



Wind Energy Projects - Best Practices

Issues & Challenges

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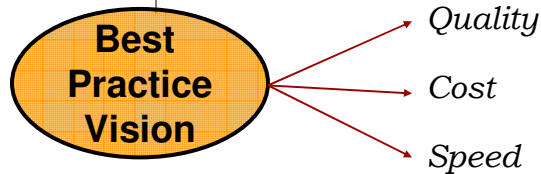
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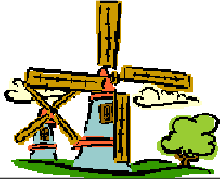
Practice -

A repetitive application methodology to produce intended results in a given set of resources and circumstances.

...Being the best
Achieving significantly higher than the expectation

To achieve this **Vision**, we have to achieve :






...Best Practices


Level Playing Field

- ✓ *Every industry has best practices.*
- ✓ *Best Practices get established over the years*
- ✓ *Function of resources – Technology, Finance, Time, People & Attitude.*
- ✓ *Systems & Infrastructure influences best practices.*
- ✓ *Objectives set the course.*
- ✓ *'Planning' defines the 'means' and 'results' the 'end'.*
- ✓ *Benchmarking is an accepted practice of emulation.*



Wind Energy Projects (Best Practices)

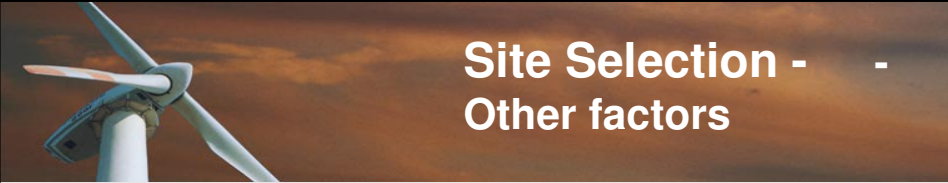
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Site Selection - - A crucial factor

Influencing
Factors

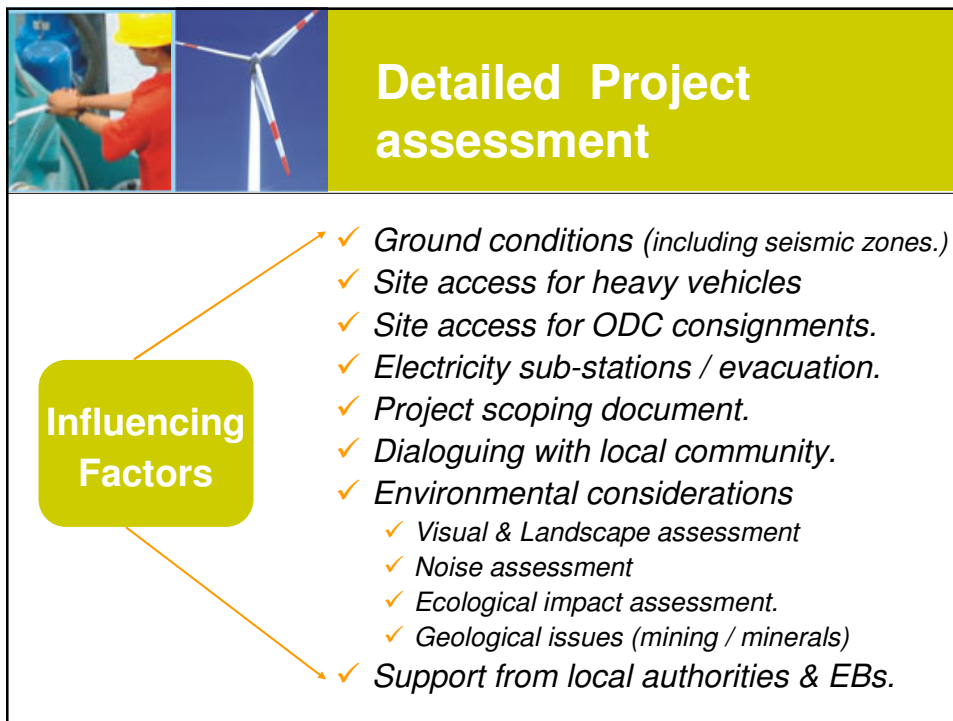
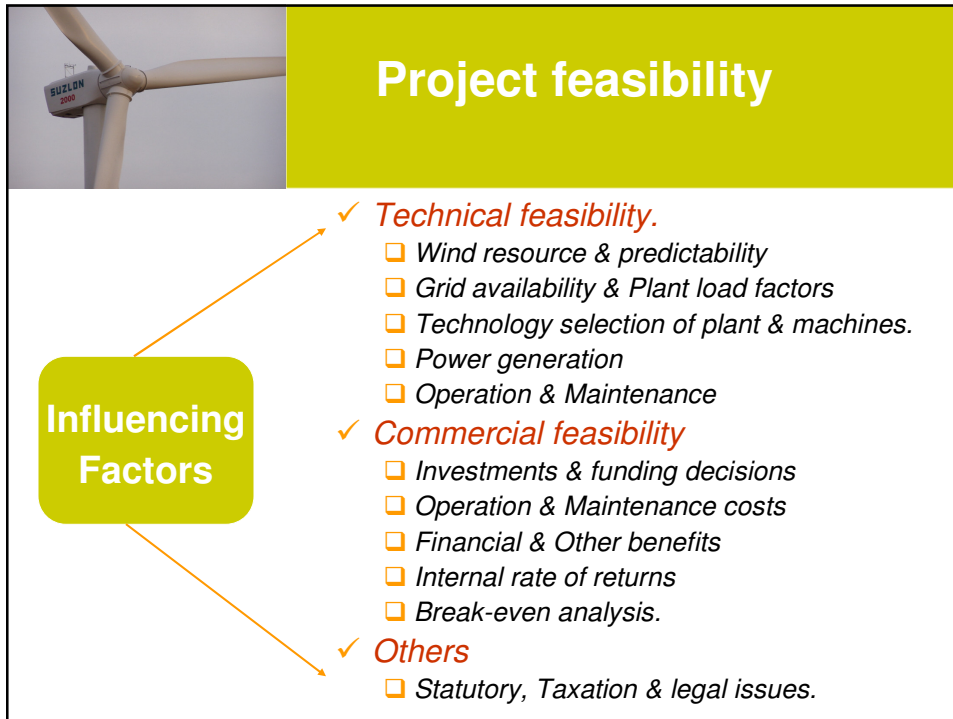
- ✓ *Desk based studies of metrological data.*
- ✓ *Test mast data more accurate.*
- ✓ *Estimation of avg.wind velocity p.a.*
- ✓ *Micro-siting based on land topography*
- ✓ *Calculation of energy density(w/m²)*
- ✓ *Availability of infrastructure:*
 - *Roads*
 - *Telecommunication*
 - *Grid – Transmission & distribution.*
 - *Maintenance facilities.*
- ✓ *Other factors.*

