# **THEMATIC WORKSHOP**

## **Plant systems program**

Cooling, Cryogenics & Tritium Breeding Blankets: status & future business opportunities



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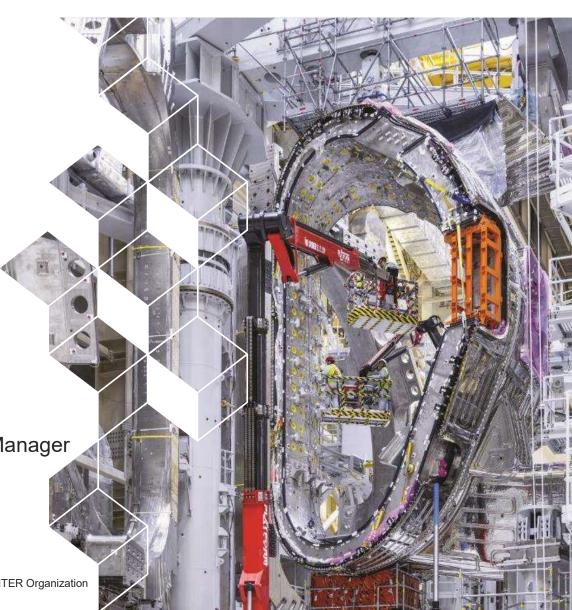
# Plant Systems: Cooling & Tritium Breeding Systems

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# **Overview of the session**

- 1. Cooling Water System
- 2. Vacuum Vessel Pressure Supression System
- 3. Cryogenic System
- 4. Magnet Cold Test Facility
- 5. Tritium Breeding Blanket Systems

- 6. Working with ITER, by Bhumika Joshi, Inox India Limited.
- 7. Bussiness Opportunities, by Jingju Gao, ITER organization





Overview, achievements and next activities



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# The Tokamak Cooling Water System

Main function: heat removal during plasma operation Other functions: Baking.

Clients: VV, Divertor, IV coils, NBI,

Other supporting subsystems: Drying, Draining and Volume and chemical control systems.

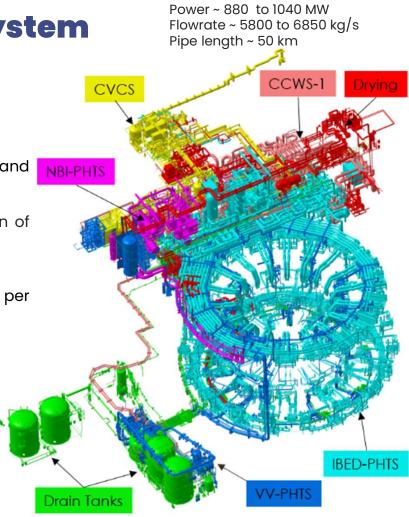
Final Design approved (2017 and 2019), delivery and installation of systems ongoing.

Design of TCWS is under the responsibility of the US-DA as per <u>Procurement Arrangement (PA) for TCWS</u>.

**Procurement Tenders are and will be launched by IO** following different arrangements signed between the USDA and IO.

VV: Vacuum Vessel CVCS: Chemical and Volume Control System PHTS: primary Heat transfer System NBI: Neutral Beam Injector IBED: Integrated Blankets, ELM coils and Divertor





# **The Secondary Cooling Water System and HRS**

Main Function: To transfer heat from systems and clients to Heat Rejection System (HRS).

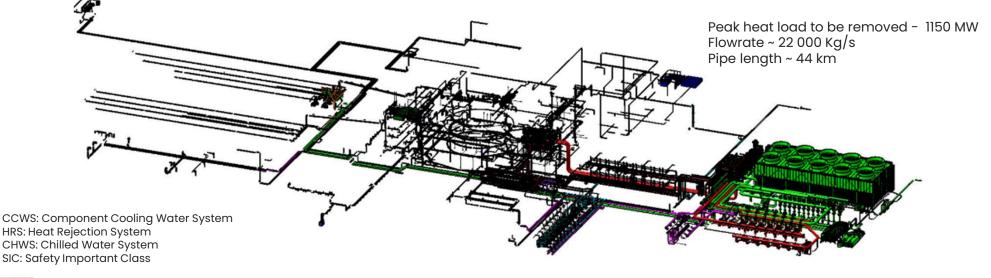
The CCWS clients are nuclear class (CCWS-1 and CCWS-1A) whereas non-nuclear clients are covered by (CCWS-2).

CHWS is divided into CHWS-H1, train A and B for SIC, and CHWS-H2 for non-SIC components.

HRS releases all the heat from the ITER components to the environment.

Design of SCWS is completed except for CCWS-2F, CHWS-H4 (responsibility of IN-DA) and the safety loops CHWS-1A and 1B under the responsibility of IO.

Some contracts for procurement of pipes, valves, supports, equipment, electrical and I&C have been already placed





# Some data about the cooling water system

- Equipment weight = TCWS 3900 T (~7 times the weight of A380), SCWS 1700 T
- Piping + supports weight = TCWS 2600 T (~ 4.5 times the weight of A380), SCWS 13 400 T
  - Piping length ~ TCWS 50 km = more than a marathon run, SCWS 44 km.
- TCWS will be the first primary cooling loop of a nuclear station employing double wall piping (confinement function),
- TCWS will be the first primary cooling loop of a nuclear station conceived to operate with a pulsed/cyclic heat load (~30000 cycles),
- TCWS will be the first primary cooling system of a nuclear station which is also an heating (baking) system, as well as a drying system (through nitrogen blowing)
- Equipment at various scale... from few mm to dozen of m





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# TCWS Procurement Status – Valves & piping

Check, Ball and Butterfly valves

Piping and Fittings		80 % Delivered	
Valves	l more than 800		
Primary and Secondary Supports 50 % Delivered			
Flanges	anges Delivered		





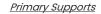




Steel Plates

#### Forged Pieces







<u>Flanges</u>

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# **TCWS Procurement Status - Equipment**

#### **USDA scope**



Procurement contracts are placed all over the world like The Netherdlands, Denmark, Florida-US, Italy, Spain, France.









