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## APPENDICES

### Appendix A

#### International standards of biodiesel (B100) (ASTMD 6751-02)

| Property  | ASTM method | Limits     | Units              |
|---|-------------|------------|--------------------|
| Flash point (closed cup)  | D93         | 130.0 min. | °C                 |
| Water and sediment  | D2709       | 0.050 max. | vol%               |
| Kinematic viscosity, 40°C   | D445        | 1.9-6.0    | mm <sup>2</sup> /s |
| Sulfated ash  | D874        | 0.020 max. | mass%              |
| Sulfur  | D5453       | 0.05 max.  | mass%              |
| Copper strip corrosion  | D 130       | No. 3 max. | -                  |
| Cetane number   | D613        | 47 min.    | -                  |
| Cloud point   | D2500       | Report     | °C                 |
| Carbon residue, 100% sample   | D4530       | 0.050 max. | mass%              |
| Acid number   | D664        | 0.80 max.  | mg KOH/g           |
| Free glycerin   | D6584       | 0.020 max. | mass%              |
| Total glycerin  | D6584       | 0.240 max. | mass%              |
| Phosphorus content  | D4951       | 0.001 max. | mass%              |
| Distillation temperature, atmospheric equivalent temperature, 90% recovered | D 1160      | 360 max.   | °C                 |



## Appendix B

### Estimation of height and diameter of the reactor unit

|                                      |                               |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Liquid volume of the reactor         | = 50 liters                   |
| Volume of the conical section        | = 3.239 liters                |
| Volume of electric heaters           | = 0.400 liters                |
| Liquid volume in cylindrical section | = 50 – (3.239 – 0.400) liters |
|                                      | = 47.161 liters               |

Height:diameter ratio of the reactor unit was taken as 1.5.

