

October 25, 2023

Mr. Josh Arneson
Town Manager
Town of Richmond
203 Bridge Street
P.O. Box 285
Richmond, VT 05477

Re: Recommendation to Purchase Replacement Equipment for Dewatering Facilities at the Richmond WWTF - Revision 1

Dear Mr. Arneson:

The Richmond WWTF utilizes a Fournier Rotary Press for dewatering waste sludge and septage. The equipment was installed as part of the 2003 WWTF upgrade and has been a reliable means of dewatering sludge at the facility. The equipment has an estimated 45,000 hours of operation since installation, has not had significant maintenance or replacement parts since installation, and is effectively at the end of its useful life. The WWTF has recently been experiencing significant operational issues with the existing dewatering equipment that jeopardizes the WWTF's ability to dewater sludge and accept septage.

Fournier Industries Inc., the manufacturer of Richmond's rotary press dewatering equipment, conducted a site visit to the Richmond WWTF on September 30, 2023, to inspect the condition of the existing two-channel Rotary Press and provide operational assistance to the plant operators. A copy of Fournier's site inspection report is attached to this letter. Based on the assessment of the condition of the existing rotary press, Fournier prepared a proposal for refurbishment of the existing dewatering system. A copy of Fournier's October 16, 2023 proposal is attached. The proposal identifies several levels of recommended repairs with Level "A" as most urgent, Level "B" as less urgent, but required for optimal results, and Level "C" as replacement of the rotary press. Associated costs are included in Fournier's revised cost proposals *Dewatering Equipment – Firm Price Rev. 1*, dated October 24, 2023, and *Control Panel & Instrumentation – Firm Price Rev. 1*, dated October 24, 2023. A copy of each firm cost proposal is attached.

Hoyle, Tanner has reviewed the Fournier's proposal (and costs) and held a conference call with Fournier and Russell Resources, the Fournier local representative. The purpose of the call was for Hoyle Tanner to better understand the ability to reuse components purchased now in a future dewatering upgrade, the ability to expand the equipment to meet future solids handling demands, i.e., accepting and processing more septage, and identify lead times for delivery of purchased equipment.

It is Hoyle Tanner's recommendation to continue dewatering operations at the Richmond WWTF with a Fournier Rotary Press. A rotary press is the best suited dewatering technology for the pressing of combined sludge and septage. Fournier has installations of rotary presses in Canada that dewater 100% septage and achieve a 40-50% cake solid. Richmond's sludge feed is a combination of waste activated sludge and septage and historically the rotary press has achieved a 25% cake solid when operating well. It is both Hoyle Tanner's and Fournier's opinion that with the replacement of failing components and

equipment, the portion of septage in the sludge feed could be increased without deterioration of cake solids.

It is Hoyle, Tanner's further recommendation that the entire dewatering facilities be overhauled in the future. The future upgrade would include replacement dewatering equipment sized for future dewatering needs and a building expansion/refurbishment to address space constraints, NFPA 820 code requirements, HVAC requirements, safety issues, and operational functionality. Through our discussions with Fournier Industries, it is our understanding that the most critical components to replace in the interim period ahead of a full comprehensive upgrade include the equipment detailed under Level "A" and the control panel under Level B – Option 1, as failure of either would result in the inability to press sludge and septage, and require Richmond to stop receiving septage and haul their own waste sludge to a neighboring WWTF for processing. Both the replacement equipment and control panel can be reused and incorporated into a future dewatering facility upgrade design. The purchase of equipment under Level "A" and a new control panel would allow the WWTF to continue current dewatering operations while a comprehensive upgrade is designed and constructed.

Fournier Industries has indicated that replacement channels and equipment in the Level "A" budget proposal can be delivered in 12 weeks from execution of a purchase order, whereas the lead time for a control panel replacement in Level "B" is approximately 24-30 weeks, and full replacement equipment in Level "C" would be approximately 9 months.

Based on the urgency of the repair needs of Richmond's existing rotary press, lead times and the ability to reuse purchased equipment and control panel in the future upgrade, it is Hoyle, Tanner's recommendation to purchase the replacement equipment for **\$111,060.00** and the electrical and mechanical installation service for **\$9,870.00** as outlined in the attached *Dewatering Equipment – Firm Price Rev. 1*, dated October 24, 2023, and the Allen Bradley based control panel and instrumentation replacement for **\$56,485.00** as outlined in the attached *Control Panel & Instrumentation – Firm Price Rev. 1*, dated October 24, 2023, for a total of **\$177,415.00** at this time. The 20-Year Evaluation Report will identify recommended upgrades to the Richmond WWTF, which will include the dewatering process. It is also Hoyle Tanner's recommendation to advance design phase engineering services for a comprehensive dewatering upgrade at the time of a facility-wide upgrade.

Should you require additional information or have any questions, please contact me at (802) 489-7362 or via email at kworden@hoyletanner.com.

Sincerely,
Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc.



Kirstin DiPietro Worden, P.E.
Associate -Senior Environmental Engineer

Enclosure(s)

Richmond Vermont

Visit Summary

Introduction

The purpose of this visit was to inspect the condition of the two channel Rotary Press located in Richmond Vermont and provide operational assistance to the personnel. The press has an estimated 45,000hrs on it. This is a two 36" channel press, model number 2-900/2000, and serial number PR-09-0/99.

Inspection

Screens: The facility only runs sludge through one channel and has recently complained about the filtrate quality. They do not run on the other channel due to damaged screens. Opening the restrictor arms on both channels and cleaning the channels out to inspect, I discovered that all four screens were very worn.

Frames: The frames on the channels were rusting and worn were the restrictor arms moved. You could see the yellow cover seal between the wheel and the frame starting to come through with trash.



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Shaft: The shaft of the press was in ok condition. The shaft only supports one channel on each side, so there was limited exposure to the atmosphere. There is some rust around on the end, however that should not effect the removal.



Three-way valve: The existing three-way valve does not work. It has been stuck in the dewatering position and does not turn. This causes problems with a proper startup. Sludge also leaks out of the supply tank, through the sludge pump and, because the valve is stuck in the dewatering position, into the channels.



Flocculator: The flocculator seal shaft has been leaking for some time. It's hard to tell the extent of the damage.



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Panel: The panel is the old style with speed dials for the flocculator speed and rotary press speed. The outlet pressure is controlled directly at the channel. If you adjust it on the panel, it doesn't do anything.



Channel Wash Manifold: The Festo valves on the channel wash manifold do not seem to work. The piping and spray bars are not in good condition.



Sludge Pump: The facility has a double disc sludge pump and is in good condition. However, the sludge tank gravity feeds past the pump when it is in the off position.



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Polymer System: The polymer system does not have an indication of concentration. A batch of diluted polymer is sent to a 50-gallon tank. From there it is pumped to the floccuator at a ratio of the sludge flow.



Conveyor System: The conveyor seems to be in good condition apart from a couple rusted out holes in the lower one. Also, on the inclined conveyor it is open at the top. The employees said this was from cake building up due to an unopened slide gate that has since been fixed.



Operation

The operators at the facility are operating the press as best as possible for the condition it is in. During a normal startup the three-way valve sends sludge down the drain, in recirculation, this gives the operator time to determine that they have a good flocculation. Because the valve does not work it sends it directly to the rotary press. If the sludge tank is full and the sludge supply valve is open to the pump, it passes the pump and goes into the rotary press without it even on or running. So, when they start instead of recirculating, they hit dewatering and it goes right to the rotary press. The first sludge the press receives is not flocculated. Once it starts to flocculate, the one operating channel begins to produce cake. However, a lot of solids are going through

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the worn screens and down the filtrate. Because they are running a blend of digested and septic sludge the press is still able to produce some cake. I believe if they were just running digested sludge, they would have a hard time getting anything to come out of the channel. The only way to keep sludge producing cake is to treat it gently. If they produce high pressure inside the channel sludge comes out the screens instead of out the front as cake. The key is low outlet pressure 5psi, low inlet pressure 1.2psi, and moderate rotary press speed 30%. This minimizes the sludge in the filtrate being sent to the head of the plant. The press still produces 25-30% cake dryness with a flow of 20-30gpm through the channel. Sludge total solids was 1.45% Polymer consumption was 26 active lbs/dry ton.

