

# Solar Power and new concrete applications: a pilot plant in Morocco

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# Italcementi Group at a glance



**The world's fifth largest cement producer**

**A worldwide presence in 22 countries**

**An overall staff of 18,000 people**

**A consolidated production capacity of approximately 61 million tons**

**2014 annual sales exceeding 4.1 billion Euro**

**Over 150 years-old successful business strategy implemented by a family-driven company at its fifth generation**



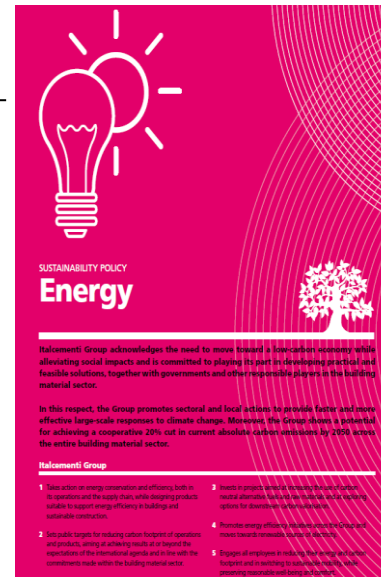
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# Strategic development based on sustainability: a global energy and climate policy to move toward a low- carbon economy

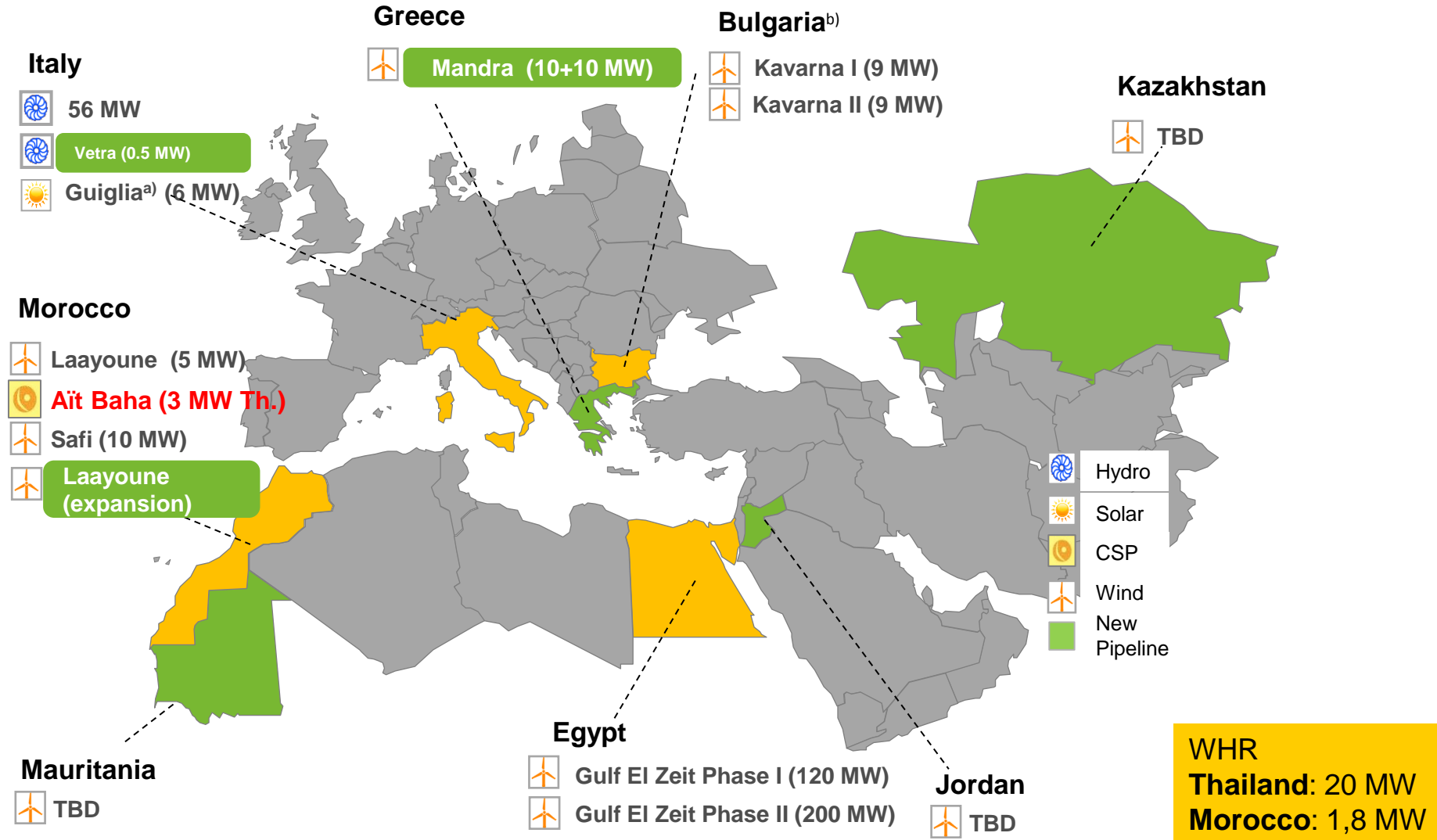


## 2020 ambitions for Energy and Climate

CO<sub>2</sub> intensity, related to direct or indirect emissions, is a representative indicator of global efficiency, as it combines most of the key levers to industrial excellence. Italcementi Group endorses a strategy leading to:

- cementitious products with less than 600 kg CO<sub>2</sub> per tonne;
- captive or offset production of renewable power up to 10% of the total electrical energy demand of production sites.

