

Business Case for Natural Refrigerants

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# Natural Refrigerant Growth In THAILAND By

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#### **Natural Refrigerant Growth in Thailand Industries**

- Thailand was moving toward to Natural Five(5) Green Refrigerants (Water, Air, HC, CO<sub>2</sub>, and Ammonia)
- Room A/C Industry. This interim situation were using R-32, appx. 800,000 Units Since Year 2013.
- Domestic refrigerator using R600a, appx. 450,000 units Since Year 2007.
- Plug in Commercial refrigeration has using R-290 Since 2007, For Island Freezer appx.14,000 Units and Ice cream chest freezer appx. 130,000 Units.
- Other Commercial refrigeration still using R-134a, R404a/R507, and R-407F.
- Industrial Refrigeration, 97% Mainly using Ammonia and less than Ten(10) installations using Low Charge Cascade Ammonia/CO<sub>2</sub>.





#### **Natural Refrigerant use in Thailand**

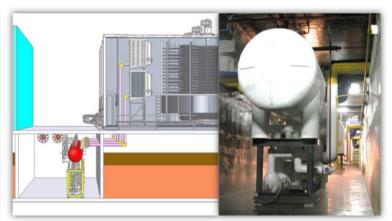
 Very large installation was getting both 1<sup>st</sup> Place of "ASHRAE-2008" **Technology Award and Thailand Energy Award.** 







21 sets of SS Evaporative Condenser with total power of 18,000 HP, with total nominal heat reject of 50,000 kW



Eliminate long wet return line by install the pump package underneath the 6@2MT/Hr Fully Welded Spiral Freezers.

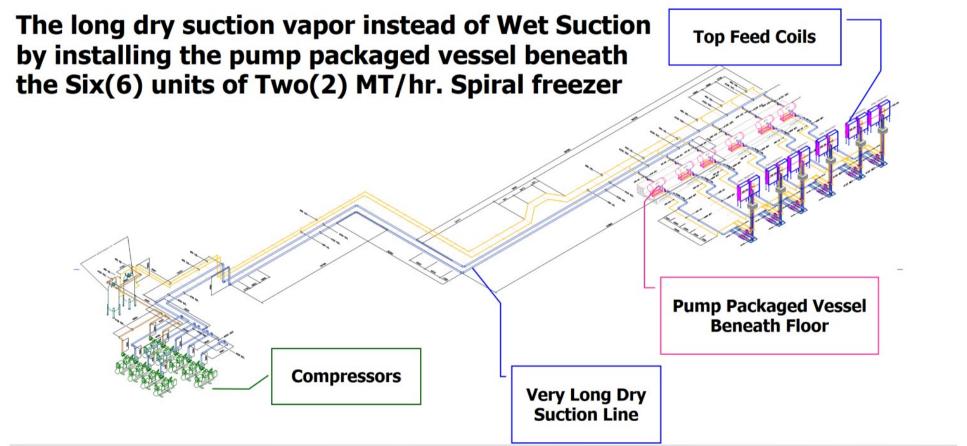
46 sets of NH<sub>2</sub> screw

compressors

45 metric tons of NH<sub>3</sub>











- Low pressure drop induces draft evaporative condenser
   save 1,333,800 kW-hr/year
- 2. Low internal static air pressure design Spiral Freezer :save 413,100 kW-hr/year
- 3. Top feed evaporator with sequestial defrost ,eliminate the long wet return line :save 1,280,335 kW-hr/year

## Total saving 3,027,235 kw-hr/year





As per ASHRAE standard-34 2007, ammonia was fall in "B2" safety group highly toxic / lower flammability but it was the environmental friendly refrigerant. Our carefully design able to :-

- The eliminating of freezer wet return, we can reduce the ammonia charge amount of approximately 5,000 kg from 1.2 km of 8" diameter pipe.
- Use Glycol as the Secondary Refrigerant and Zero use of HFC-based refrigerant
  or instead to introduce Ammonia unit cooler blow the air direct to the worker
  congestion area such as processing and packing, laying area, we also can reduce
  the ammonia charge amount of approximately 18,000 kg.
- Extreamly fast sequential defrost by installing the pump packed under the Six(2) Two(2) metric tons/hour each Freezers Floor.

Totally, we can reduce ammonia charge of 23,000 kg (50,700 lbs) from the system we designed.



#### **Natural Refrigerant use in Thailand**

 Cooling Batt with R507/CO<sub>2</sub> Brine at ITC Head office in Year 2012. If 100Tr of 22,677 Office Building in Thailand replace with this TIS will be saving Of 140 MT of CO2 footprint or equal to plant 6,700 of Trees.









