

Webinar on the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) Implementation in Costa Rica – Utilizing the JCM during the COVID-19 Period

Introduction of 5MW Solar Power Plant in Belen, Costa Rica – Coopeguanacaste, RL

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### **COOPEGUANACASTE - Who we are?**



- We are a cooperative of power generation (Covering an area of 3,696 km<sup>2</sup>).
- Our corporative values are oriented in the service to the associate, environmental protection and power generation with renewable sources.
- Our core businesses are: generation, distribution, and commercialization of electricity, street lighting, telecommunications, mobile services and commercialization of appliances and electrical supplies/
- Social programs.
- More than 70,000 associates.



# **COOPEGUANACASTE – Path to Own Generation (1)**

#### We generate 64% of the energy demand with renewable sources!

CH Canalete

Power:17.8 MW Annual generation: 63 GWh CH Bijagua

Power: 18 MW

Annual generation: 66 GWh

Solar plant Juanilama (Belen)

Power: 5 MW

Annual generation: 9 GWh

Wind farm Rio Naranjo

Power: 9 MW

Annual generation: 34.3 GWh

Wind farm Cacao

Power: 21.15 MW

Annual generation: 60 GWF

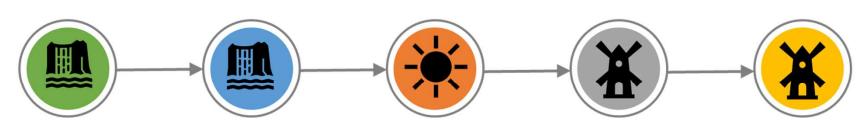
2008

2016

2017

2018

2018



First power generation plant owned by Coopeguanacaste, RL.

Strengthening of hydroelectric power generation

Second power generation plant

Solar power plant

Corresponding to the first Project of this kind for the Coopeguanacaste. At that time, the solar plant, was the largest solar park in CR. First wind farm project

With this project, the wind resource complements the generation matrix of Coopeguanacaste.

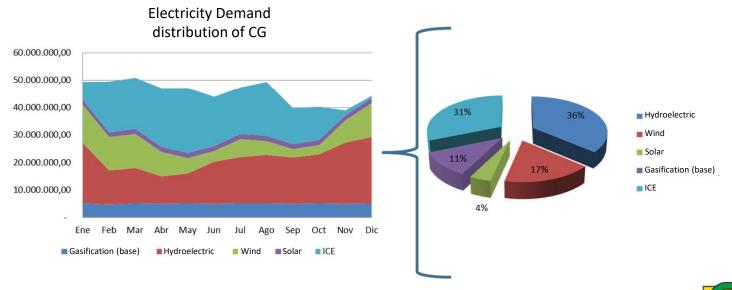
Strengthening of wind generation

Consolidation of a clean power generation matrix.



# COOPEGUANACASTE – Path to own power generation (2)

### Diversified and balanced generation



★ JCM BELEN 5MW Solar Power Plant Project

#### 5MW SOLAR POWER PROJECT IN BELEN - General description

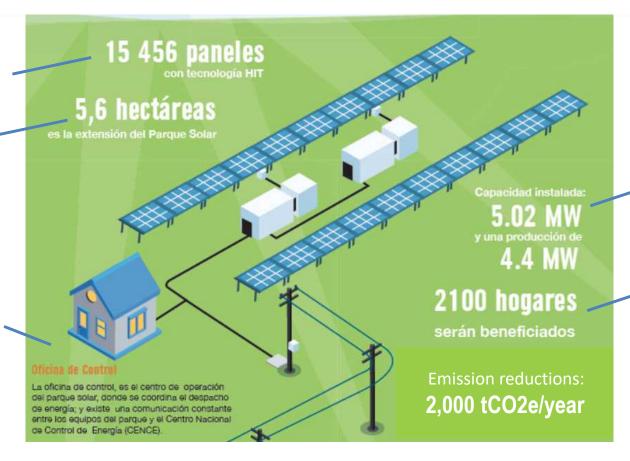
**15,456 panels**With HIT Technology

#### 5.6 hectares

Solar farm area

#### **Control Room**

The control room is the operation center of the plan, where production and dispatch are controlled. The plant is connected and permanently online with the National Center of Energy Control (CENCE)



Installed Capacity

5.02 MW

With production of

With production of

4.4 MW

2,100 homes Served

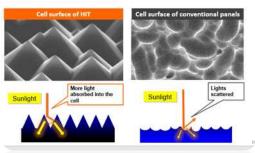


### 5MW SOLAR POWER PROJECT IN BELEN - Main equipment installed

Panels: 15,456 x HIT PANASONIC

Nominal power: 325 WP Open circuit voltage: 69,6 V Short-circuit current: 6,03 A





**Inverters:** 2 x SMA Sunny Central 2,200kW inverters with mid tension connection with two transformers of 2.5MVA.





# Combiner boxes: 32 x WEIDMULLER



Weather station: Geonica weather tower

#### Variables been measured:

Wind speed
Wind direction
Air temperature
Horizontal radiation
Tilt radiation
Panel temperature





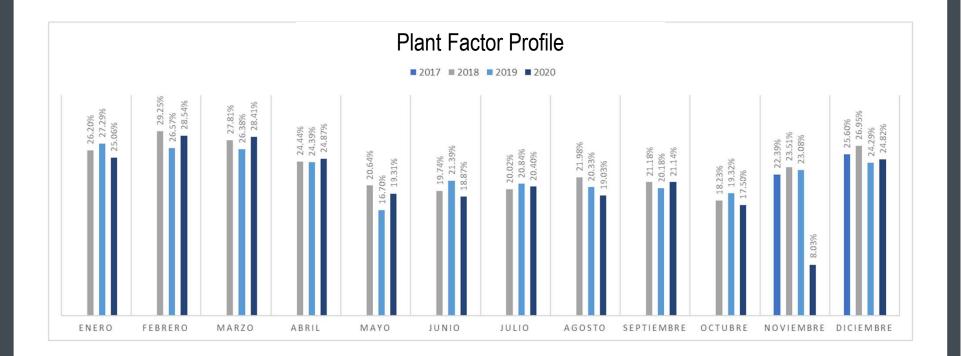


### 5MW SOLAR POWER PROJECT IN BELEN - Annual Generation





## 5MW SOLAR POWER PROJECT IN BELEN - Plant factor per year





### **JCM PROJECT STRUCTURE - Participants**

#### **International Consortium**



#### Representative Company

- Support MRV for GHG emission reduction
- Report to GEC



#### Project Developer

- Investment
- Project Development & Implementation
- Support MRV



#### Project Partner

- Operations & Maintenance
- Project monitoring and reporting
- Electricity Dispatch and Sales

# **Panasonic**

#### EPC

- Engineering
- Procurement
- Equipment Supply
- Construction
- · Technical support



## **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**













## Operation and maintenance

It takes into account preventive and corrective maintenance work, management of structures as well as green areas.

Among main activities we have: \* Thermography, power transformer tests, CCTV review, panel cleaning, drain gutter cleaning.



#### UTILIZING THE JCM DURING THE COVID-19 PERIOD



Covid-19 has been a challenge to our operations. However, COOPEGUANACASTE has implemented a strict biosafety protocol in all our facilities, including the solar plant. To date we have zero cases of COVID-19 reported among our employees.

During the months of the pandemic, we have been able to operate normally and carry out all maintenance work at the solar plant, with continued monitoring and testing of employees.

Since power production is considered an essential activity and the plant is connected to the grid, we have not experienced any shut downs or interrutions in our operations due to the pandemic lockdowns.







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Gracias!

Thank you!