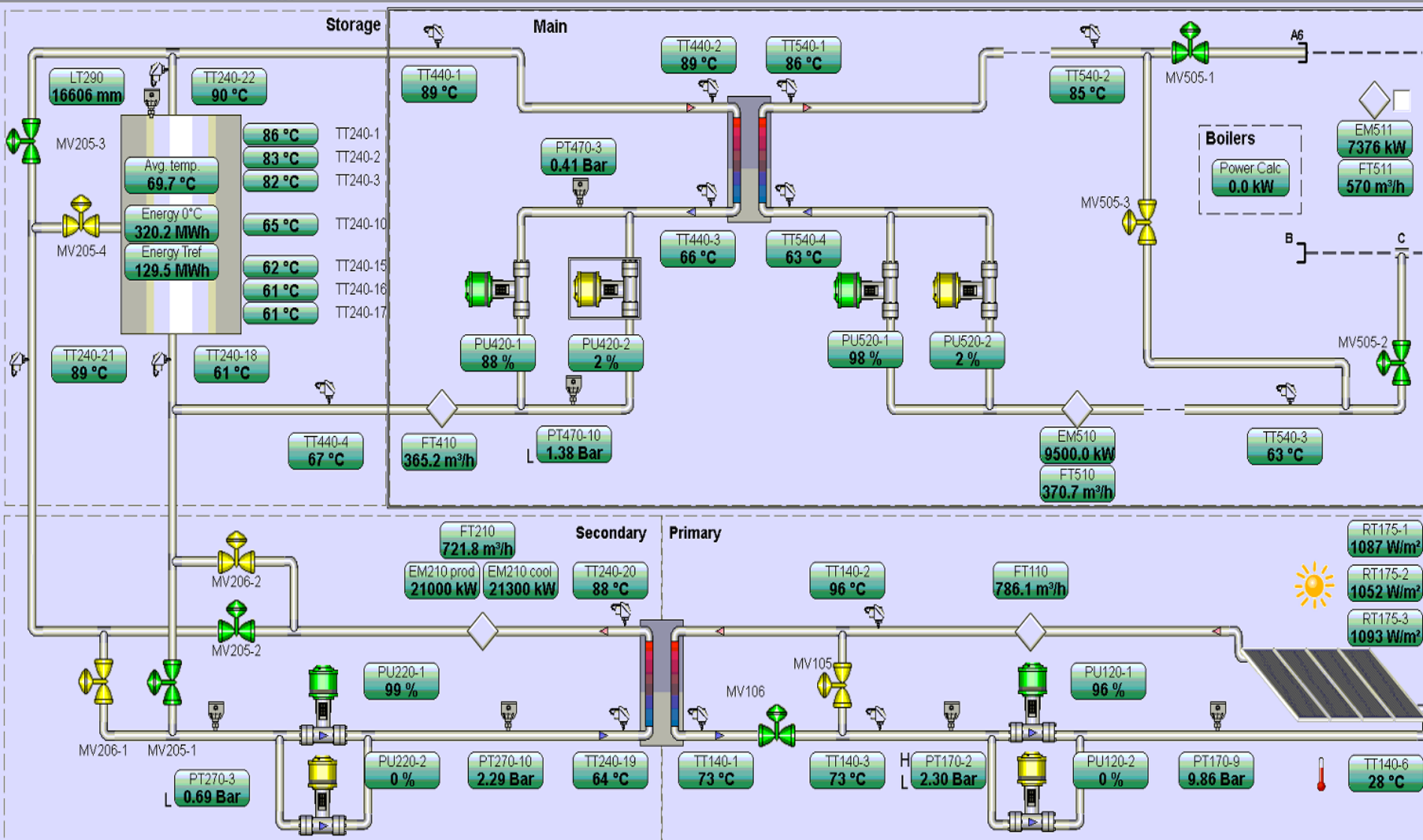
## COPPER CATHODES

## ELECTRO WINNING PROCESS

- 6** The process to obtain copper requires heat at different demand points: keeping the electrolyte at a steady temperature of 50°C as well as for the washing of the copper cathodes, among others.