Observations and Conclusion

The Richmond, Vermont facility needs:

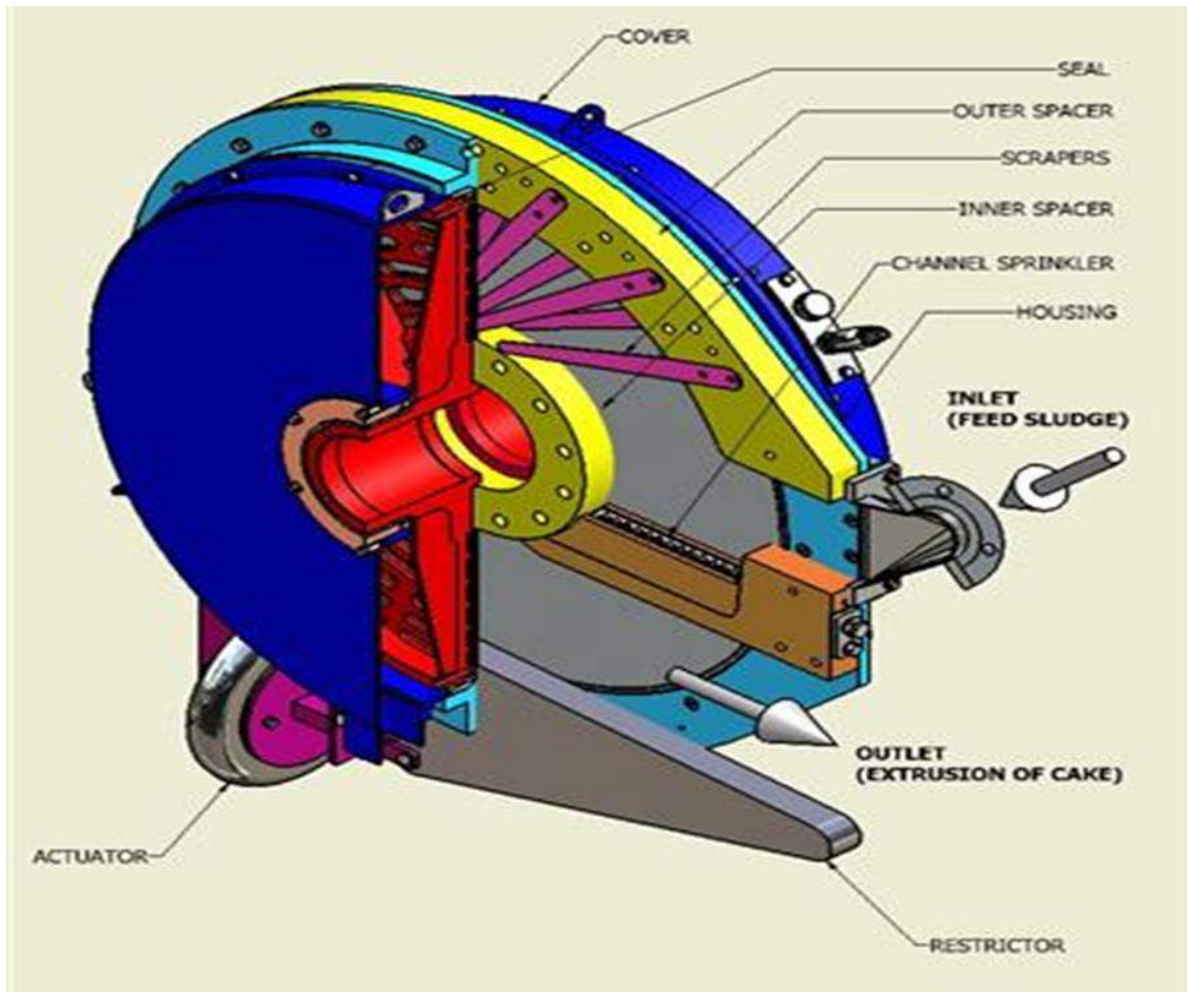
1. New Channels – Everything on the channels needs replacement so I would recommend whole new channels. Even if you could spare some parts, we might need to cut the wheels from the shaft.
2. New Flocculator Assembly – The top of the floccuator need to be dismantled and probably everything needs to be replaced below the gearbox.
3. Three-way Valve – I would suggest they replace them with two two-way valves.
4. Channel Wash Valves – If it doesn't already come with the new channels.
5. Air supply – A new air regulator needs to be installed. As of right now I do not believe they have air going to the three-way valve and they only have it to the bellows.

Possible upgrades needed:

1. Sludge pump - The sludge supply tank feeding the pump is gravity feeding through it. The pump may just need new interior parts. Or the sludge valve needs to be closed off when the press is not running.
2. Polymer system – We determined the polymer was making down a batch of 0.25% concentration, with a polymer to sludge ratio of 8% and a consumption of 26 active lbs/dry ton. An upgrade of the polymer system could produce lower consumption.

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3. Panel HMI – The installation of a new panel would make it easier for the operators to use the press. The current old program is outdated and not optimal.
4. Conveyor system – There are a couple holes that need to be patched or sections replaced.





Theftord Mines (Quebec) Canada
October 16, 2023



Attention: Mr. Steve Cote
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Subject: Dewatering Equipment – Budget Proposal

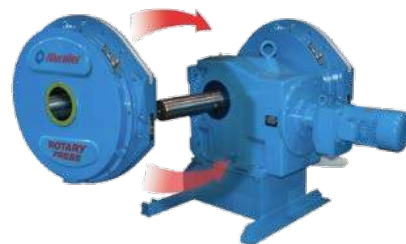
Dear Mr. Cote,

Following the request from our local representative, Russell Resources, along with our site visit conducted at the end of September, we are pleased to submit our budget proposal base on our observations and considering three (3) level of repair urgency. The following equipment and service are suggested:

A. Most Urgent

Equipment:

- Two (2) Dewatering Channel, 36" Dia., New generation with fiber glass cover and full stainless-steel housing.
- One (1) flocculator
- Two (2) Two-way air-actuated valves for automatic sludge recirculation and dewatering
- Two (2) Wash wastewater valve pneumatically actuated.
- One (1) Air regulator
- Two (2) lots of manifold piping.
- Two (2) 3Ø feed valve.
- Two (2) Filtrate collector and cake chute, equipped with flush sensor.
- Two (2) lots of hardware, bolts, supports needed for the installation of the channel.



Price for this option: US\$ 108,920.00

Service:

- On-site electrical and mechanical team, for equipment installation assistance and coordination, for a minimum of 40 man-hours, five (5) days at site, including one (1) trip to the job site. **Price: US\$ 9, 870.00**

*If additional assistance or maintenance (electrical & mechanical) needs to be added, at the client's demand a US\$ 150.00 / hour will be charged, excluding equipment or pieces not listed above.

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B. Less Urgent, Required for Optimal Results

Option 1 - Control Panel

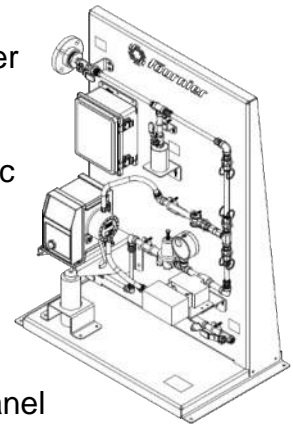
- One (1) Control Panel, Nema 12, including:
 - One (1) PLC, Allen-Bradley CompactLogix 5069 SERIES, or equivalent
 - One (1) HMI, Allen-Bradley, PanelView, 9" (225 mm) Allen-Bradley Panelview 5310 - 9" (230mm), or equivalent
 - One (1) VFD, Allen-Bradley PowerFlex 525, or equivalent, for Rotary Press
 - One (1) VFD, Allen-Bradley PowerFlex 525, or equivalent, for flocculator

Price for above option: US\$ 71,165.00

* System final selection and pricing to be in accordance with the final system location layout and customer request.

Option 2 - Inline emulsion polymer system

- One (1) Inline emulsion polymer system with the following specifications:
 - Compact construction on a SS304 skid frame
 - One (1) Water pressure regulator, needing a continuous water supply of 4.1 bar (60 psi)
 - One (1) Proportional valve, 24Vdc (4-20mA)
 - One (1) Peristaltic dosing pump, Watson Marlow, 120V or 24Vdc (4-20mA)
 - One (1) Static mixing chamber
 - One (1) Strainer
 - One (1) Junction box
 - Programming integrated in the PLC & HMI of the Rotary Press
 - Additional control items located in the Rotary Press Control Panel
- On-site start-up, commissioning and training assistance during the Rotary Press start-up.
- One (1) Submittal package and O&M manual



Press

Price for above option: US\$ 23,920.00

* System final selection and pricing to be in accordance with the final system location layout and customer request.

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Option 3 - Sludge pump system

- One (1) Sludge pump with the following specifications:
 - Rotary lobe type
 - Flooded
 - Pressure head max 10,6 m (35')
- One (1) Sludge pump VFD and additional control items located the Rotary Press Control Panel
- On-site additional start-up, commissioning, and training assistance during start-up.
- One (1) Submittal package and O&M manual



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Price for above option: US\$ 13,400.00

* Pump final selection and pricing to be in accordance with the final pump location layout and customer request.

Option 4 - Shaftless Conveyor System

- One (1) Receiving conveyor with the following specifications:
 - 9' length
 - Shaftless, U-shaped trough, SS304 construction
 - High strength carbon steel spring flight (minimal Brinell hardness of 200)
 - Non-contact zero speed detection mechanism controlled by the PLC
- One (1) Inclined conveyor with the following specifications:
 - 21'-8" length
 - Shafted Screw, Tubular O-shape trough, SS304 construction
 - High strength carbon steel spring flight (minimal Brinell hardness of 200)
 - Non-contact zero speed detection mechanism controlled by the PLC
- One (1) Distribution conveyor with the following specifications:
 - 30'-3" length
 - Shaftless, U-shape trough, SS304 construction
 - High strength carbon steel spring flight (minimal Brinell hardness of 200)
 - Non-contact zero speed detection mechanism controlled by the PLC
 - Two (2) Pneumatic sliding gates
 - Two (2) Standard chute outlets
- Additional control items located in the Rotary Press Control Panel
- On-site start-up, commissioning, and training assistance during the Rotary Press start-up.
- One (1) Submittal package and O&M manual

Price for above option: US\$ 69,500.00

* System final selection and pricing to be in accordance with final system location layout.