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# **TCWS Procurement Status - Equipment**

#### IO scope

VV-PHTS Volume Control Tank, Pressure Relief Tank	Delivered	Installed			
DRS Waste Collection Tank, Auxiliary Drain Tank	Delivered	Installed			
VV-PHTS Pressurizer, Heat Exchangers, DYS Filters Delivered					
VV-PHTS Filters, DYS Condenser, Cyclone Separator, Demister,					

Procurement contracts are placed all over the world like in India, China, Italy, France, South Korea, ...













# TCWS Procurement Status – E I&C

SIC & NON SIC Electrical switchboards	80 % Delivered	10% Installed
SIC & NON SIC I&C Cubicles	100% Delivered	
Solenoid Valve mounting box assemblies	100% Delivered	
Humidity Sensors, Oxygen Sensors	100 % Delivered	



Humidity sensors



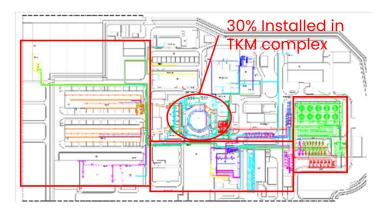






# **SCWS Procurement Status**

Equipment	60 % Delivered	60% Installed
Piping Distribution + Supports	80% Delivered	50% Installed
E and I&C (conventional)	80 % Delivered	40% Installed
Valves	60 % Delivered	40% Installed





Heat Rejection System & Cooling Water Plant



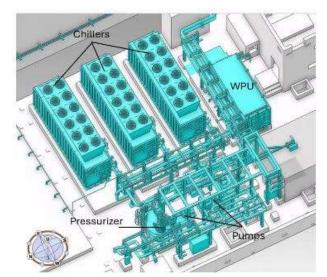
# Next activities - Equipment SCWS

#### • CHWS-1A and 1B equipment

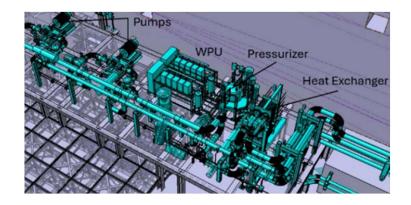
- 6 Chillers
- 4 pumps
- 2 pressurizers
- 2 Water Polishing Units

#### • CCWS-1A equipment

- 1 Heat Exchanger
- 2 pumps
- 1 pressurizer
- 1 Water Polishing Unit



Number of main equipment to	19
be procured (SCWS)	13





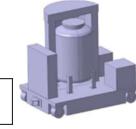
# **Next Activities - Equipment TCWS**

- Mid 2024: •
  - 8 Centrifugal Main Pumps (2.9 MW, 500 m head), Ongoing
  - 8 Shell and Tube Heat Exchangers (30 t, 110 Mw/unit) Ongoing •
- Mid 2025 ٠
  - IBED Pressuriser (100t, 2.8 MW), and Pressure Relief Tank (25t, 60 m<sup>3</sup>), •
  - 2 Demineralizers and 1 Mobile resin transfer cask shielded (30t) •
  - 10 filters, •
  - 1 Electrical Heater (4 MW)
- 2026/2027 ٠
  - 4 Heat Exchangers and 1 Letdown cooler ٠

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- 2 Vacuum pump skid, •
- 2 Degasifier Skid, •
- 2 Chemical Additive Skid, ٠
- 3 Tanks •

#### Number of main equipment to be procured (TCWS)



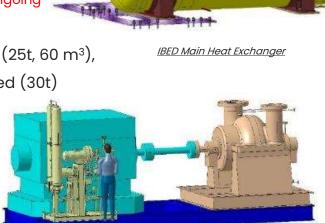
Mobile Resin Cask



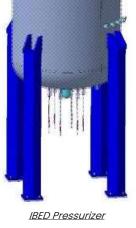




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IBED Main Pump





# Next Activities – Valves and I&C

- 714 Valves (415 for SRO and 299 for DT-1): ٠
  - Butterfly Valves,
  - Swing Check Valve, Axial Check Valve, Lift Check Valves, Damped Check Valves,
  - Globe Valves,
  - **Ball Valves**
- Pressure Relief Valves+ Rupture Disc (83 units)
- Sensors
  - Pressure Sensors, Differential Pressure Sensors, (115 units)
  - Temperature Sensors, level switches.
  - Sensor Mounting Boxes and Associated Mechanical Components
  - Signal Conditioning Cubicles, SIC (20 units) and non SIC (37Uts) •

  - Compressed Air Tubing (20 km) and associated fittings,
    PLC and HMI Software (16 units representing 4685 input/output)
- Service contract will be also launched for the SRO mechanical analyses to perform: pipe stress analysis, support design, support drawing, ...
- Qualification of valves and instruments is required in certain cases •



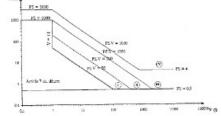






# French/European regulations on Pressure Equipment

- ITER is identified as a Basic Nuclear Installation (INB). A "basic nuclear installation" is subject to the French nuclear safety regulations and controlled by the nuclear safety authority (ASN).
- Propagation of safety requirements to the last level of sub-contracting chain is of paramount importance.
- Some Tokamak Cooling Water System equipment are subject to the Nuclear Pressure Equipment Order (ESPN) and Pressure Equipment Directive (PED 2014/68/EU).
- Having knowledge and experience in applying regulations during design, including considerations for in-service inspection aspects and manufacturing activities, is essential. Preferred configuration for the ESPN is that suppliers are the legal Manufacturers (like module G or others)
- Equipment needs to be designed respecting requirements European Directive like Machinery, including lifting accessories (2006/42/EC)