# Italcementi operates in Italy in the energy sector since 1907; in 2001 Italgen was set up for electricity production and trading on the international market



a) Italgen holds a 30% stake in the company developing the photovoltaic power plant

b) Italgen holds a 49% stake in the company operating Kavarna plants

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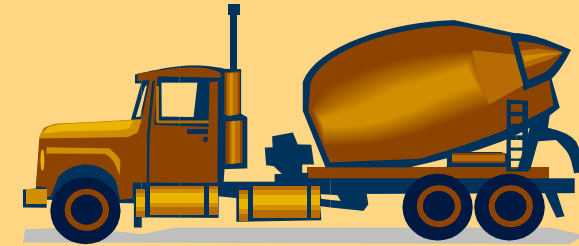
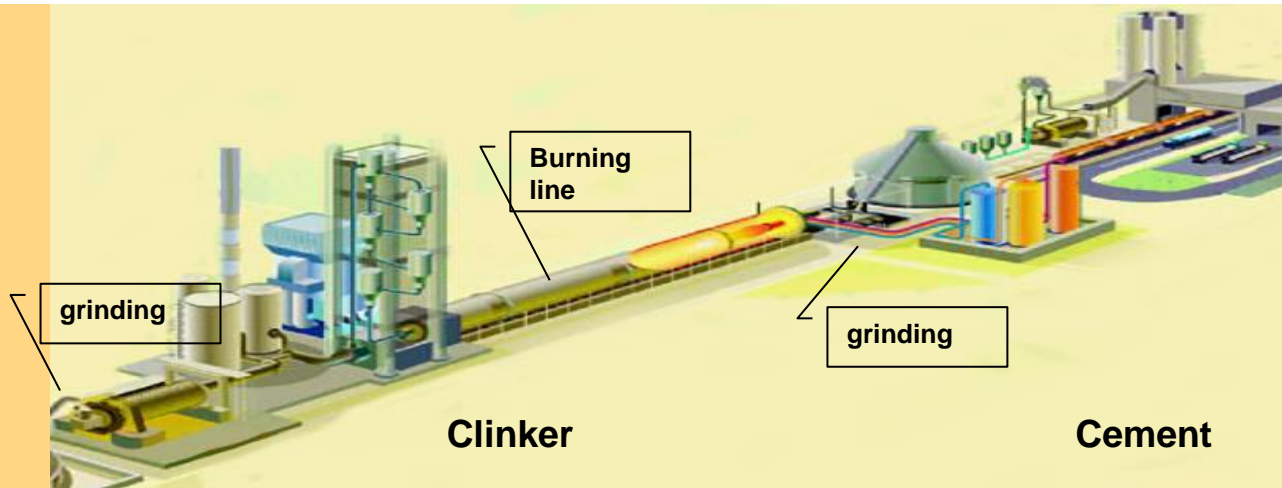
**Project description**

# Ait Baha cement plant (Morocco)

- Located in a remote area, in Agadir region
  - Low availability of water
  - High solar irradiance
  - Starting operations in 2010
  - 5000 tons/day production
- ISO 14001 and ISO 50001 certified
  - Use of alternative fuels
  - On site renewable power:
    - WHR installed (prod.2013: 6 GWh) and
    - pilot CSP plant (additional 1 GWh)



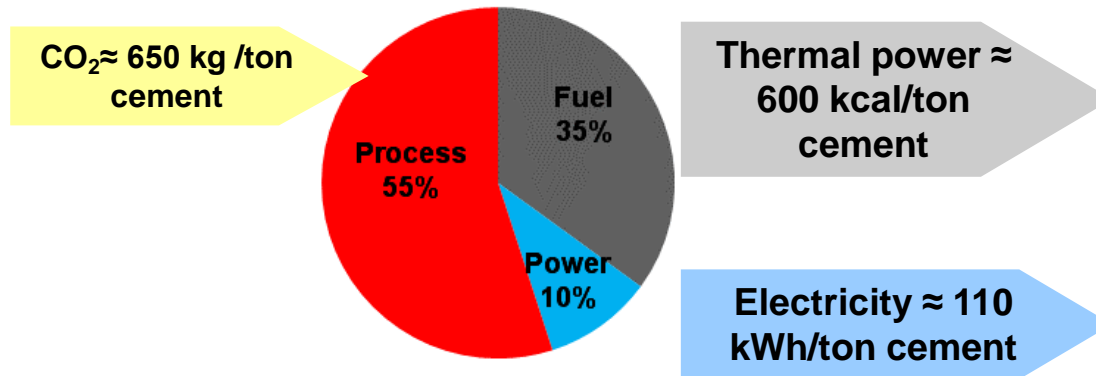
# Cement is a product with high energy and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions intensity



