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## HelioPod Heliostat System for MGT CSP

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#### Content

- Background to Stellenergy (Pty) Ltd and Helio100
- The value proposition of MGT CSP
- Overview of the heliostat technology
- Our current status



#### Helio40





## **Typical central receiver CSP CAPEX split**





## **Key facts**

- Startup out of Stellenbosch University in 2013
- From STERG One of biggest CSP university groups
- Key leadership

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- Paul Gauché: 20 years in tech-dev, mostly semiconductor industry in USA. Founder and first Director of STERG. Advisor for CSP and solar energy to government, industry and IEA. Founding ExCo – SASTELA.
- Multiple PhD and Master grads
- Senior advisors and partners for management and business development

#### Helioteam (Key technical staff)



## **DST/TIA flagship project**





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#### **Thinking Different**





## **Valley of Death**



## The value proposition of MGT CSP

- Lowering of perceived financing risks through staggered market entry
- Small modular units => production economics
- Distributed power generation
- Independent of water and grid access constraints
- Reduced footprint constraints
- Hybridisation

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High temp Brayton cycles => high efficiency

## **Heliostat Requirements for MGT CSP**

- Higher flux requirements
- Small scale deployment
- Low cost
- High accuracy optics





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#### **IP, Products & Services: Pod**

Own facet design and customizable to alternative designs



Can reach over 90% local content Optical measurement system

Heliostat designed for gas turbine



Minimal field preparation needed

Minimal disturbance and low installation cost

Installable by two people

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Small heliostats drive higher volumes quicker Heliostat technology & Pod design

Small heliostats lowcost tracker with wider application, e.g., CPV, PV, small and large CSP Own ultra-low-cost local controller



Completely wireless

Self-developed wireless software

PV optimizer and battery charger

Can industrialize 100% drive train local manufacture



South African heliostat technology development







### **QA system: Zebra**





## Pre-field assembly (Jun 2015)





#### **Pod assembly**



#### Field assembly (Jul 2015)





#### Field assembled (Jun 2015)



#### Helio100 System in Operation









#### Small, Low-cost, Accurate.

- Glass inherently has 0.7mrad error...we are achieving 1mrad
- It's a non-trivial problem which no one is able to get right (with all heliostats) let alone for MGT CSP









#### SolarPACES 2015

"I was really impressed by what you have set up in a relatively short time. Being involved with my team in several heliostat development projects, I know what it means to go into the hardware phase. . ... So my best compliments to you and especially to your team!"

Dr. Reiner Buck | Department Head "Point Focusing Systems", German Aerospace Centre



#### SolarPACES 2015 in Cape Town



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Showcasing Helio100 to the World 17 Oct 2015

Invitation to join TIA and SU in the official tour of the SolarPACES 2015 in Cape Town

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A 100% South African heliostat technology is being developed for the fast growing Concentrating Solar Power (CSP) industry. The unique design uses smaller, smarter and modular heliostats to overcome cost challenges. A pilot facility is being built within the TIA Helio100 technology development project and will be unveiled at the leading international CSP conference in Cape Town next year. Partner with us or sponsor this exciting event to gain exposure to the important. leaders and decision makers in the CSP industry.



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#### The TIA Helio100 technology development project

The Solar Thermal Energy Research Group at Stellenbosch University has been developing a unique South African CSP technology CSP is able to provide dispatchable, clean energy at utility scale, with the added benefit of high localisation potential and socio-economic beneficiation. In early 2014 the team won a grant from the Technology Innovation Agency to showcase the technology in a 100kW pilot facility. The technology takes a simple and fresh approach to overcome the challenges that are currently faced in heliostat fields. The heliostat technology boasts.

High localisation potential

internationally relevant

- · Simplicity allows for infield assembly and job creation · Smaller heliostats leverage economies of scale reaching
- production volumes similar to the automotive industry
- . Low cost design reduces the upfront capital cost required, which
- is currently the biggest boundary to market entry
- Integrated heliostat support system negates the need for any
- earth works or foundations and has a low impact on the natural
- vegetation allowing for dual land use ensures that the heliostat remains flexible and
- An intelligent self-calibrating heliostat with a modular design

Partner with us

The TIA Helio100 pilot facility has been chosen as the official site tour

for the international SolarPACES conference. In October 2015 the CSP world will come to Cape Town for the

biggest event on the CSP calendar which attracts important leaders,

and decision makers from all sphere

ponsor the Helio100 tour and take

advantage of this unique opportunity to showcase South African ingenuity in the solar thermal industry.

of this rapidly growing industry

utives, consultants, financier

The construction of the pilot facility will be completed by September 2015 and will be unveiled to the CSP world at SolarPACES as the official tour of the leading international CSP conference.

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## **SBP Stellio**

- SolarPACES 2015 Technology Award
- Certified by CIEMAT and CSP Services as best performing heliostat ever tested.
- Would like to incorporate the Stellenergy control system we are invited to consortium

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#### Stellenergy view of a 247Solar unit

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Power plant: - 400 kW electric + heat 24x7 (with backup fuel)

~ 160 x 160 m (400 kW size) ~1,800 heliostats

Heliostats:
Optimized for 400kW
MGT-CSP tower
Lowest cost heliostat

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#### **Logistics & Manufacture:**

- Factory to site no intermediate/pre-assembly
  - No formally skilled workers needed

#### **Modular rollout: 10MW example**





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## Thank you/Questions

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