

# Power Generation Insurance: A Masterclass on Technical Aspects, Underwriting and Claims Management

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#### PowerGen – Volatile Class of Business





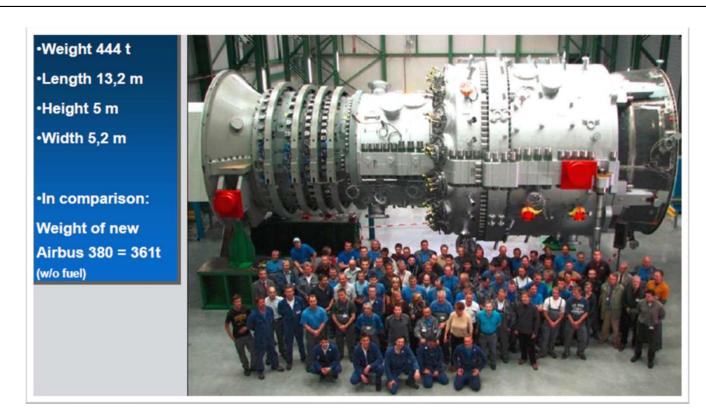
#### PowerGen Risks





Source: Google.com

### Insuring Large PowerGen Risks





How many of us here have been to a Power Plant...and know what it looks like?

- a) Yes I have been to one....just like the one in the picture below!
- b) No, I have not and no clue what it looks like?





#### **ST-S6** Question for the Audience:

How many minutes of Energy from the Sun is sufficient to fuel the annual energy consumption of Mankind? That includes all the transportation, air-conditioning, power plants, lights in here...

- a. 60 min
- b. 2 mins
- c. 10 secs
- d. I haven't the foggiest...what I do know is that we can do with a little less sun here in Singapore!

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#### What are the considerations?







#### Engineering

ST-S2

- Type of Power Plant & Technology
  - Are there specific considerations within each segment?
    - Gas Turbines S1B blade shank distress/CMSX-4 S1B failure/HPC S3-5 liberation
    - Hydros 3<sup>rd</sup> party dam monitoring, submersible (drain) pump switchgear location
    - Solar Micro-cracking, Inverter failures; Battery storage thermal runaway;
  - Are there common considerations across the different segments?
    - Protection systems integrity, firewater pump performance testing, Transformer health, Hot Work Permits, gaseous suppression
    - Examples...FGD Fire, Powerhouse flooding



#### **ST-S2** Question for the Audience:

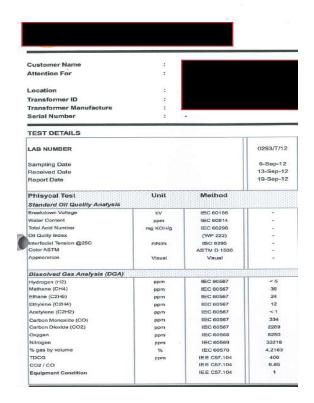
Who invented the lightbulb?

- A. Thomas Edison
- B. Nikola Tesla
- C. Joseph Swann
- D. I don't know

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### Engineering

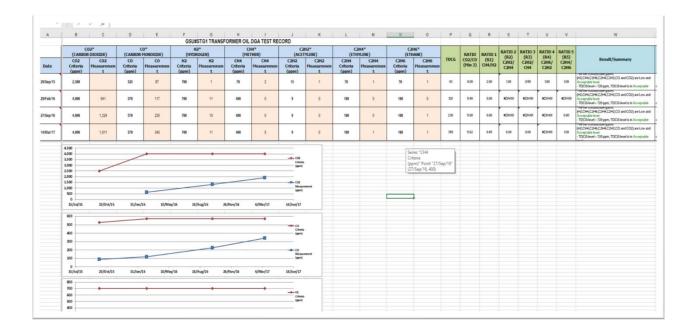
• 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Test Info – What does the Insured do with it?





## Engineering

• Market Survey Reports - Quality of Reports are important





#### Coverage/Clauses/Issues

#### Deductibles

- PDBI US\$250k/30 days and MBBI US\$500k/45days
- Is this adequate for a power risk with 50MW Gas Turbine in a combined cycle plant?
- How do we set a deductible in the first place?

#### Supply Chain Issues

- Shipping a turbine rotor back to workshop takes 8 weeks (one-way)
- Airfreighting costs a bomb....now that the AN-225 was destroyed in the Ukraine war



#### A Quick Poll....on Valuations

- If we do not have a recent Valuation report (within the last 3 years), what should we do?
  - a) Impose an Average Clause
  - b) Insist on obtaining a Valuation Report within Policy Year and charging an AP
  - c) Apply the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Inflation Rate in the meantime
  - d) All of the Above
  - e) A & B



#### **Consumer Price Index**

 Definition: Inflation measured by consumer price index (CPI) is defined as the change in the prices of a basket of goods and services that are typically purchased by specific groups of **Households**. Inflation is measured in terms of the annual growth rate





#### Coverage/Clauses/Issues

#### Valuation/Inflation

- -When was the last time a valuation was carried out?
- -We are in Asia...no inflation here! That's only in Europe/US Really?
- –Oh don't worry....we have an Average Clause!!

