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Aerovit's Soot Blower Lowers Fuel Consumption and Achieves a Higher Revenue

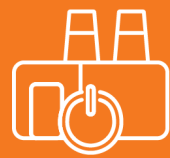
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The Challenge

At Klabin S.A., ComBio faced a critical challenge in maintaining high steam availability while minimizing operational shutdowns. The biomass mixture—primarily wood chips and sugarcane bagasse—caused varying rates of soot deposition in the boiler's thermal exchange tubes. Without proper cleaning, soot accumulation led to efficiency losses, decreased steam production, and ultimately, revenue reductions.

Initially, the boiler system required a full shutdown every three months for manual cleaning, disrupting production and profitability.

ComBio sought a solution that would extend the cleaning interval to just one annual shutdown while ensuring optimal boiler efficiency.

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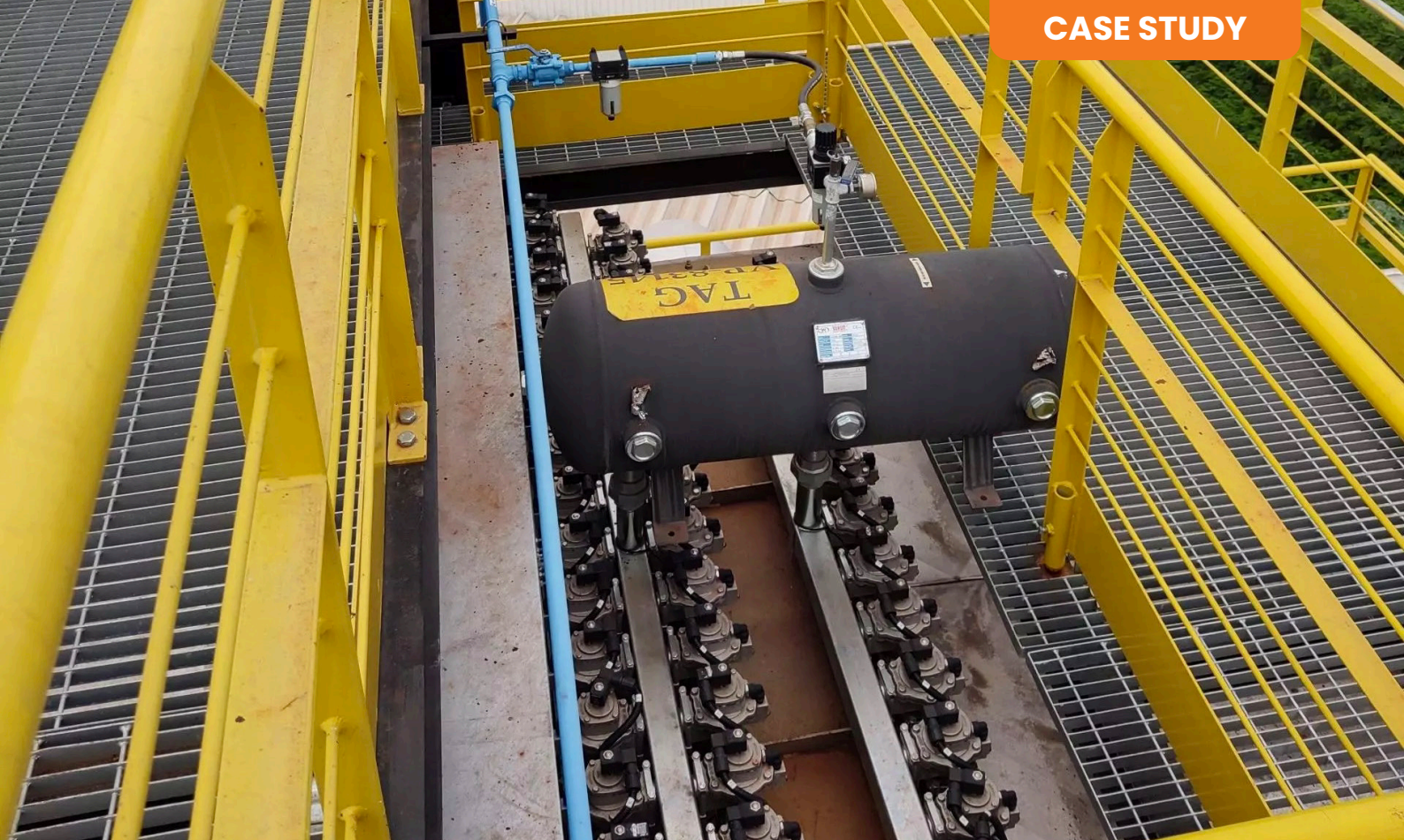
Fewer shutdowns