$$\frac{\pi D^2 h}{4} = 47.161 \text{ liters}$$

$$\frac{\pi D^2 \times 1.5D}{4} = 0.047161 \text{ m}^3$$

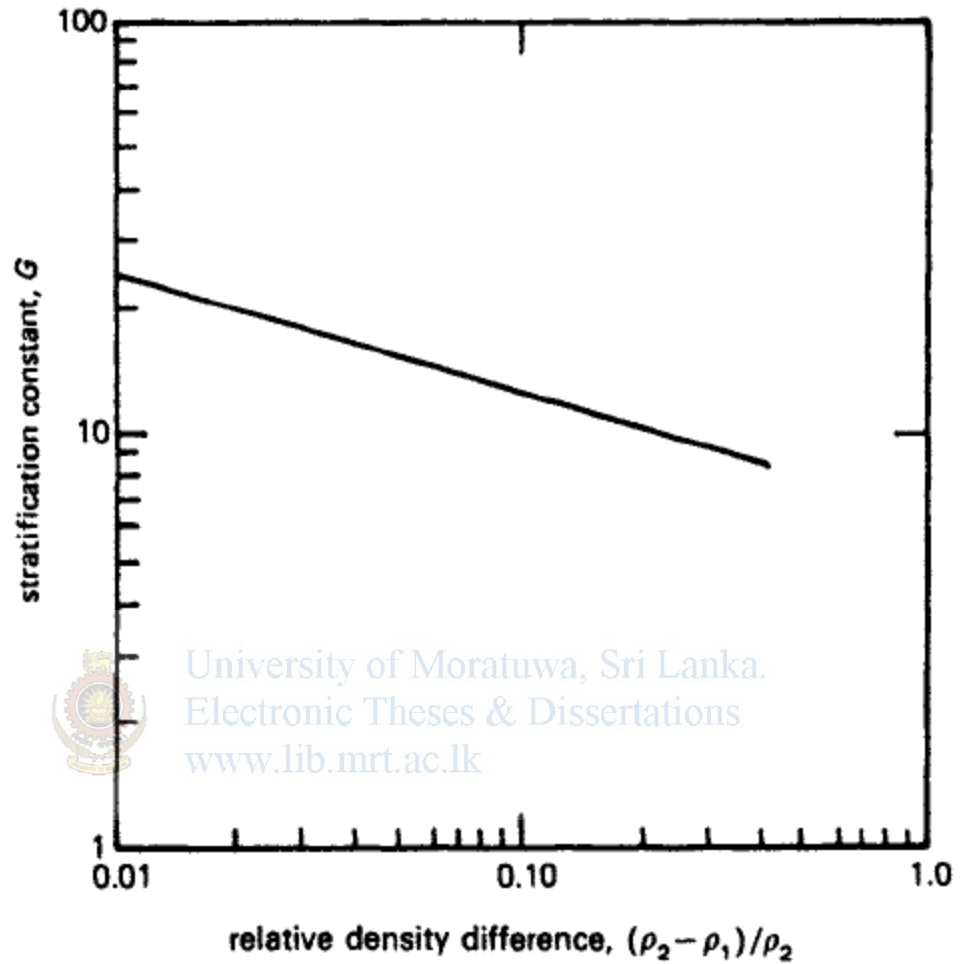
$$D = 342 \text{ mm}$$

Therefore 350 mm is selected as the diameter of the reactor vessel. The resulted liquid height for 50 litre liquid volume is 490 mm.



## Appendix C

### Stratification data for jet mixing



SOURCE - Nienow, A. W., Harnby, N. & Edwards, M. F. (1997) *Mixing in the Process Industries: Second Edition*, Butterworth-Heinemann, page 173.

## Appendix D

### Details of the process equipments used in the biodiesel pilot-plant

#### Centrifugal pump

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Pipe diameter     | Inlet 1.25", Outlet 1" |
| Power             | 0.05 HP / 0.37 kW      |
| Current           | 2.6 A                  |
| Voltage           | 230 V, 50 Hz           |
| Speed             | 2,800 RPM              |
| Suction head      | 7.8 m                  |
| Total head        | 17 m                   |
| Max. capacity     | 67 l/min               |
| Impeller material | Stainless steel        |
| Manufacturer      | Arpico (Sri Lanka)     |

#### Mixing motor and gear box

|              |                                 |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Motor        |                                 |
| Model        | 4IK25GN-AWU                     |
| Type         | Induction                       |
| Power        | 25 W                            |
| Current      | 0.55 A                          |
| Voltage      | 100 VAC, 50 Hz                  |
| Speed        | 1,250 RPM                       |
| Manufacturer | Oriental Motor Co. Ltd. (Japan) |
| Gear Head    |                                 |
| Model        | 4GN12.5-D1                      |
| Gear Ratio   | 12.5:1                          |
| Manufacturer | Oriental Motor Co. Ltd. (Japan) |

#### Solenoid valves

|                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Model            | SUW-20                |
| Pipe size        | 0.75"                 |
| Voltage          | 220 V, 50/60 Hz       |
| Max. Temperature | 80°C                  |
| Manufacturer     | miT-UNiD-cns (Taiwan) |

Electric heaters

|              |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Power        | 2000 W × 3               |
| Current      | 26.1 A                   |
| Voltage      | 230 V, 50 Hz             |
| Material     | Stainless Steel          |
| Manufacturer | Mega Heaters (Sri Lanka) |

Pressure gauge

|       |                  |
|-------|------------------|
| Model | K1.1.6           |
| Range | 0 – 100 mBar     |
| Make  | JAKO (Nederland) |

Thermometer

|       |           |
|-------|-----------|
| Range | 0 – 250°C |
| Make  | –         |