Concrete

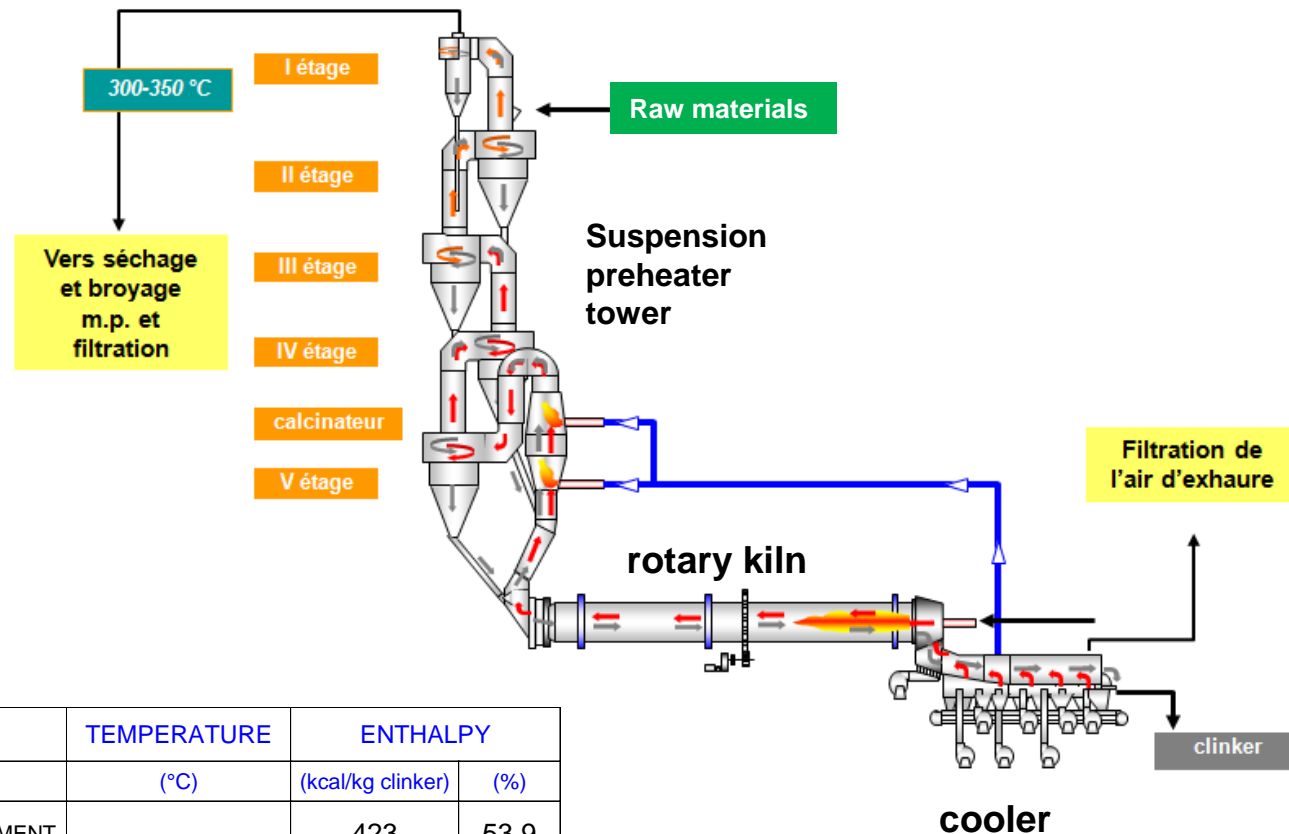
1 ton  
clinker

→  
≈ 1.25 ton  
cement



Approximately 40% of  
variable production costs  
are energy related

# Recoverable waste heat is available from the burning process

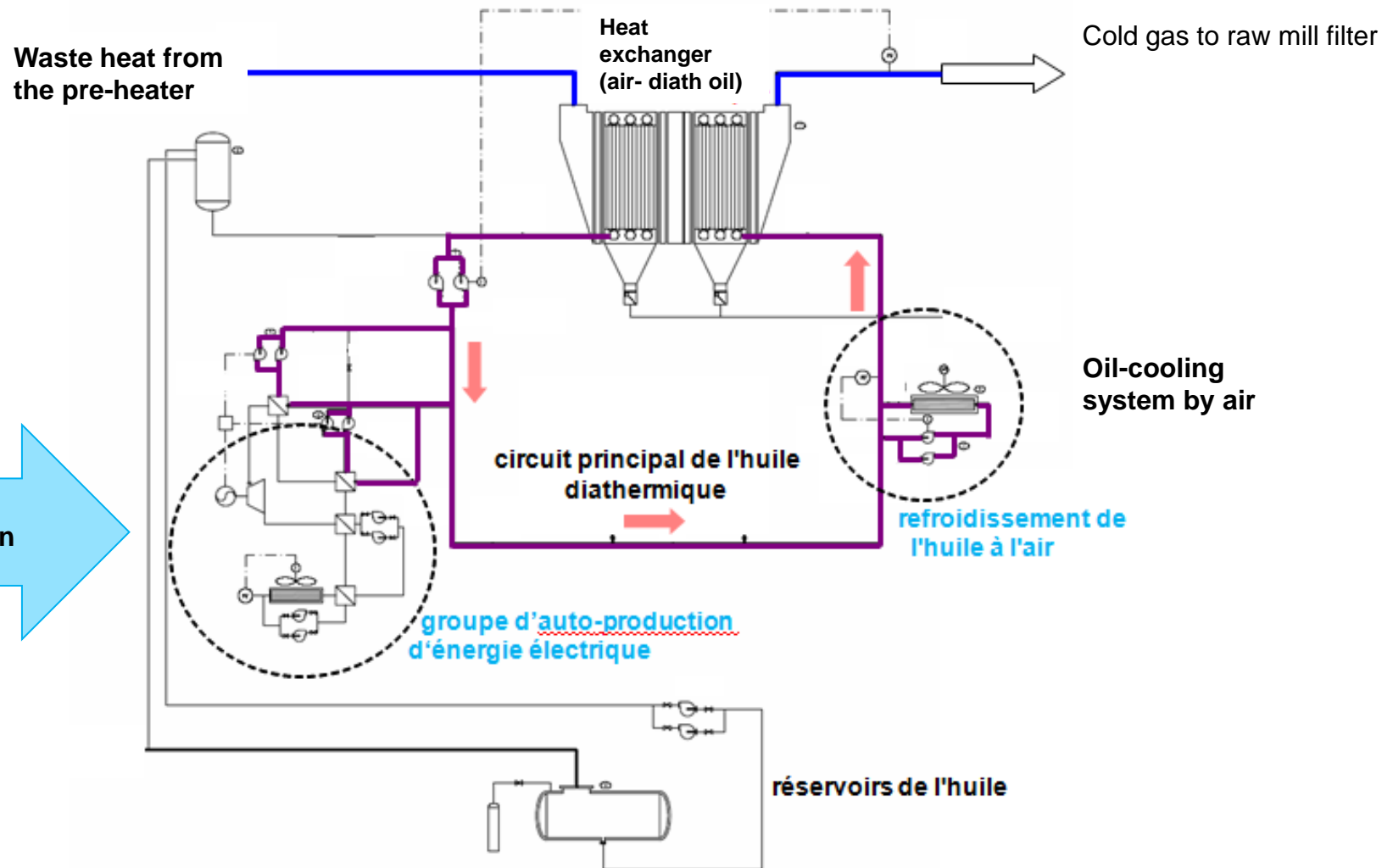


	TEMPERATURE	ENTHALPY	
	(°C)	(kcal/kg clinker)	(%)
THEORETICAL HEAT REQUIREMENT		423	53.9
HEAT DISCHARGED IN CLINKER	137	26.2	3.4
<b>GAS AT PRS OUTLET</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>144.7</b>	<b>18,4</b>
<b>EXCESS AIR FROM THE COOLER</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>104.5</b>	<b>13.3</b>
WALL HEAT LOSSES (kiln, PRS, cooler)		56.8	7.25
HOT AIR TO COAL MILL	603	16.0	2.05
DUST INTO PRS GAS	315	5.0	0.6
WATER EVAP. (COOLER, RAW MAT.)		8.8	1.1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>785</b>	<b>100</b>

About 32% of the total heat input is in form of recoverable heat (about 60% from the preheater and 40% from the cooler)



# Waste heat at low enthalpy: Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) application to the clinker process



# 1,8 MW Ait Baha ORC generator

Basing operating philosophy:

- Heat generated by diathermic oil is provided to a power production system based on ORC
- High turbine efficiency
- Use of organic working fluid instead of water allows for longer operational life
- Air-cooler to disperse heat in case ORC system is not available and for condensed water cooling

CO<sub>2</sub> savings: more than 4000 tons/year



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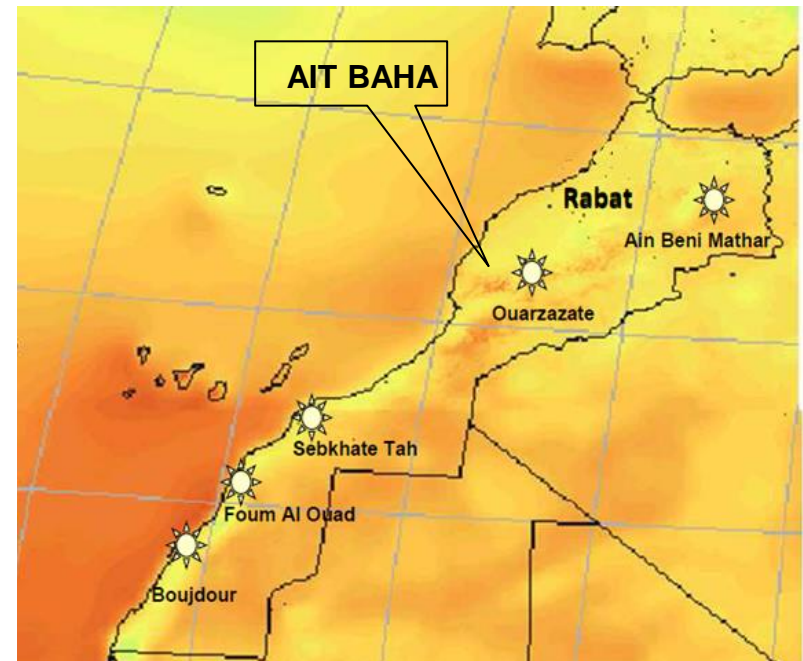
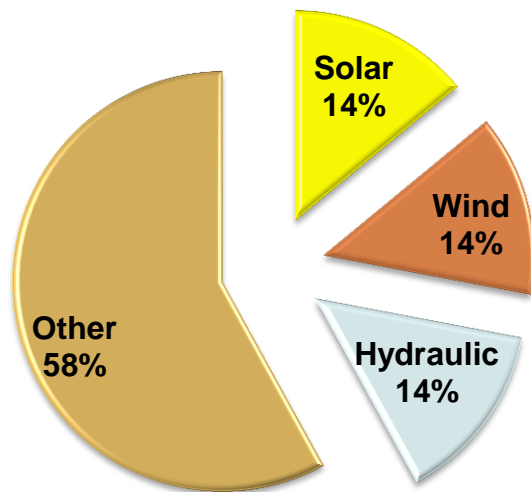


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## In 2020, according to the national energy plan, the solar will account for 14% of the total installed generation capacity in Morocco

- The part of installed capacity of renewable energy will represent 42% of total electric installed capacity by 2020
- Solar will account for 14%
- Main sites for CSP (Concentration Solar Power) projects totalling 2000 MW have been identified in the Country by the Moroccan Agency for Solar ENergy (MASEN).