Through the thermo solar plant we are able to provide the necessary heat at the right temperatures to allow our client to get high purity copper cathodes.

Home



# Very harsh weather conditions

- Desert conditions.
- 140 kmh (87 mph) – Swirling winds.
- Dust.
- Hails / Snow.
- Extreme night/day Temperature variations:
  - $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$  /  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Earthquakes.
- No water.





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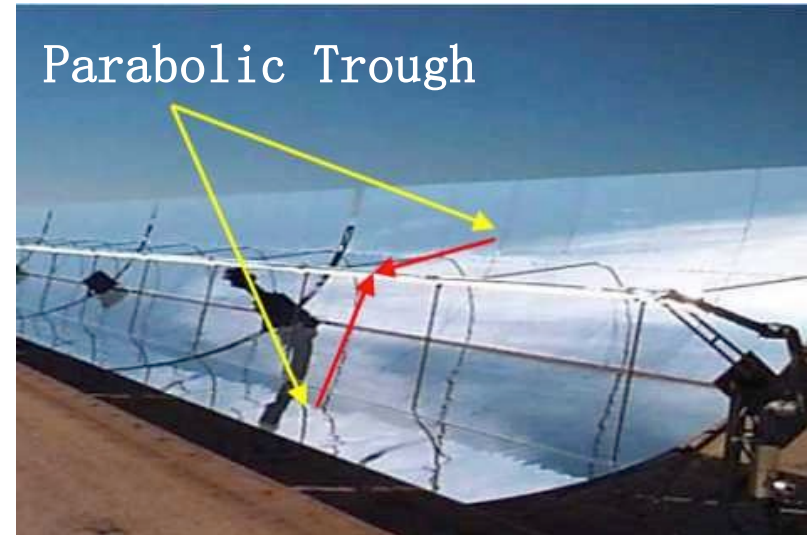


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Technology	Sunmark	Parabolic	Fresnel
CAPEX	optimal	high	high
OPEX	optimal	high	high
Working Pressure	low	high	high
Moving Parts	no	yes	yes
Operational life	over 20 years	no track record	no track record
Storms (wind, dust, hailstones)	high resistance	limited	limited
Earthquakes	proven resistance	not proven	not proven

