CASE STUDIES

SOLAR LED
AIRFIELD LIGHTING
CASE STUDY
ETHIOPIA
JIJIGA AIRPORT

PROJECT KEY FACTS

Airport: Jijiga Airport
Location: Ethiopia, Somali Region
Application: International airport
Runway: 2.400 m x 45 m
Solution: Complete Solar LED Airfield Lighting System
Buyer: Ethiopian Airlines
Year of Installation: 2018

OVERVIEW

Jijiga Airport (Wilwal International Airport) is serving Jijiga - capital city of Somali Region in Ethiopia. By the 1990s, the airport was used by Ethiopian Air Force and until now the runway has not been illuminated with any airfield lights.

In recent years, the Ethiopian Government has been heavily investing in airports reconstruction including rehabilitation of a runway at Jijiga Airport.

CHALLENGE

For most African airports – and Jijiga is not an exception - it’s always been a challenge to install systems that require stable power supply - would it be terminal, tower or airfield:

• Electrical power supply is unstable due to unreliable electrical grid
• Installation of a traditional hard-wired electrical system (including AGL) is economically inefficient due to limited budget
• The cost of electricity in Africa is one of the highest in the World.

As a result, A Tender for The Supply, Installation, and Commissioning of Solar Airfield Lighting System at Jijiga Wilwal Garad Airport has been issued.

SOLUTION

S4GA together with its partner Alpha Airport provided complete Solar LED airfield lighting system which:

• operates 365 days on solar energy
• has 5-level protection against system failure
• designed for non-precision airports located in countries with high photovoltaic potential and unreliable electrical supply
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S4GA PRODUCTS

SOLAR RUNWAY EDGE LIGHT
SOLAR THRESHOLD LIGHT
SOLAR RUNWAY END LIGHT
SOLAR TAXIWAY LIGHT

SOLAR APPROACH LIGHT
UR-201 CONTROL & MONITORING UNIT
ALCMS ADVANCED

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MALDIVES
DHAALU AIRPORT

PROJECT KEY FACTS

Airport: Dhaalu Airport
Location: Kudahuvadhoo Island, Maldives
Application: Regional airport located on remote island
Runway: 1.800 m x 30 m
Solution: Complete Solar LED Airfield Lighting System
Products: Solar Runway Lights, Solar Threshold End Lights, Solar Taxiway Lights, Solar PAPI, Solar engine for PAPI, UR-201 Control & Monitoring Unit, ALCMS Basic Control & Monitoring System
Year of Installation: 2016

OVERVIEW

Dhaalu Airport is a category 3C domestic airport located in Kudahuvadhoo Island. Airport is designed to accommodate DASH-8, ATR – 72 & 42 Aircraft and private jets.

The airport was developed by reclaiming land from the Dhaalu Kudahuvadhoo lagoon and according to local news sources, approximately USD 20 million were invested in the project.

CHALLENGE

Airport managing company has been working toward design of conventional lighting system with one of Maldivian engineering companies. After design phase has been accomplished it turned out that valuation of the system significantly exceeded airport budget planned for AGL. In order to find more affordable solution airport started looking for alternatives.

SOLUTION

S4GA company responded with an offer to supply a complete solar LED airfield lighting system to Dhaalu Airport. As a result

• Budget required for S4GA solar AGL system was lower than for conventional lighting.
• Airport is located in the area where electricity can only be produced by diesel generator which is expensive and not ecofriendly. S4GA solar lighting operates 365 days on solar energy.
• S4GA solar AGL has 5-level protection against system failure which minimizes the risk of total AGL breakdown; in case of any light(s) malfunction, airport personnel is immediately notified by SMS about the problem and which lamp has a problem.