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C. Rotary Press Replacement

One (1) Rotary Press Model 2-900/2000CVH, Two-channel unit

Equipment

- One (1) Rotary Press model 2-900/2000CVH
- One (1) Flocculator
- One (1) Lot of piping between the flocculator and Rotary Press, c/w a sludge sampler
- One (1) Sludge flowmeter, Endress & Hauser
- One (1) Polymer flowmeter, Endress & Hauser
- One (1) Filtrate collector pipe
- Two (2) Cake chutes
- Two (2) Wash water solenoids for the automatic wash sequence
- Two (2) Two-way air-actuated valves for automatic sludge recirculation and dewatering
- One (1) Control Panel, Nema 12, including:
 - One (1) PLC, Allen-Bradley CompactLogix 5069 SERIES, or equivalent
 - One (1) HMI, Allen-Bradley, PanelView, 9" (225 mm) Allen-Bradley Panelview 5310 - 9" (230mm), or equivalent
 - One (1) VFD, Allen-Bradley PowerFlex 525, or equivalent, for Rotary Press
 - One (1) VFD, Allen-Bradley PowerFlex 525, or equivalent, for flocculator



Service

- On-site start-up, commissioning, and training assistance for a total of 64 man-hours, including 2 trips to the job site.
- One (1) Submittal package and O&M manual

Price: US\$ 238,385.00

The above equipment is illustrated in the following:

- General arrangement : B-C-24107 Rev12
- Layout arrangement..... : B-C-2110 Rev03

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GENERAL NOTES:

1. Our price does not include the following items:
 - a. Unloading and installation of the equipment on site
 - b. Dilution polymer system (Option 2)
 - c. Sludge pump and its VFD (Option 3)
 - d. Conveyor (if required) (Option 4)
 - e. Air compressor
2. Price is valid for a period of (60) days.
3. Price is valid for an equipment delivery on site not later than December 2024.
4. Price is Ex-works, Thetford mines, Qc, Canada.
5. Standard Terms of Payment:
 - 15% of the total contract price: net 30 days after P.O. acceptance;
 - 25% of the total contract price: net 30 days after shop drawing submittal;
 - 55% of the total contract price: net 30 days upon delivery;
 - 5% of the total contract price: net 30 days upon successful start-up
 - No retainage on the above
6. Equipment delivery:
 - Shop drawings: (4) to (6) weeks after Purchase Order acceptance.
 - Equipment: (25) to (30) weeks after drawings approval.

Should you need any specific arrangement or more detailed drawings, we will be pleased to provide them upon request.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any additional information you may require. Hoping that everything is to your entire satisfaction, please accept our best regards.

FOURNIER INDUSTRIES INC.



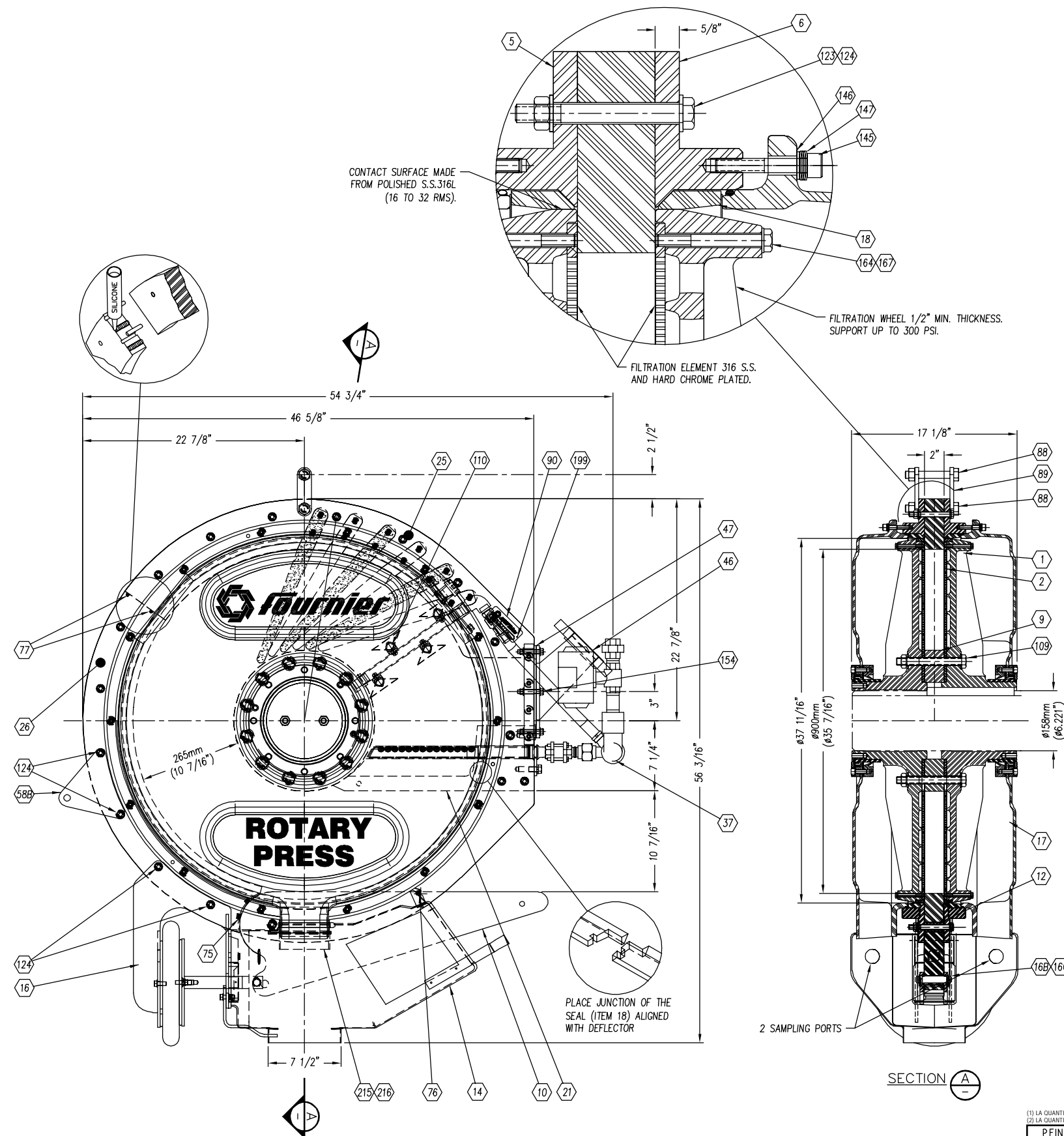
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Technician, Estimator
Dewatering Equipment

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Encl.: Channel, Rotary Press and Conveyors Drawings
C.c.: Paul Russell, Russell Resources Inc.
Scott McKay, Fournier Industries Inc.
Francis Caouette, Fournier Industries Inc.,
Mathieu Ouellette, Fournier Industries Inc.

WEIGHT OF PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS OF A ROTARY PRESS

ITEM	DESIGNATION	LBS
1	FILTRATION WHEEL	346
5-6	HOUSING (LEFT OR RIGHT)	158
9	INNER SPACER	63
17	GLAND COVER ASSEMBLY	36
	CHANNEL ASSEMBLY	1395



ARTICLE ITEM	REPÈRE REF.	NOMBRE QTY(1)	DÉSIGNATION / DESIGNATION	MATÉRIEL MATERIAL	POIDS(kg) WEIGHT UNIT.(1)	REMARQUES / NOTES
IFI-01823	1	2	FILTRATION WHEEL (CAST IRON)	ASTM A48		
IFI-01778	2	2	FILTRATION ELEMENT	S.S. 316L		
IFI-01819	5	1	LEFT HOUSING	STEEL 44W		
IFI-01826	6	1	RIGHT HOUSING	STEEL 44W		
IFI-01827	9	1	INNER SPACER (2" CHANNEL)	S.S. 316L		
IFI-01828	10	1	VERTICAL RESTRICTOR	UHMW-PE		
IFI-01830	12	1	SLEEVE	S.S. 316L		
IFI-02181	14	1	FILTRATE COLLECTOR	LLDPE		
	16	1	ACTUATOR SUPPORT ASSEMBLY	S.S. 316L		38165
	17	2	GLAND COVER ASSEMBLY	FIBERGLASS		29490
IFI-01832	18	2	SEAL	UHMW-PE		
	21	1	DEFLECTOR ASSEMBLY (2" CHANNEL)	NYLATRON S.S. 316L		41410
IFI-01834	25	1	INLET OUTER SPACER ASS. (2" CHANNEL)	UHMW-PE		23979
IFI-01821	26	1	OUTLET OUTER SPACER (2" CHANNEL)	UHMW-PE		
IFI-02054	37	1	WASHING WATER SYSTEM CONNECTION ASSEMBLY	S.S. 316L		30616
IFI-01836	46	1	INLET (2" CHANNEL)	S.S. 316L		
IFI-01837	47	1	INLET SEAL (2" CHANNEL)	NEOPRENE		
IFI-01859	58B	2	ANTI-ROTATION PLATE	S.S. 316L		
	75	2	KEVLAR PACKING (13mm) x 2" LG.	KEVLAR		
IFI-02018	76	2	ROD ø3/8" WITH THREAD	S.S. 316L		
	77	1	SEAL ø3/8" (NITRILE B46) x 4" LG.	BUNA N		
	88		HEX BOLT M20 x 2.5 x 120mm LG. DIN 931	PLATED		MAINTENANCE EQUIPT SEE AO-31625 C/W 1 HEX. NYLON NUT DW934
IFI-01856	89		LIFTING DEVICE (2" CHANNEL)	S.S. 316L		MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT SEE AO-C-31625 (EXPLODED VIEW)
IFI-01915	90	1	IDENTIFICATION PL, CONCENTRIC CHANNEL TYPE	ALUMINUM		
IFI-01924	109	12	HEX BOLT M20 x 2.5 x 170mm LG. DIN 931	S.S. 316		C/W 1 HEX. NUT DIN 934 2 FLAT WASHERS DIN 125-1A
IFI-02163-DG	110	2	WHEEL WASH WATER SYSTEM ASSEMBLY	S.S. 316		D-37907
	123	13	HEX BOLT M12x1.75x110mm, CLASS 8.8 DIN 931	PLATED		C/W 1 HEX. NUT DIN 934 2 FLAT WASHERS DIN 125-1A
	124	4	HEX BOLT M12x1.75x120mm, CLASS 8.8 DIN 931	PLATED		C/W 1 HEX. NUT DIN 934 2 FLAT WASHERS DIN 125-1A
	145	28	HEX-SOCKET HEAD CAP SCREW M10x1.5x 60mm	S.S. 316		
	146	28	FLAT WASHER DIN125A	S.S. 316		
	147	112	3/8" BELLEVILLE WASHER	S.S. 17-7		BELLEVILLE K0750-C-062
	154	6	HEX BOLT M10x1.5 x 60mm, CLASS 8.8 DIN 931	PLATED		C/W 1 HEX. NUT DIN 934 1 FLAT WASHER DIN 125-1A
	164	60	HEX-CAP SCREW M8x1x70mm MET-FINE THREAD	S.S. 316		LG=70mm MAX-69mm MIN
	167	60	FLAT WASHER M8 NOM. DIN 433	S.S. 316		SPAE-NAUR #659-036
	191	6	HEX BOLT M10 x 1.5 x 20mm LG.	NYLON		SPAE-NAUR #353-071
	199	2	DRIVE SCREW #4 x 1/4" LG.	S.S. 18-8		SPAE-NAUR #376-809
	212	2	EYE BOLT M12 x 1.75 SHOULDER TYPE	STEEL		MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT SEE AO-C-31625 (EXPLODED VIEW)
	215	2	I.D. 5 1/2" SOFT HOSE x 3/32" THICK. x 3" LG	EPDM		
	216	2	GEAR CLAMP	S.S.		HAS-104