# Project rationale of AIT BAHA plant CSP project

- Main short term project targets:
  - set up and test of an **innovative renewable energy production technology**
  - demonstrate the effectiveness of an **alternative CSP** methodology studied for reducing investment and operational costs (low maintenance)
  - avoiding the recourse to flammable and dangerous hot material fluids
  - maximizing the **use of local materials**
- Long term targets :
  - diffusion of industrial scale CSP plants, mainly in the ITC MENA region cement plants
  - reach Renewable Energy ITC targets
  - reduction of the dependency from external power supply and optimization of the overall process efficiency
- Strategic target :
  - enhancement of **high performance** and **rapid hardening cementitious materials** for new and innovative applications

# Ait Baha CSP pilot plant main technical data

- Technology : linear troughs
- Number of modules : 3
- Overall dimensions : 215 x 11m
- Total active surface : 6000 m<sup>2</sup>
- Total plant area : 4,5 ha
- Thermal peak power : 3.800 kW
- Storage capacity : 12 hours
- **Yearly production : 1.000 MWh/year**
  - \* Additional generation of existing ORC generator

■ Start up : October 2014

■ Total investment : 3 M€

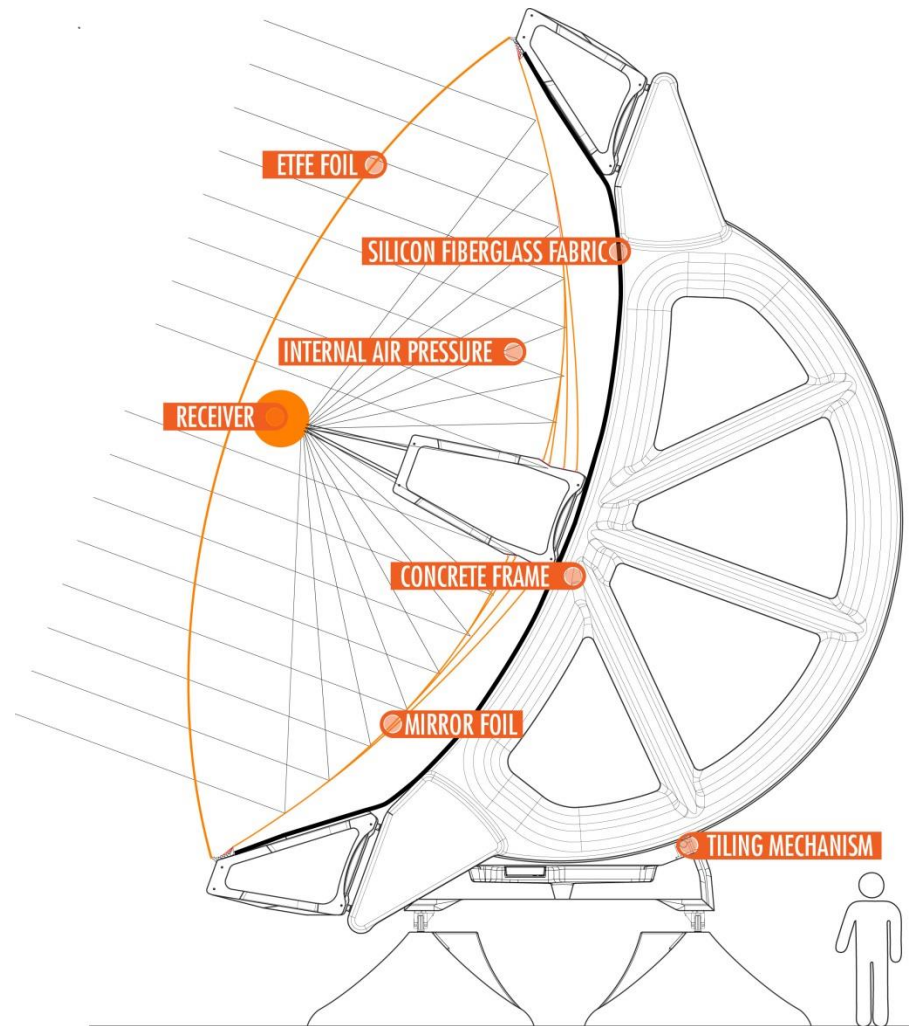
■ Partnership with **airlight energy**

<http://www.airlightenergy.com/csp/>

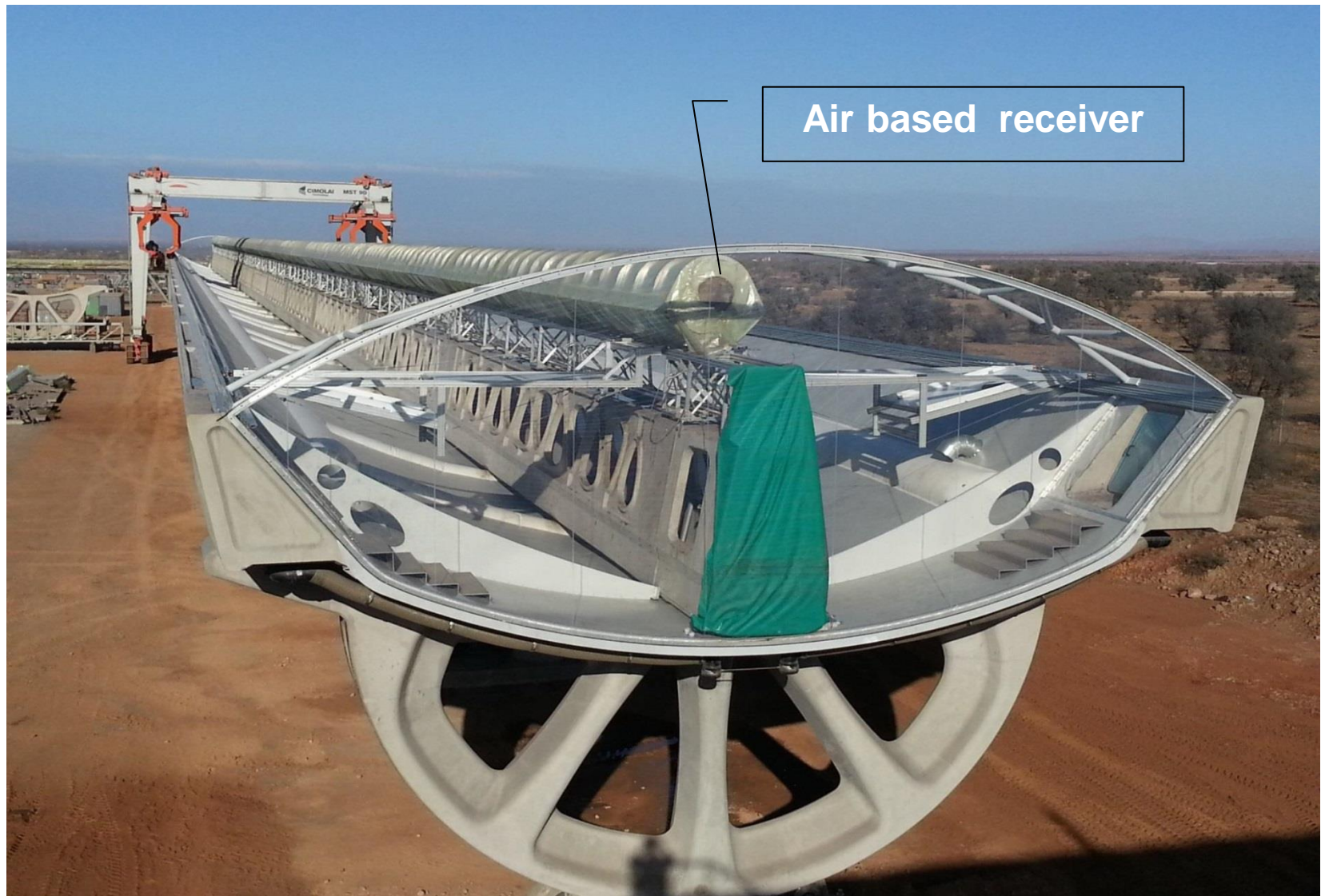


# The Ait Baha parabolic trough

- The module frame rotates during the day following the direction of the sun
- The mirror is made of a plastic membrane coupled to an aluminium foil for high reflectance
- A transparent membrane (ETFE) is installed above the mirror for protecting the mirror surface
- A controlled air pressure maintained between the mirror and the protective cover
- The pneumatic system allows to achieve the focusing characteristics of a parabolic trough with high optical efficiency
- The membrane is kept in shape by differential pressures with a linear parabolic configuration



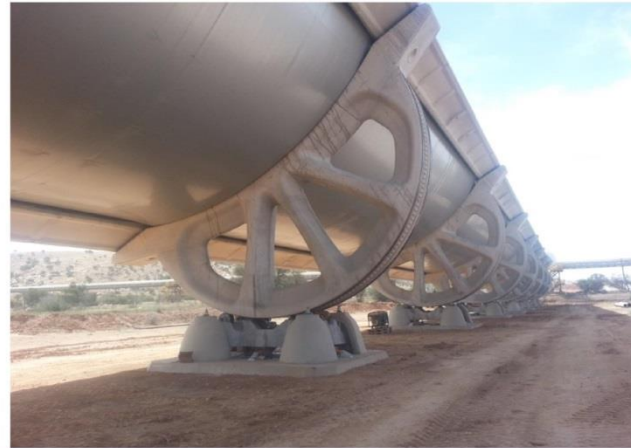
## Module ready for the installation of the top membrane





# Precasted concrete structure on site manufactured

- The tilting structure is made of concrete beams in order to improve the stiffness and resistance of the frame where the membranes are fixed
- Each support of the assembly is provided with an independent electrical motor
- Gears are made of concrete