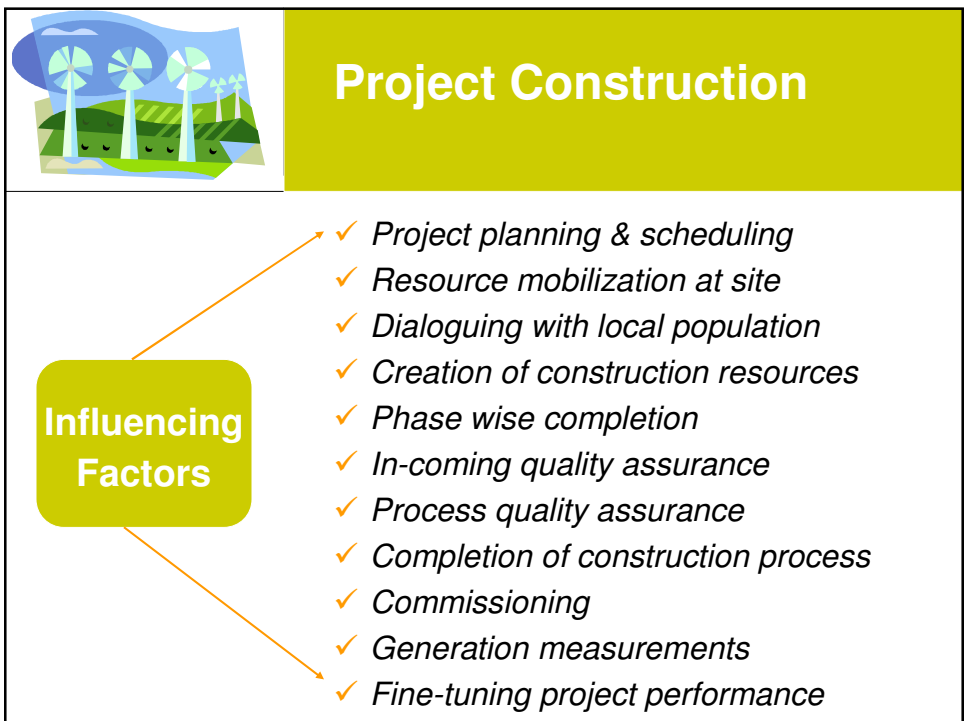
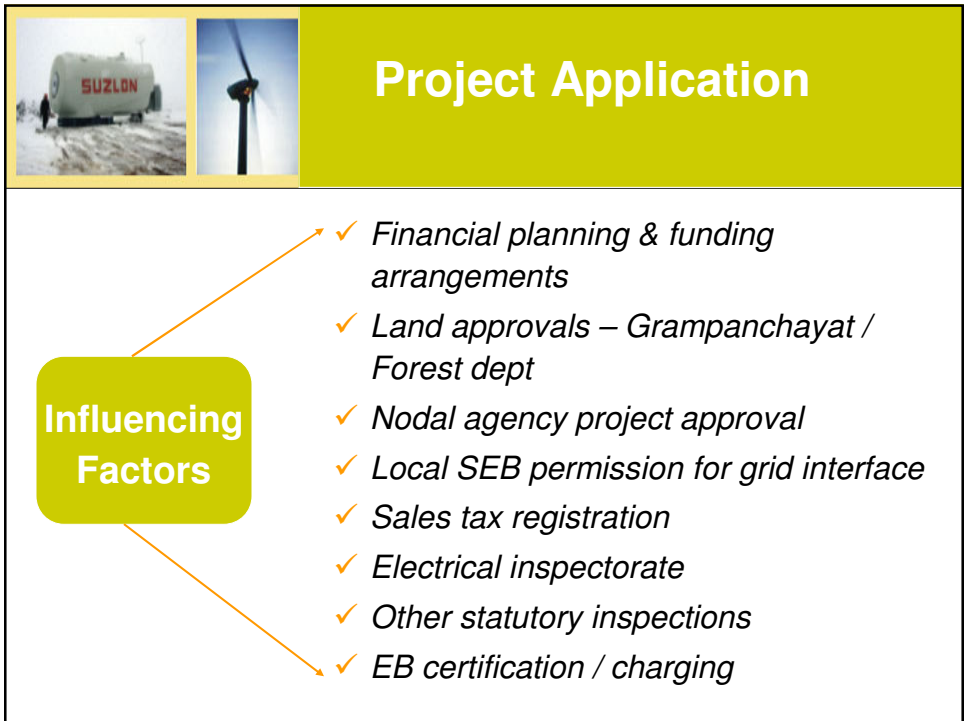