Sunmark: simple & robust  
The best fit for mining

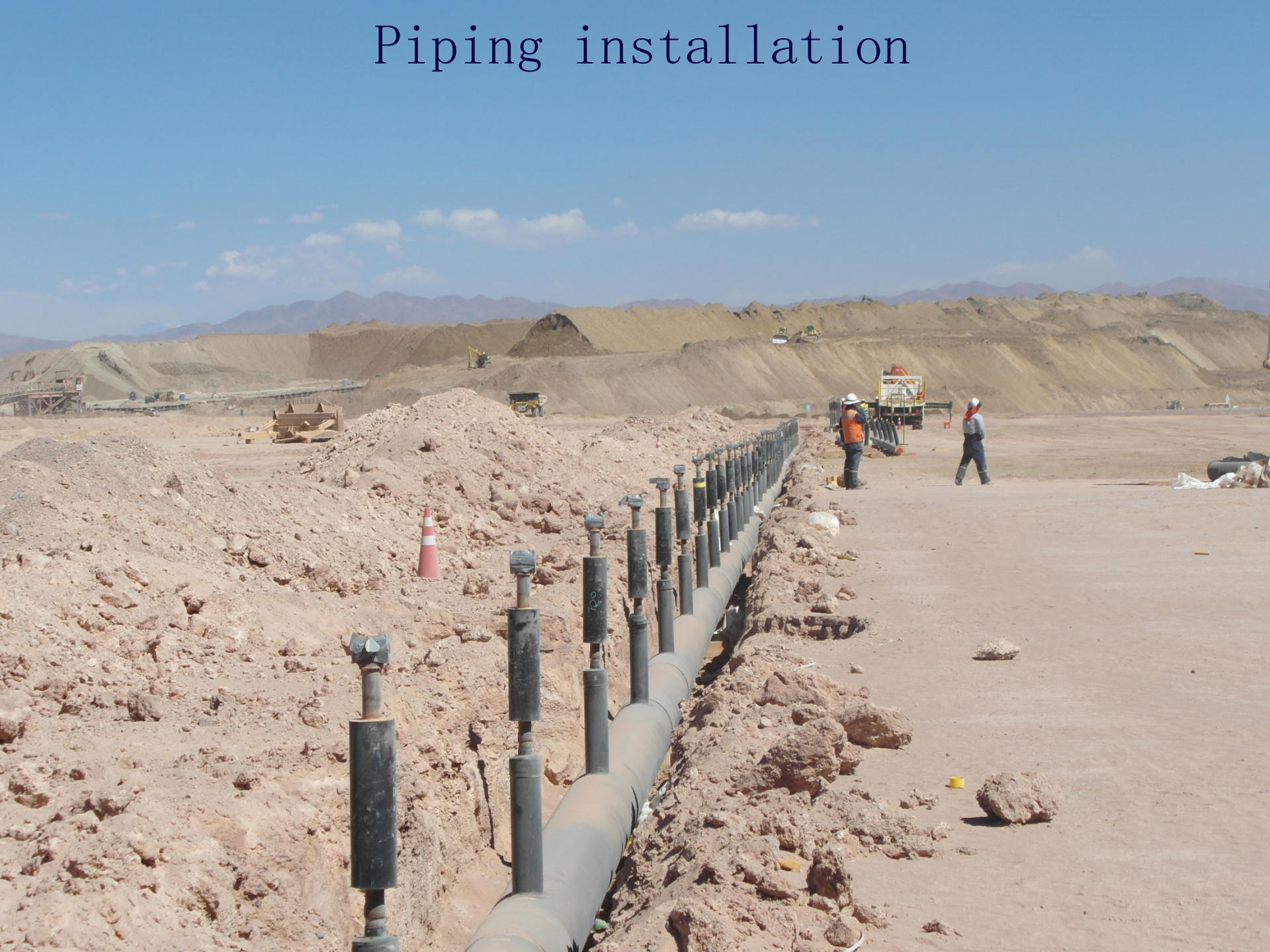


# Preparing the land





# Piping installation





# Placing concrete blocks





# Mounting the panels





# Building the heat exchangers room





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# Building the Storage tank







