

**KALADY RICE  
MILLERS  
CONSORTIUM PVT.  
LTD.  
MATTOOR  
KALADY  
ERNAKULAM DISTRICT  
KERALA**

**PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP OF A COMMON  
FACILITY CENTRE UNDER SMALL  
INDUSTRIES CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAMME SCHEME OF OFFICE OF DC (SSI)**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- a. **Industrial Department of Kerala State Government** has identified the Rice Mill Cluster at Ernakulam under cluster development programme and approved as **SIDO cluster**. There are 70 Modern rice mills and 55 small conventional rice mills are functioning in Ernakulam district under SSI sector. In this Cluster Development Programme presently 33 modern rice mill industries in Ernakulam District have formed a consortium under the name and style of **M/S. KALADY RICE MILLERS CONSORTIUM PVT. LTD.** The remaining rice mills will become a member of this consortium immediately. The Diagnostic Study conducted on this Cluster will found some major issues and recommend certain solutions. The immediate requirements of this cluster is **a common facility centre for bran oil extraction for getting value addition for their rice bran**, which will benefit the units by getting an additional income of around Rs.17 lakhs. The first phase of this common facility centre - Bran Oil Extraction section is under implementation. In addition to this consortium has started a common centre for tyre and rice mill spare parts which directly transfer the benefits of bulk purchase to cluster. They also started a common a laboratory for testing the quality of rice, bran, water etc, for consortium members. The value addition of rice bran is completed only after installing a bran oil refinery section. By implementing both these extraction and refinery section of the common facility centre, each unit of the cluster will get around 22% value addition for their bran. Thus this CFC will improve the performance of this rice mill cluster in total.
- b. The total project cost is estimated to be Rs. 645 lakhs of which 90% of fixed capital Rs.572.10 lakhs can be obtained as grant from Government of India under **‘Small Industries Cluster Development Programme’** scheme and balance Rs. 72.90 lakhs is to be shared by the beneficiaries and stake holders. The operating capital for this CFC is Rs. 9.33 lakhs which is included in the project. The projected performance of this common facility centre for the first eight years of operation is

appended. The unit will generate profit from the first year of operation. The project is technically feasible and overall economics of the project is very attractive.

- c. The active support for the project from the **industrial department of Kerala** in the form of implementing agency will benefit the rice mills at Ernakulam District and especially those in consortium.
- d. The consortium will provide the necessary land and building for setting up this common facility centre as their contribution and execute necessary agreements and undertakings with the implementing agency - Industrial Department of Kerala.
- e. The day to day operating expense of the common facility centre in terms of electricity charges, labour charges etc. will be borne by the consortium and the required periodic maintenance, modernisation etc. will be met by the **corpus fund** raised from the profit of the common facility centre. This fund is also utilised for future modernisation, upgradation etc. of the CFC.
- f. The consortium will appoint necessary technical experts and skilled labours for running the common facility centre.

## **ABSTRACT OF PROJECT**

1. Project : **Proposal for setting up of a refinery section of common facility centre** under small industries cluster development programme scheme of office of DC (SSI)
2. Name of the Project : Centralised Bran oil refining unit under Cluster Development Project.
3. Implementing Agency : **Government of Kerala through industrial department.**
4. Location of CFC : Mattoor, Kalady, Ernakulam Dist.
5. Address of the unit
  - a) CFC: M/s. KALADY RICE MILLERS CONSORTIUM Pvt. Ltd. Door No. , Mattoor, Kalady.
  - b) Taluk : Aluva
  - c) Village : Kalady
  - d) Panchayat : Kalady
6. Capacity Utilisation : 1st Year - 65%  
2nd Year - 75%  
3rd Year - 80%  
4th Year - 85%
7. Man power requirements/  
Employment Potential : A. Administration :

General Manager	-	1
Accountant	-	2
Office Staff	-	3
		6 Nos.

  
B. Production :

Production Supervisor	-	3
Chemist	-	2
Machine Operator	-	6
Maintanance Staff	-	2
Boiler operator	-	1
Skilled Workers	-	3
Unskilled Workers	-	6
		23 Nos.

8. Cost of Project:

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Land	:	25.00
Technical Civil Work	:	50.00
Plant and Machinery	:	425.86
Supporting Equipments	:	84.80
Contingency	:	23.79
Preliminary and Pre-operative expenses	:	26.22
Operating Capital	:	9.33
Total Project Cost		<b>645.00</b>

9. Means of Finance :

Contribution from consortium ( 10% of fixed assets + operating capital )	:	72.90 Lakhs
Grant from DCSSI under small industries cluster development programme for setting common facility centre ( 90% of fixed assets )	:	572.10 Lakhs
Total	:	<b>645.00 Lakhs</b>

10. Break Even Point :

a) Operating B. E. P. :

(i) Percentage of installed capacity	:	35.79%
(ii) In terms of sale	:	142.27 Lakhs

(b) Cash B. E. P. :

(i) Percentage of installed capacity	:	8.20%
(ii) In terms of sales	:	32.59 Lakhs

15. Internal rate of return	:	11 %(After Tax) 16 % (Before Tax)
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16. Pay back period	:	7 Years 9 Months
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17. Facilities Required :

Grant from DCSSI under small industries cluster development programme for setting common facility centre	:	<b>572.10 Lakhs</b>
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## **SECTION - I INTRODUCTION**

### **BACKGROUND OF RICE MILL CLUSTER**

There are 70 Modern rice mills and 55 small conventional rice mills are functioning in Ernakulam district under SSI sector. The capital investment of these industries vary from 50 to 600 lakhs. Total turn over per annum is about Rs. 1465 Crores. Rice Mill industry in Ernakulam District is creating employment opportunities directly to 3000 persons and indirectly to 1500 persons. The power requirement per each unit is around 100 to 350 HP.