#### Expertise Crunch

- -The major manufacturers only maintain mid-level workshops in Asia
- -Even in Europe/Japan there's backlogs due to shortage in skilled technicians



# Are these applicable to Renewables?



### Wind Turbines – Not Getting Any Smaller

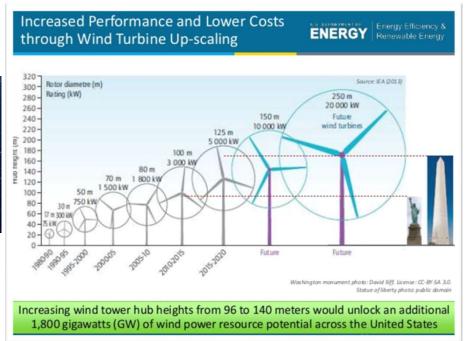




### Wind Turbine - Upscaling

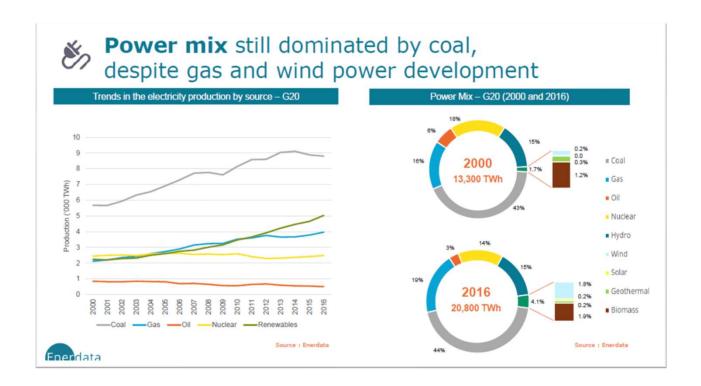


Largest offshore wind turbine – 18MW



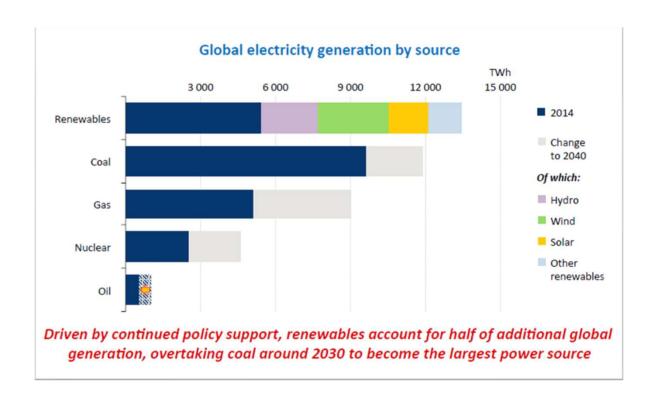


## World Electricity Power Mix



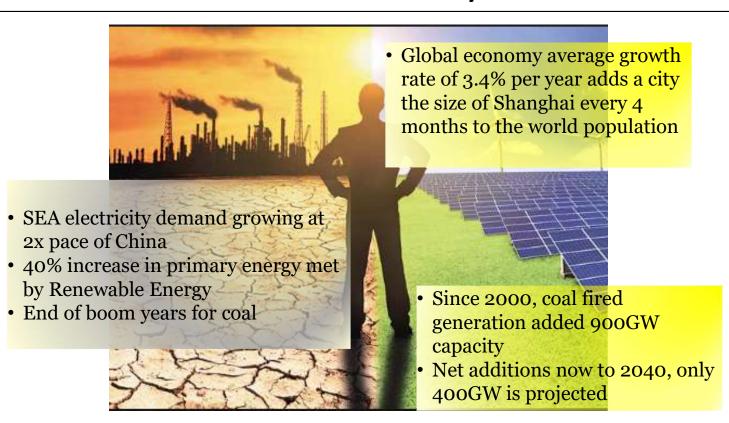


#### Renewables Will Lead the Way...





#### And..Renewables Are Here to Stay





#### Energy Storage – Rechargeable Batteries



- Lithium Ion batteries (LIB) introduced by Sony in 1990
- Light weight, high power density, absence of memory effect
- Tesla's powerpack world's largest, powers 30,000 homes for 1 hour only
- Insufficient for a city entirely dependent on renewables



# Renewables – It's Good for the Environment...