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NOTES GÉNÉRALES/GENERAL NOTES

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THIRD ANGLE PROJECTION PROJECTION TROISIEME ANGLE

SURFACE FINISH: 125
 Tolerances sauf indications contraires/Tolerances unless otherwise stated
 SYSTEME IMPERIAL / IMPERIAL SYSTEM SYSTEME METRIQUE / METRIC SYSTEM
 FRACTION 0 - 36" ± 1/16" 36" ± 1/16" 0 - 100mm ± 0.10mm 100mm ± 0.10mm
 FINITION SURFACE 2 PLACES XXX ± 0.010" 2 PLACES XXX ± 0.25 mm 3 PLACES XXXX ± 0.005" 3 PLACES XXXX ± 0.125 mm

Weld Inspection according to CSA W59 section 11 except otherwise noted
 VT: 100% UT: As per symbol PT: As per symbol
 Inspecté selon les symboles UT: Selon symboles PT: Selon symboles
 Soudés selon: 100% UT (back test) Soudés à l'aiguille: 100% UT (test d'aiguille)
 Annexes de l'usage: 100% UT, 100%VT

Read in conjunction with the approved ITP

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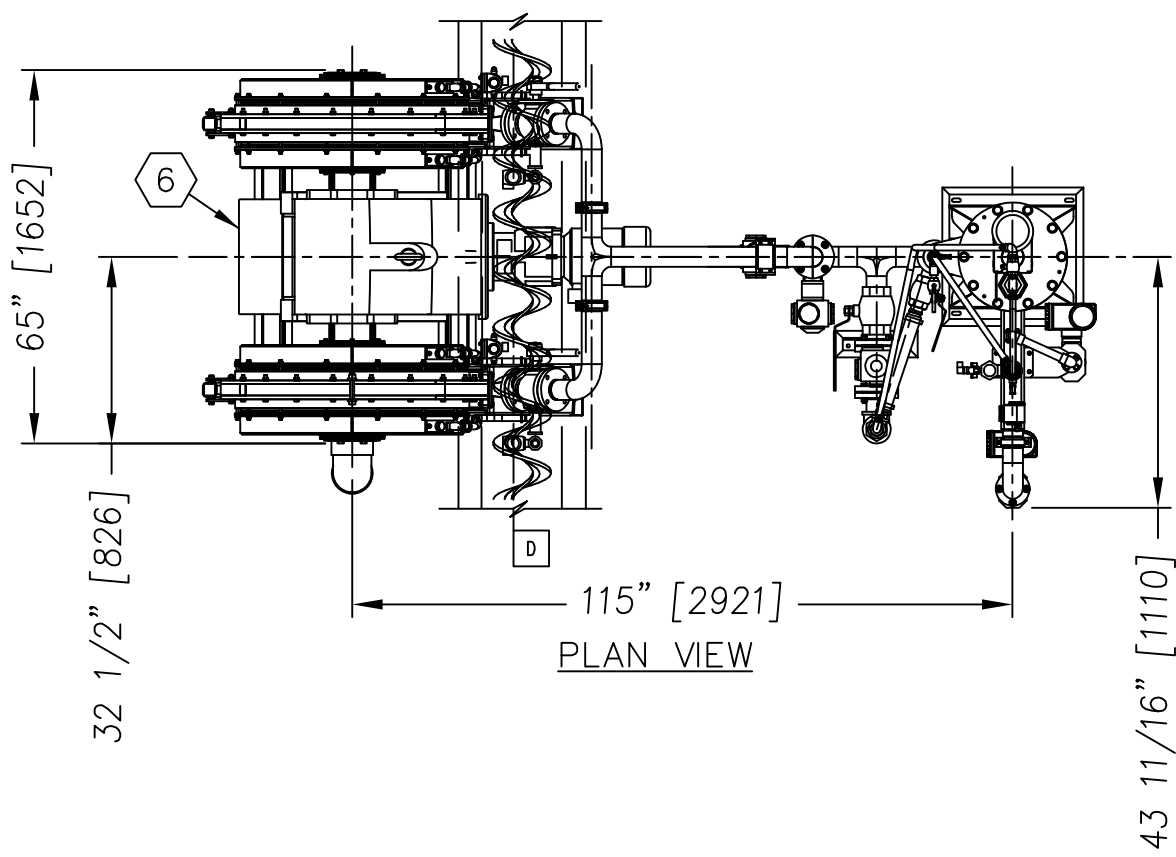
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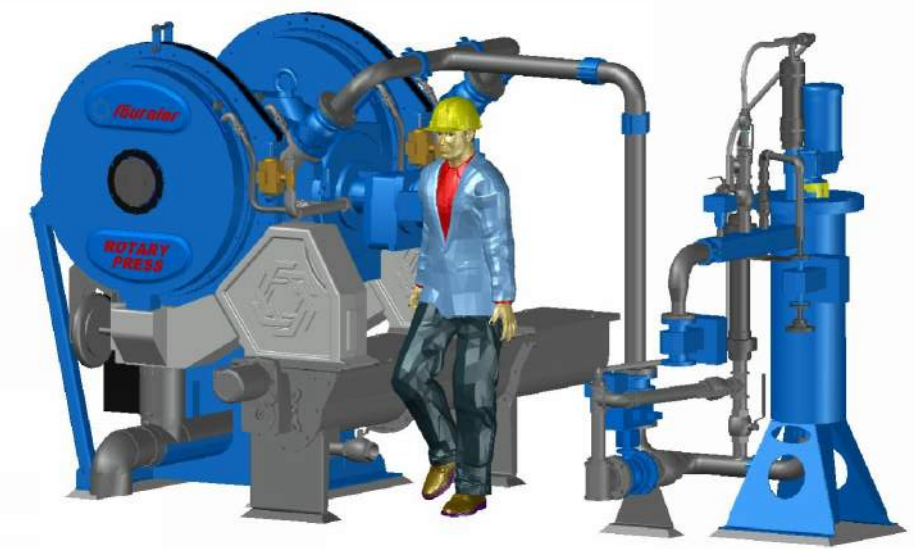
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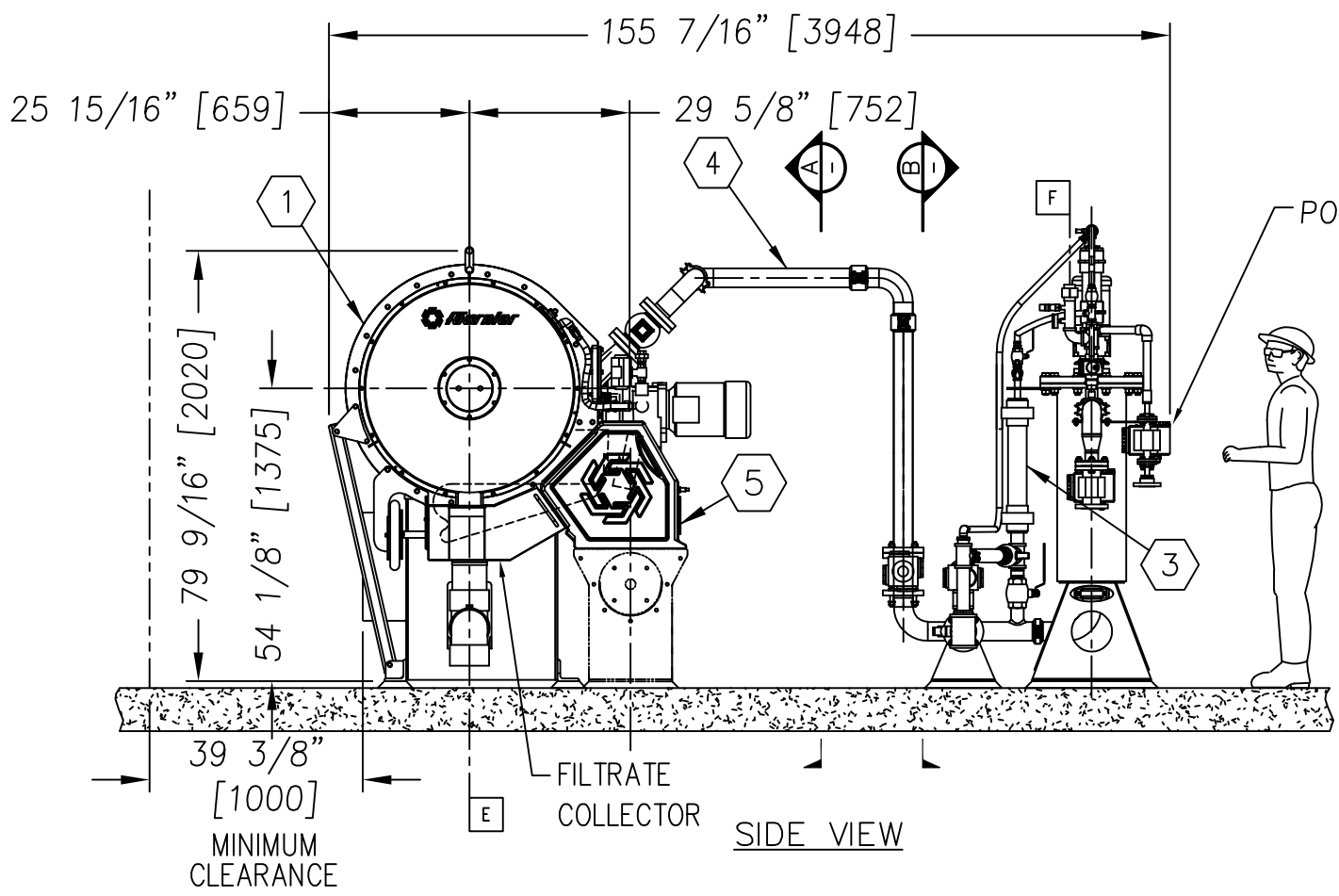
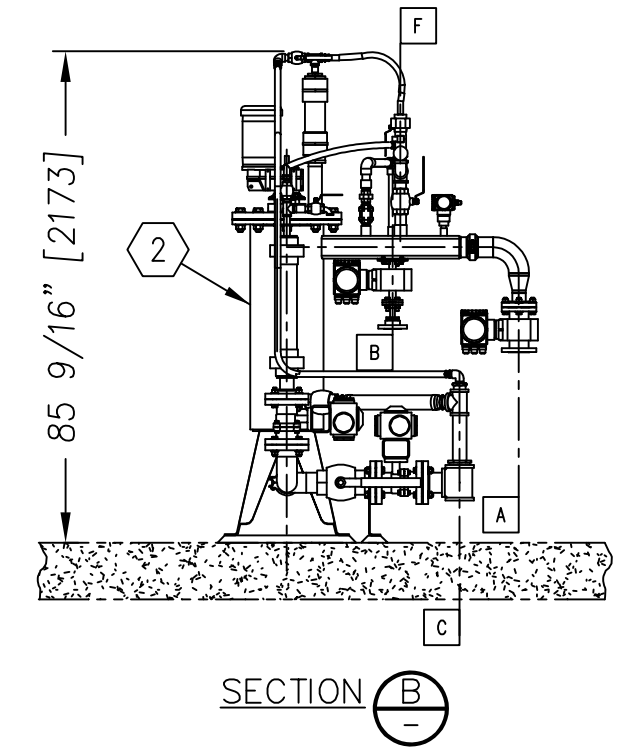


