Design and Local Manufacturing of Energy Efficient High Pressure Pumps for Small SWRO Units

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Market Value of Small Modular Reverse Osmosis Desalination Plants

- The growing demand for smaller desalination systems has led to a number of companies developing small RO systems.

- Research from the International Desalination Association (IDA) has forecast the market value for containerized desalination plants in 2016 to be US$ 1.25 Billion, with an annual growth rate of 15%.

- The benefits of small systems are clear compared to large scale, fixed infrastructure: they are designed to produce low cost drinking water, quickly and efficiently.
Operation of Small Reverse Osmosis Desalination Plants

- Conventional small RO systems are mostly operated under constant feed pressure.
- The recovery ratio varies according to salinity and temperature of the feed stream.
- The limited availability of cost effective energy recovery devices for these small systems causes brine energy to be lost.
- Maximizing permeate production dictates maximizing the recovery ratios and the associated feed pressures.
- At high recovery ratios, solubility limits of some salts are exceeded and scale foulants are formed on the surface of the membrane.
Operation of Small Reverse Osmosis Desalination Plants

- Selecting a proper recovery ratio will maximize production and simultaneously will ensure that salts solubility limits are not exceeded and the possibility of membranes scale fouling is dramatically reduced.
An initiative launched by ASRT aimed at pumping many of the outstanding products to the Egyptian market based on the technical and technological knowledge generated by the applied research projects.
Deepening Local Manufacturing Initiative

- This will deepen local and national industries and will reduce reliance on imports and increase exports.
- Attract local as well as foreign investments.
- Creating job opportunities for youth to face the problem of unemployment.
- Creating value added to the national product.
- Localization of advanced technologies.
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Objectives:

- Design, local manufacturing and testing of solar powered energy efficient high pressure pump prototype integrated with built-in energy recovery and a seawater RO desalination module for small plants.

- Development of a complete technical package for technology transfer that allows the local mass production of the system.
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Methodology

○ **Design Phase.**
  - ✓ Modeling.
  - ✓ Materials Selection.
  - ✓ Stress Analysis.
  - ✓ Detailed Design.

○ **Manufacturing Phase.**
  - ✓ CNC Machining.
  - ✓ Wire Cut Machining.
  - ✓ Assembly of Prototype.

○ **Testing Phase.**
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Technical Package & Technology Transfer

○ Manufacturing Documents.
  - Detailed Drawings.
  - Assembly Drawings.
  - Specifications of Standard Items.
  - Process Sheets.

○ Quality Documents.
  - Mechanical Inspection.
  - Testing.

○ Operation & Maintenance Documents.
  - Spare Parts.
Main Design Features of the High Pressure Pump

- Inlet Check Valve
- Raw Feed
- Unpressurized Brine to Drain
- Outlet Check Valve
- Pressurized Feed to Membranes
- Pressurized Brine From Membranes
- Plunger
- Inlet Check Valve
- Safety Valve
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Stress Analysis of Pump Components Under Maximum Loading
Deformation of Pump components Under Maximum Loading
Design and Manufacturing of the Prototype

Driving Mechanism

High Pressure Pump Head
Driving Mechanism Assembly
Testing The Prototype

- Back Wash Tank
- Control Panel
- Pressure Vessels
Small SWRO Unit

10 $m^3$/day
### Testing The Prototype

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Volumetric Efficiency

Mechanical Efficiency

Feed Water TDS (ppm)
Results of The Tests at 15 Deg. C

Efficiency of the Energy Recovery

Feed Water TDS (ppm)
Results of The Tests at 15 Deg. C

Specific Energy Consumption KWH/Cubic Meter

Feed Water TDS (ppm)