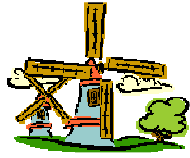
Site Selection - - Other factors

Influencing
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- ✓ *Environmental issues(flora,fauna,erosion...)*
- ✓ *Visibility issues.*
- ✓ *Proximity to dwellings.*
- ✓ *Ecology.*
- ✓ *Archeological / Heritage.*
- ✓ *Recreational usages.*
- ✓ *Conjunction usages.*
- ✓ *Civil / Military airports.*
- ✓ *Restricted areas.*
- ✓ *Safety & security.*
- ✓ *Emergency services.*



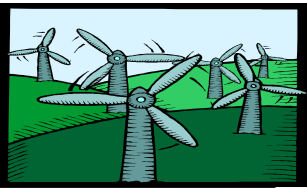




Project Operation

Influencing Factors


- ✓ To establish a comprehensive manual of operation.
- ✓ To keep machine availability + 99%
- ✓ Grid availability ? a SEB subject
- ✓ Spares management
- ✓ Facility management
- ✓ Employee training
- ✓ Operational MIS
- ✓ Fine-tuning & improvements
- ✓ Periodic maintenance, repairs and replacements



De –Commissioning of spent Projects

Influencing Factors


- ✓ Wind mills having outlived their life / useful performance period needs to be de-commissioned.
- ✓ De-commissioning may require permission from local authorities.
- ✓ Life extension / replacement programmes can be worked out.
- ✓ Care should be taken to avoid collateral damage during de-commissioning.
- ✓ Depreciation amounts are normally set aside during the useful life period of the equipment.



Disclosure of Generation details

Influencing Factors

- ✓ *Periodic sharing of generation information is useful to build a strong databank for further investment.*
- ✓ *Information sharing includes energy generated, avg. wind velocities, power factor, RKVAH, grid availability, machine availability etc.*
- ✓ *Disclosure of power purchase agreement and service level agreements is beneficial to potential investors.*
- ✓ *Any unforeseen issues that have profound impact on the generation of wind energy should also be shared.*



Insurance & Indemnity practices

Influencing Factors

- ✓ *Currently, the equipment and parts are covered by insurance for accidental break-downs.*
- ✓ *When the industry matures and backed up by a strong industry association, it may be possible to insure performance also.*
- ✓ *The current industry practice is to guarantee energy generation (or PLF) to the investor.*
- ✓ *Machine availability is also guaranteed by the wind farm developer.*
- ✓ *However, grid availability is the most important factor to be ensured by SEB.*
- ✓ *Currently, some SEBs Owe money to wind mill customers against power purchased.*



Excellence as a Habit...

Industry Strives on Best Practices

- *Integrate "Best Practices" into SOPs*
- *Minimize adverse impacts through project design and mitigation (if need arises)*
- *Make the environmental case for wind strongly to NGOs and regulators.*
- *Start early on permissions and spend quality time on education of regulators and investors.*
- *Develop best industry association with transparency in information sharing and symbiotic relations with society.*
- *EDUCATE, EDUCATE and EDUCATE on the Green Power for Future.*

