GEOTHERMAL HEAT STORAGE

OFTRINGEN



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Designing our habitat



- > ENERGY
- > BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES
- > GENERAL PLANNING
- > CIVIL ENGINEERING
- > CONSTRUCTION
- > SAFETY
- > ENVIRONMENT

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Companies

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since

Employees

LOCATIONS IN SWITZERLAND



LOCATIONS WORLDWIDE



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ENERGY FOCUS

- > Geothermal energy
- > District heating
- > Hydro power
- > Energy plants
- > Power transmission



ENERGY REFERENCES



Hydro dam Muttsee, Glarner Alps *for:* Axpo Power AG Geothermal district heating Riehen *for:* Erdwärmeriehen AG

ETDE, Mosambik

for: ETDE France

Now back to Oftringen...





Increased geothermal gradient



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Geothermal Timeline of Oftringen



- > 2007 Deep BHE reveals a high geothermal gradient
- > 2012 Study on the potential of deep geothermal energy
- > 2013 Conclusion preliminary design study
- > Nov. 2013 Incorporation of Erdwärme Oftringen AG
- > 2014 Deep exploration well (swissnuclear) reveals high geothermal gradient too
- > 2014/2015 roundup of of private and public investors
- > May 2015 Exploration licence approved
- > 2015 ... just a minute...

Preliminary design study: Geological Model





Preliminary design study



On the basis of a thorough geological analysis four potential areas of interest were defined

→ Section1 was chosen











- > Verification of expected district heating sales potential
- > Pathways for district heating network
- > Cost evaluation
- > Basis for economic evaluation

- > Results
 - > Connection Power: 21-40 MW (theoretical 71 MW)
 - > Heat sales potential: 49-93 GWh (theoretical 166 GWh)



District heating sales potential study



Potential for district heating in Oftringen



District heating development Oftringen









How can we optimize costs of peak load plant?

How can we reduce risks of not insufficient geothermal reservoir properties?









Geothermal energy - seasonal heat storage - incineration erzo



Function in winter



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Function in summer



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Kopplung erzo / Geothermie Oftringen







Modelling



- > Validation of the idea
- > Determination of energetic parameters for an economic evaluation



Hydrogeological reservoir model





Temperature:

Increasing temperature for direct use through heat storage

Hydraulic short cut:

- > Reversing flow directions eliminate the risk of a hydraulic short cut.
- > No permanent reservoir cooling

Multi-reservoir strategy

> More independence of reservoir temperature



Multi-Reservoir-Strategy







- > Primary Reservoir: Muschelkalk (triassic)
- Alternative > **Reservoirs**:
 - > Top cristalline basement
 - > Mesozoic limestones





- > Preliminary design study concluded
- > Heat consumption potential study concluded
- > Licence for seismic exploration approved
- > Letters of intent of private investors
- > Government subsidies pending



2015

- > Concluding process for public subsidies
- Incorporation of a supply and maintenance/running company

2016

- Stakeholder orientated marketing and communication
- > Seismic exploration study
- > First investments for district heating extension 2017
- > Geological & technical planning for geothermal wells & reservoir management erdwärmeoftringen

Conclusion



- > Synergies of incineration(erzo) geothermal energy (ewo) and district heating
- > Use of excess heat (erzo) in summer due to innovative heat storage system
- > Reduction of project risks
- Site is geologically representative for other sites in Switzerland (and Europe) and has a high copy potential
- > Optimizing investment costs for geothermal energy and district heating
- > Building on existing structures
- > High Standard for supply guarantee with low costs through integration of "erzo"





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Thank you for your attention!