## Appendix E

### Typical design stresses for plate

The appropriate material standards should be consulted for particular grades and plate thicknesses

| Material   | Tensile Strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> ) | Design stress at temperature °C (N/mm <sup>2</sup> ) |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
|  |                                       | 0 to 50  | 100 | 150 | 200 | 250 | 300 | 350 | 400 | 450 | 500 |  |
| Carbon steel (semi-killed or silicon killed)           | 360                                   | 135  | 125 | 115 | 105 | 95  | 85  | 80  | 70  |     |     |  |
| Carbon-manganese steel (semi-killed or silicon killed) | 460                                   | 180  | 170 | 150 | 140 | 130 | 115 | 105 | 100 |     |     |  |
| Carbon-molybdenum steel, 0.5per cent Mo                | 450                                   | 180  | 170 | 145 | 140 | 130 | 120 | 110 | 110 |     |     |  |
| Low alloy steel (Ni, Cr, Mo, V)                        | 550                                   | 240  | 240 | 240 | 240 | 240 | 235 | 230 | 220 | 190 | 170 |  |
| Stainless steel 18Cr/8Ni unstabilised (304)            | 510                                   | 165  | 145 | 130 | 115 | 110 | 105 | 100 | 100 | 95  | 90  |  |
| Stainless steel 18Cr/8Ni Ti stabilised (321)           | 540                                   | 165  | 150 | 140 | 135 | 130 | 130 | 125 | 120 | 120 | 115 |  |
| Stainless steel 18Cr/8Ni, Mo 2.5% (316)                | 520                                   | 175  | 150 | 135 | 120 | 115 | 110 | 105 | 105 | 100 | 95  |  |

SOURCE – Sinnott, R. K. (2005) Coulson & Richardson's Chemical Engineering Series, Volume-6, Elsevier Butterworth-Heinemann. page-812

## Appendix F Complete biodiesel pilot plant



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## Appendix G Full schematic diagram of the PDS



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## Appendix H

### Descriptions of the buttons used in CPI

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Name        | Mode selection switch   |
| Switch type | Selector switch (Auto/Manual)   |
| Limitation  | No limitation – Function under both Auto and Manual modes   |
| Description | Can be used to shift between Auto and Manual modes at any time<br>Auto to Manual – System automatically load current status of the unit to manual mode and continue under Manual mode without any change.<br>Manual to Auto – System stops and load next automatic mode (mode indicator light will indicate the loaded mode) and wait for operator's command to run under the new mode. |

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Name        | Level selection switch  |
| Switch type | Selector switch (Full/Half)   |
| Limitation  | No limitation – Function under both Auto and Manual modes   |
| Description | Can be used to inform the system about operating liquid level of the reactor unit<br>System will select the correct jet for mixing depend on the liquid level<br>System avoid using incorrect jet valve under manual mode |

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Name        | Reset switch  |
| Switch type | Push button switch  |
| Limitation  | No limitation – Function under both Auto and Manual modes             |
| Description | System switches off all the running equipments and reset it's memory. |

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Name        | Permission switch   |
| Switch type | Push button switch  |
| Limitation  | Function only under Automatic mode when system require permission to proceed a certain operation/process          |
| Description | System will indicate the required permission through the display unit<br>System waits until it receive permission |

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Name        | Mode switches (Mode 1, Mode 2, Mode 3 and Mode 4)  |
| Switch type | Push button switches   |
| Limitation  | Function only under Automatic mode   |
| Description | Mode 1 – FFA reduction step<br>Mode 2 – Layer separation of FFA reduction step<br>Mode 3 – Biodiesel reduction step<br>Mode 4 – Layer separation of biodiesel reduction step<br>System will automatically shifted to next mode when one mode is complete |



|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Name        | Equipment control switches (6 Solenoid valves, Electric heaters, Electric pump and Electric motor) |
| Switch type | Push button switches   |
| Limitation  | Function only under Manual mode  |
| Description | 3 heaters cannot be operated individually under Manual mode  |
|             | Can be use to control the equipments individually  |
|             | Can be change the status of a equipment by single press (Off to On or On to Off)                   |
|             | System avoid using incorrect jet nozzle selection valve  |