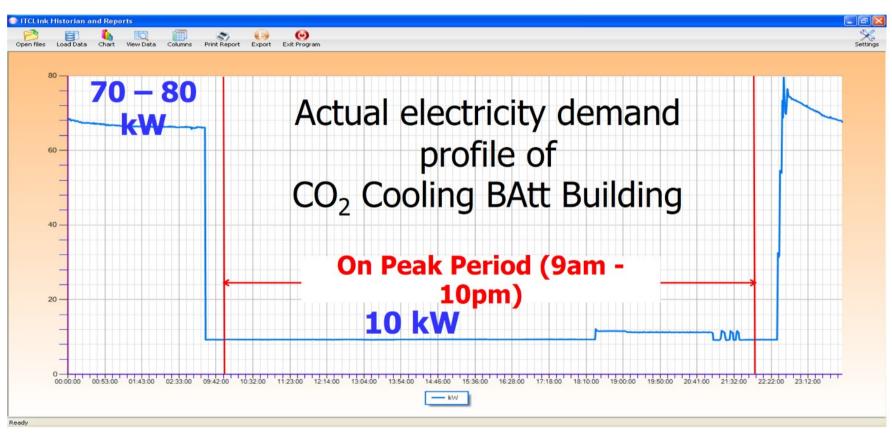
### **Estimated Payback Period**

System Type	Unit	CO <sub>2</sub> TIS	Package Recip. Chiller	Split Type (R22)
Max. Cooling Load	TR	100	100	100
Energy consumption	kWhr/yr	243,213	398,433	300,739
Electric cost	Baht/yr	970,762	1,814,177	1,697,783
<b>Energy cost saving</b>	Baht/yr	-	843,416	727,021
Maintenance cost	Baht/yr	383,600	440,500	447,600
Maintenance cost saving	Baht/yr	-	56,900	64,000
Investment	Baht	10,800,000	8,460,000	6,945,000
Differ investment	Baht	-	(2,340,000)	(3,855,000)
Payback period	Years		2.6	4.9

Exchange Rate on Nov. 2016: US\$1 ~ 35 Baht



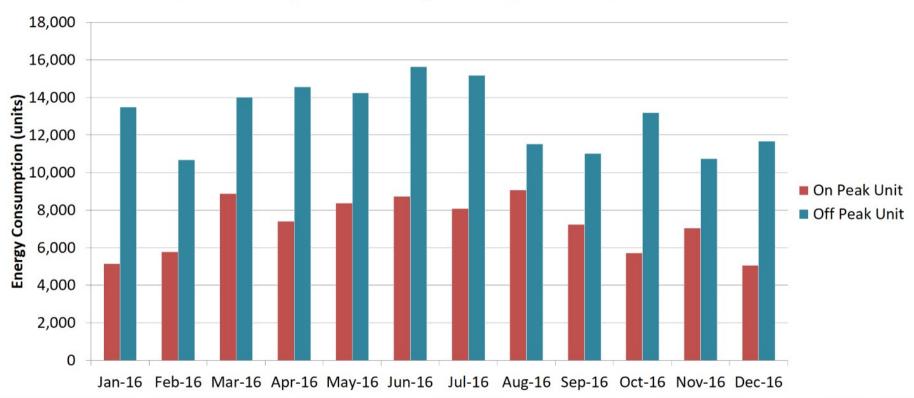








#### Energy Consumption of CO<sub>2</sub> Cooling BAtt system in 2016





#### **Natural Refrigerant use in Thailand**



 10,000 Pallets with 25 Meters Height ASRS Cold Storage in Thailand -Early 2018. Cascade NH3/CO2 Pump Circulation

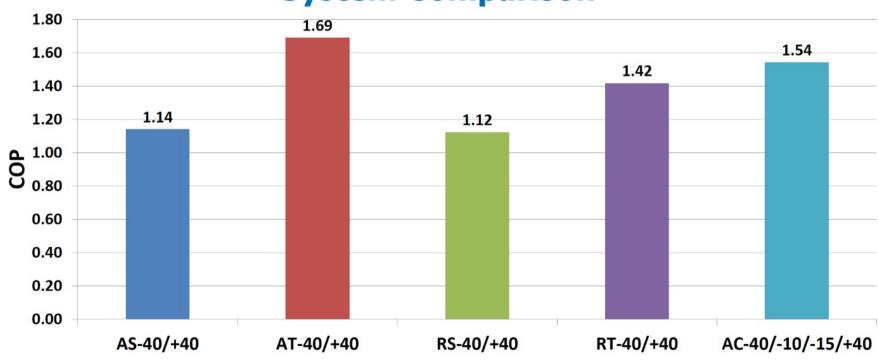








#### **System Comparison**



AS: NH<sub>3</sub> single stage

AT: NH<sub>3</sub> two stage

RS: R22 single stage

RT: R22 two stage

AC: NH<sub>3</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> cascade





Expected energy savings, NH<sub>3</sub> charge reduction and other parameters.