Presently around 33 small scale modern rice mills have formed a consortium under the name and style of **M/s. 'Kalady Rice Millers Consortium Pvt. Ltd.'** The remaining units will become the members of this consortium immediately.

### **Major Issues and Immediate Solution**

Rice bran is the most important source of edible oil among the unconventional source. Rice bran is the brown coating around the white starchy rice kernel, which is obtained by de husking paddy and polishing the rice.

Rice bran oil is considered healthy oil because it contains useful functional food unsaturated fatty acid especially mono unsaturated fatty acids. It also contains high vitamin E it improves the blood circulation of human body.

Even though the commercial value of rice bran is very high, the rice mill units did not get the adequate price for their by products. Rice bran is a highly sensitive products and its quality deteriorate while storing. High quality oil is extracted only from fresh bran. Oils in bran contain some free fatty acids. The enzymatic hydrolysis goes on storing them and leads to rancidity. To avoid this the bran is made to process within 2 or 3 days from their production.

Besides in Kerala one or two bran oil extraction units are functioning. Most of the extraction units are in Karnataka. So this bran is sold only through middlemen. Now rice mill units does not get adequate price for their bran.

Only starting a common facility centre for bran oil extraction and refining can solve this problem. So that fresh bran can be processed and rice mill units will get maximum value addition for their by products.

### **BACKGROUND OF CONSORTIUM**

The consortium already started a tyre and mill stores bank. The consortium will purchase tyres for trucks and LCVs directly from tyre manufacturing companies in bulk. Consortium will supply tyres to cluster members. The margin obtained is directly transferred to cluster units. Same methodology is adopted in the case of common mill stores.

A common lab was setup by the consortium for the testing of quality of rice, oil content water required for par boiling etc. This lab can also be utilised for testing the quality of refined rice bran oil.

A common facility centre for bran oil extraction is under implementation. The proposed capacity of the bran oil extraction unit is 100 MT. The average yield from this plant is 21%. The total capital outlay of the implementing project is Rs. 283 Lakhs.

Infact a bran oil refinery is required for complete processing of bran. So a bran oil refinery is to be installed as a forward integration to the implementing extraction plant.

### **Benefits for members.**

Presently the rice bran produce in these rice mills are procured by bran agents or by bran extraction refineries in an out side Kerala. They procured rice bran at very low price of the range of Rs. 7 to Rs. 7.50 per Kg. in the peak demand period. If they feel that the availability of bran is increased in this cluster they try to reduce the price. The rice mill owners are forced to sell their bran at these price because of no other alternative and this rice bran will decay within two to three days by the development of fatty acids. Once these fatty acids developed in these bran the quality will deteriorate and price may go down to Rs. 2 to Rs. 3 per kg

The consortium members can utilise this common facility centre for bran oil extraction and refining. The following calculation will show the benefits raised for the cluster units by installing this common facility centre.

The average out put of rice bran from each unit = 3 M.T./day

The total present output of rice bran from

33 member unit = 3M.T.X33 = 99M.T

Say 100 M.T./day

Present revenue raised by selling this rice bran

= 100M.T x Rs. 7000 = Rs.700000

After installing this proposed common facility centre the revenue will increase as follows.

The average yield of refined rice bran oil from this 100 MT bran =  $100 \times 21\% \times 94\%$  = 19.74 MT.

The present market value of refined edible bran oil = Rs. 47,000/MT

The total revenue by selling refined edible bran oil per day =  $19.74 \text{ MT} \times \text{Rs. } 47,000$  = Rs. 9,27,780/-

Service charge paid to common facility centre

a) Bran oil extraction = Rs. 925/MT of extracted bran oil =  $100 \text{ MT} \times 21\% \times \text{Rs. } 975$  = Rs. 20,475/-

b) Extracted bran oil refining = Rs. 2,650/MT of refined bran oil =  $100 \text{ MT} \times 21\% \times 94\% \times \text{Rs. } 2,650$  = Rs. 52,311/-.

Net profit derived from the common facility centre  
per day = Rs. 9,27,780 - ( 700000 + 20,475 + 52,311) = Rs. 1,54,994/-

The average value addition obtained per unit = Rs. 1,54,994 / 33  
= Rs. 4,696.78/day

The monthly value addition per unit = Rs. 4,696.78 x 30  
= Rs. 1,40,903/-

The annual value addition per unit = Rs. 1,40,903 x 12 = Rs. 16,90,843/-

By implementing this common facility centre each cluster unit will get a value addition of Rs. 16,90,843 annually. Presently this benefits are exploited by middle men and bran oil refineries.

### **Modus of operant**

The common facility centre will extract and refine bran oil from bran of rice mill cluster. It charge a nominal amount for meeting operational expenses and making corpus fund for future modernisation, up gradation and sustenance of the common facility centre. The remaining rice mills who are presently not a member of the consortium can also utilise this common facility centre. So there is no under capacity utilisation of common facility centre.

## **SECTION - II**

### **TECHNICAL ASPECTS**

#### **STAGE - I ACID DEGUMMING WITH WASHING.**

Physical refining - also called steam refining - is the combined neutralisation and deodorisation of fats and oils by steam stripping under vacuum.

