DIVE-HAX-TURBINE
A double regulated half-axial (HAX) turbine for medium head applications
Half-Axial (HAX) runner with fixed runner blades – double regulation by speed variation and pitchable guide vanes
The double regulated DIVE-HAX-Turbine can operate from 5% to 100% of its installed discharge capacity and at a wide range of head variations. Thanks to the double regulation it can be operated with high efficiencies at different operating points. Therefore the DIVE-HAX is replacing a two-unit (Francis) with the single unit for medium head applications.

Particle size
The geometry, fluid mechanics and the materials of the DIVE-HAX have a significantly higher resistance against abrasion due to sediments. Therefore the DIVE-HAX-Turbine can handle bigger particles compared to a Francis-Turbine. Therefore the de-sanding requirements are less critical and the sand trap can be designed much smaller. Therefore the required space, cost and head losses of the sand trap are significantly lower.

Patented DIVE-Bearing and DIVE-Sealing
Maintenance-free sealing concept and only one longlasting bearing unit for turbine and generator: The whole turbine-generator unit is permanently submersible (flood-proof).

DIVE-HAX APPLICATION

Head
20 m - 120 m

Flow per unit
1 m³/s - 20 m³/s

Capacity per unit
300 kW - 4 MW

Permanent magnet generator – no mechanical transmission
The permanent magnet generator is directly connected with the turbine.
Safe conditions at runaway speed
The bearing unit and sealing system of the DIVE-Turbine is able to handle runaway speed without the risk of damaging any parts of the turbine, even without auxiliary power supply. Therefore the operational risks are minimal, especially when the power plant is connected to an electrical grid with frequent grid failures. Additionally it allows to close the guide vanes slowly to avoid a water hammer in the system.

Capable of direct grid connection and hybrid solution
In case of constant hydraulic parameters it is possible to connect the DIVE-HAX-generator directly to the grid to reach highest efficiencies without inverter losses. For power plants with high annual full load operation and still significant part load operation a hybrid solution is possible: the inverters are bypassed at full load. In part load they are re-connected.

Minimum time for grid synchronisation and real time adjustments
The inverter operation allows the grid connection already at 5% load. The system is black start capable. Cos $\varphi$ and output voltage can be adapted according to real-time or static grid requirements.

Suitable for pump storage applications:
+ one runner for pump and turbine
+ inverter operation allows for change of runner direction
+ operation at different head levels
+ black start capable
Preassembled turnkey solution - ready for start up from factory

The complete unit of turbine and generator is assembled and pretested at the factory in Germany. Also the electronic equipment and control system is connected and pretested with the turbine.

No power house necessary

The electronic equipment and auxiliary equipment of the DIVE-Turbine is installed in a transport container. The container is used for transport and remains on site as a power house. It is equipped with a closed circuit cooling system and is therefore independent from climatic conditions on site.
DIVE-HAX CIVIL WORKS

+ only one turbine for the whole power range
+ only one pipe system

Operation from 5% to 100% of Q\text{max}

Operation from +50% to -70% of H_{nom}

CLASSICAL TWO UNIT CONCEPT

DIVE-HAX SINGLE-UNIT CONCEPT

+ significant reduction of civil works
+ significant reduction of piping cost and risk
+ flood-secure operation
+ minimal maintenance
+ minimal operation cost and risk

DIVE-HAX PIPING

DIVE-HAX

closing time > 5 minutes - no water hammer
pipe design for 1,2x operation pressure
no closing valve necessary

FRANCIS-TURBINE

closing time < 10 seconds significant water hammer
pipe design for multiple operation pressure (positive and negative pressure)
butterfly valve necessary
**BENEFITS OF DIVE-HAX**

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<td>+ No gearbox or belt-drive losses</td>
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<td>Single bearing unit for turbine and generator</td>
<td>+ Permanent lubrication of bearing unit in oil bath</td>
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<td>+ Leakage of lubricants (oil) impossible</td>
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<td>+ No danger in cases of runaway speed and grid interruption</td>
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<td>Wear and tear free sealing system</td>
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<td>Fixed runner blades</td>
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<td>+ Zero-gap and minimal abrasive operation</td>
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<td>Double regulation by variation of speed and pitching of the guide vanes</td>
<td>+ High efficiency at part-load (reduced flow and changed head)</td>
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<td>Critical components made of stainless steel</td>
<td>+ High resistance against wear and corrosion</td>
<td>High durability of the main components (e.g. runner and guide vanes)</td>
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**Power Plant Calvière - Proven Technology**
The project is located in Calvière, Southern France. The DIVE-HAX is replacing a Francis-twin turbine.