INTERFACE BETWEEN
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AND CUSTOMER PIPING
(PER ROTARY PRESS)

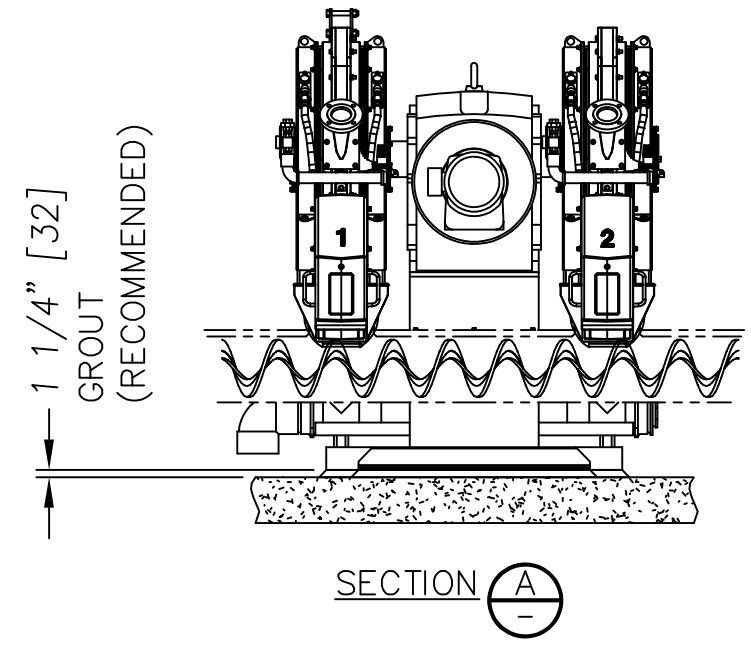
- A SLUDGE INLET #2" (FLANGE)
- B POLYMER INLET #1 1/2"(FLANGE)
- C SLUDGE RECIRCULATION OUTLET #3"-NPT
- D WASH WATER INLET #1"-NPT (2 PLACES) (ROTARY PRESS)
- E FILTRATE OUTLET #6" PIPE
- F WASH WATER INLET #1 1/2"-NPT (FLOCCULATOR)



ITEM	REF.	QTY.	DESIGNATION	MAT.	DIM.	NOTES
1		1	ROTARY PRESS MODEL 2-900/2000CV			ESTIMATED WEIGHT: 3109 Kg/6840 LBS (2 CHANNELS INCLUDED)
2		1	FLOCCULATOR			ESTIMATED WEIGHT: 377 Kg/830 LBS
3		1	FLOCCULATED SLUDGE SAMPLER			
4		1	MANIFOLD			ESTIMATED WEIGHT: 83 Kg/183 LBS
5		2	CAKE CHUTE			ESTIMATED WEIGHT: 5 Kg/Un. / 10 LBS/Un.
6		1	JUNCTION BOX			



POLYMER FLOWMETER



THOSE DIMENSIONS ARE GIVEN FOR INFORMATION ONLY. FINAL DIMENSIONS AND LAYOUT TO BE CONFIRMED BY CERTIFIED DRAWINGS.