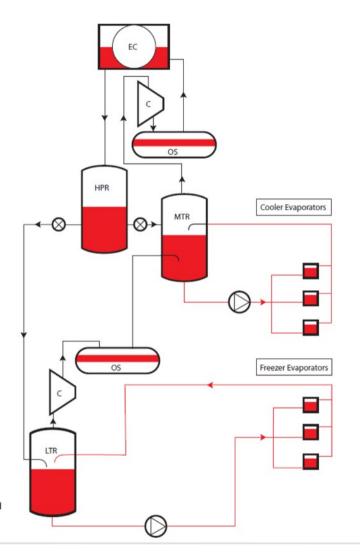
## CO<sub>2</sub>/NH<sub>3</sub> cascade

"It do not better than Pure NH<sub>3</sub> two stage the only advantage is less NH<sub>3</sub> Charge and helping to save the planet with Green refrigerant"



#### **Baseline System**

(Pumped Recirculated Liquid (PRL) Refrigeration System)





#### Nomenclature

EC = Evaporative Condenser

OS = Oil Separator

MTR = Medium Temperature Recirculator

LTR = Low Temperature Recirculator

HPR = High Pressure Receiver

C = Compressor

Ref: (White Paper) Low Ammonia Charge Refrigeration Systems for Cold Storage, October 2014 (Version 1), International Association for Cold Storage Construction (IACSC) and the International Association of Refrigerated Warehouses (IARW)

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#### **Direct Expansion**

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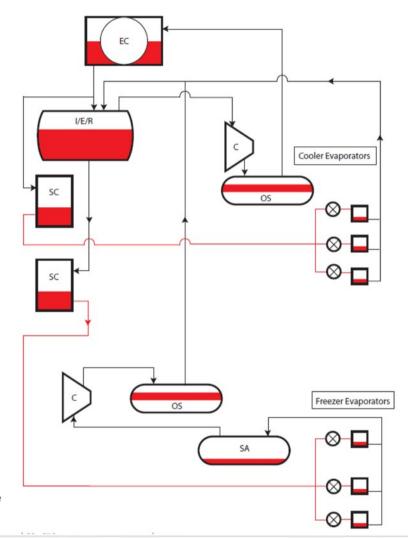
I/E/R = Intercooler/Economizer/ Receiver

OS = Oil Separator

SC = Subcooler

SA = Suction Accumulator

C = Compressor



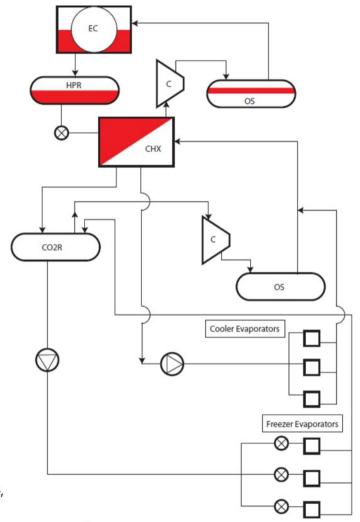
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## CO<sub>2</sub>/NH<sub>3</sub> Cascade





Nomenclature

EC = Evaporative Condenser

OS = Oil Separator

CO2R = CO<sub>2</sub> Receiver

CHX = Cascade Heat Exchanger

HPR = High Pressure Receiver

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#### CO<sub>2</sub>/NH<sub>3</sub> Brine

