# Off-grid Commercial Micro-grid System Provides Energy Storage For Resort In India



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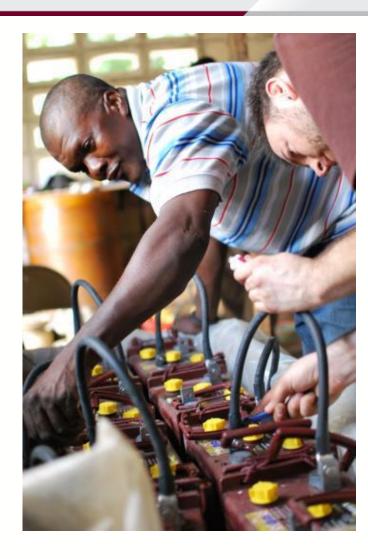
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# **Quality Knows No Boundaries**

- Trojan Battery has a legacy of building high quality "Made in the USA" batteries since 1925. Privately owned, under 3rd & 4th generation family leadership.
- Exclusive focus on manufacture of deep cycle batteries; flooded and VRLA.
- State of the art lean, ISO certified manufacturing facilities. A brand new production facility in the USA dedicated to VRLA batteries.
- Distribution in over 100 countries worldwide, with 100+ domestic warehouses.



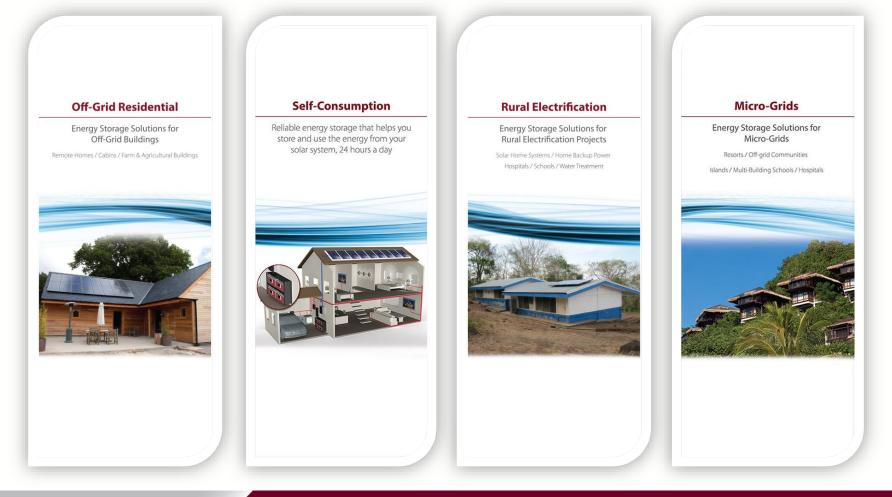
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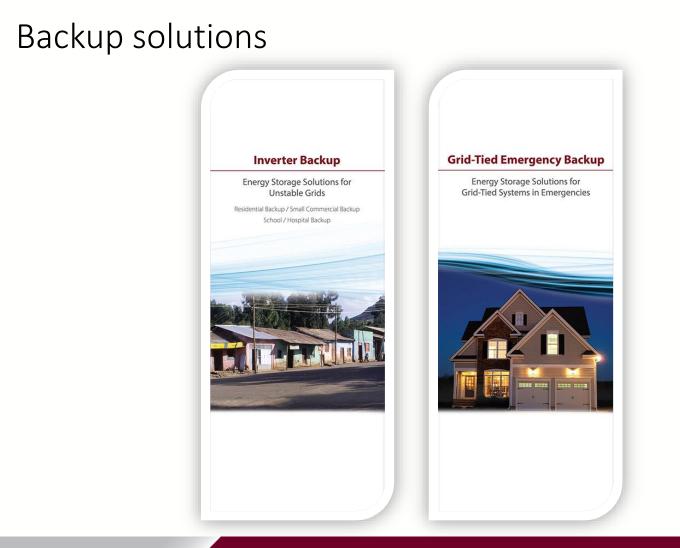
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#### Residential markets that we serve





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#### Industrial solutions **Solar Street Lighting Remote Monitoring & Control** Telecom Energy Storage Solutions for Energy Storage Solutions for Energy Storage Solutions for Off-Grid Solar Street Lighting Remote Monitoring & Control Off-Grid & Unstable Grid Telecom Networks Area Lighting / Street Lighting / Security Lighting Well-site Automation / Monitoring and Control Microwave / Cellular Base Stations / Repeaters / VSATs Flow & Pressure Metering / Instrumentation & Measurement Two-Way Radio Networks / Small-Load Telemetry Applications Security / Oil & Gas / Wireless Communications