ESTIMATED TOTAL WEIGHT (EQUIPMENT): 3579 LBS/8957 LBS
ESTIMATED SLUDGE WEIGHT: 140 Kg/308 LBS



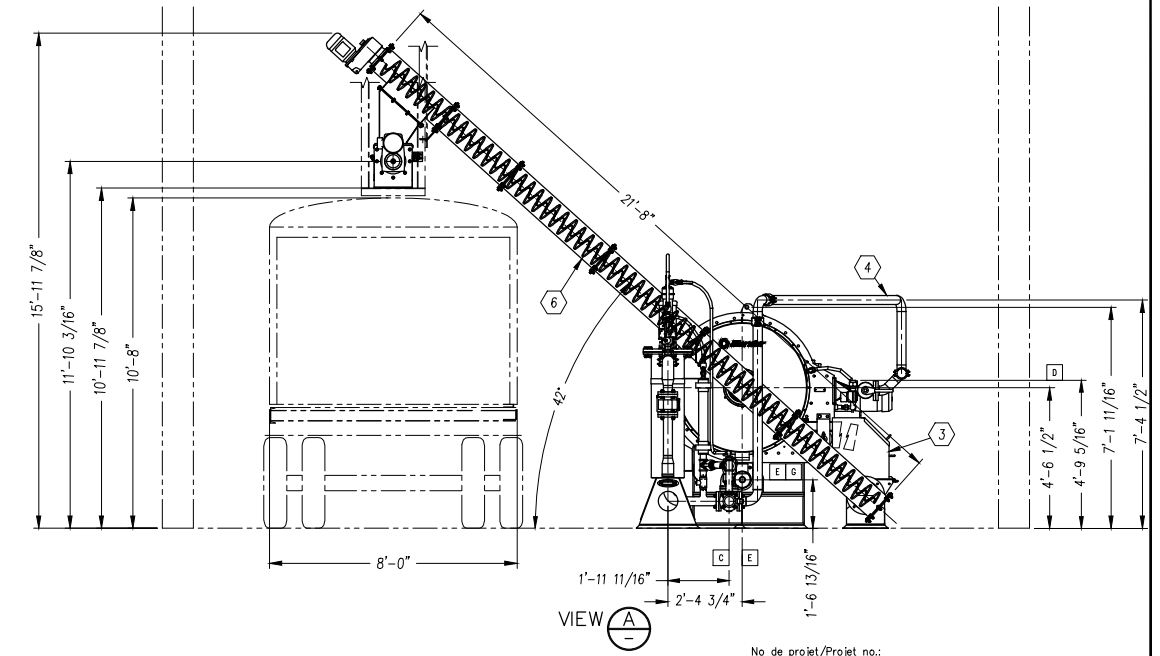
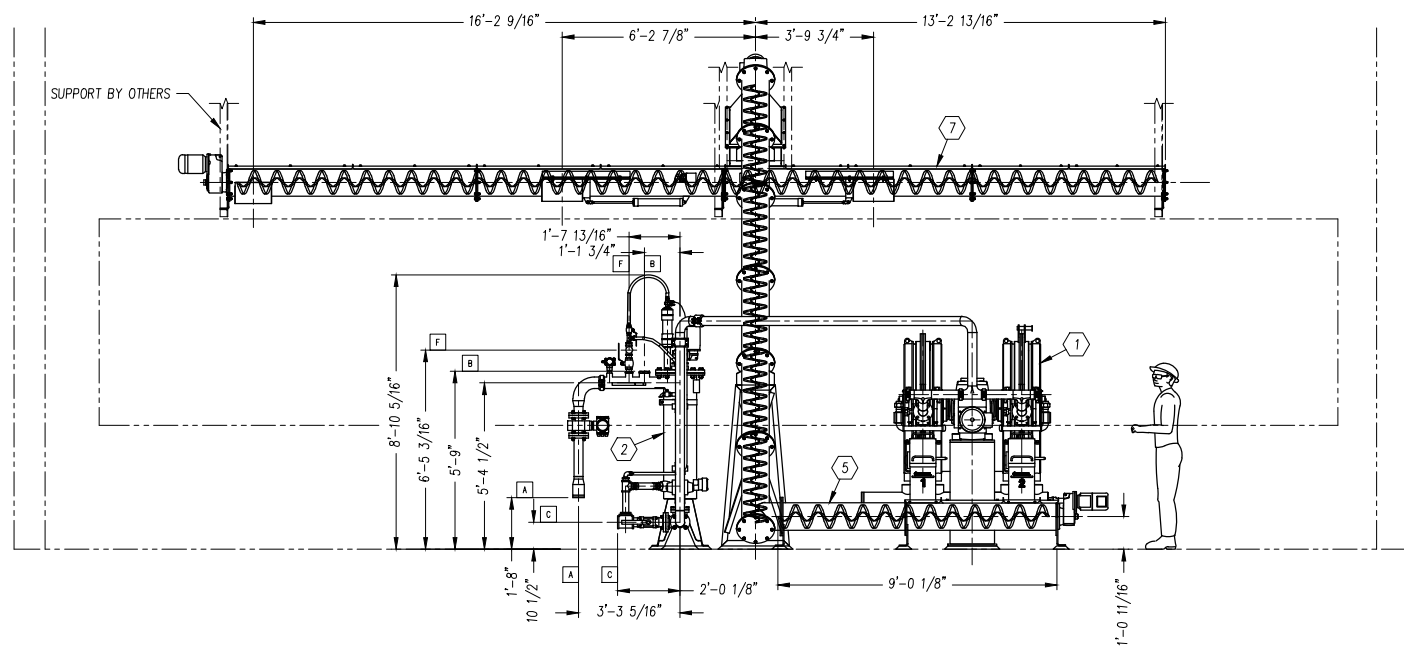
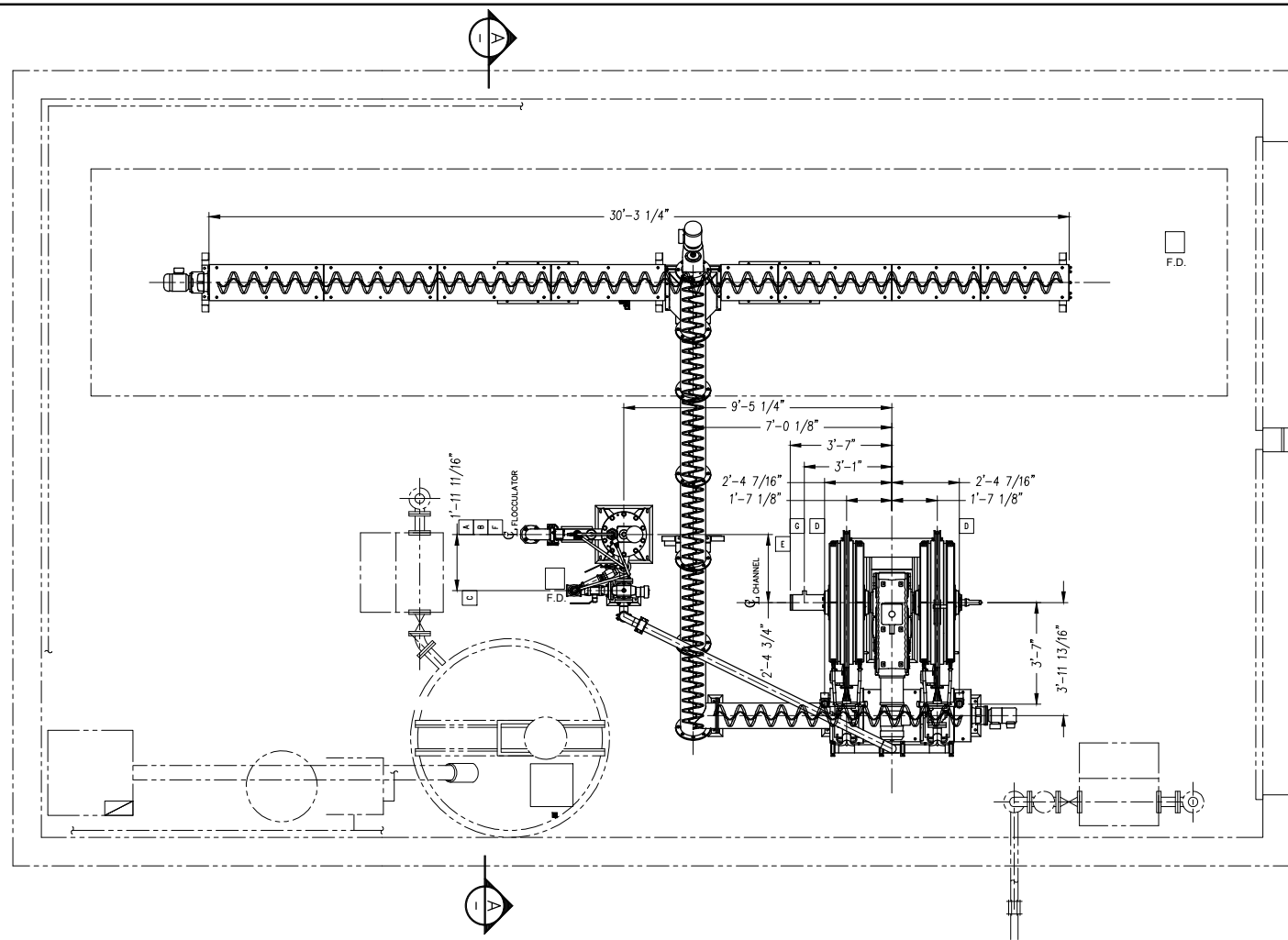
DEWATERING SYSTEM
ROTARY PRESS 2-900/2000CV
GENERAL ARRANGEMENT

Echelle/Scale 1: 35	Des./By: E.GAMACHE	Dossier/File	Pièce no/Part no.	REV.
Date 25/04/2005	Ver.:		B-C-24107	13
	App.:			

LISTE DE MATÉRIEL/MATERIAL LIST						A0-21110	04
ARTICLE / ITEM	REPÈRE / REF.	QUANTITÉ / QTY.	DÉSIGNATION / DESIGNATION	MAT.	DIM.	REMARQUES / NOTES	
1		1	PRESSOR ROTATIF MODELE 2-1200/3000A	ACIER		POIDS ESTIME: 11250 LBS VOIR DESSIN # A0-22522	
		1	ARRANGEMENT DE PLANCHER			VOIR DESSIN # A0-22586	
2		1	FLOCCULATEUR	ACIER		POIDS ESTIME: 653 LBS VOIR DESSIN # A0-22524	
3		2	CHUTE A GATEAUX	INOX. 316		POIDS ESTIME: 81 LBS/Un. VOIR DESSIN # A0-22524	
4		1	ARRANGEMENT DE LA TUYAUTERIE	INOX. 316		POIDS ESTIME: 660 LBS VOIR DESSIN # A0-22522	
		1	SCHEMA DE PROCEDE			VOIR DESSIN # D-22152	
5		1	CONVOYEUR A VIS DE DECHARGE 9'-0"	ACIER		POIDS ESTIME: 790 LBS VOIR DESSIN # A0-22519	
6		1	CONVOYEUR A VIS INCLINE 21'-8"	ACIER		POIDS ESTIME: 1450 LBS VOIR DESSIN # A0-22519	
7		1	CONVOYEUR A VIS DE DISTRIBUTION 30'-3"	ACIER		POIDS ESTIME: 1600 LBS VOIR DESSIN # A0-22520	
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AIR COMPRESS NOT SHOWN BUT SUPPLY BY FOURNIER INC.