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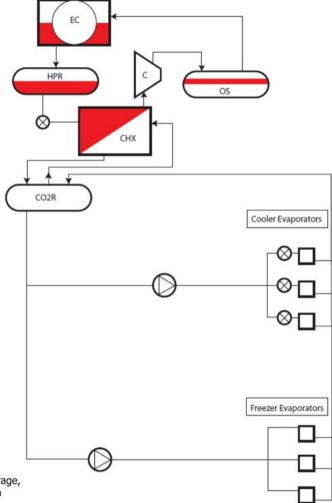
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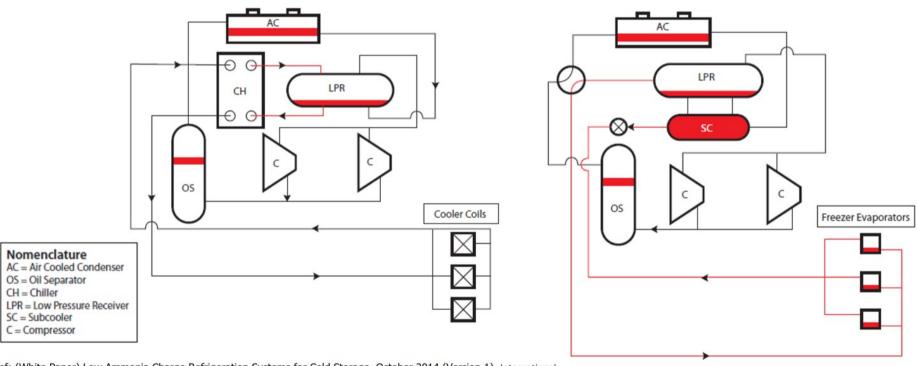
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#### **Package Air cooled**



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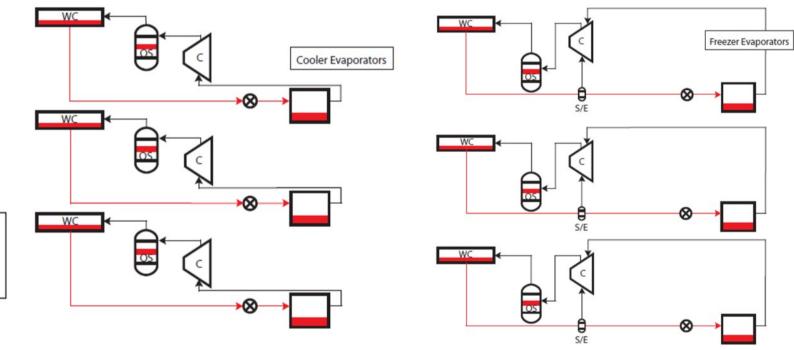
#### **NXTCOLD**

Nomenclature

OS = Oil Separator C = Compressor

WC = Water Cooled Condenser

S/E = Subcooler/Economizer



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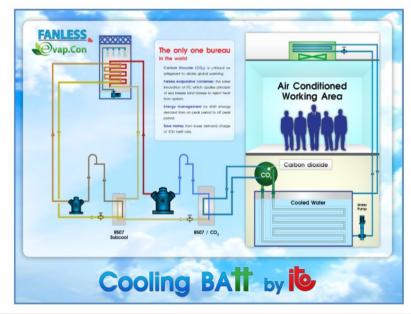
System	NH3 charge	Power installed	Investment cost	Maintenance cost
Baseline	23 lb/TR	2.5 kW/TR	\$7,000/TR	-
Direct Expansion	7.5 lb/TR	2.5 kW/TR	\$6,800/TR	Even
CO <sub>2</sub> /NH <sub>3</sub> Cascade	6 lb/TR	2.5 kW/TR	\$7,400/TR	Even
CO <sub>2</sub> /NH <sub>3</sub> Brine	6 lb/TR	2.5 kW/TR	\$7,400/TR	Even
Package Air cooled	4.3 lb/TR	2.6 kW/TR	\$7,400/TR	Less
NXTCOLD	0.51 lb/TR	2.4 kW/TR	\$7,200/TR	Less



#### **Latest Innovation in Thailand**

 20-60% Energy saving with Stainless Steel Fanless Evaporative Condenser-2012.



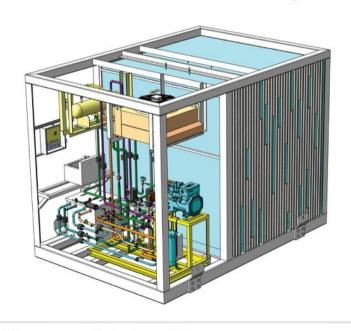


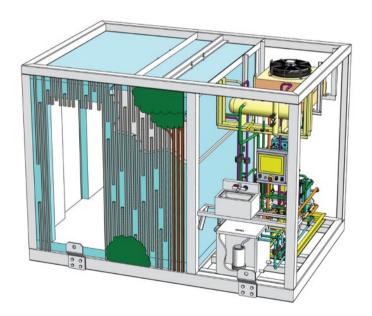




#### **Natural Refrigerant use in Thailand**

On Going 1<sup>st</sup> Transcritical CO<sub>2</sub> Project in Thailand - Early 2019







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