GEOTHERM Work Package 6

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Geothermal Business Case

A geothermal project consists of three primary phases: project engineering, drilling and construction and production. This work package will look at the Business Case holistically; however, primary focus will be on assessing the cost profile (**OPEX**) of the production cycle.

Sustained productivity is pivotal to the overall project economy, and requires knowledge of the district heating system requirements (consumer) in combination with maintenance, and predictive failure of components.

Data has been empirically deduced mainly from DK facilities mainly, and modelling of the cost base has resulted in knowledge on how to set-up a fully operational facility. The work packages aimed at understanding the longterm perspective in sustained production of geothermal energy.



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Geothermal Facilities

Main Components

- 1. Producer Lower Completion
- 2. Producer (wellbore)
- 3. Production Electrical Submersible Pump (pESP)
- 4. Filtration
- 5. Heat exchanger
- 6. Injection Pump (iP)
- 7. Injector (wellbore)
- 8. Injector Lower Completion
- 9. Heat Pump
- 10. Auxiliary systems
- 11. Heating Loop (distribution)





Costs related to maintenance of the production facilities and personnel, for example:

- Auxiliary Systems power consumption
- Personnel
- Building and land maintenance
- IT costs for control and regulation
- Valves, meters and piping maintenance





OPEX Distribution





OPEX Distribution Electricity Consumption

	Annual OPEX (N	IDKK)
Producer Lower Completion	0.44	5%
Producer (wellbore)	0.15	2%
Production Electrical Submersible Pump (pESP)	1.27	15%
Filtration	0.02	0%
Heat exchanger	0.07	1%
Injection Pump (iP)	0.89	11%
Injector (wellbore)	0.00	0%
Injector Lower Completion	0.42	5%
Heat Pump	4.34	51%
Auxiliary systems	0.89	11%
Heating Loop (distribution)	0.00	0%

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OPEX costs Probabilistic analysis

Due to the uncertainty of occurrence of different events with high impact on the final cost (e.g. well interventions, equipment failures etc.), a probabilistic analysis is being conducted and will demonstrate the range and variation of the OPEX and identify the main cost drivers of the project.