This process is well suited to most edible oils provided they are thoroughly degummed and purified which is the main condition for producing first class edible end products.

Main advantages of the physical refining system towards the conventional one are:

1. The refining factor of the whole refining process is superior in physical refining than in chemical refining mode.
2. Moreover, in physical refining, there is no production of soapstock, a main source of pollution in alkali refining.
3. Production costs as well as investment costs are lower in physical refining.
4. The treatment of effluent water is reduced to a minimum i.e.: floor washing water and bleed-off of the barometric water systems from bleaching, deodorising and acid gums drying units.

To obtain first quality oils, it is essential to make sure the crude oils entering the deodoriser are free of impurities.

Specifically designed for the physical refining of unsaturated oils, the “acid degumming” is the first step in the refining line. However for complete elimination of all impurities and undesirable compounds, the oil is further pre-treated and bleached.

Therefore physical refining of unsaturated oils rice bran oil, comprises 3 steps:

1. Acid degumming step with washing
2. Dry pretreatment combined with bleaching step Deodorising step
3. Deodorising step.

## **ACID DEGUMMING**

Crude oil being transferred by the feed pump, item PW501, is at first heated in heat exchanger, item W521 A, by means of heat exchange with the outgoing oil. Or in heater, item W521 B, by steam; during startup. After that the oil is mixed in contactor, item W504AC, with the acid coming from dosing device, item W534AC.

The intimate mixture oil/acid is introduced in multi-compartment reactor, where after a long and systematic sojourn of the oil, the non-hydratable gums are transformed to hydratable.

A second contact of the oil in mixer, with a diluted degumming agent, added by the dosing unit, is then carried out to agglomerate the gums before separation in the centrifugal separator.

The contact is ensured in the multiple-compartment reactor, item W503B.

Then, thanks to the pump, item PW503B, the degummed oil is pumped to the centrifugal separator, item W518. There the gums are separated from the oil, which is sent directly to washing stage.

The gum phase is collected in a tank, item W582G, from where it will be pumped thanks to the pump, item PW582G, either to a dryer or to any other treatment.

## **WASHING**

After the separation of the gums, a washing stage is usually performed in order to reduce further the phosphorus content. So the oil passes through a mixer, item W504W2, where hot water is added, and, after a short reaction time, the oil is sent to the washing separator, item W518W.

The wash water, collected in a decanter, item W532C, can be reused as diluting agent upstream in the mixer, item W504W1.

By adding this stage, the unit is also more flexible and will be able to process oils in chemical refining method in case the crude oil quality doesn't fit to the minimum requirements of the physical refining method.

## **STAGE II DRY PRE-TREATMENT COMBINED WITH CONTINUOUS BLEACHING**

### **I. Incoming oil pretreatment section.**

Crude oil contains a small amount of phospholipids and other impurities. Similarly, acid degummed oil still contains some traces of phosphatides, metals or other minor undesirable compounds.

The complete elimination of these is a requisite if one is to obtain a good final product. A small quantity of concentrated phosphoric (or citric) acid is generally added to the oil to serve this purpose.

This acid attacks the hydratable, the non-hydratable phospholipids and other compounds including the heavy metals contained in the crude oil.

Sedimentation from oils treated with phosphoric acid is very low and separation can be done by filtration in the bleaching plant as a cheap alternative to the centrifugal operation otherwise required.

For some qualities of oils or fats, phosphoric acid may be replaced by citric acid.

## **II. Bleaching with filtration step.**

1. The main purpose of bleaching is ofcourse to remove colouring matters by adsorption to obtain finished product with the desired colour.
2. In the case of physical refining, bleaching-filtration ensures also final purification of oil thanks to complete elimination of residual gums, phosphatides and all undesirable matter precipitated in pretreatment.
3. In the case of palm oil, the bleaching carried at low temperature has no any decoloration effect. Effective bleaching for this oil is carried out during deodorisation-neutralisation at high temperature and is called "heat bleach".

The pretreated oil, after addition of phosphoric/citric acid enters in contact with activated bleaching earth.

After contacting, the mixture is sent to the bleacher (under vacuum) where live steam injection helps to contact the earth and the oil particles. The oil/earth mixture is then filtered in hermetic filters for a perfect handling.

### **Process description**

Crude oil or acid degummed oil is pumped from the buffer tank item T501 into acid mixer T504AC in which acid is continuously fed via a dosing pump item PT534AC.

The intimate mixture oil/acid is then introduced into the multi compartment reactor, item T503/635, where oil is mixed with bleaching earth stored in earth tank, item 630, and delivered by a variable speed metering screw, item 607. In this reactor, the reaction time of both bleaching earth and citric acid is extended.

From the bottom of the multi compartment reactor, item T503/635, the oil is sucked into the upper part of the bleacher (heater part, item 621) where it is heated up to the required temperature.

This procedure ensures optimum deaeration of both oil and earth, as well as intimate mixing of both together with acid activation.

From there, the oil overflows to the bleacher itself.

Vertical partitions ensure a uniform flow of the mixture and a well-determined retention time without any risk of short-circuiting. Finally, the oil-earth mixture is sent to filters, item 616A, by means of pump, item P622.

The filters are of the hermetic type operating alternatively except for small size plants where one filter only is supplied.