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## Appendix I

### Schematic diagram of the pilot-plant control system



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## Appendix J

### Printed circuit board diagram of the pilot-plant control system



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## Appendix K

### Printed circuit board diagram of the current amplifying circuit



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## Appendix L

### Abstract of patent application I

**Title:**

Quantification of reactants required in the conversion of Free Fatty Acids (FFA) present in vegetable oils and animal fats into Fatty Acid Methyl Esters (FAME) based on the weight of the FFA content

**Abstract:**

A novel method to convert free fatty acids (FFAs) in triglycerides (i.e. vegetable oil and animal fat) to fatty acid methyl esters (FAMES) is disclosed. In this method, the amounts of methanol and acid catalyst required to convert FFAs to FAMES is estimated based on the weight of the FFA present in the oil. Oil, appropriate amounts of methanol and acid catalyst mixture is subjected to conditions that allow the fatty acid methyl esters (FAMES) to form and then the reaction mixture is allowed to settle. The FFA reduced fat or oil is settled into a separate layer and can be separated from the rest of the reaction mixture. Then the FFA reduced oil/fat can be converted to triglycerides into fatty acid methyl esters (i.e. biodiesel). The method of present invention is especially useful for the production of biodiesel using vegetable oil and animal fat feedstocks that contain any level of free fatty acids.



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## Appendix M

### Abstract of patent application I

**Title:**

Method of converting free fatty acids to fatty acid methyl esters with extended settling