# 2 Vacuum Vessel Pressure Suppression System

Overview, achievements and next activities



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# **VVPSS – Description and Status**

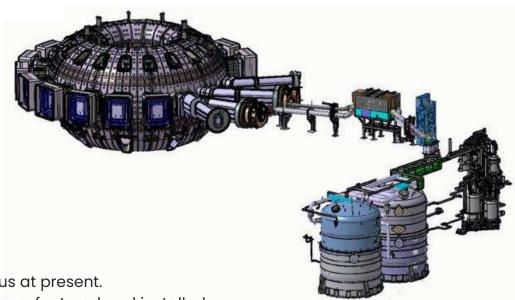
#### **Description:**

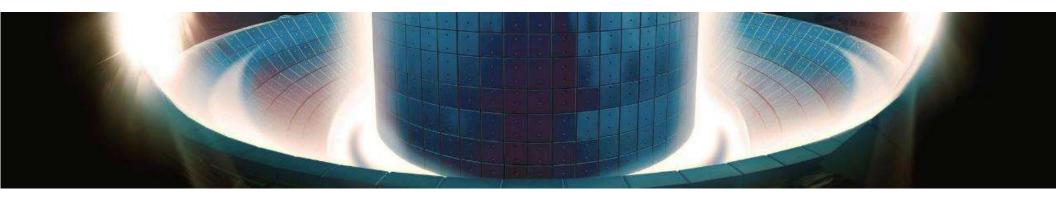
- protects the vacuum vessel from overpressure
- A gas-processing system made of pressure vessels, reactors, scrubbers and filters together with large and small-bore pipes
- Delivered by the ITER Organization.

#### **Current Status and achievements**

- Final Design Review planned in Q1 2026
- Qualification of all equipment is required and is the major focus at present.
- A limited quantity of (captive) equipment has already been manufactured and installed
- Equipment specifications are in production and tenders launched for valves and temperature instruments
- Ongoing full-scale tests for steam condensation system qualification
- Ongoing full-scale prototyping and qualification of oxidation catalyst and reactor & scrubber tank
- Ongoing full scale, remote handled UHV rupture disc prototyping and qualification



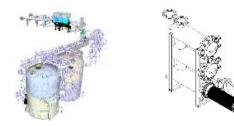




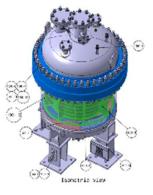
## **VVPSS Next activities**

Tenders for the following equipment will be launched over the next 12 months for delivery in 2027/2028:

- Remote handled, ultra-high vacuum valve assembly
- Hydrogen oxidation reactor final equipment (ESPN)
- Gas HEPA filter assembly (500Nm3/h)
- In-line gas heaters (ESPN)
- Neutron & magnetic qualified pressure instruments (≈ 100) and associated ancillaries and impulse lines
- DN500 to DN20 seamless, cobalt controlled, stainless-steel piping (≈ 20 tonnes) & piping supports
- Magnetic shielded solenoid / piezo valves (≈ 200)
- Passive Fire Protection supply & installation







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# **B** Cryogenic system

#### Overview, achievements and next activities



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# The Cryogenic System – Main Functions and clients

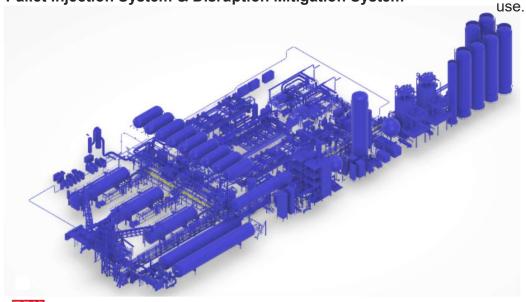
#### 4 K Cooling

#### Superconducting magnet system:

- Central Solenoid (CS)
  - Toroidal Field (TF)
- Magnet Structure (ST) Poloidal Field (PF)
- Correction Coils (CC)

Cryopump system: Machine Torus, Cryostat & Neutral Beam

#### Pallet Injection System & Disruption Mitigation System





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#### 80 K Cooling

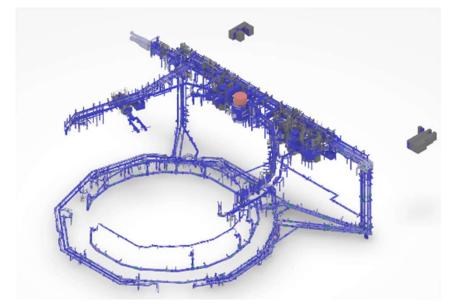
Thermal shields (magnets, cryolines, cold boxes..)

Thermal anchors of SC magnets gravity supports

Chevron baffles of the cryopumps.

**<u>50 K Cooling</u>**: High Temperature Superconducting (HTS) current leads of the magnet system.

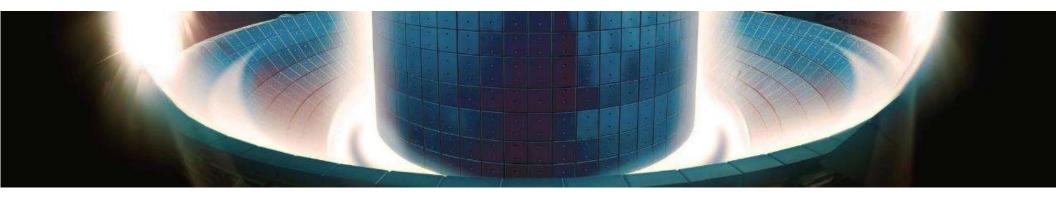
300 K Helium: Conditioning, flushing, or any other maintenance/operation