The filtered oil is kept under vacuum in filtered oil receiver, item 6828, to avoid any oxidation at this stage of the refining line and then pumped with the pump, item P682B, through security filter, item 616B, to ensure that traces of impurities are eliminated.

After the filtration operation, oil recovery from spent cake is done by steam blowing and the spent cake is discharged and evacuated. The vapours are collected into a decanting tank, item 682A, and scrubbed into item 629.

The filter cake discharge needs no manual intervention, as the cake of earth is detached by vibrations from the filter leaf.

### **The main advantages:**

Savings of both labour and floor space, as well as in a lower bleaching earth consumption to obtain the same bleaching result.

Accurate and convenient metering of oil and earth for obtaining quickly oil of the desired colour.

Continuous and perfect dispersion of bleaching earth in the oil, ensuring simultaneous and intimate contact of all earth particles with the processed oil under optimum conditions of vacuum (55 Torr), temperature (90-100°C).

Uniform holding time of the oil-earth mixture in the bleacher (30 minutes).

Oil filtration in hermetic leaf filters with stainless steel frames and cloths, requiring practically no maintenance.

Filtered oil is kept under vacuum during whole process.

No formation of decomposition residues.

No decantation/settling during bleaching, due to effective agitation.

A safety filter is foreseen for removal of possible earth traces after main filtration.

Oil content in spent cakes not exceeding 24%.

If requested, the filtration operation can be completely computerised thus avoiding any human supervision. For the standard model however, a few valves only must be operated to control cleaning of the filters, which can easily be done by the operator in charge of the other refining sections, especially when these are also continuous in operation.

## **STAGE III DE WAXING OF RICE BRAN OIL WITH SUPER FILTERS**

### **PROCESS DESCRIPTION**

Rice bran oil contains approximately 2.5 to 3% waxes. So also the tristearin portion is approximately 2%. The GS2U triglycerides portion also plays a very important role while designing the dewaxing plant for rice bran oil.

The rice bran dewaxing can be performed at two steps depending the clarity & marketability of the refined oil required in the market. However process execution differs depending the process route selected.

In case of deacidification route, it is advisable to carry out dewaxing after bleaching step at relatively higher temperature to remove the high melting waxes present in the oil. This also helps in improving the color of bleached-dewaxed oil before it enters the deacidification step.

By dewaxing the Rice Bran oil, high melting point waxes are removed from the oil. Sometimes small quantities of high melting point stearins are removed also.

The process is realised in three steps:

first the oil is cooled in plate heat exchangers

in a second step the oil cooled slowly. In order to have a good crystal formation and has to remain a few hours at low temperature before filtration finally the oil is filtered on super filters by simple gravity feed without applying any external pup pressure whatsoever to maintain the crystal once formed.

The oil is first continuously cooled from 95°C by means of cold oil in plate cooler, item D1081A.

For starting up a plate heat exchanger, item D1 081 B, cooled with water can be foreseen. Above two heat exchangers can possibly be installed in other parts of the refinery.

The oil flow continuously in the oil coolers, item D1002, where the oil is gradually cooled by means of cold water circulating inside cooling coils. From the cooler, the oil overflows to the crystalizer, item D 1003, where the oil remains for a certain time before filtration.

The oil is then filtered in a super filter:

SUPER FILTER designed by Miura Engineering Co. Ltd, Japan for dewaxing Rice bran oil.

1.1. Process description: The crystallized wax oil is fed in to the SUPER FILTER at a head pressure of 0.3 to 0.5 Kg/CM<sup>2</sup>. Wax accumulated during the process on the specially selected filter element can be melted and removed by means of steam circulating through the inbuilt steam

coils at 3 to 4 Kg/CM<sup>2</sup> pressure. Filtrate from the SUPER FILTER flows into the product oil tank through the filtrate trough, where as the melted wax drops in to the wax-receiving pan and then discharge in to the crude wax tank. Cooling water is circulated through the built in steam coils to allow the SUPER FILTER to cool down sufficiently to the desired condition. Now the SUPER FILTER is ready to go for the next cycle of operation.

#### 1.2. System advantages:

Energy saving and highly efficient automatic de-waxing filter.

Compact in construction yet meets the required larger filtration area and needs less space for installation.

Need not be installed in the cold room.

Wax removal after the filtration is possible in a short time without opening the filter.

Cooling of filter to desired operating condition is achieved in a less time. So that the next cycle can be quickly started.

Filtrate discharge outlet are attached to each leaf, therefore it is easy to detect a defective filter leaf.

Maintenance is easy.

Filter element can sustain more no. of cycles and need not be replaced frequently.

SUPER FILTER operations can be manned by single person.

Utility consumption is minimum.

Oil loss in the wax is minimum.

Filter aid need not be added in the oil.

The filtered oil is collected in a tank, item 01082B, with a level control and from where it will be pumped by the pump, item P01082B, to the heat exchange and further process.

## **STAGE IV CONTINUOUS DEODORISING**

### **DEODORISER**

Deodorising plants have always been extremely precious tools at the disposal of the vegetable oil industry. But now, more than ever, market demand tends to be scrupulously specific. The key-word today is **simplicity**: simplicity of design, & operation in more and more complex markets with advanced automation.

This new challenge is highly stimulating: we modified our previous generation of continuous deodoriser into a low-maintenance single-tower

operation, now integrating the entire process, with a particularly intense and dynamic mixing of oil in all deodorising trays.

The deodoriser is in the form of a vertical column with a sequence of oil deaeration, oil heating, oil deodorising and oil cooling and vapours condensation. It is virtually a deodorising plant by itself.