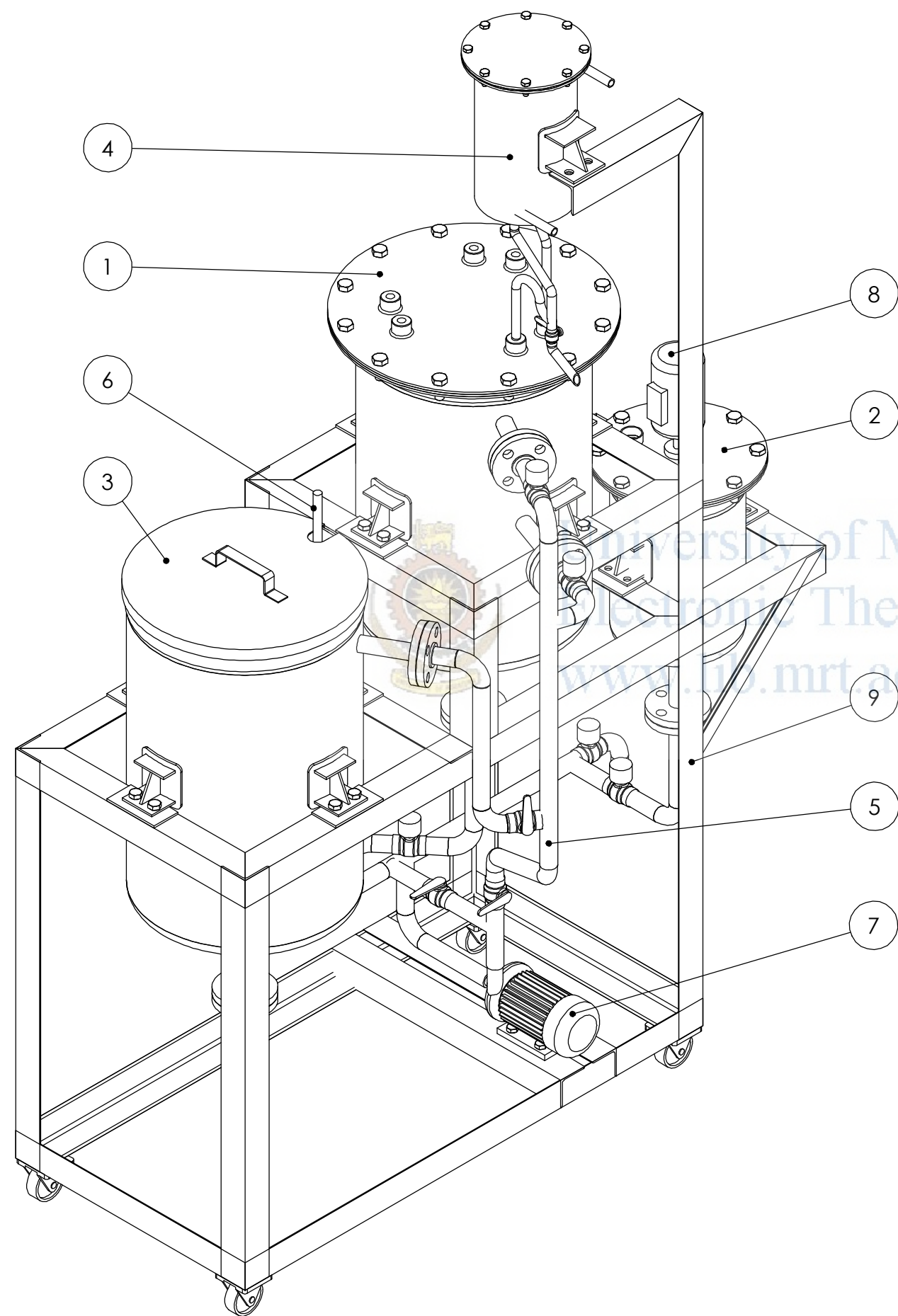
**Abstract:**

A novel method for converting free fatty acids (FFAs) in triglycerides (i.e. vegetable oil, animal fat and waste oil) is disclosed. The method involves adding appropriate amounts of methanol and acid catalyst, subjecting the mixture to conditions that allow the fatty acid methyl esters (FAMES) to form and allowing the reaction mixture to be settled. The FFA reduced fat or oil is settled into a separate layer and can be separated from the rest of the reaction mixture. The remaining FFAs of the separated layer can be further reduced by allowing for settling more time. The FFA reduced oil/fat then can be subjected to conditions suitable for converting the triglycerides into fatty acid methyl esters (i.e. biodiesel). The method of present invention is especially useful for the production of biodiesel using vegetable and animal oils and fats that contain a relatively high level of free fatty acids as the feedstock.