- INTERFACE DE RACCORDEMENT DU PRESSOR ROTATIF A LA TUYAUTERIE DU CLIENT
- A ALIMENTATION DES BOUES #4" (Ø101.6mm) (RAINURE VCTAULIC)
 - B ALIMENTATION DES POLYMERES #1 1/2" NPT/F (Ø38.1mm)
 - C RECIRCULATION DES BOUES #3" NPT/F (Ø76.2mm)
 - D ALIMENTATION EAU DE LAVAGE Ø 1 1/2"-NPT (Ø38.1mm) (2 PLACES) (PRESSOR ROTATIF)
 - E SORTIE DES FILTRATS #6" (Ø152mm) (RAINURE VCTAULIC) (1 PLACE)
 - F ALIMENTATION EAU DE LAVAGE #1 1/2"-NPT (Ø38.1mm) (FLOCCULATEUR)
 - G ENTREE ALUM #1"-NPT/F (Ø25.4mm)



No	DESCRIPTION	DATE	PAR/BY
1	AJOUTER SUPPORT DU CONVOYEUR INCLINE, ETAIT PAR AUTRE	27/10/2003	E. GAMACHE
2	REVISE POUR APPROBATION	24/09/2003	D.VALLEE
3	REVISION GENERALE	22/04/2003	A.RUEL
4	REVISION GENERALE	04/02/2002	A.RUEL

SCEAU/STAMP

PROJECTION TROISIEME ANGLE / THIRD ANGLE PROJECTION

Tolerances sont indiquées contrairement / Tolerances except as indicated otherwise

SYSTEME IMPERIAL/IMPERIAL SYSTEM

APP.

FRACON 1/2" ± 0.005" 3 PLACES JXX 1/2" ± 0.005" 3 PLACES JXX 1/2" ± 0.005" 3 PLACES JXX

SYSTEME METRIQUE/METRIC SYSTEM

ETAT DE SURFACE/SURFACE FINISH

11/01/2001

1/2" = 1'-0"

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RICHMOND - SLUDGE HANDLING SYSTEME DE DESHYDRATATION PRESSOR ROTATIF MODELE 2-1200/3000A AVEC 3 CONVOYEURS A VIS

No de projet/Projet no.:

System Description and Features

The Rotary Press sludge dewatering equipment is an innovative technology manufactured by "Fournier Industries Inc.". The technology was introduced into the municipal market in Canada in the late 1980's and has been actively implemented in the municipal waste water treatment market in the United States since 1999.

The Rotary Press technology features several distinct advantages over conventional dewatering technologies:

- High cake dryness and solids capture rate.
- Simple, fully automated operation suitable for continuous and remote operation.
- Totally enclosed which controls odours and minimizes potential for operator exposure to pathogens.
- Slow rotating (3 RPM max.) and high energy efficiency.
- Low footprint reduces capital building costs - Minimal wash water requirements.

The Rotary Press technology involves the use of modules called "dewatering channels", composed of two (2) parallel screens, separated by spacers. Sludge is fed into the rectangular channel and rotated between the two (2) revolving stainless steel chrome plated screens.



The filtrate passes through the screens as the flocculated sludge advances within the channel. The sludge continues to dewater as it travels around the channel, eventually forming a cake near the outlet side of the press. The frictional force of the slow moving screens, coupled with the controlled outlet restriction, results in the extrusion of a very dry cake.

The Rotary Press technology presents multiple outstanding features compared to conventional dewatering devices, as outlined below:

Environmental Friendliness

- Process is totally enclosed, dramatically reducing odours, Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and pathogen dispersion.
- Operations are quiet.
- Wash water usage is limited to 250 gallons per day, per dewatering channel. No wash water pump usually needs to be dedicated to the Rotary Press.
- Power usage is low. On normal operation on municipal biosolids, power consumption is typically 4 to 10 kW-hr/dry ton of biosolids.
- Cake dryness is high, resulting in less transportation and disposal.

Modularity

- Machine is composed of several modular units – the dewatering channels – that are independent and interchangeable.
- Different outlet pressures can be set on the different channels, providing in time data on resulting cake dryness and throughput.
- Each channel can be washed separately.
- It is the only continuous operation dewatering device that can be made expandable. An oversized unit can be fitted with supplementary dewatering channels in order to increase its capacity.



Safety & Health

- Noise is well under protection thresholds.
- No exposed rotating parts.
- No operator exposure to pathogenic micro-organisms or virus in aerosols from traditional technologies.
- Low-energy dewatering removes all of the free water without cycling the cell walls; re-growth and re-activation is minimal when compared with centrifugation.
- Cleanliness prevents slippery floors.

Low Operation Cost

- Dewatering operations are fully automated and operator assistance is limited to start-up, mainly in order to select the optimum polymer dosage.
- Polymer mixing is external to the machine and floc quality can be easily verified by the operator, resulting in optimized polymer usage.
- Power usage is low. On normal operation on municipal biosolids, power consumption is typically 4 to 10 kW-hr/dry ton of biosolids.

Low Maintenance Cost

- Robust construction.
- Limited number of mechanical parts.
- Slow rotation speed.
- Results in the lowest maintenance cost of any type of dewatering equipment.
- Reduced corrosive exposure to nearby equipment.
- Automated 5 minutes/day self-cleaning cycle.



**MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL
DEWATERING APPLICATIONS**

ROTARY PRESS

OPTIMUM-CV





Advantages of operation

- Continuous process
- Equipment totally enclosed, reduced airborne contaminants & odors
- Easy start-up and shut-down procedures
- Very simple to operate
- Minimal supervision required
- Completely automated and can be remotely controlled

Maintenance

- Robust construction
- Small number of mechanical parts
- Slow rotation speed (0.2-2 rpm)
- Reduced corrosive exposure to nearby equipment
- Automated self-cleaning cycle
- Little maintenance

Economy

- Savings on final disposal costs (high dryness)
- Minimal space requirements (small footprint)
- Low maintenance costs
- Reduced labor costs
- Low energy consumption
- Low water usage



ACCESSORIES & MORE

We have developed a wide variety of **customized accessories** for virtually any layout.

Custom-engineered systems for **total plant automation**, catering to every customer's individual needs.

Our engineering team will tackle any project and provide **complete package solutions** for any biosolid handling.

With a host of features tailored to your requirements, Fournier allows you to optimize your business operations.

■ Containerized & skid mounted units

- Complete turnkey projects
- Containerized projects

■ Polymer feed systems

- Liquid or dry-feed polymer
- Manual or fully automated

■ Shaftless screw conveyors

- Screw sizes from 9" to 18"
- Lengths from 5ft to 200ft

■ Sludge pumps & other accessories

- Equipment of any size can be quickly assembled and shipped to your site.





Fournier Industries Inc. has specialized in mechanical equipment manufacturing since 1960. The company's technical abilities and expertise involve product design, lab and pilot testing, commissioning and training.

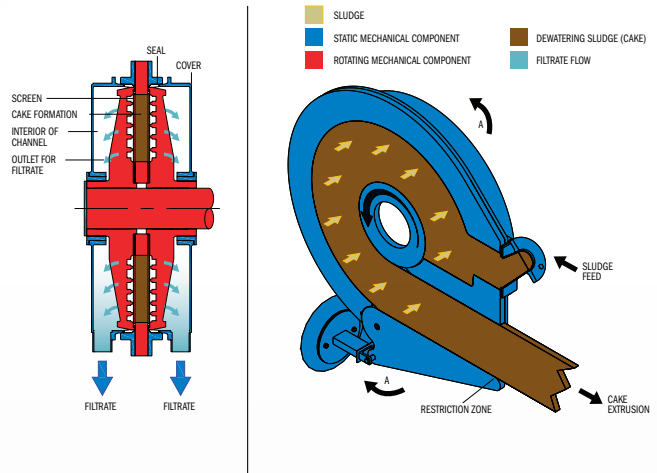
ROTARY PRESS TECHNOLOGY

Fournier Industries Rotary Press technology is at the forefront of municipal and industrial sludge dewatering, the result of continuous improvement and R&D.

Due to its reliability and simplicity, the Fournier Rotary Press requires minimal supervision. It is the only dewatering technology that is safe for stand-alone automatic operation and can be monitored and operated by remote control.

The benefits derived from using the Rotary Press have been well documented and result in lower operating costs for the customer through its high performance, easy operation, reduced polymer usage, low power consumption and low maintenance.

Principle of operation



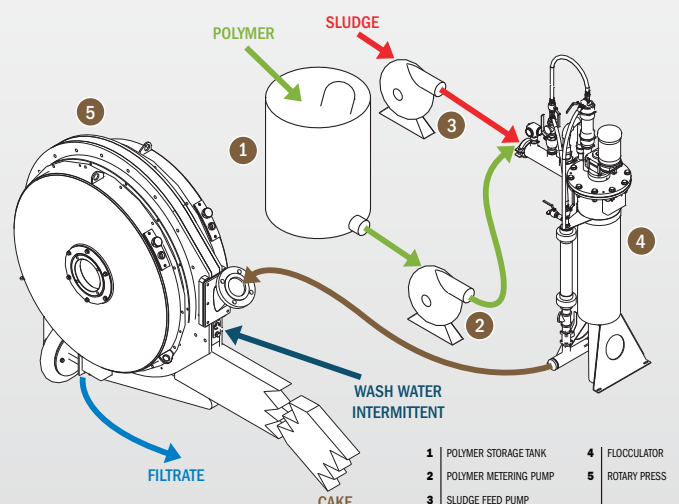
HOW IT WORKS...