#### The Spice Village Eco-Resort

Micro-grid solar project India

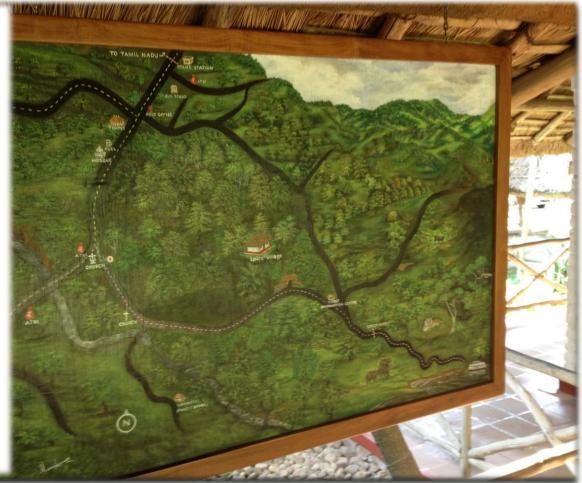
Installed capacity 65KWp Total Cost: \$ 300,000 dollars Commissioned in 2012

System Integrator: Team Sustain



### Location And Importance Of The Project

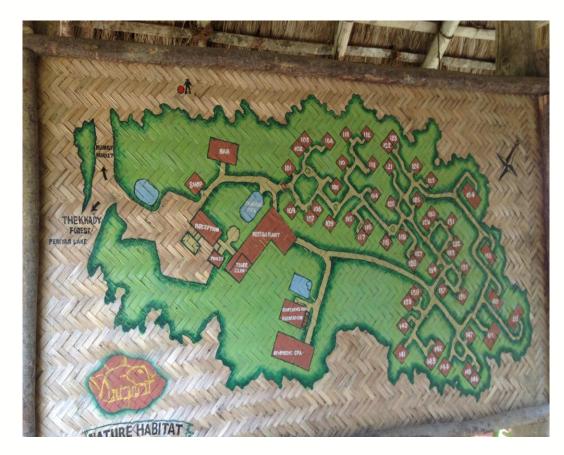
- Spice Village Resort was founded in 1992.
- 56-cottage resort with restaurants, spa, tennis and basket courts and swimming pool.
- Located in the Border of Periyar Tiger Reserve, Kerala Province, Southern India.
- Tribute to ancient way of life.





# **Motivation For The Project**

- Poor grid quality. High cost of running and maintain a diesel generator for 8 hours a day.
- Governmental benefits for renewable energy projects.
- Incremental global demand for eco-friendly destinations to ensure lower environmental impact of the tourism.





#### Loads



- The original load was 750KWh and was reduced to 200KWh
  - LED Lighting
  - Appliances were upgraded to more efficient models tv and air conditioners
  - Unnecessary items were removed from the room hair dryers
  - Limited the appliances that are used at night

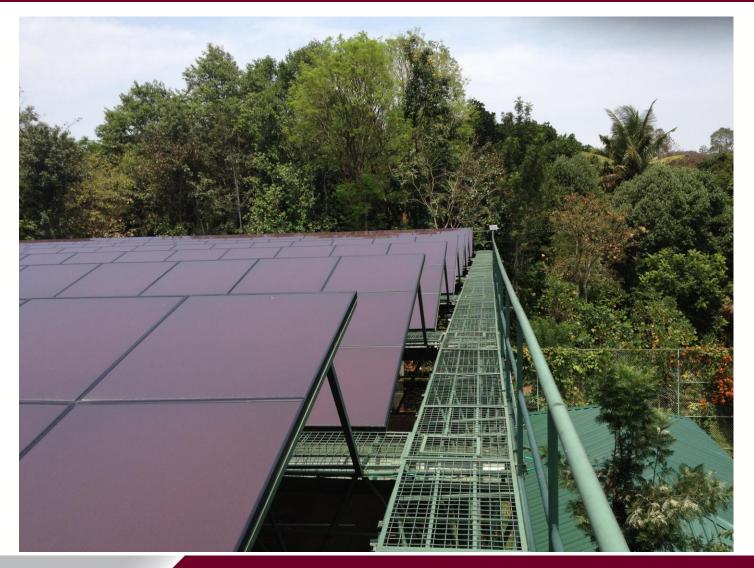


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#### **Trojan Industrial Line Batteries**

48V 8,458Ah @ C<sub>10</sub> (392 KWh battery bank)

72 batteries, IND29-4V (1,361Amp-H @ C<sub>10</sub>)

17 year service life (IEC 61427)



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# **Battery Selection Factors**

- Large size of batteries.
  - Trojan Industrial (IND) line of deep-cycle batteries is the newest addition to Trojan's lineage of high-quality flooded batteries.
  - The Industrial line is engineered specifically to support renewable energy systems with large daily loads where the batteries are cycled regularly.