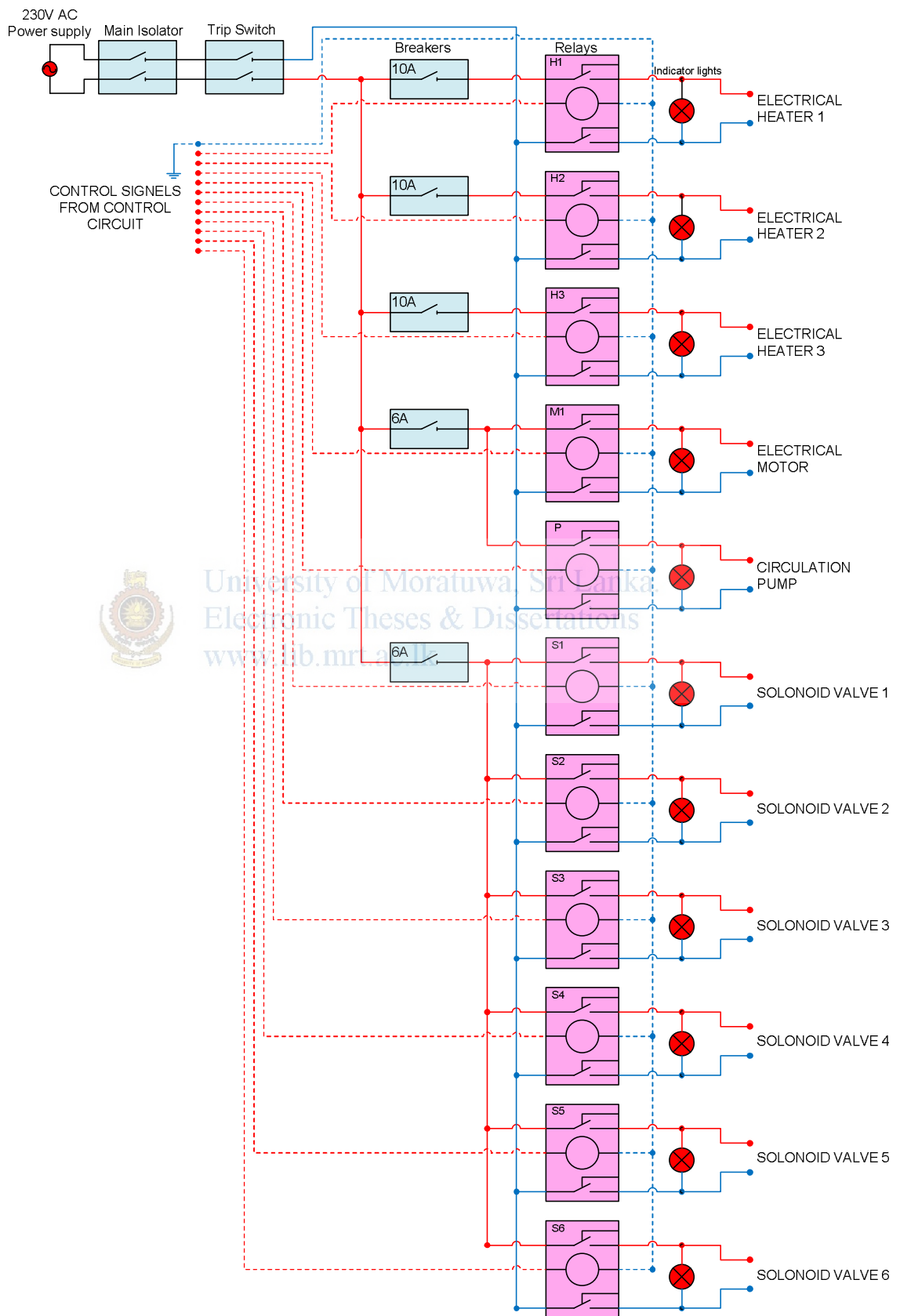
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# BIODIESEL PILOT-SCALE PLANT