# The Cryogenic System – Status and Achievements

System / component	Present status	
<ul> <li>Cryogenic systems in Cryoplant Buildling</li> <li>Three Liquid Helium Plant</li> <li>Two Liquid Nitrogen Plant</li> <li>Two 80 K Loop</li> <li>Storage and Auxiliary Systems</li> <li>Cryolines and Warmlines</li> <li>CTCB</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>100% Installation completed</li> <li>Under commissioning and testing</li> </ul>	
Cryolines and warm lines in Tokamak Building	<ul> <li>95% Installation completed except the interfaces with clients</li> <li>Warm acceptance test of the installed lines</li> </ul>	
Cryodistribution boxes in Tokamak Building	<ul> <li>All five Auxiliary Cold Boxes are in their final position</li> <li>Thermal Shield Cold Valve Box is under factory acceptance test</li> <li>Manifold Box is under final design</li> </ul>	
Cryolines and warm lines in C1 cryobridge	<ul> <li>Installation is complete and warm acceptance test is in progress</li> </ul>	

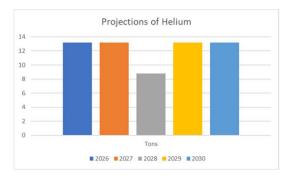




# **Cryogenic System Next activities**



- Procurement of Liquid Nitrogen: ~7500 kg in next 18 months
- Procurement of Liquid Helium:



- Operation of the plant for Magnet Cold Test Facility
- Completion of Cryolines
- Commisioning completion





Overview, achievements and next activities



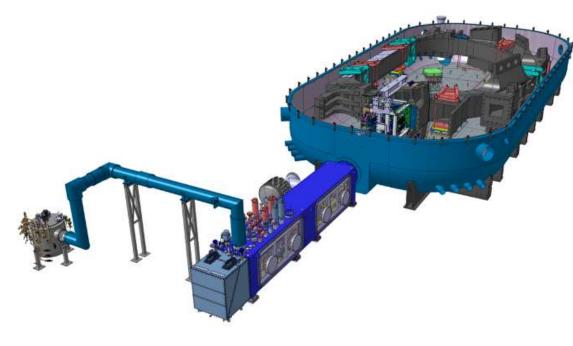
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# **MCTF - Functions and overview**

**Function:** To test at 4K and energized the TF coils, and PF1, benefiting from existing infrastructure and equipment:

Building 55 infrastructure Coil Terminal Box: CTB TF18-1 with its instrumentation Cryogenic system: Cold Box 3, Warm compression station





PF1: D=9 m, 160 tons



TF: HxL=17 x 10 m, 300 tons 28/10/2022

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# MCTF - Status of procurement and construction

#### **Cryostat and Vacuum Pumping:**

- Dimensions: 21.5 m x 10.5 m x 6 m
- Thickness 30 mm/40 mm (sup/inf)
- Weight: 300 tons
- 2 primary pumps and 4 diffusion pumps





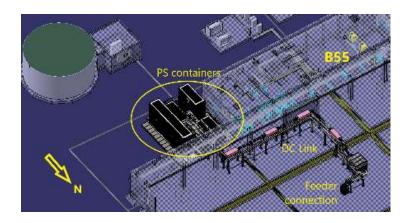


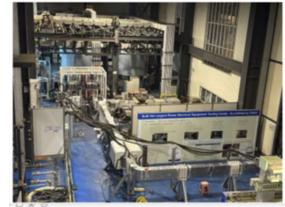
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# **MCTF - Status of procurement and construction**

#### **Power Supply System:**

- Current: 5 kA to 70 kA
- Normal/discharge ramp : ±10 A/s
- Max ramp in discharge : 40 A/s
- 3 Dump resistance configurations





DC link during Factory Acceptance Test



Power Converter (CV)

Manufacturing by RXHK/RHR/ASIPP

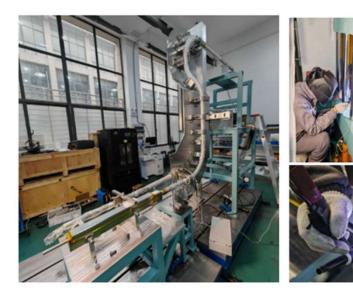


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# MCTF - Status of procurement and construction

#### Adaptation of the Cryogenic system and feeder:

- 150 m of cryogenic lines
- Interconnection Valve Box
- Specific ICF (In-Cryostat Feeder) for supply of electrical power and cryogenic fluids



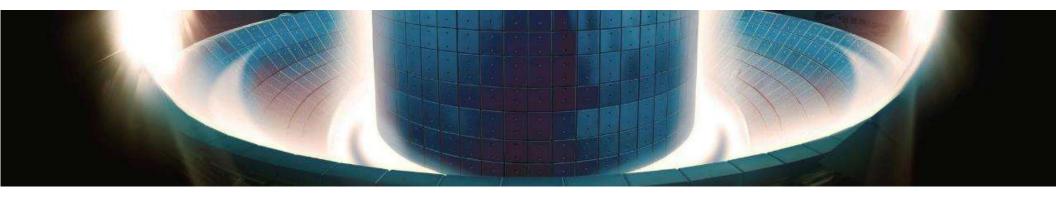


Cryolines supplied by Inox India



IVB supplied by Inox India





# **MCTF - Achievements and next activities:**

- Project was launched in June 2023
- Final design review completed in July/Nov 2024
- Construction and on-site installation works August 2024 September 2025
- System commissioning May 2025 September 2025
- Integrated Commissioning tests
  - With a superconducting jumper July 2025 August 2025
  - With Cryostat and vacuum system November 2025
- First TF coil to be prepared/tested December 2025 May 2026



# **5** Tritium breeding Blanket System

Technologies, roadmap and next challenges



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# **TBM technologies for testing during the DT-1 operation**

WCLL: Water Cooled Lead-Lithium HCCP: Helium Cooled Ceramic Pebble WCCB: Water Cooled Ceramic Breeder HCCB: Helium Cooled Ceramic Breeder