Heating is done in the upper tray. Heat recovery/cooling is performed in the bottom tray(s), whilst deodorising comprises of one to several trays, the number of which is determined by the plant capacity.

The buffer feed/deaeration tank occupies a separate tray inside the tower as well as the deodorised oil buffer tank feeding the outgoing oil pump.

The lowest tray is used for channelling the vapour flow and condensing the fatty acid vapours ensuring recovery of the distillate before the gases are sucked by the vacuum unit.

The gas chimney is in the centre of the deodoriser and reinforces the column construction, enhancing further the security of the vessel.

This sequential design offers the advantage that a common standard vessel can be used, for practically any capacity. This obviously facilitates design, construction and, therefore, fast delivery, with of course a better and stricter quality control.

Increasing the capacity is also easy: just add one or two trays and, for major increases, adjust the heating capacity via an external heater and the cooling capacity by adding a second water cooling vessel.

The continuous flow in the deodorising installation facilitates the systematic use of heat exchangers, reducing consumption of steam and fuel to heat the incoming and consumption of cooling water to cool the finished product. Besides, both steam and water consumption are more or less constant, without major fluctuations, creating ideal heat transfer conditions.

Deodorising and all additional processes are operated at the same vacuum (about 3-4 mbar), guaranteeing by adequate processing time and temperature & the perfect quality of the finished product.

## **PROCESS DESCRIPTION**

### **1. The Deaerator Buffer Feed Tank:**

The oil is being continuously transferred from the bleaching plant to the deaerator/buffer tray, item 802, included in the same deodorising column, operated at the same vacuum as the deodoriser to allow a perfect deaeration of the oil. It also acts as buffer feed capacity.

## 2. The Oil Heat Exchange:

The deaerated oil is then continuously sent by pump, item P802, through a heat exchanger, item 880A, (located in one -or more- tray(s) of the deodorising column) to preheat it by means of the deodorised oil.

The heat exchange is done by circulating the bleached oil inside the coils cooling tray located below the deodorising stages and operates under vacuum with live steam injection, cooling the outgoing oil prior to discharge from deodoriser.

## 3. The Final Heating.

The final heating of the oil to deodorisation temperature is carried out in the first tray of the deodoriser., item 821 A. This tray can be described as a cylinder containing several heating coils. The dimensions are selected to facilitate maintenance, giving direct access to the coils and partitions.

The tray is equipped with live steam distribution pipes, located under the coils, to increase the transfer coefficient by thorough agitation.

Let us finally mention that the trays are nearly horizontal - a 3° slope is maintained for drainage - which guarantees uniform oil depth and behaviour throughout the channels.

## 4. The Deodorising Tray(s)

The deodorising trays, item 822Q, can be described, as the heating tray, as a circle but divided in two or three concentric channels, except for one major point, the route followed by the oil, which is now a single plug flow; this ensures the longest minimum path of any oil particle and thus the more uniform residence time.

The heated oil enters the upper deodorising tray through the central overflow and circulates from channel to channel via openings, all located along the same sectional partition that closes the central radius of the tray.

An overflow located close to the outward channel partition collects the oil to distribute it, via a pipe, to the inner channel of the next tray, and so forth.

While flowing systematically within the trays and from tray to tray, the oil is constantly in contact with stripping steam.

The steam is released by holes in the injection pipes. Those are fully circular and, they therefore have a minimum of elbows and weldings, making design and fabrication more simple, fully reliable and, what is more, permitting cleaning from the outside. This routine cleaning operation consists in inserting into the coils a flexible pipe with high pressure water. Caustic soda is no longer a necessity.

The agitation and mixing of steam with oil is enhanced with the incorporation of series of steam lift pumps (mammoth pumps) in the deodorising trays. It is worth noting that these pumps have a minimum of welding for easy maintenance.

The oil depth is such that it guarantees optimum contact between the live steam and the oil, as well as maximum contact surface of the oil with the vacuum.

Residence time is calculated to comply with the specific clients requirements.

## **5. The Cooling Tray**

The oil from the deodorising trays, flows by gravity to the Heat Recovery Column, item 880A, located at the bottom of the deodoriser. In this (these) tray(s), the oil is cooled by means of the bleached oil circulating inside the coils, under vacuum and with continuous steam injection for improved heat exchange and final removal of undesired volatile compounds.

This cylindrical tray is divided into successive sectors or compartments, each of them containing coils. Coils are wound around a hollow pipe, in order to reduce the oil volume and to enhance the efficiency of the heat exchange. It is designed as a perfect counter-current heat exchange.

## **5. The Deodorised Oil Butter Tray**

Deodorised oil overflows into this compartment, item 880B, that acts as feed to the outgoing oil pump, item P822. Citric acid or any antioxidant in a water solution can be added at this stage and still under vacuum.

## **6. Final Oil Cooling and Shutdown Cooling**

Finally, the finished oil is cooled, down to an adequate storage temperature by further heat exchange with incoming oil whenever possible, and/or by a water-cooled heat exchanger, item 881X. During shutdown., the cooler can be used as a safety cooler. The same cooler can also be used to help startup by pre-heating the oil by steam.

After final cooling, the oil is filtered in hermetic polishing filters, item 816B.

## **7. Fatty acids Recovery Tray**

All gases collected in the central chimney will pass through a series of sprays, which ensure a good contact with cooled fatty acids. This cooling and contact, item 814/23, combined with a lower velocity will allow catching nearly all fatty acids distillates present in the gas flow.