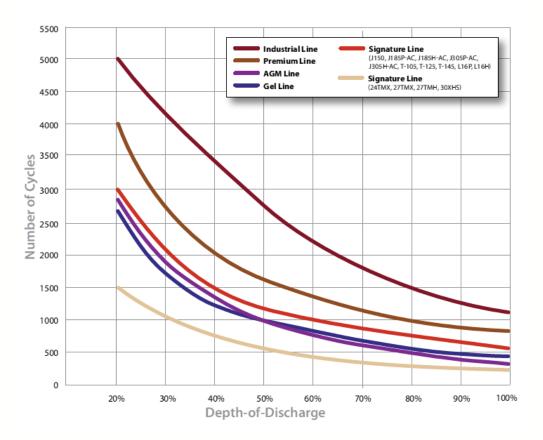
- Cycle life and Service life of the batteries in a pv application.
  - Trojan Industrial line offers 2,800 cycles at 50% Depth of discharge.
  - According to the IEC 61427 standard the IND Line batteries achieved 17 years service life.





## **Trojan Battery Industrial Line**

# The five lines of Trojan RE products are organized by technology and according to cycle life characteristics





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#### IEC 61427 Standard For Industrial Batteries

- The International Electrotechnical Commission's (IEC) standard 61427, titled secondary cells and batteries for photovoltaic energy system – it offers a common and international accepted platform to compare and contrast batteries from different manufacturers.
- This standard test protocol uses elevated temperatures (40 degree C or 104 degree F) and a series of shallow cycle to simulate a real-world PV application. The battery being tested is considered to have reached end of life when its capacity drops to less than 80% of its rated capacity.
- According to the IEC 61427 standard the Trojan IND Line batteries achieved **17 years service life.**



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View past webinars:

- How to Size Battery Banks for Off-Grid Applications
- Maintaining Deep-Cycle Batteries in the Field
- Importance of Deep-Cycle Battery Test Data

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September 18 at 8am PDT

#### An Overview of Trojan's Premium Line

Designed with a 10-year battery life, Trojan's Premium line will be reviewed including a discussion of the specific engineering and unique features of this battery line which make them ideal for a variety of renewable energy applications



### **Battery Selection Factors**

- Maintenance vs non-maintenance (VRLA)
  - Flooded batteries are more economic.
  - Easier to charge than VRLA. In general if the battery is not charged correctly it is easier to recharge a flooded battery than a VRLA battery.
  - You can't overcharge VRLA batteries. In the case of flooded battery you can overcharge the batteries to give them a boost charge and then add water to compensate the gassing.
  - Flooded batteries perform better with high temperatures.
- Technical support from the manufacturer.





- Biodiesel genset.
- Genset will primarily be used for the Monsoon season when the irradiation is low.
- The diesel generator is also set to run early in the morning hours as well as in the evening hours at full load to cover the load and charge the battery bank. In the middle of the day most demand is covered by the pv generator.



#### **Economics Of The Project**

**Financial Payback period: 6 years** 

First year estimated savings: \$45,000 dollars

Total estimated savings (assuming 25 year life span) : \$ 1,790,000 dollars



Economics and Financial Variables			
System cost	\$ 300,000 dollars		
Down payment	30 %	Savings	
Finance	70 %	First year savings in the Energy Bill	\$ 45,000 dollars
Interest Rate	10%		
Loan Repayment period	10 years	First year savings after the installment	\$ 14,217 dollars
Indian government subsidies	30%		
EB base year Price/KWhr	\$ 0.34 dollars	Total savings after 10 years	\$ 467,293 dollars
DG Base year Price/KWhr	\$ 0.29 dollars		
Carbon credit reduction	256 tones of C02	Financial payback period	6 years
Annual Increase in energy bill (KSEB (electricity) + DG Operation Bill	10%	•	



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