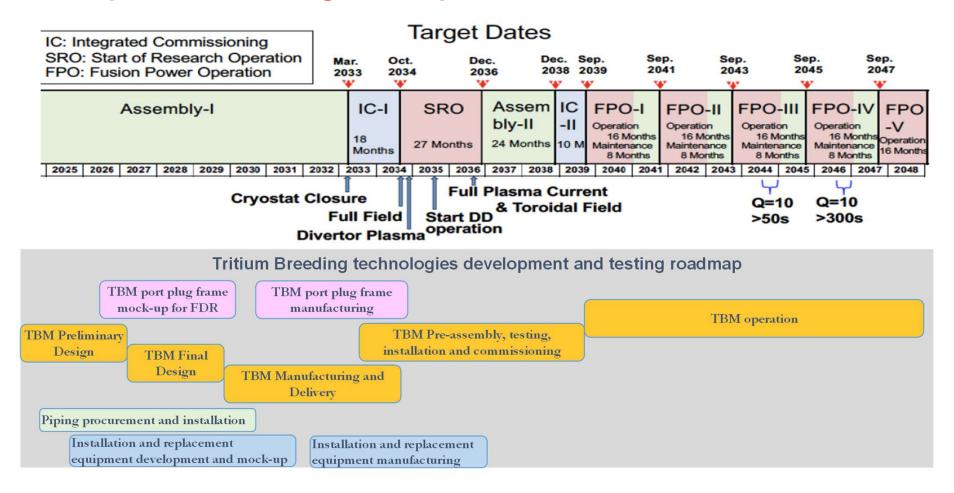
#### Each TBM technologies include dedicate sub-systems

- Breeding material
- Neutron multiplier material
- Shielding layer(s)
- Cooling system and the related chemical and impurity control
- Tritium extraction system and tritium accountancy system
- Neutron activation system

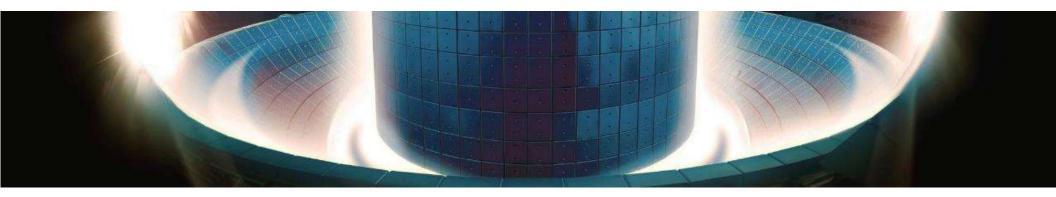




#### TBM development and testing roadmap in the ITER baseline 2024







## **Next activities**

#### **TBM Port Plug frame and dummy**

Engineering activities for the final design finalization	by 2028	
Mock-up manufacturing and testing to support the final design solution	by 2028	
Manufacturing of the final components, testing and delivery	from 2029 to 2033	
Installation and replacement equipment		
Mock-up manufacturing and testing	from 2027 to 2030	
Manufacturing of the final components, testing and delivery	from 2031 to 2034	



# **6** Bussiness Opportunities

by Jingju Gao, ITER organization



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# Cooling Water System – Static equipment & valves

Description	Solicitation Type	Expected Publication Period	Expected Date of Signature	Cost Range Indicator	Cost Range
Procurement of IBED PHTS Pressurizer and Pressure Relief Tank	CFT: Call for Tender	Q2-2025	Q4-2025	С	between 4,000,000 to 12,000,000
PHNB Main Heat Exchangers	CFT: Call for Tender	Q2-2026	Q2-2027	(	between 4,000,000 to 12,000,000
PHNB Pressurizer	CFT: Call for Tender	Q2-2026	Q2-2027	Λ	between 300,000 to 2,000,000
CCWS-1A, CHWS-1A and 1B Pressurizers (Qty 3)	CFT: Call for Tender	Q3-2027	Q3-2028	Δ	between 300,000 to 2,000,000
CCWS-1A Heat Exchanger	CFT: Call for Tender	Q3-2027	Q3-2028	Λ	between 300,000 to 2,000,000
Valves for TCWS and SCWS	CFT: Call For Tender	Q3-2025	Q1-2026	С	between 4,000,000 to 12,000,000





# **Cooling Water System – Rotating Equipment**

Description	Solicitation Type	Expected Publication Period	Expected Date of Signature	Cost Range Indicator	Cost Range
CVBD Charging pumps	CFT: Call for Tender	Q4-2025	Q3-2026	В	between 1,500,000 to 5,000,000
CVNB Charging Pump #1 and #2	CFT: Call for Tender	Q4-2025	Q3-2026	A	between 300,000 to 2,000,000
PHNB Main Pumps	CFT: Call for Tender	Q4-2025	Q3-2026	С	between 4,000,000 to 12,000,000
PHNB Low Flow Pump	CFT: Call for Tender	Q4-2025	Q3-2026	А	between 300,000 to 2,000,000
PHBD Baking Pump	CFT: Call for Tender	Q2-2026	Q2-2027	A	between 300,000 to 2,000,000
CCWS-1A, CHWS-1A and 1B Pumps (Qty 6)	CFT: Call for Tender	Q3-2027	Q3-2028	В	between 1,500,000 to 5,000,000



# **Bussiness opportunities**

### **Cooling Water System – Other process Equipment**

/ WAY	Description	Solicitation Type	Expected Publication Period	Expected Date of Signature	Cost Range Indicator	Cost Range
	CVBD Demineralizer and resin transfer cask	CFT: Call for Tender	Q2-2025	Q4-2025	R	between 1,500,000 to 5,000,000
1	Procurement of TCWS IBED heater HT-1000	CFT: Call for Tender	Q2-2025	Q4-2025	Δ	between 300,000 to 2,000,000
			Q4-2025	Q3-2026	Δ	between 300,000 to 2,000,000
	CCWS-1A, CHWS-1A and 1B Water Polishing Jnits (Qty 3)	CFT: Call for Tender	Q3-2027	Q3-2028	Δ	between 300,000 to 2,000,000
	CHWS-1A and 1B Chillers (Qty 6)	CFT: Call for Tender	Q3-2027	Q3-2028	( -	between 4,000,000 to 12,000,000





