

DEVELOPMENT OF FREE FLOW WATER TURBINE FLOATING PLATFORM FOR 5KW ELECTRIC POWER GENERATOR

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ABSTRACT

The free flow water turbine project is meant to provide electricity to the UiTM Perhilitan Research Station at Kuala Keniam, Pahang. The concept of free flow water turbine is by using hydro power which is the river current to turn the turbine that operates the electric power generator. The scope of the project is focusing on the design, and evaluation of the floating platform, protection system, and water path for the free flow water turbine. The design of the floating platform, protection system, and water path for the free flow water turbine is done using CATIA software. The design is done by considering type of materials use and the strength of the assembled product. Using CATIA, the effect of river flow on the protection system evaluated. Flow of water in open channel analysis used to enhance the flow and velocity of water going through the water path to get maximum output of electric power up to 5kW. After the design and evaluation of design processes, the free flow water turbine expected to generate electric power up to 5kW using AC electric power generator without being supervise. The protection system and floating platform expected to stand extreme condition such as heavy flood and driftwood hence ensure the free flow water turbine operate with minimal maintenance and supervision.

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