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# Solid large scale solar thermal cooling

#### UWCSEA East Tampines Campus Singapur





Large scale solar thermal heating and cooling plants:

- project development
- engineering
- construction
- operation & maintenance
- finance (ESCo)
- research & development



#### Solar cooling references



Location/Project	Cooling Machine	Constr.	Cooling Power	Collector Area
EAR Tower, Pristina, Kosovo	LiBr-Chiller	2002/3	90 kW	226 m <sup>2</sup>
Wine Cooling , Leutschach, Austria	Ammonia	2003	10 kW	100 m <sup>2</sup>
Graz – office, test Plant	Ammonia	2003	2 kW	8 m²
Stadtwerke, Crailsheim, Austria	LiBr-Chiller	2004	15 kW	500 m <sup>2</sup>
Renewable Energy House, Brussels, Belgium	LiBr-Chiller	2005/7	35 kW	60 m²
Desert Outdoor Center, Phoenix, USA	LiBr-Chiller	2006	70 kW	126 m²
Olympic Village, Qingdao, China	LiBr-Chiller	2006	512 kW	638 m²
Estellas Restaurant, Tampa, USA	LiBr-Chiller	2007	70 kW	210 m <sup>2</sup>
CGD Office Building, Lisbon, Portugal	LiBr-Chiller	2008	545 kW	1579 m²
Warehouse, Lanta, Phoenix, USA	LiBr-Chiller	2008	130 kW	504 m²
Office, Graz, Austria	Li Br Chiller	2008	17.5 kW	58 m²
Metro MAN, Istanbul, Turkey	LiBr Chiller	2009	Study	
Sheikh Zayed Desert Learning Center, UAE	LiBr Chiller	2010/12	400 kW	1108 m <sup>2</sup>
United World College, Singapore	LiBr Chiller	2010/11	1400 kW	3900 m²
Desert Mountain High School, Scottsdale, USA	LiBr Chiller	2011/13	1700 kW	5000 m <sup>2</sup>
DigiCel, Kingston, Jamaica	LiBr Chiller	2012	600 kW	982 m²

#### Sheik Zayed Desert Learning Center (UAE/AI Ain)



Solar Cooling via concrete core activation of a desert museum (18 /13 return/flow)

Cooling power: 400 kW Collector area: 1108 m<sup>2</sup> Expected Solar yield: 825 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year Commissioning: October 2012











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#### Digicel, Kingston, Jamaica





From first call to start up in 16 months!



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#### **UWCSEA-EAST Tampines, Singapore**





Solar Cooling & Hot Water for University Campus **Solar Panels:** 3870 m<sup>2</sup> / 2.7 MW **ESCo** In operation since 2011; first DHW, then cooling from october

#### World's largest Solar Cooling System

#### **Finance scheme**













































#### Desing, dimensioning of SC plant



- hydraulic was dimensioned for low Delta-T, low pump electricity, high COP<sub>el</sub>
- → large pipes, large volumes of water inside pipes (solar heat grid stretching over whole campus)

#### General



- DHW for boarding school, sports facilities: 100% solar; gas boiler in hot water room, but not connected to gas grid
- solar pumps for DHW cooling can run monovalently each or in parallel



- heat losses over night; long heat up phase over night of large volumina inside pipes for high temperatures
- →ACM heat supply temperatures were reduced
   shorter heat up time in the morning and
  longer operation hours in the evening



- in Oct 2012 motor valves were installed in the connection pipes of the 3 solar collector arrays were installed
- reduced heat losses over night; possibility of solar DHW preparation at night

#### **Experiences of UWC operation**



- Climate variations: NTU measured significantly lower solar irradiation in 2012 than in previous years
- el. COP 6-13; but optimization was for maximum cold supply
- el. COP to be further optimized(pump speed control, heat rejection)
- Chiller can work at supply temp as low as 60°C
- heat losses are important issue (natural circulation, valves, expansions)

#### **UWCSEA-EAST Tampines, Singapore**



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#### **Experiences of UWC construction**



- core supply by Solid's experienced partners
- local supply of piping, steel works, tanksBezug
- solar thermal standards vs. local habits (piping)
- construction site management by Solid

#### **UWC – Collector areas**





# 3900 m<sup>2</sup> gluatmugl HT on 4 buildings

#### LiBr absorption chiller 1575 kW





#### CGD Bank Headquarter, Portugal



Bank building including hospital, theater, restaurants, 100,000 m<sup>2</sup> offices, 17 floors

Solar Panels: 1.580 m<sup>2</sup>

Cooling capacity: 545 kW

1100 kW Reheating, Heating, DHW

Operating since Feb. 2008



#### **CGD** – Solar Details







Solar Panels: 1580 m<sup>2</sup> gluatmugl HT roof integrated (W-SW, 0-S0, 25°) Storage: 2 x 5,5 m<sup>3</sup> 15% freezing protection Heat exchanger on user side (DHW, heating, SC) 545 kW Bingshan LiBr chiller Wet cooling tower

#### **CGD Bank Headquarter, Portugal**





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## Project under construction



#### **Desert Mountain High School, USA**



Scottsdale, Arizona, USA Cooling, Heating and DHW for Middle School and High school 500 tons /1750 kW<sub>th</sub> of Cooling, 50,000 ft<sup>2</sup> collector area 10% larger than SOLID's Singapore project



#### **DMHS Hydraulics**





#### **DMHS** – Covered Parking







#### Thank you!



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