Improved boiler
efficiency



Uninterrupted
energy
production



The Solution

To address these challenges, ComBio, through DanPower, implemented the Aerovit SC-Jet Soot Blowing system at Klabin's plant. The selected boiler, a mixed-type unit with a 37-ton-per-hour steam capacity, was fitted with 49 Aerovit valves in its firetube section.

The system was installed at the top of the rear smoke box, where a grid of pipes was used to maintain the optimal distance between the soot blower and tubeplate, ensuring maximum cleaning efficiency. By automatically removing soot deposits, the Aerovit system prevented buildup that would otherwise lead to performance deterioration and unplanned downtime.

"...by investing in the Aerovit Soot Blower solution with the DanPower boiler, ComBio has gained a higher boiler efficiency, leading to lower fuel consumption and thus cost saving. We are obtaining a higher revenue due to higher uptime and consequently increased steam sale."

Gilberto Rozenchan
(Industrial Director at ComBio)



How does Aerovit Soot Blower work?

The Aerovit SC-Jet soot blowing system is an automatic cleaning solution designed to prevent soot buildup in boiler tubes, ensuring consistent efficiency and performance. It operates by releasing high-pressure pulses of compressed air into the boiler's firetube section, dislodging accumulated soot and preventing deposits from hardening over time.

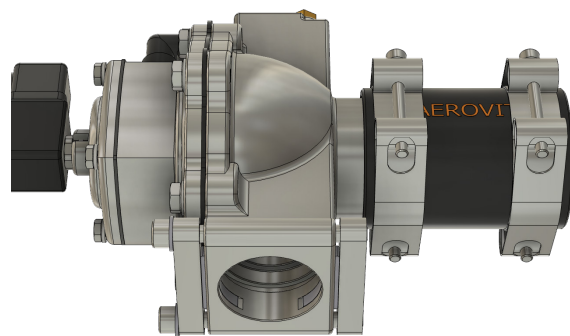
At Klabin S.A., 49 Aerovit valves were installed in the rear smoke box on a structured grid of pipes. This setup ensures an optimal cleaning distance, effectively removing soot without causing damage to the tubes. By automating the cleaning process, the Aerovit system eliminates the need for frequent manual cleaning, reduces maintenance costs, and extends boiler uptime.

Features:

- Customized system designed to match the specific boiler design and fuel type
- Unique cooling system that protects the valve from high temperatures and corrosive flue gas
- Special sound silencer
- Low maintenance costs

Advantages:

- Payback time in 3-24 month
- Proven higher efficiency and boiler output
- Reduce manual cleaning and thus boiler shutdowns with 80-100%
- Reduce fuel consumption per produced MW
- Lower CO2 emission
- Robust design with few moving parts



The Results

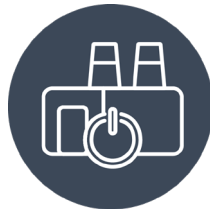
By integrating the Aerovit SC-Jet system, ComBio successfully optimized boiler efficiency, minimized downtime, and achieved greater cost-effectiveness – demonstrating the system's value in high-demanding industrial environments.

Following the installation of Aerovit's automatic Soot Blower solution, the steam generation plant was monitored over a one-year period. The results were clear:



Cleaner Boiler Tubes

The boiler tubes remained satisfactorily clean, significantly reducing the manual effort required during scheduled maintenance.



4x Fewer Shutdowns

Reduced the need for manual cleaning from every 3 months to just once a year, ensuring higher steam availability and lower downtime.



Stable Steam Production

Steam production remained stable, ensuring high profitability and uninterrupted operations at Klabin S.A.



Increased Profitability

By eliminating frequent shutdowns and reducing maintenance efforts, ComBio cut operational costs while ensuring steady, uninterrupted energy production for Klabin S.A.

Overview

ComBio Energia S.A. specializes in steam generation and cogeneration projects using biomass, offering industrial clients significant cost reductions and environmental benefits. Operating in collaboration with DanPower, one of Brazil's leading boiler manufacturers, ComBio provides efficient biomass-based energy solutions.