INDUSTRY 4. U

It matters for Heat Treatment Facilities – Why?



The better the question. The better the answer. The better the world works.

Our Efforts

- Four Distinct Examples
 - Heat Treatment Furnaces
 - Electroplating Industry
 - Electric Arc Furnaces
 - Vegetable Oil Refining

Heat Treatment Furnaces

- Started with 22 Furnaces
- Today (25/04/2018) 52 Furnaces
- Adding another 8 Furnaces by December 2018

Data Collected

 Minute by minute data on all parameters such as Temperatures, Carbon Potential, Gas Inflow, Quench Medium Temperatures, Processing Stage etc.

Instrumentation

- ✓ PLCs such as Siemens, LG, Delta etc. 24 in number
- Various Models of Controllers from Delta, Eurotherm,
 Yokogawa
- ✓ More than 100 Controllers of various makes
- ✓ MMIs such as Red Lion

Plant Data

- Started with 22 Furnaces, reaching 60 soon
- Started with 109 parts, today over 600 types of parts to be Heat Treated
- Over 120 type of Fixtures
- Monitoring and control of various stages of operation such as Temperature Rise, Carburizing, Diffusion, Hardening Soak, Nitriding

Part Number Details

- Name
- Customer
- Material
- Case Depth and Strength
- Core Hardness
- Surface Hardness
- Core Depth and Strength
- As Quenched Strength
- Diameter
- Surface Carbon
- Weight

Involvement with customer

- Over 25 types of Reports
- End Customer involved in design of reports
- Graphical information : present and past
- Continuous Support

Data Analytics

- Data collected for nearly 2 years
- A new algorithm developed see publication:

 "Data Driven Models and Optimization Technologies to Optimize Production Schedules and Facility Productivity, Stephanides, Andreas and Prabhakar Sastri"

Automation, Control and Intelligent Systems, 2016; 4(1): 1-9

Link Data Driven Models and Optimization

Technologies to Optimize Production Schedules and
Facility Productivity

Advantages

- Optimized Planning
- Better Furnace Utilisation, Lower Downtime, Better OEE, Higher Productivity and Cost cutting.

ROI on Investment for Industry 4.0 is less than 2 years

Parameter	%age Increase	%age Decre ase	Current Value, Pieces/year	Value Per Piece, Rs	Total Benefit, Rs
Increased Production	3.5 %		100,000,0000	200	70,00,00,000
Quality Loss Reduction		3.5 %	100,000,0000	200	70,00,00,000
Energy Savings		5 %	100,000,0000	5	2,50,00,000
Fuel Savings		5 %			Please Add
Customer Satisfaction	10 %				Please Add
Total Annual Benefit					142,50,00,000

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