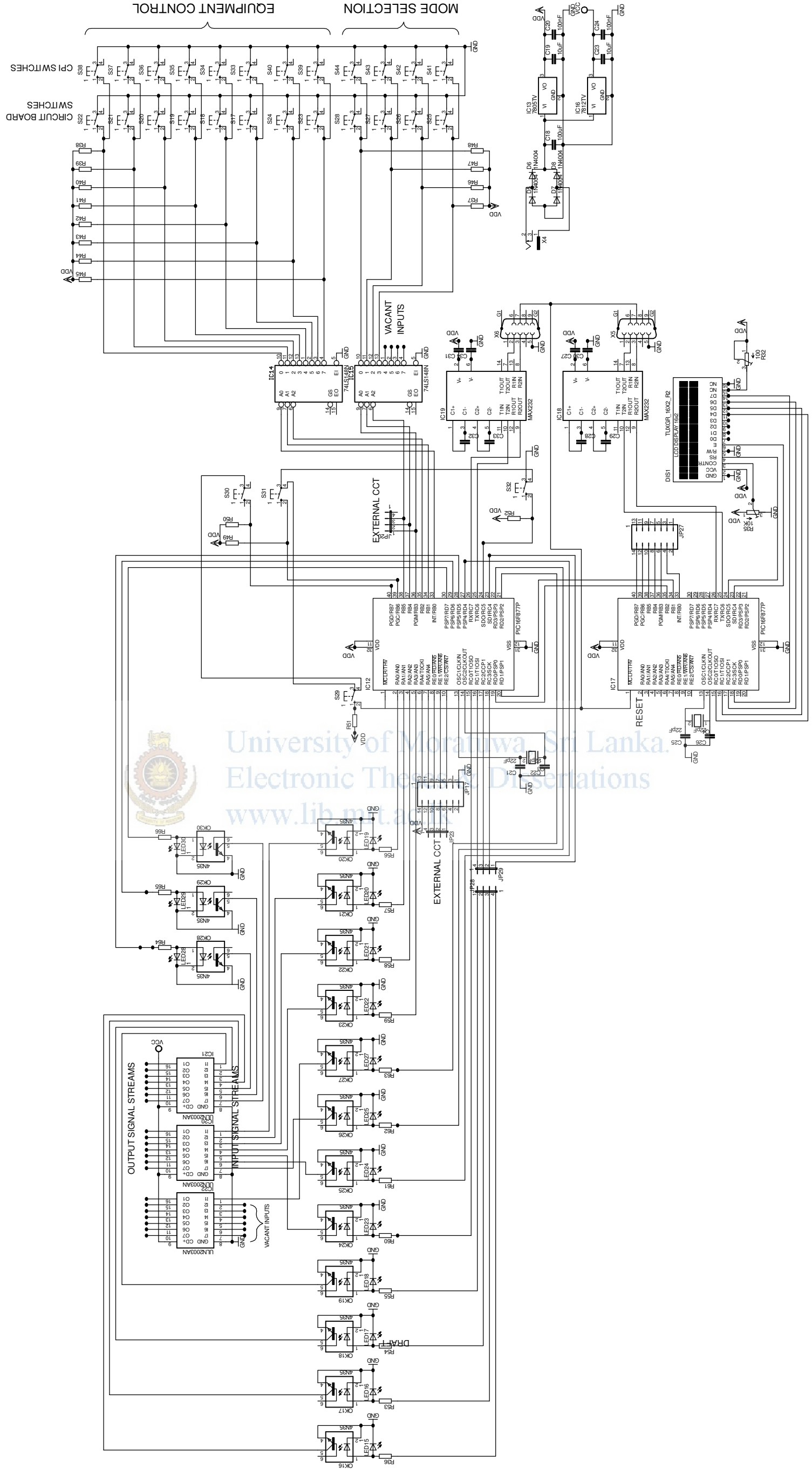
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|----|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | REACTOR UNIT         | STAINLESS STEEL 304 |
| 2. | MIXING UNIT          | STAINLESS STEEL 304 |
| 3. | SETTLING UNIT        | STAINLESS STEEL 304 |
| 4. | CONDENSER UNIT       | STAINLESS STEEL 304 |
| 5. | PIPING SYSTEM        | STAINLESS STEEL 304 |
| 6. | AIR BUBBLING SYSTEM  | STAINLESS STEEL 304 |
| 7. | PUMP                 | STAINLESS STEEL 304 |
| 8. | ELECTRIC MOTOR       | STAINLESS STEEL 304 |
| 9. | SUPPORTING STRUCTURE | LOW CARBON STEEL    |

|   |           |            |  |                                   |                      |          |
|---|-----------|------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED:<br>DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS<br>SURFACE FINISH:<br>TOLERANCES:<br>LINEAR: 2 MILLIMETERS<br>ANGULAR: 2 deg |           |            | FINISH:                                      | DEBUR AND<br>BREAK SHARP<br>EDGES | DO NOT SCALE DRAWING | REVISION |
| NAME  | SIGNATURE | DATE       | TITLE:<br><b>BIODIESEL PILOT-SCALE PLANT</b> |                                   |                      |          |
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| MFG   |           |            |  |                                   |                      |          |
| Q.A   |           |            | MATERIAL:<br>SS 304L &<br>LOW CARBON STEEL   | DWG NO.                           | 01                   | A3       |
|   |           |            | WEIGHT:                                      | SCALE:1:8                         | SHEET 1 OF 9         |          |