# Cryogenic System- Helium and Nitrogen supply

Description	Solicitation Type		Expected Date of Signature	Cost Range Indicator	Cost Range
Contract for Gas Supply	CFT: Call for Tender	Q1-2026	Q3-2026	Δ	between 300,000 to 2,000,000
Contract for Helium Supply	CFT: Call for Tender	Q1-2026	Q3-2026	С	between 4,000,000 to 12,000,000





# **VV** Pressure Suppression System

Description	Solicitation Type	Expected Publication Period		Cost Range Indicator	Cost Range
Bleed Valve Design and Build	OT: Open Tender	Q2-2025	Q4-2025	Δ	between 300,000 to 2,000,000
I&C Instrumentation	OT: Open Tender	Q2-2025	Q4-2025	Λ	between 300,000 to 2,000,000
Gas HEPA filter assembly (500Nm3/h)	OT: Open Tender	Q2-2026	Q3-2026		between 300,000 to 2,000,000
In-line gas heaters (ESPN	OT: Open Tender	Q3-2025	Q4-2025	A	between 300,000 to 2,000,000
Magnetic shielded solenoid / piezo valves (≈ 200)	OT: Open Tender	Q2-2026	Q3-2026	A	between 300,000 to 2,000,000







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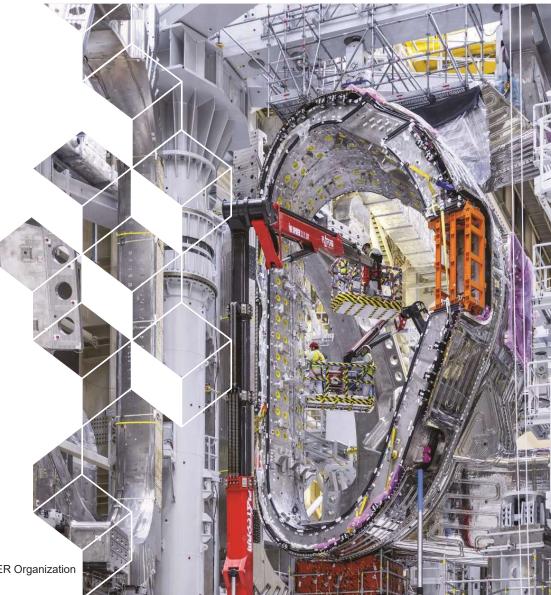




# **INOXCVA experience in ITER project**







**Presentation Topics** 

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- 2. INOX Journey at ITER
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- 4. Conclusion





# Company Overview

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#### **INOXCVA: An Overview**







REVENUE ₹11.37 Bn Us\$137 Mn

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CUSTOMERS 5,000+



UNITS 20,000



EXPORTS 60%



RATINGS CRISIL : A+

D&B : 5A1



**EMPLOYEES** ~2000

# MATERIAL HANDLED

>13,500 Ton/Year



4 LOCATIONS WITH TOTAL AREA

125,391 m<sup>2</sup>

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#### **INOXCVA:** A True-BLUE Indian Multinational



Designed, Engineered and Made In India

#### 5000+ customers across 100+ countries 3 Europe • Manufacturing Unit Stock & Sale of Standard Savli, Gujarat (2023) product countries with INOXCVA to Europe Market Alblasserdam, operations The Netherlands (2014) 30 Manufacturing Unit Silvassa, Gujarat (2004) locations providing Brazil • service support Sale of standard products, Integration of Semi-Trailers, and facility for Repair & Rehab India of Cryogenic Tanks

Making For The World









Manufacturing Unit (EOU) Kandla SEZ, Gujarat (2007)



Sales & Service Support \*INOXCVA Offices INOXCVA Customers

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# **2** INOX Journey at ITER

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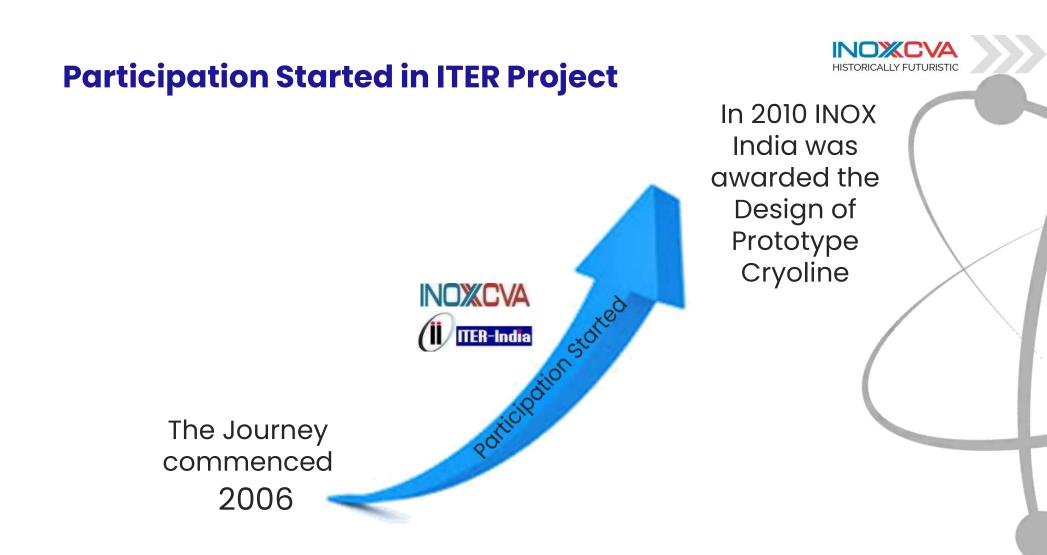


INOX started working towards its successful association with ITER from the time India decided to associate with ITER Project as a member Country



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### INOX Role in ITER Cryogenics – First Steps.. 👳



The Layout of Prototype Cryoline was considering one of the most critical layout in Tokamak Building with six process pipes in one Vacuum Jacket.