Liquid fatty acids accumulated at the bottom, from where they are sent by pump, item P814AG, through a cooler, item 881AG, back to the sprayers. Level switches regularly eliminate the excess of condensed fatty acids.

The special De Smet designed sprayer system ensure complete condensation and minimise possible volatile matters being carried over into the hot well via the vacuum system.

Fatty acids are collected at the bottom of the condenser/separator stage, item 814, and are delivered by the fatty acids recycling pump, item P814AG, to the customer's storage tank.

#### A Few Words To Conclude

Simplicity of operation, extremely low maintenance, attractive consumptions and complete security seem to be the key-words to describe deodoriser, descendant of a long tradition of excellence.

#### THE IMPORTANT FEATURES OF CONTINUOUS DEODORISER DESIGN:

- ⊕ Single vessel design incorporating all items, ensures extremelly reduced floor space, reduced building & erection costs, eases installation,...
- ⊕ Ideal bed height for perfect deodorising and neutralising
- ⊕ Cooling under vacuum by heat exchange with the bleached oil, in order to ensure a top quality oil; cooling under vacuum is a must - spiral heat exchangers are prohibited - for unsaturated oils
- ⊕ At the outlet of the deodoriser, the oil is cooled down in the heat exchanger cooler 880A, kept under sparge steam agitation and at the same vacuum as the deodoriser.
- ⊕ Large number of sparge steam holes per sq.m.and efficient steam lift agitation pumps.
- ⊕ chamfered sparge steam holes to avoid blockage
- ⊕ Sparge steam ring pipes can be easily cleaned from outside the deodoriser by using High Pressure spraying nozzle inside the pipe
- ⊕ Live steam injection devices of simple but most effective design: achieving even distribution, perfect agitation and intimate contact of steam with the oil.
- ⊕ Systematic design to avoid short circuiting and ensure a constant residence time
- ⊕ Particularly efficient fatty acids condensation, since it is done by means of cooled liquid condensed fatty acids (no heat transfer loss and reduced condenser size) and in co-current with the vapours.
- ⊕ No overheating of oil is possible because of constant immersion of heating coils and intense oil agitation by the sparge steam.

- ⊕ Only de-aerated and preheated oil enters the deodoriser.
- ⊕ The plant is designed in a way that there are no cooled surfaces in contact with hot oil or gases. Any re-condensing of distilled fatty acids or other matters in the deodoriser is therefore safely avoided.
- ⊕ Correct balancing of all heat exchange surfaces result in maximum energy savings and lowest specific steam, water and fuel consumption.
- ⊕ Very easy access to the deodoriser trays for occasional inspection
- ⊕ Top heating tray with a large evaporation surface to avoid carry-over, especially for physical refining of olive or other foaming oils
- ⊕ The final heater and the cooler/heat exchanger are incorporated in the deodoriser tower to reduce installation and maintenance costs thanks to their extreme reliability
- ⊕ Low operating pressure in deodoriser
- ⊕ Excellent scrubbing system to further reduce pollution of barometric water, less than 8-10 ppm of fatty matters increase in barometric cooling water passage
- ⊕ All vessels and pipes in contact with the hot oil are made of stainless steel ensuring excellent oil stability.

## **SECTION - III LAND AND BUILDING**

### **LAND :**

The common facility centre is proposed to set up in 150 Cents of land Kalady Village, Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District. The cost of Land for common facility centre is Rs. 25.00 Lakhs including land developments.

### **TECHNICAL CIVIL WORK :**

The proposed factory and office building have a total plinth area of 800 Sq.Mtrs. required for common facility centre. This refinery is planning to setup adjacent to bran oil extraction plant, so that the extracted oil can be fed to the refinery. The total construction cost of the proposed factory building including technical civil work is Rs. 40 lakhs.

An effluent treatment plant is required for treating the effluent generated from the refinery. An investment of Rs. 10 lakhs is required for this treatment system.

**The consortium will provide this land and building as their contribution. The consortium will execute necessary agreements and undertakings with the implementing agency.**

## **SECTION - IV PLANT AND MACHINERY**

A plant is a place where men, material, money, equipment, machineries etc. are brought together for manufacturing products. Today in modern industry equipment and machineries are very important part of the total production effort than the case years ago.

The following machineries are required.

### **SECTION I Acid Degumming with Washing Stage**

1. Oil feed tank
2. Feed Strainer
3. Oil feed pump
4. Oil heat exchanger
5. Oil heater
6. Acid mixer
7. Acid Dosing unit
8. Acid reactor
9. Caustic soda dosing unit
10. Caustic soda/Oil mixer
11. Degumming reactor
12. Degumming separator feed pump
13. Degumming centrifugal separator
14. Acid gums tank
15. Acid gums pump
16. Washing separator oil heater
17. Water wash mixer
18. Washing reactor
19. Washing centrifugal separator
20. Fat trap
21. Recovered oil pump
22. Hot water tank
23. Hot water pump
24. Bowl washing
25. Funnels
26. Steam separators
27. Manual water valves
28. Manual oil valves

29. Manual steam valves
30. Carbon steel piping material
31. Stainless steel piping material
32. Steam traps
33. Non electric measuring/control instruments
34. Electric control/measuring instruments
35. Air piping material
36. Motor/operation control centre
37. Electric circuits control equipment
38. Electric wiring material
39. Insulation