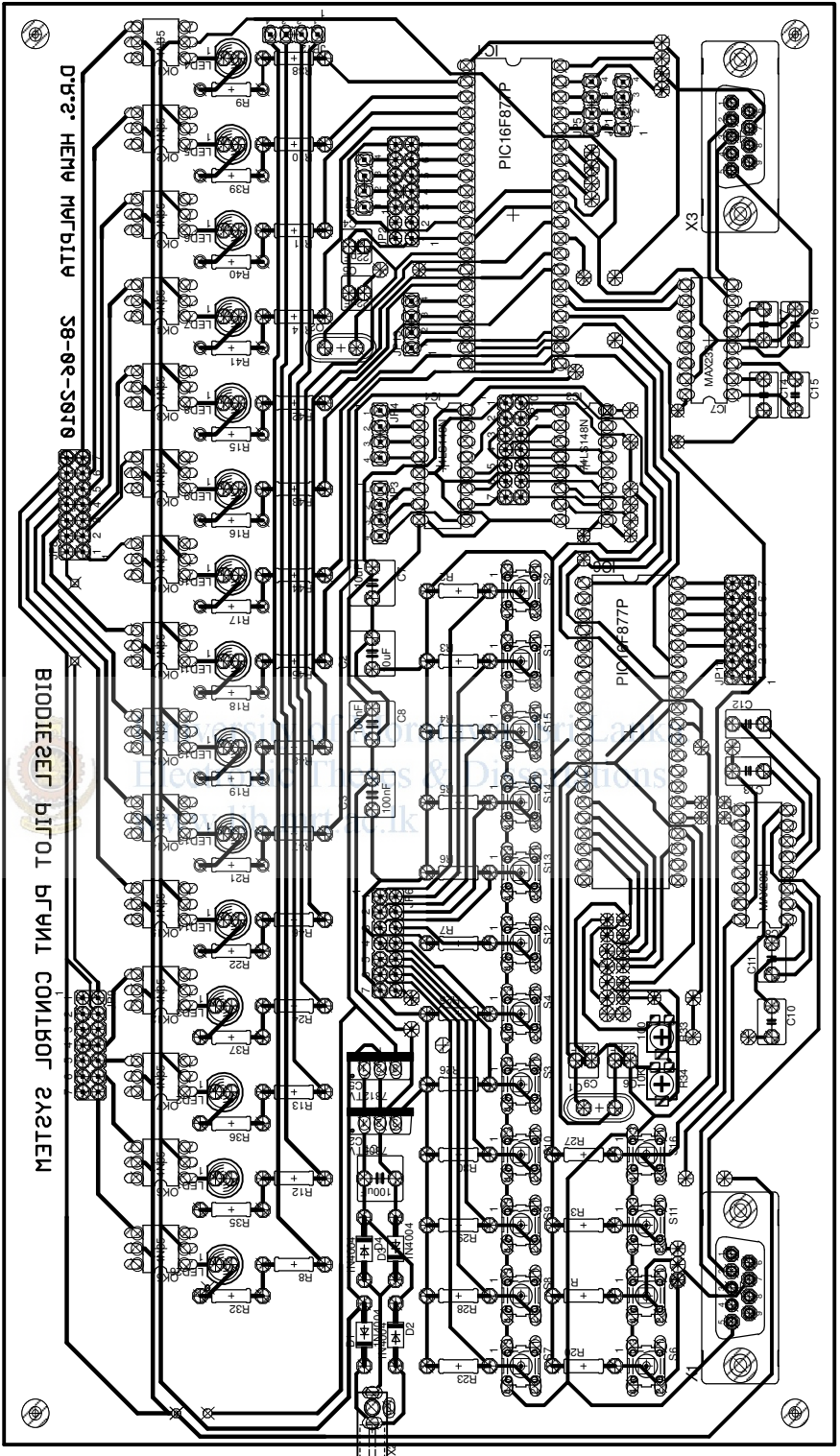


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BIODIESEL PILOT PLANT CONTROL SYSTEM

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