With successful execution of PTCL Design ..... INOX was qualified to bid for the Larger project of ITER Cryolines.

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### **INOX journey with ITER - a breakthrough step..**

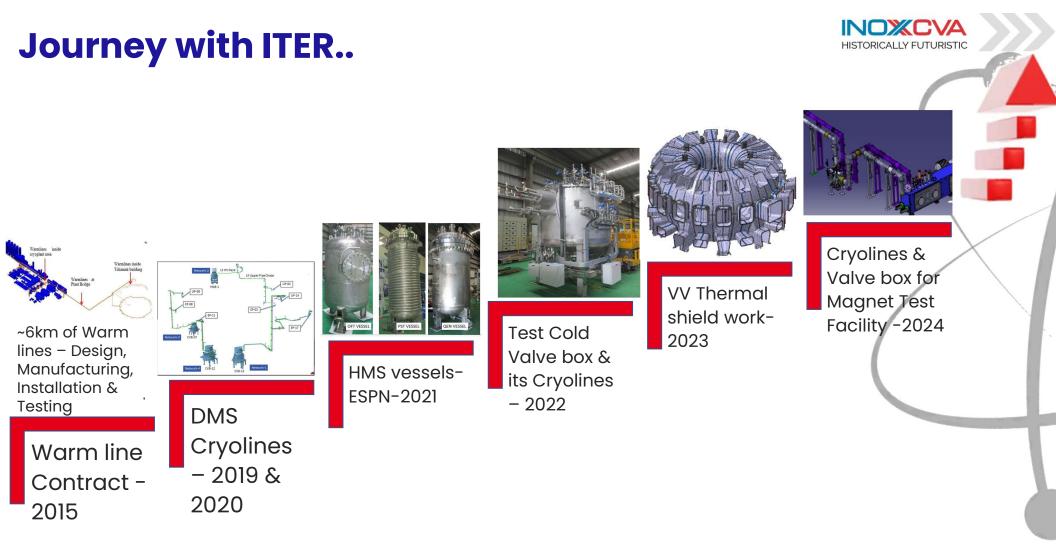
#### Design, Manufacturing, Installation and Testing of Group Y Cryolines ~ 4.2 km

Tokamak Building-B11 Cryoplant Plant Bridge Building





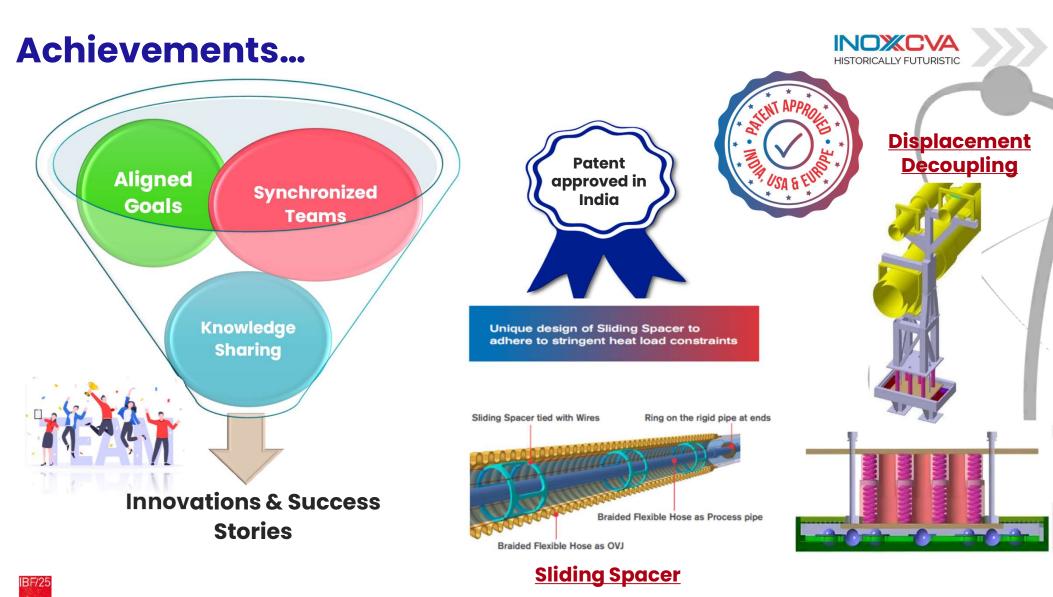




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#### Not just any pipes

#### Robert Arnoux

In order to produce and sustain plasmas ten times hotter than the core of the Sun, some essential elements of the ITER machine need to be cooled to temperatures only encountered in the void of outer space. Superconducting magnets and cryopumps will operate at a few degrees above absolute zero— 4 K, or *minus* 269 °C—and the thermal shield will be only slightly warmer (80 K, or *minus* 193 °C). These temperatures are obtained by circulating a steady flux of cryogenic fluid through a complex network of high-technology piping—the ITER cryolines.



Manufacturing of the ITER cryolines began in 2017 at the Cryo Scientific division of INOXCVA, an Indian company with a half-century's worth of experience in cryogenics. The dedicated workshop is located in the outskirts of Vadodara, an industrial city with a population of more than two million in the western state of Gujarat.

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#### India's INOXCVA completes full scope

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All angles, bends and turns, a complex system of cryolines produced in India will distribute the cooling power generated by the ITER cryoplant to clients throughout the installation. Four years after manufacturing was initiated, the last batch left INOXCVA's Vadodara facility in July 2021.