# How it looks like from the air





# Dust









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Primary

Secondary

Storage

Main supply

Settings

Calculations



Reports



Documentation



Trend curves



Alarms



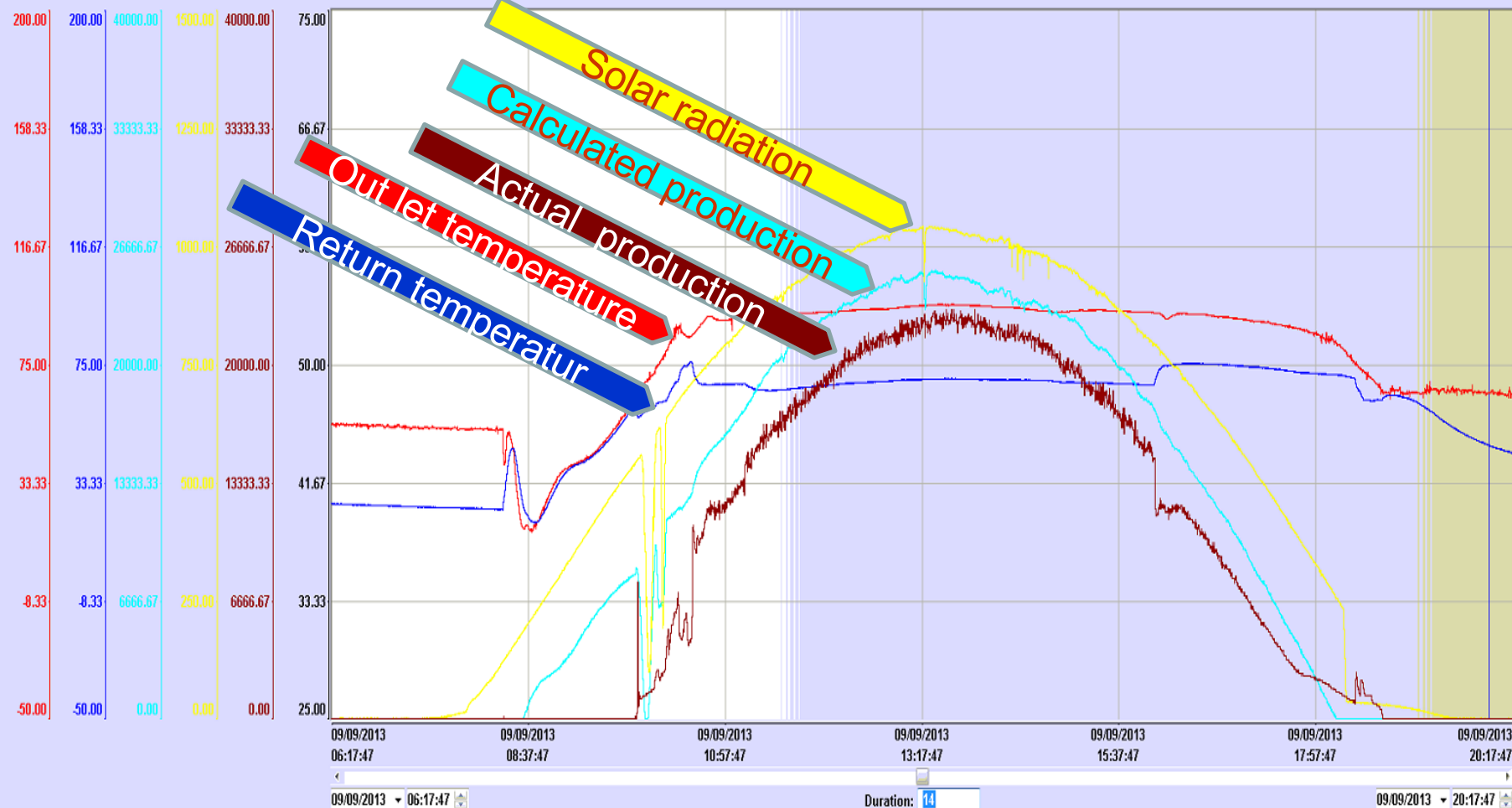
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Trendcurves



