

# StaBlox<sup>™</sup>Reformer Flue Gas Tunnel System with BD Energy Systems Tunnel Optimization Performance (TOP) Technology



Maximizing SMR Performance with Better Temperature Control

# Powerhouse Partnership Brings Best-of-Breed Technology to Your SMR

Ceramic Product China Inc. Precision Ceramics mortar-free, patented, interlocking ceramic blocks offer the perfect vehicle for BD Energy Systems' patent-pending TOP technology for consistent temperature and maximum SMR



# **Process Flexibility**

Scale up by improving corrosion efficiency without rebuilding tunnels

# **Catalyst Tube Temperature**

Better temperature control means reduced methane slip and feedstock costs

# **Tunnel System Pressure Drop**

Reduce pressure with greater allowable width and more evenly distributed velocity and mass flow

# **Heat Storage**

Reduce hot spots and heat-up/

# **Tube Reliability**

Better temperature control means fewer emergency shutdowns and better process safety

# Variable Orifice Openings

Near-uniform flow along length of every tunnel with inserts

# Traditional Brick and Mortar Tunnels

## **Non-ideal Physical Features**

#### **Openings**

- Large increments
- Large step changes

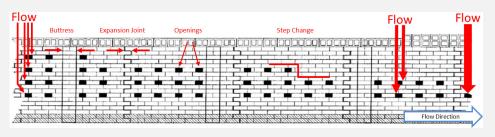
#### "No-flow" regions

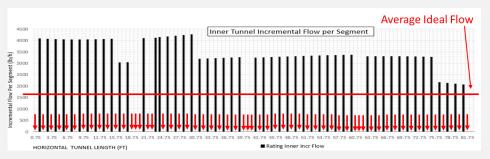
- Buttresses
- Expansion joints

Non-uniform base course flow

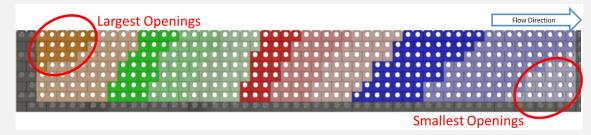
#### **Calculated Conventional Flow**

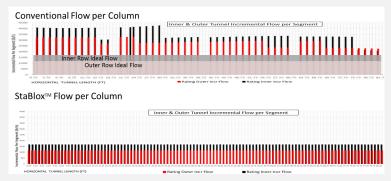
- Flow (along length) is non-uniform
- No-flow regions exist for some tubes
- Too much flow exists for other tubes





# StaBlox Flue Gas Reformer Tunnels and TOP Technology





#### Variable Orifice Diameters

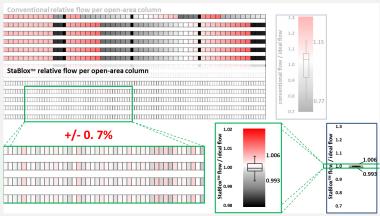
- Small open area increments
- Engineered step changes
- Gradual open area reduction
- Uniform no. of openings/column

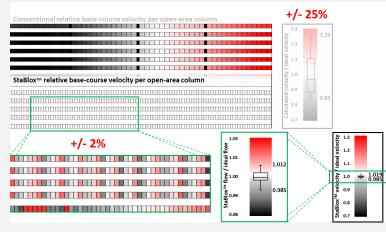
#### **StaBlox Tunnel Results**

- Near-perfect flow uniformity
- Proportional inner-to-outer

# Effect of TOP on Flow Rates and Velocity

#### View of reformer from above







# **Easy Preparation**

Level the floor and set the base blocks at the proper spacing.

That's it!



### **Zero Discontinuities**

Stack the blocks. Expansion joints are built in. No buttresses. No mortar. It's that easy.



# **Fast Tunnel Building**

Strong, lightweight lids are designed to sit atop the blocks, locking the walls into place. Multiple tunnels have been assembled in a single shift.

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