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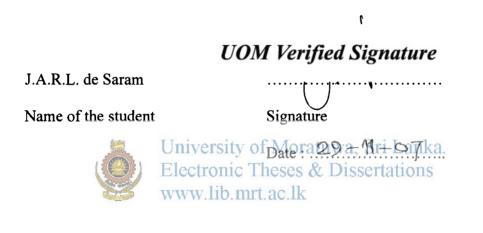
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Abbreviations and Notations

BOP		Balance of Plant
BFP		Boiler Feed Pump
С		Centigrade
CCGT		Combine Cycle Gas Turbine
CEB		Ceylon Electricity Board
CEP		Condensate Extraction Pump
CI		Compression Ignition
CRI		Coconut Research Institute
CV		Calorific Value
DM		Demineralization
DC		Direct Current
DCF		Discounted Cash Flow
EJC		Ejector Condenser
EPC	bal	Unive Equipment/Procurementand Construction
FD		Electroniced branes & Dissertations
GHVD		www.lib mrt ac.lk Gross Heating Value Dry Basis
GSC		Gland Steam Condenser
GSS		Grid Sub Station
ha		Hectare
Ι		Currant
ID		Induced Draft
IPP		Independent Power Producer
IRR		Internal Rate of Return
ITI		Industrial Technology Institute
LKR		Sri Lankan Rupee
LOI		Letter of Intent
NHV		Net Heating Value
NO		Number of
NPV		Net Present Value
O&M		Operations and Maintenance
PF		Plant Factor

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PPM	Parts Per Million
PV	Photo Voltaic
R	Resistance
ROI	Return on Investment
SI	Spark Ignition
SPPA	Standard Power Purchase Agreement
SRC	Short Rotation Coppice
TDS	Total Dissolve Solid
ТРН	Tons per Hour
USD	United State Dollar
UPS	Uninterrupted Power supply
UHC	Utilizable Heat Content
VSD	Variable Speed Drives



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ABSTRACT

The technical and financial viability of biomass power plants for grid electricity generation in Sri Lanka is analyzed. To fulfill this requirement, present energy scenario, renewable energy sources in Sri Lanka for grid electricity generation, policy imitative for biomass grid electricity generation, present status of biomass electricity generation and biomass conversation technologies are discussed. A methodology is developed for setting up of commercially accepted biomass power plant and energy plantation for grid electricity generation. This methodology is applied for 5MW power plant. The technical and financial viability of this 5MW power plant and the methodology are analyzed to conclude the objective of this study. Higher end 5MW power plant is selected because the issues associated with large scale plant could be identified and analyzed. A biomass power plant with company own energy plantation and direct combustion turbine based technology is technically viable for grid electricity generation. The costing and cash flow statement derived from the sizing of energy plantation and power plant revealed that 5MW power plant is financially Electronic Theses & Dissertations viable.

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