Updating



Hor. scale 1:1



Vertical Zoom



Hor. zoom



Zoom in



Zoom out



Hist. alarms



Export data

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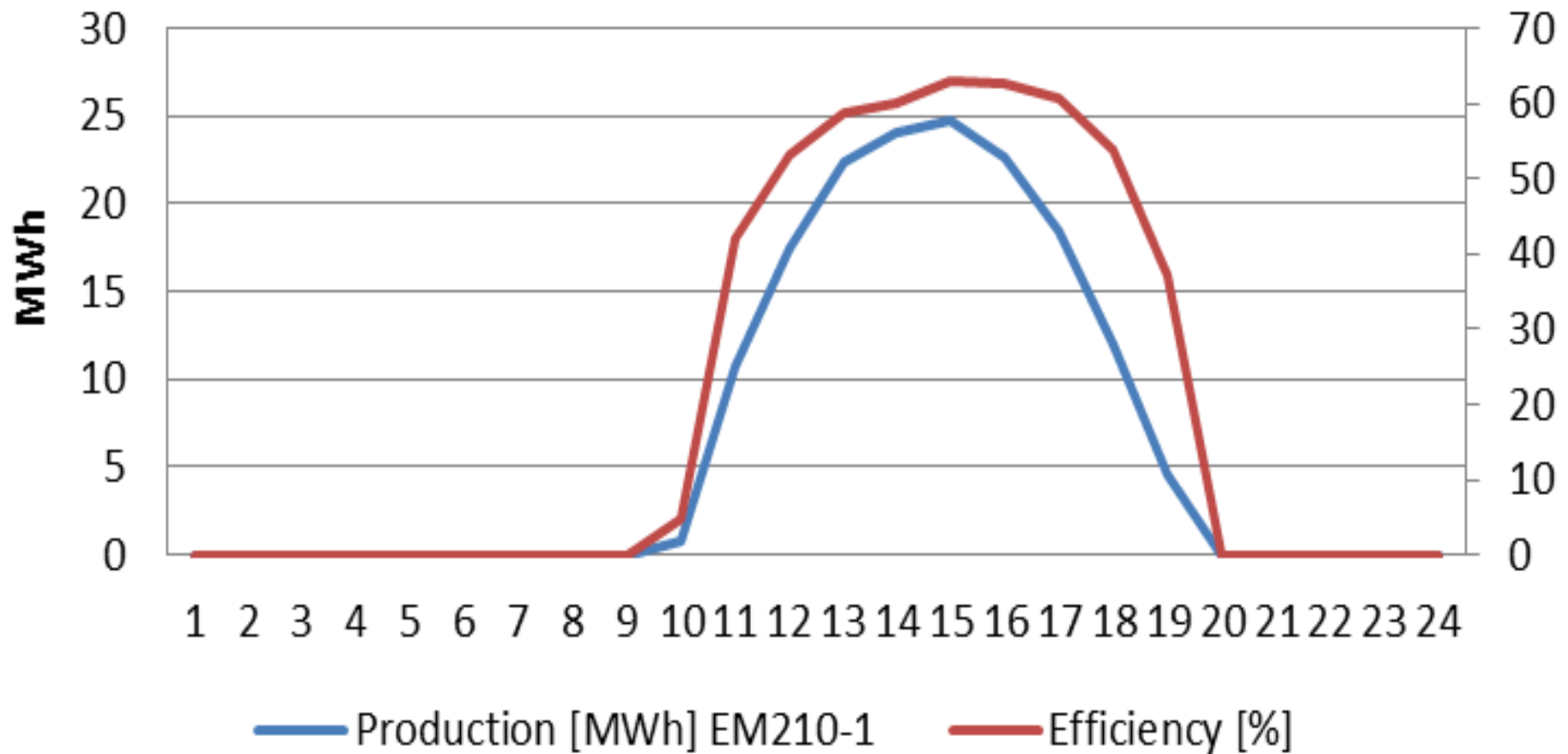