## **SECTION 2. Dry Pretreatment Combined with**

1. Oil dryer/ buffer feed tank
2. Oil feed pump
3. Oil heater
4. Acid mixer
5. Acid dosing unit
6. Acid reactor
7. Bleaching earth hopper
8. Bleaching earth dosing device
9. Oil/ earth mixer
10. Continuous heater - bleacher
11. Bleached oil pump
12. Bleaching filters
13. Spent earth collecting hoppers
14. Bleached oil tank
15. Bleached oil pump
16. Safety filters
17. Recovered oil tank
18. Filter blowing vapours scrubber
19. Vacuum production unit
20. Filter elements cloning tank
21. Funnels
22. Steam separators

23. Manual valves
24. On/Off valves
25. Control valves
26. Carbon steel piping material
27. Stainless steel piping material
28. Steam traps
29. Electric control/measuring instruments
30. Air piping material
31. Motor/operation control centre
32. Electric circuits control equipment
33. Electric wiring material
34. Insulation

### **SECTION 3 Dewaxing of Rice Bran Oil With Super Filter**

1. Oil feed tank
2. Oil feed pump
3. Oil heat exchanger
4. Oil water heat exchanger
5. Crystallizers
6. Maturator
7. Main super filters
8. Dewaxed oil buffer vessel
9. Filtered oil pump
10. Secondary safety filters
11. Chiller
12. Glycol water tank
13. Glycol water pump
14. Funnels
15. Steam separators
16. Manual water valves
17. Manual oil valves
18. Manual steam valves
19. Carbon steel piping material
20. Steam traps
21. Non electric measuring control instruments

22. Electric control measuring instruments
23. Air piping material
24. Motor operation control centre
25. Electric circuits control equipment
26. Electric wiring material
27. Insulation

#### **SECTION 4 Continuous Deodorising**

1. Oil feed pump
2. Deodoriser
3. Oil heater
4. Continuous deodoriser
5. Heat exchanger
6. Oil buffer tray
7. Feed buffer/ Deaeration tray
8. Fatty acid condenser/Separator
9. Citric acid dosing unit
10. Deodoriser oil discharge pump
11. Final oil cooler/ Shutdown cooler
12. Oil heat exchanger
13. Final oil cooler
14. Polishing filters
15. Vacuum production unit
16. Start - Up Ejector
17. Sparge Steam Superheater
18. Fatty acid distillates condenser
19. Fatty acid separator
20. Duct from F.A. Separator to vacuum production unit
21. Fatty acids circulating pump
22. Fatty acids cooler
23. Fatty acids tempered water pump
24. Funels
25. Steam separators
26. Manual valves
27. On/off valves

28. Control valves
29. Carbon steel piping material
30. Stainless steel piping material.
31. Steam traps
32. Non electric measuring/control instruments
33. Air piping material
34. Motor operation control centre
35. Electric circuits control equipment
36. Electric wiring material
37. Insulation

### **SECTION 5 High Temperature Heating System**

1. High temperature heater
2. Thermal fluid expansion tank
3. Thermal fluid circulating pump
4. Manual thermal fluid valves
5. Thermal fluid piping material

### **SECTION 6 Accessories for Refining**

1. Plate heat exchangers
2. Dosing units
3. Manual valves
4. Pneumatic on/off valves
5. Controlled Modulated Valves
6. Carbon steel piping material
7. Stainless steel piping material
8. Steam tracing material
9. Steam condensate piping material
10. Centrifugal pumps
11. Volumetric pumps
12. Non electric measuring control instruments
13. Pneumatic measuring control instruments
14. Electric measuring control instruments
15. Air piping material
16. Motor operation control centre

17. Electric wiring material

**Supporting Equipments**

1. Chimney & Furnace
2. Solvent extract oil storage tank 100 MT capacity
3. Refined oil storage tank 100 MT capacity
4. Process tank 15 MT Capacity
5. Industrial electrification
6. Cooling tower with pond circulation pump etc.

## **SECTION - V MAN POWER REQUIREMENTS**

The consortium will arrange necessary technical experts and skilled operators for running this common facility centre. The continuity of professionals and skilled workers are ensured by the consortium.

According to organisational structure envisaged for the common facility centre, General Managers will be in charge of functions of the unit. He looks after the production, and finance. There will be three Production Supervisors, two chemists, six machine operators, one Boiler operator, two maintenance staff, three skilled workers and six unskilled workers reporting to General Manager.

There will be two accountant in helping Managers in matters like accounting, book keeping, banking and other finance related affairs. There will be three Office Staff in charge of office matters.

In total there will be 29 persons including Manager employed in the refinery section of common facility centre. The monthly salary and benefits will come to Rs. 1,96,075/- shown in Annexure - VI.

## **SECTION - VI OTHER PROJECT DETAILS**

### **A. UTILITIES :**

#### **1. Power :**

Required power is available from Kerala State Electricity Board. The total connected load for common facility centre is 190 K.W. The annual electric charge is Rs. 26.05 lakhs at fully capacity utilisation. Details are given in Annexure - V. The consortium will pay this amount from the service charge obtained from its members.

### **B. MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES :**

These items includes repair and maintenance of building, plant and machineries, postage charges, cost of printing and stationary items, insurance charges, effluent disposal etc. An amount of Rs.28.41 lakhs per annum has to be incurred towards for the smooth operation of the unit. The details of estimation are given in Annexure - VIII.