215 m length/ collector  
1700 t/module

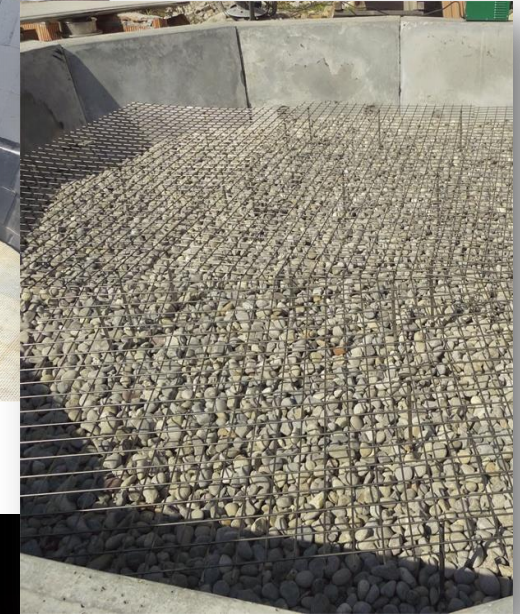


Long life

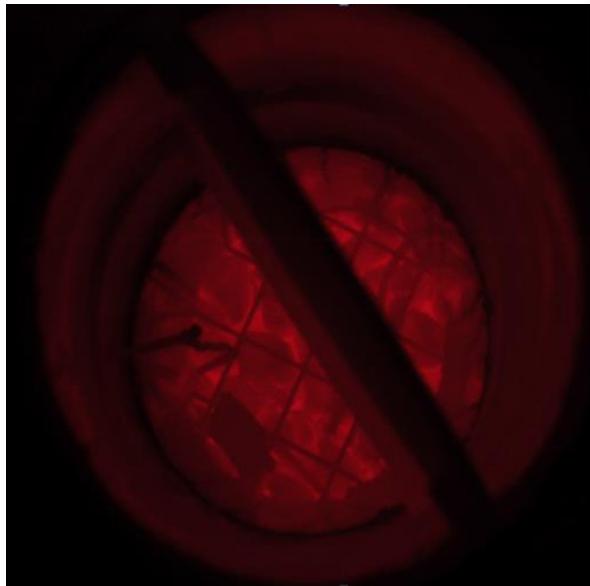


# Packed bed thermal heat storage

- Air as a heat transit fluid
- The storage is an underground reservoir filled up with heat resistant gravel
- During the heating phase the gravel may reach up to 650°C.
- Hot air flows from the top to the bottom during the heating phase and vice-versa during the night
- A special **heat resistant concrete** is used for the construction of walls and roof of the reservoir