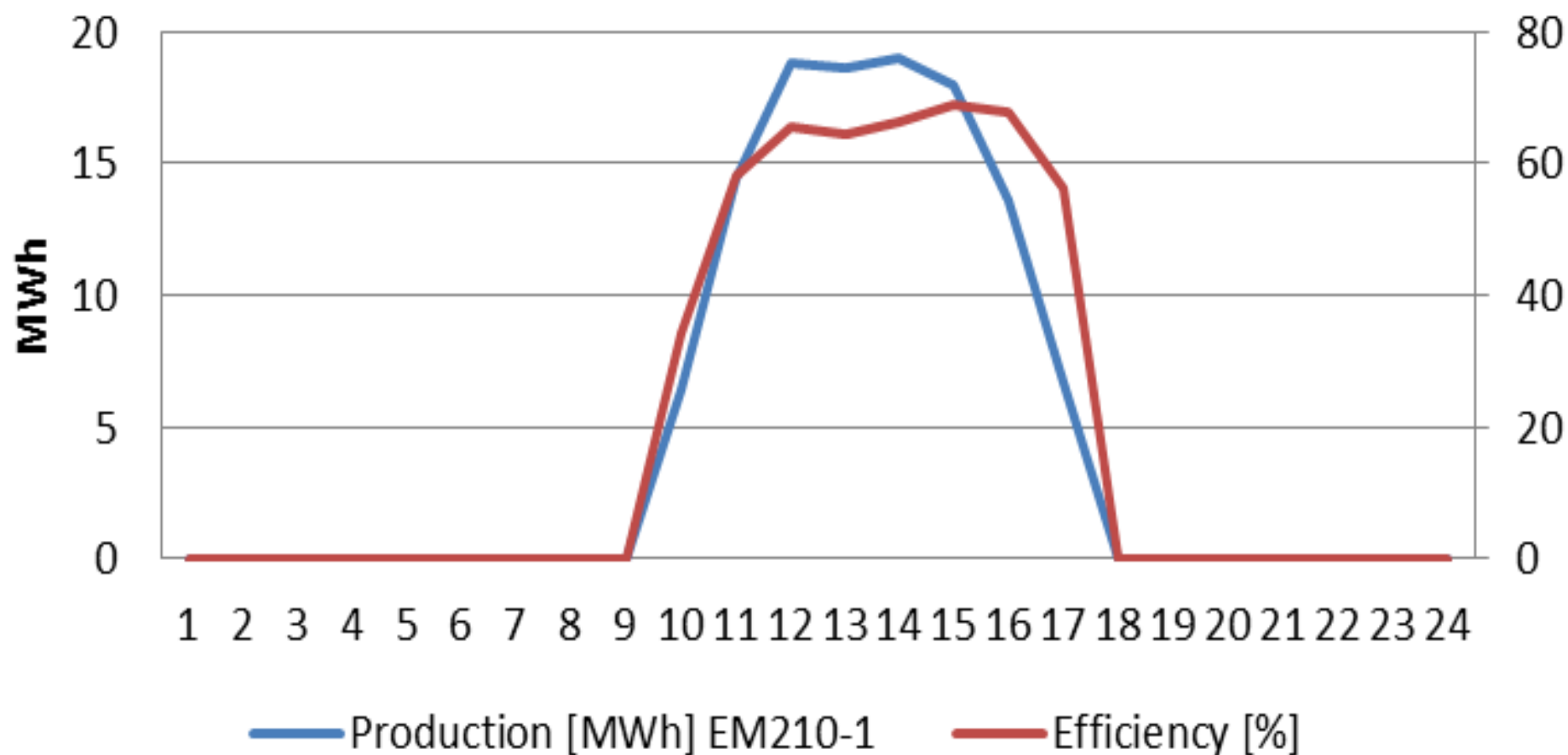


# Production & efficiency the 28. of January 2014



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## 1. of June 2014





# Key lessons

- Stringent working conditions in Mining industry.
  - Safety procedures.
  - Medical tests.

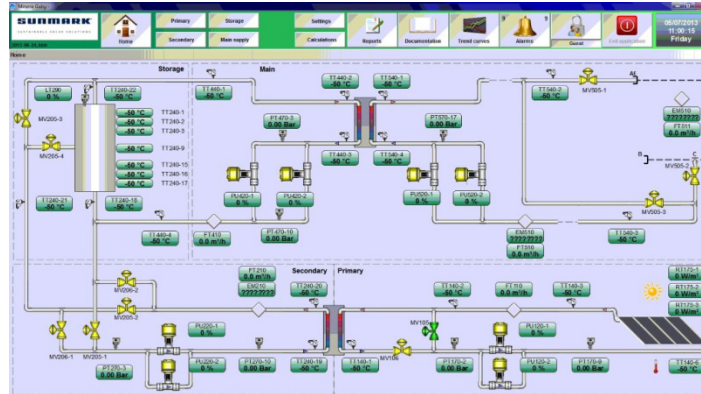
Need of a knowledgeable & experienced team in mining & energy industry.



# Key lessons

- Not any technology fits well in mining environments.
  - Very harsh weather conditions.
  - Simple and robust technology is needed.

Best technology, detailed planning & control are key to succeed





# Further information

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for your  
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