### **C. PRELIMINARY AND PRE-OPERATIVE EXPENSES :**

These items include company registration, project report preparation, building design and drawing, technical consultancy fee, trial production, liaison work etc. Thus the preliminary and pre operative expense required for implementing the proposed project is approximately Rs. 26.22 lakhs. The details of estimation are given in Annexure - IV.

## **PLANT CAPACITY AND CAPACITY UTILISATION**

The refinery section of common facility centre will have a processing capacity of 50 MT of extracted bran oil per day. Because of down time and other various reasons, the capacity may not be releasable and it is assumed that 65% of the capacity utilisation will be achieved during first year and 75% during second year 80% during third year and 85% capacity utilisation will be achieved, fourth year onwards.

The extraction section of common facility centre will charge the service charge of Rs. 925 for extracting 1 MT of rice bran. This refinery section will charge an amount of Rs. 2,650 for refining 1 MT of extracted bran oil.

The details are shown in Annexure IX.

Presently around 33 rice mill units are members of this consortium. The average production of bran of each unit is 3 MT. The remaining 37 modern rice mills and 55 small conventional rice mills of the cluster will join this consortium immediately.

The average yield of extracted bran oil is 21% from bran. There is a process loss of 6% while refining this extracted oil.

The de oiled rice bran is actually a by-product of solvent extraction of rice bran. This de-oiled rice bran is sold to cattle feed industries, so that value addition is ensured.

The other by-product - wax is sold to wax manufacturing units and other by-product gum is heated to 150°C and treated with sulphuric acid, then it is sold to soap manufacturing industries as acid oil.

The facility for recovery of tocopherols and tocotrienols from rice bran oil will be included in the project in later stage.

## **SECTION - VIII FINANCIAL ASPECTS**

The estimated capital outlay of the project is Rs. 645 lakhs as shown in Annexure - XI. The capital expenditure is proposed to be raised as the contribution of consortium to the extent of Rs. 72.90 lakhs (10% of fixed assets + operating capital ) in terms of land and building and the Grant from DCSSI under small industries cluster development programme for setting common facility centre is expected to Rs. 572.10 lakhs (90% of fixed assets).

### **I. Viability of the Project :**

#### **Assumption to Profitability Estimates :**

The projected profitability of the unit is shown in Annexure XIV and are based upon the following assumptions.

1. The unit will refine 50MT of extracted bran oil per day and the unit will work for 300 days in year.
2. The installed capacity of the unit is 15,000 MT of bran oil refining per year.
3. The capacity utilisation is at 65% first year, 75% during second year, 80% third year and 85% fourth year onwards.
4. The main utilities is power, water, steam etc. The total power requirement is 190 K.W. The power charge is calculated considering the tariff fixed by KSEB.
5. Repairs & Maintenance is provided @ 1% on building and 2% on Plant & Machinery.
6. Details of computation of depreciation is attached as Annexure-XII & XIII. Straight line method of depreciation is applied for project purpose. However, for income tax purpose, written down value method is applied for.
7. Administrative expenses is provided in the profitability estimate. It includes rates & taxes travelling expenses, postage telephone & telegram, printing & stationery, other office expenses etc.
8. Income tax is provided considering the rates applicable to private limited company. Computation of income tax is attached as Annexure - XV.
9. A corpus fund is raised from the profit of the common facility centre for for future modernisation, up gradation and sustenance of the common facility centre.

Profitability estimates are furnished in Annexure - XIV According to this statement there is a profit of Rs. 56.26 lakhs in the first year of operation. The viability of the scheme is worked out taking into account, the operating results of the first eight years of operation. The projected cash flow statement is

appended as Annexure - XVI. As per cash flow statement there is cash surplus adequate to meet all the probable payments and debt servicing.

The internal rate of return of the project is 11% after tax which is computed in Annexure - XVIII.

Break even level of operation is computed in Annexure -XIX. Operating BEP works out to 35.79% of the installed capacity and the cash BEP works out to 8.20% of installed capacity.

## **II. Implementation Period**

**Phase I** : Collection of all information, data, preparation of drawings and inviting quotations etc. A detailed schedule in terms of bar charts is prepared for implementing the project. This will be carried out within a period of three months.

**Phase II** : Actual implementation of the project. This will take at least 18 months as a supply period of the machines will take 12 to 14 months. Besides it will take around 8 to 10 months for land development and building construction. The tentative date of trial production will be November 2006 and commercial operation will be carried out within 45 days from the date of trial production.

## SECTION - IX

### CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

M/s. KALADY RICE MILLERS CONSORTIUM PVT. LTD, Mattoor, Kalady, is planning to set up a refinery section of common facility centre for refining bran oil under **Small Industries Cluster Development Programme** scheme. Presently about 33 industrial units in Ernakulam District have joined the consortium and remaining industries will join immediately. The proposed annual capacity of the unit is 15,000 MT of bran oil refining per year. The required technical knowhow for production is indigenously available.

The implementation agency for the proposed common facility centre is Government of Kerala (Industrial Department).

This common facility centre will not create any atmospheric pollution.

The estimated capital outlay of the project is Rs. 645 lakhs as is proposed to be financed as follows :

	(Rs. in Lakhs)
Contribution from consortium members	72.90
Grand from Govt	572.10
	<b>645.00</b>

The projected profitability estimated of the unit for first 8 years are satisfactory. The unit is expected to make an average operating profit of 66.57 lakhs per annum for the first 8 years. The project is technically feasible and commercially viable.

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