Sustainable power supply for eco-friendly ports

Shore connection power supply system for ships: SIHARBOR

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Siemens’ solution is Totally Integrated Power (TIP), our comprehensive power supply portfolio of software and hardware products, holistic systems for all voltage levels, as well as energy management solutions. TIP is closely linked to industrial and building automation systems and is integrated into enterprise IT systems.

This allows to fully exploit all the optimization potential of an integrated solution. TIP meets even the toughest requirements of supply-critical assets. An extensive support throughout the entire lifecycle starting with planning up to services completes our offering.

New challenge in ports
Shipping is booming continuously, and more and more cruise liners are docking at ports. Of course, this implies problems for the port operators, because the ship also has to generate power for onboard equipment, shops and air conditioning when berthed. This means that the diesel generators commonly used on board also have to run permanently in the port. This process generates large amounts of CO₂, NOₓ and dangerous fine particulate matter. The emissions of a berthed cruise liner can be compared to the environmental pollution of a medium-sized city.

With regard to their own employees and the local residents of the port area, the port operators are determined to cut back the air and noise pollution. With SIHARBOR, Siemens offers a power supply solution with numerous advantages for the respective operators at the ports.
Perfectly matched components for maximum efficiency

Why must the frequency be converted?
In international maritime traffic, around 75% of all ships are equipped with 60 Hz networks. However, only 25% of the countries operate their power grids with this frequency. Therefore, the onshore frequency must be adjusted to the onboard frequency in 75% of the countries. With the SIPLINK converter system and the SINAMICS SM120 CM converters, ships operating at 50 Hz and at 60 Hz can be supplied.

For all voltages and frequencies
With its modular concept, the system is perfectly adapted to all required power ratings, voltages and frequencies. SIHARBOR uses an isolating transformer to galvanically isolate the ship’s network from the onshore power grid and other ship networks.

SIPLINK: Siemens Power Link
SIPLINK is a converter system adapted for network applications. It can connect two or more medium-voltage AC networks with different voltages, phase angles and frequencies. With SIPLINK, the voltage is adjusted by transformer tap changing and by modification of the converter output voltage. Thus, any required transfer voltage to the ship can be implemented.

Compact converter solution with high efficiency
The system comprises a variable frequency converter, the control system and the HMI (Human-Machine Interface). The perfectly matched components provide an efficient solution for ports and ships.
SINAMICS SM120 CM –
The reliable medium-voltage converter for frequency conversion

SINAMICS SM120 CM (cabinet modules)
The SIPLINK system is based on the universally applicable SINAMICS converter family. By means of the M2C topology, the medium-voltage converter SINAMICS SM120 CM generates a sinusoidal voltage in many small steps. In this way, the output current attains a perfectly sinusoidal wave form, and in many situations no further filtering is required.

The SINAMICS SM120 CM medium-voltage converter is the modular system for applications with special requirements. A wide range of matching components and functions enables the implementation of project-specific solutions.

SINAMICS SM120 CM (cabinet modules) with a multi-level active line module ensures an excellent performance while feeding power into the grid. The converter is commonly used, apart from shore connections, in testing facilities and in applications of the marine, energy, mining, and steel industry.

The modular SINAMICS SM120 CM system combines topologies that have been proven time and again, and have successfully been in operation for several years.

Your benefit

- Higher overall efficiency and reduced space requirements compared to conventional two-point low-voltage solutions
- Cable lengths with up to 1000 m possible – due to the sinusoidal output voltage of the M2C technology
- Low network feedback – due to the selectable diode infeed (12-, 18-, 24-, 36-pulse)
- Support of selective clearance of short-circuits by overcurrent supply of the M2C-ALM

Medium-voltage converter SINAMICS SM120 CM (cabinet modules)
Comprehensive solution with SIHARBOR

Power supply from the public grid – Reliable and clean
SIHARBOR enables the ships to get power from the onshore power grid when berthed, so that it will not be necessary to operate the diesel generators commonly used on board. Thus, SIHARBOR provides numerous benefits not only for port operators, but also for ship owners, local residents, and the port staff.

Safe and easy operation
In order to eliminate the residual risk of arcing in the plug-in connection, the cable connection to the ship is tested at rated voltage with low power before being connected. On a higher level, the SIMATIC S7 control unit with operator panel monitors the state of the whole SIHARBOR system centrally. Thereby, all relevant messages and data can be indicated, and all operating and safety functions can be selected. The control unit ensures that only permissible switching operations according to IEC/JIS/IEEE 80005 are executed. The personnel who operates the plug-in connection on shore and on board is protected by generally double electrical interlocks. Protection is ensured both by the software and by the hardware, independently of each other. The whole shore connection system can be remotely controlled from the ship without additional qualified personnel.

Everything from a single source
On request, SIHARBOR can be designed as a turnkey solution, from planning through system integration (with all LV and MV products and switchgear for connection to the grid) up to commissioning and service. The system can optionally be installed in a container or in already existing buildings.

Quick and easy connection to the ship via the cable management system

Your benefit
- **For ships:** Reduction of maintenance costs and fuel consumption of the diesel generators in the port. Discounts for ships using the shore connection power supply system
- **For ports:** New business opportunities for the port operator by providing power supply for ships
- **For local residents and the port staff:** Improved quality of life by reduction of emissions, noise and vibrations
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