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Verkís Consulting Engineers

- Verkís was founded in 2008 by merger of five leading Icelandic consulting engineering firms
- The origin of the firm dates back to 1932
- Partnership owned by 93 professionals with a staff of 320 employees



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Geothermal power







Geothermal utilization









Other renewables

HydropowerPower transmissionVERKÍSÞorleikur Johannesson – ESMAP – Global Geothermal Development Plan, Roundtable 3– April 2016



District heating systems



Supply mains



Storage tanks





Distribution systems



House connections

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Geothermal District Heating in Iceland

Over 90% of all homes heated with geothermal



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Þvottalaugar - Laundry springs in Reykjavík



Seltjarnarnes Harpa

- Hafnarfjordur •

Þvottalaugar Laundry springs

Reykjavik

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Reykjavík Geothermal district heating

- 1908 Farmer piped geothermal water from a hot spring into his house
- 1930 Laugaveita
 - 14 shallow wells, 14 l/s of 87°C hot water in the vicinity of the laundry springs
 - 3 km long transmission pipeline from the hot springs towards the town center
 - Primary school, Austurbæjarskóli, Swimming pool and 60-70 houses heated
- 1943 Reykjaveita
 - Shallow wells, self flowing, 200 l/s of 86°C hot geothermal water
 - 17 km long transmission pipeline, first Reykir piping main
 - 2 850 houses connected

Reykjavík Geothermal district heating

- 1958 More wells drilled and deep well pumps installed
- 1970 All houses in Reykjavík heated. Increased capacity from Reykjaveita and second Reykir piping main. Expansion starts to the neighboring suburbs
- 1990 Nesjavellir CHP power plant taken into service (Nesjavellir piping main)
- 2005 Hellisheiði CHP power plant taken into service (Hellisheiði piping main)
- 2016 Reykjavík and all suburbs heated, serving 200.000 people

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Austurbæjarskóli, connected 1930



Vote for the district heating today!

Announcement regarding house heating systems

Due to plans of installing district heating in Reykjavik, those who are constructing new houses or renovating old ones shall install heating systems that can fully utilize the new district heating!

Hitaveita Reykjavíkur.

Auglýsing viðvíkjandi hitalögnum

Vegna væntanlegrar hitaveitu er þeim, er byggja ný hús eða breyta gömlum húsum, ráðlagt að haga hitalögnunum í húsunum þannig, að fult tillit sje tekið til hinnar nýju hitaveitu, er hitalagnir eru ákveðnar.

Skrifstofa Hitaveitu Reykjavíkur, Austurstræti 16, mun gefa upplýsingar um þetta kl. 11—12 f. h. daglega.

Bæjarverkfræðingur.

Construction phases 1930 1939 - 1944 Summerican. 15



The first Reykir piping main 1943. 14 km, 2 x 14 in seamless steel pipes from USA

Insulation with Icelandic turf



Very simple system



Reykir Pumping Station

Pumps

Diesel generator

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De-aerator tank

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Construction phases 1930 1939 - 1944 1945 - 1961

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Construction phases 1930 1939 - 1944 1945 - 1961 1962 - 1972

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Icelandic geothermal well pump









- Water lubricated with filtered water
- Teflon bearings!!

Construction phases 1930 1939 - 1944 1945 - 1961 1962 - 1972 1973 - 1977

Garðabær suburb, 1973

Garðabær suburb, 2015

Nesjavellir hot water main

Reykjavík geothermal fields, 1000 MW

- Laugarnes
 - 10 wells, 340 l/s, 125 130°C, 125 MWt
- Ellidaar
 - 8 wells, 260 l/s, 85 95°C, 50 MWt
- Reykir Reykjahlid
 - 34 wells, 1980 l/s, 85 100°C, 375 MWt
- Nesjavellir CHP
 - Heated and de-aerated cold water, 1680 l/s, 83°C, 300 MWt
- Hellisheiði CHP
 - Heated and de-aerated cold water, 800 l/s, 85°C, 150 MWt

Seltjarnarnes

Laugarnes

Reykjavik

Alftanes

Ellidaar

Breidholt

Fifuhvammur

Vatnsendi

Gardabaer

Kopayogur

Reykajvík Energy Geothermal Fields

- Hafnarfjordur 🥄

Reykir & Reykjahlíð

Nesjavellir 25 km

Hellisheidi 20 km

Reykjavík geothermal systems

- High grade, high porosity "open" hydrothermal reservoirs
- Relatively easy to harness
- "High quality" low temperature (80-130°C) geothermal water, used directly on district heating systems
- No re-injection needed as long as inflow/outflow is in balance
- Key factors of why geothermal heating in Reykjavik is inexpensive!

Benefits of District Heating

- District heating is comfortable and effortless
- No need for individuals to purchase and handle fuels
- Limited servicing of equipment's for individuals
- Steady temperature at all times
- Pricing stable
- Reduces consumption, despite some heat losses in the network
- With access to geothermal heat as a base load, a win win solution

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Geothermal District Heating in China

Iceland – China cooperation

3 Provinces – Geothermal utilization



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Development 2004 - 2015



Project management	Feasibility study	Conceptual Design	Construction supervision	
Key numbers, Heated floor space	e – Installed power – Heat from	geothermal	Heat centrals and wells 2015:	
Heated indoor area 2008:	$\sim 1 \text{ Mm}^2$ 50 MW – 11 GWh/y	/ -	> Total heat centrals :	~ 150
Heated indoor area 2016:	~ 15 M m ² 600 MW – 1200 GW	Vh/y	Production wells:	~ 170
Future plans 2020:	$^{\sim}$ 80 M m ² 3200 MW – 5800 G	Wh/y–21000 TJ/y	Reiniection wells:	~ 80
Environmental impact 2020				00
Annual coal savings	~ 1,0 Million Tons			
✓ > CO ₂	~ 2,6 Million tons (500.000 cars)			

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New houses with floor heating systems



















District cooling

... with geothermal energy

District cooling

Distribution of chilled water, often around 6°C from a central cooling plant, equipped with heat pumps to multiple buildings through a network of pipes for use in space cooling equipment.

The heated water is **piped back** to the cooling plant at **16°C**.

Heat discharge to a cold sink, sea/lake – or to the ambient



Compressor cooling Cycle

Medium capital cost

High operating cost

High maintenance cost

Lifetime ~10 years

Uses electricity and cooling water

Expected/Typical values

- Electricity
- Cooling Water: 27/35 °C
- Chilled Water: 16/6 °C
- Coefficient of Performance: 3 5



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Continuous effort for Higher COP_{Hajime Ybase 2013}

COP(Coefficient of Performance) = Cooling Capacity / LHV Heat Input



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Other geothermal uses

Drying

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Diversity of uses







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Geothermal utilization



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Food conservation – fish drying



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Source: http://www.haustak.is/

Haustak – fish drying in Reykjanes

- Geothermal fluid: 80-40°C / Drying process in 2 steps:
 - 1. Rack cabinet of the conveyor belt :24–40 h
 - Air temperature: ~18-25°C
 - Relative humidity 20-50%
 - Air velocity 3 m/s.
 - Water content from 82% down to 55% in the process
 - 2. Drying container: 72 h
 - Air temperature: ~ 22-26°C
 - Relative humidity 20-50%
 - Air velocity 0.5–1 m/s
 - Water content after drying is lower than 15%

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Drying process - equipment