The system is compliant with ICAO Annex 14, all required certificates and technical specifications were provided accordingly. S4GA solar AGL has been approved by Maldivian Civil Aviation Authority.
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NORTH AFRICA
MILITARY AIRBASE

PROJECT KEY FACTS

Airport: Military Air Base
Location: North Africa
Application: Military airport located in African desert
Runway: two runways of 3.000 m
Solution: Solar LED Airfield Lighting System
Products: Solar Runway Lights, Solar Threshold End Lights, Solar Taxiway Lights, PAPI, WDI, Taxiway Retro Reflective Markers, Guidance Signs, UR-201 Control & Monitoring Unit
Year of Installation: 2015

OVERVIEW

In 2015 S4GA has been contacted by local African construction company planning to install airfield lighting at military airbase. Customer considered conventional lighting however has very little experience in area of airfield lighting.

Scope of work was: to illuminate 3.000 m runway and parallel taxiway that was used by air forces as secondary runway.

CHALLENGE

The airport was equipped with old airfield lighting system that was partially vandalized and did not work properly. Airbase power supply was unreliable and based 100% on power generator. The solution was to install new airfield ground lighting.

However, the main issue that made almost impossible to use hard-wired runway lighting was lack of main electrical power supply as airport is located in a desert.

SOLUTION

Alternative solution for this airfield was either using diesel generator or solar airfield lighting.

S4GA offered solar LED airfield lighting system that requires neither electrical power supply nor building a complex power supply network (CCRs, transformers, cables, etc.). In North Africa where photovoltaic potential is one of the highest on the planet, S4GA solar AGL operates 365 days a year on solar energy.

Offered solar system requires minimum maintenance – End Customer is expected to exchange batteries once in 2-3 years – which is equal to less than 1% of AGL system total cost.

Installation and commissioning of a complete runway lighting has lasted less than 4 weeks. In case of traditional wired system, it would take few months at least.
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NORTH AFRICA MILITARY AIRBASE

S4GA PRODUCTS

SOLAR RUNWAY EDGE LIGHT
SOLAR RUNWAY THRESHOLD END LIGHT
SOLAR TAXIWAY LIGHT
WIND DIRECTION INDICATOR
TAXIWAY EDGE RETRO REFLECTIVE MARKER
GUIDANCE SIGN
UR-201 CONTROL & MONITORING UNIT

APPLICATION PHOTOS
CASE STUDY
GREECE
THESSALONIKI AIRPORT

PROJECT KEY FACTS

Airport: Thessaloniki International Airport  
Location: Greece  
Application: The 3rd busiest international airport in Greece  
Solution: Solar LED Runway Lighting System  
Products: Solar Runway Lights, Solar Threshold End Lights, UR-201 Control & Monitoring Unit, ALCMS Basic Control & Monitoring System  
Buyer: Fraport  
Year of Installation: 2017

OVERVIEW

Thessaloniki Airport (officially Thessaloniki Airport “Makedonia”) is the third largest international airport in Greece operated by Fraport. The airport has two runways equipped with ILS navigation systems.

Few years ago Greek government launched the upgrade program for Thessaloniki and few other airports and handed it over to Fraport Greece. For Thessaloniki, the project included extension of Runway 10-28 with the additional modernization of runway 16-34.

CHALLENGE

Despite the fact that both runways have been closed for reconstruction, the airport still had to continue flight operations: there are no similar airports nearby where flight operations from Makedonia Airport could be transferred to.

Fraport started looking for temporary runway lighting with strict requirements:

- certified and compliant with ICAO regulations
- AGL system should operate nonstop 24/7
- Delivery within a month – which is extremely short period for implementation of such project

SOLUTION

S4GA offered solar LED runway lighting system which fully met Fraport’s requirements:

- S4GA solar AGL is compliant with ICAO Annex 14 and certified by Intertek
- It operates 365 days on solar energy
- S4GA ALCMS – Airfield Lighting Control and Monitoring System – allows control of solar runway lighting from Airport Tower
- the Company managed to manufacture and deliver the system within one month.
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UR-201 CONTROL & MONITORING UNIT
ALCMS BASIC

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