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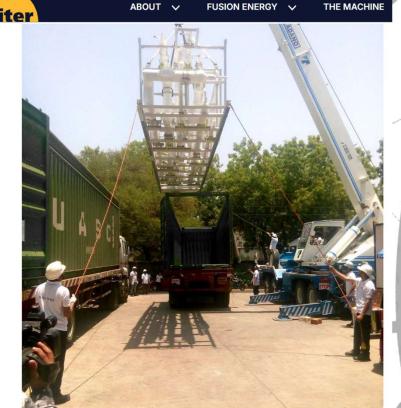


#### INOXCVA Completes Manufacturing of Group-Y Cryolines & Group-W Warmlines for ITER Project

Indian multinational, INOXCVA, announced the completion of the manufacturing of Group-Y Cryolines & Group-W Warmlines for the Prestigious ITER Project, one of the most ambitious energy projects in the world today to provide cheaper energy to the whole world.

July 31, 2021. By News Bureau





Flag-off Ceremony of the first containers to ITER-France

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INOX INDIA has achieved one of the major Milestone of ITER project "successfully completion of all pressure tests in Cryoplant building". Total 16 circuits of cryolines and 48 circuits of warmlines have been pressure tested in Cryoplant building.



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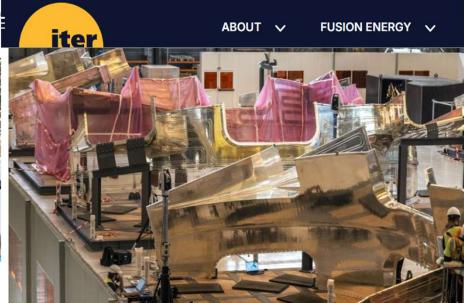


Repaired thermal shield elements leave Indian facility

Three panels from the vacuum vessel thermal shield sets that were sent to India for repair are now heading back to ITER to be reassembled.







Thermal shield repair will be performed by INOX India. The contract was signed on 29 June for the repair of two sets of vacuum vessel thermal shield, and the optional repair of five others. The panels for these two sets will be disassembled at ITER, shipped to INOX premises for repair, tested for leaks in the factory, then shipped back to the ITER site for reassembly and testing by the contractor. A team from INOX is already mobilized on the ITER site for disassembly. Qualification activities on a mockup are also underway at the INOX India workshop under ITER Organization supervision.

"One team, one goal, one incredible outcome."

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Ready to enter commissioning

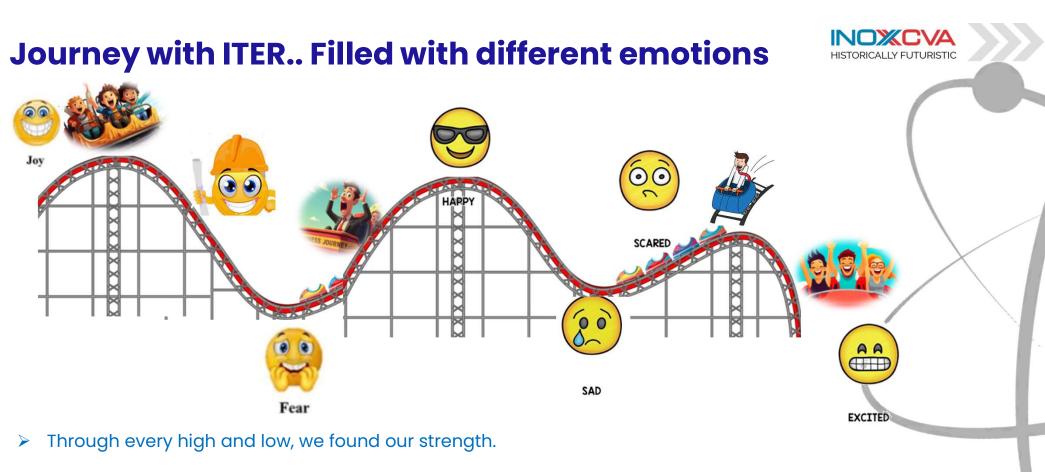


ITER Director-General Pietro Barabaschi (third from left) praised the quality and efficiency of the collaboration between the cryoplant team, the vacuum team and INOX-CVA—the ITER India contractor that built the cold valve box and some of the connecting cryolines and that participated in the equipment's installation.

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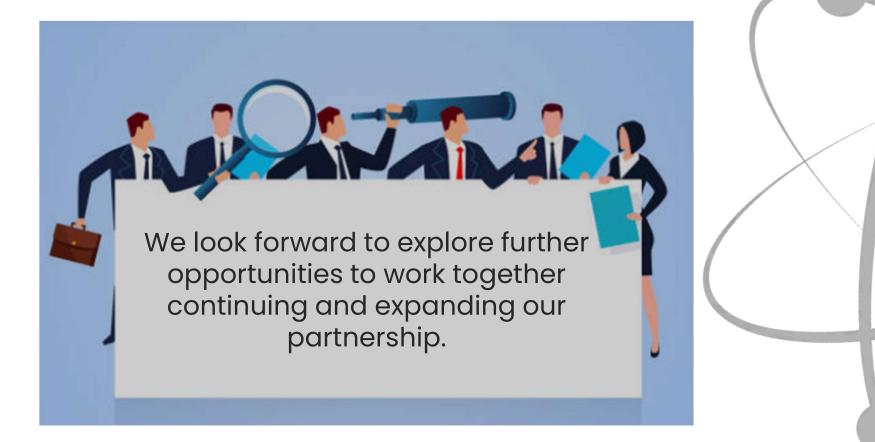


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- > We didn't just deliver results—we gained deep learnings along the way.
- > The rich experience gained from ITER Projects has expanded our skills and perspectives.







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