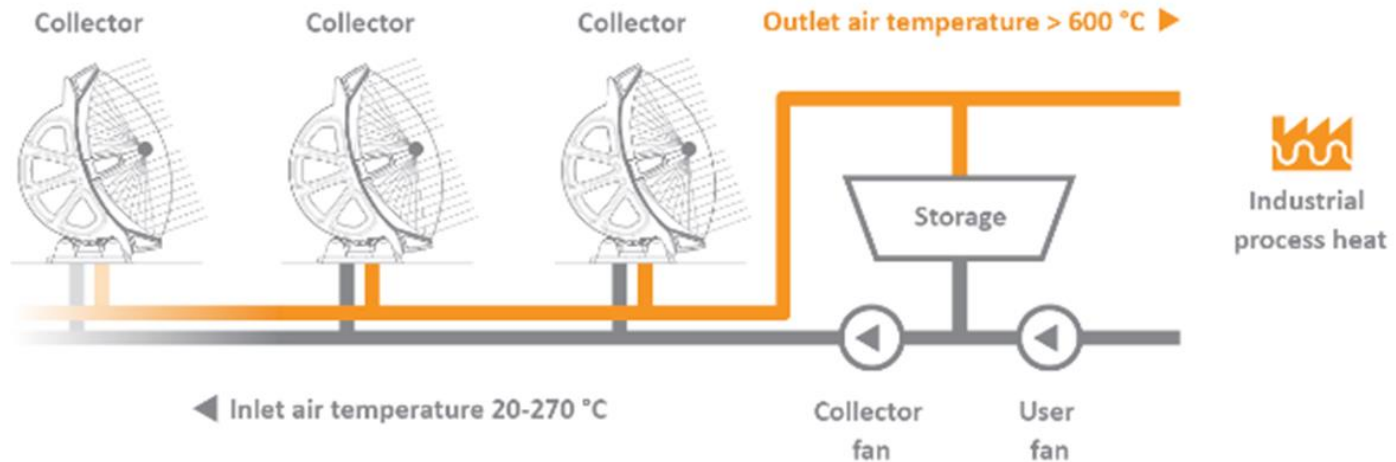


Storage before filling  
with stone gravel

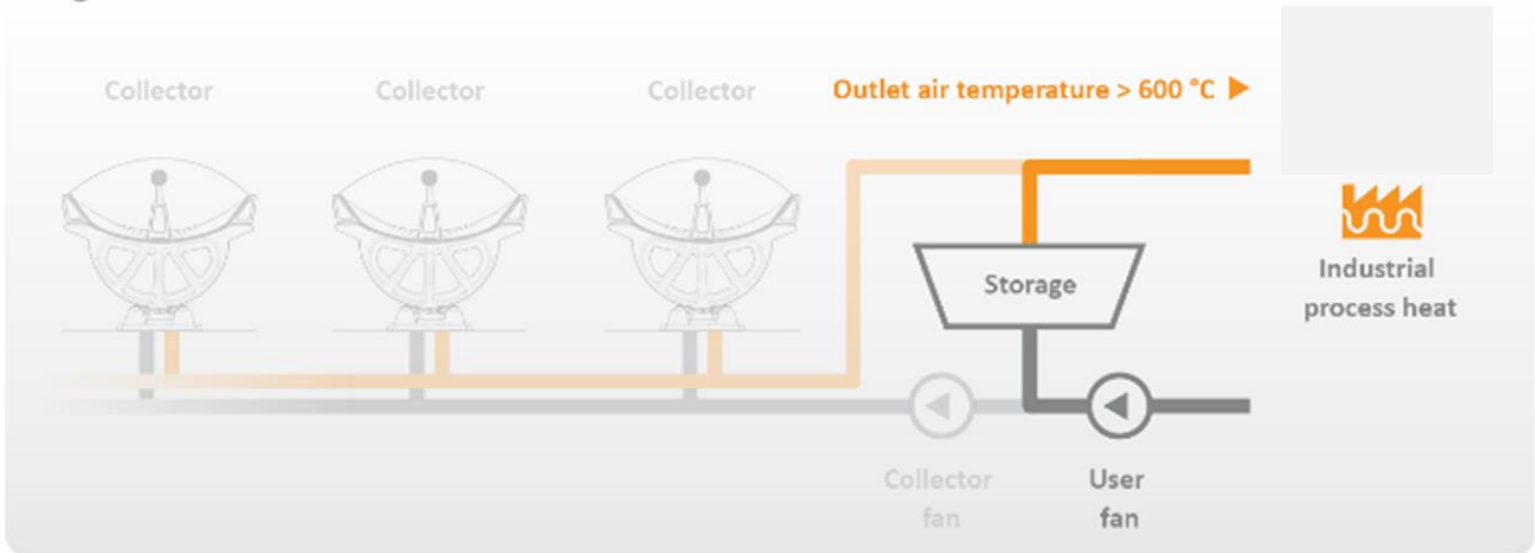


# The CSP operating scheme

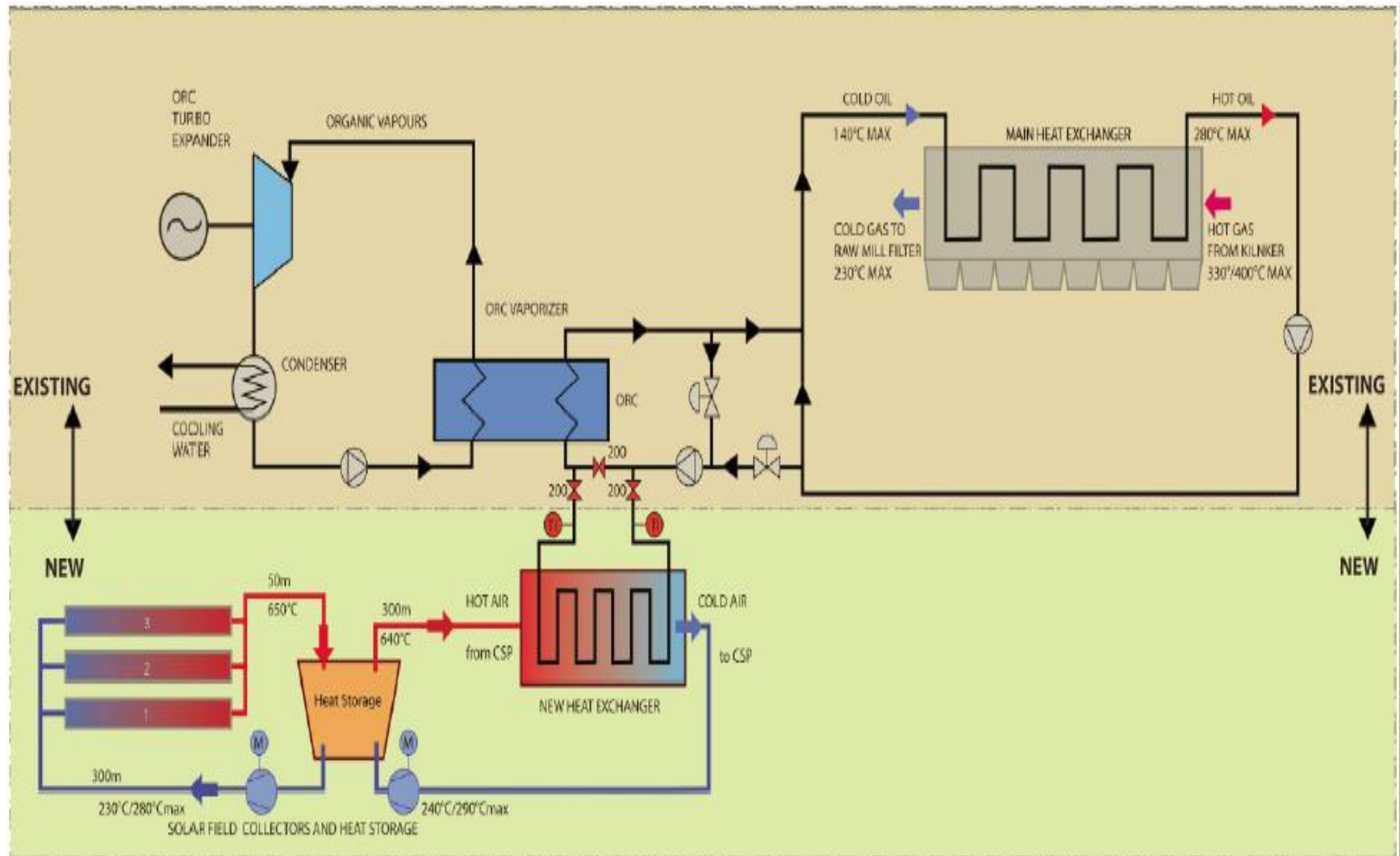
Day



Night



# The integration of the CSP with the WHR





## .. Take away on our pilot project



- Renewable energy ambitions for a high energy intensive industry as cement are a challenge
- Sustainability means take opportunities from local sources and face environmental constraints
- Partnership is the enabling factor: high profile technology company (solar technology/energy storage) and innovative materials producer

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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