The principle of operation is simple. Sludge is fed at low pressure into the channel and rotates between two parallel revolving stainless steel chrome plated filtering elements.

As free water passes through the screens, the sludge continues to dewater as it travels around the channel. The flocculated sludge builds up solids until enough pressure is generated against the outlet restricted arm.

The frictional force of the slow-moving filtering elements, coupled with controlled outlet restriction, generates enough back pressure to dewater the remaining solids, resulting in the extrusion of a very dry cake.

Process schematic



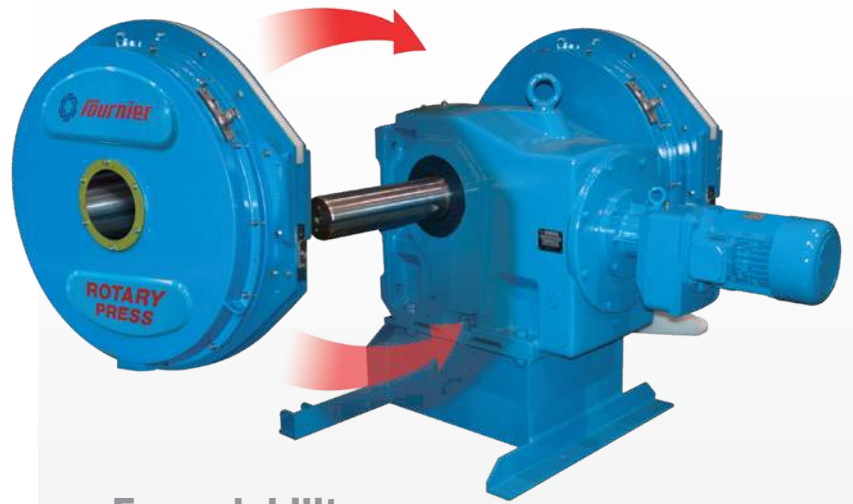
THE ROTARY PRESS CV-OPTIMUM

The Fournier Rotary Press, CV-optimum is the latest development in dewatering technology.

Winner of the 2002 WEF Innovative Technology Award, this Canadian invention has undergone several upgrades over the years.

A single-width channel is able to dewater all varieties of sludge, allowing a single press to be used anywhere, without any physical modification.

To ensure that our customers always get the parts they need quickly & affordably, Fournier Industries maintains a large inventory of spare parts.



Expandability

Another unique feature of the Rotary Press is the ability to order units that can be expanded at a future date. This allows customers to benefit from lower capital costs at time of purchase and expand according to need. Any combination of channels can be obtained, up to maximum of 8 channels per press.

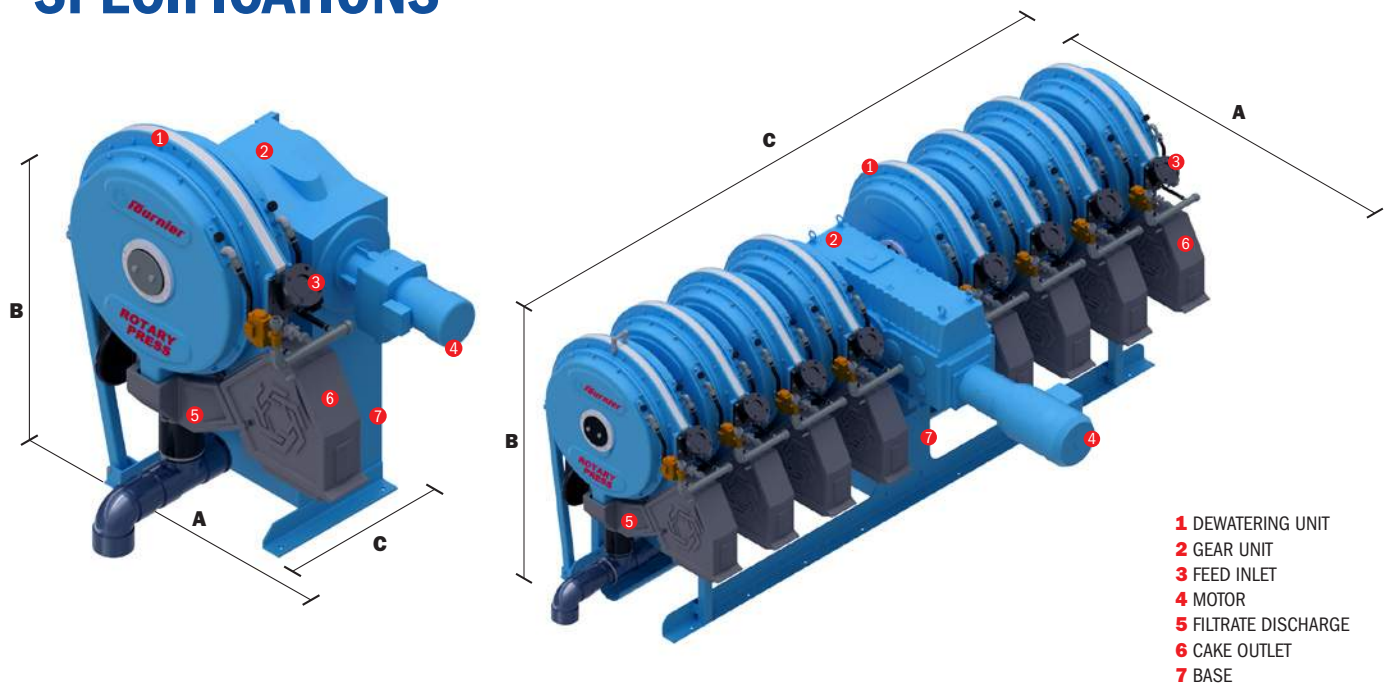


**TURNKEY SYSTEMS DELIVERED ON SKID, FOR SIMPLE,
FAST AND ECONOMIC INSTALLATION**





SPECIFICATIONS



- 1** DEWATERING UNIT
- 2** GEAR UNIT
- 3** FEED INLET
- 4** MOTOR
- 5** FILTRATE DISCHARGE
- 6** CAKE OUTLET
- 7** BASE

MODEL NO.	MODEL	DIMENSIONS In. (mm)			WEIGHT Lb (kg)	MOTOR HP (kW)
	CHANNEL	A	B	C		
1-900/1000CV	1	69 (1745)	72 (1830)	40 (1028)	3966 (1799)	1.5 (1.1)
2-900/2000CV	2	74 (1874)	72 (1830)	65 (1646)	6854 (3109)	3 (2.2)
3-900/3000CV	3	75 (1899)	72 (1830)	86 (2180)	8498 (3855)	5 (3.7)
4-900/4000CV	4	84 (2135)	75 (1915)	102 (2580)	10280 (4663)	5 (3.7)
5-900/5000CV	5	88 (2240)	75 (1915)	123 (3124)	12235 (5550)	7.5 (5.5)
6-900/6000CV	6	88 (2240)	75 (1915)	144 (3668)	13649 (6191)	7.5 (5.5)
7-900/7000CV	7	90 (2280)	79 (2007)	176 (4471)	17409 (7913)	10 (7.5)
8-900/8000CV	8	90 (2280)	79 (2007)	187 (4750)	18820 (8555)	10 (7.5)

*VARIES AS PER INSTALLATION LAYOUT



LABORATORY AND PILOT TESTING

In order to determine the size that meets your needs, we strongly recommend taking advantage of our **Free** laboratory tests.

These steps allow us to characterize sludge samples and to anticipate the performance of your Rotary Press, based on previous results in the same operation field.



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WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET!

Fournier Rotary Press performance testing can be demonstrated by means of our mobile units. Our use of a full-scale pilot unit defines the performance of the Rotary Press on your typical sludge. Using the information from the pilot gives us the exact performance data needed for any final installation design.



OVER 500 INSTALLATIONS WORLDWIDE



US Patent 7,166,229
ISO-9001:2015



Theftord Mines (Quebec) Canada
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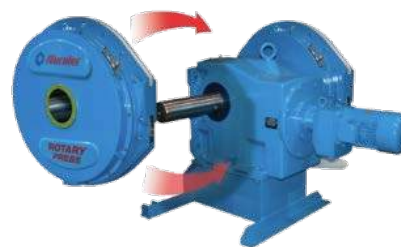
Subject: Dewatering Equipment – Firm Price Rev.1

Dear Mr. Cote,

Following the request from our local representative, Russell Resources, along with our site visit conducted at the end of September, we are pleased to submit our firm proposal for the supply of the following brand new equipment and service. Please kindly note that we are also proposing to replace the control panel in a separate quotation.

New Equipment:

- Two (2) Dewatering Channel, 36" Dia., New generation with fiber glass cover and full stainless-steel housing.
- One (1) flocculator
- Two (2) Two-way air-actuated valves for automatic sludge recirculation and dewatering
- Two (2) Wash wastewater valve pneumatically actuated.
- One (1) Air regulator
- Two (2) lots of manifold piping.
- Two (2) 3Ø feed valve.
- Two (2) Filtrate collector and cake chute, equipped with flush sensor.
- Two (2) lots of hardware, bolts, and supports needed for the installation of the channel.
- Transportation FOB Site.



Price for this option: US\$ 111,060.00

Service:

- On-site electrical and mechanical team, for equipment installation assistance and coordination, not to exceed 40 man-hours, five (5) days at site, including one (1) trip to the job site. **Price: US\$ 9, 870.00**

*If additional assistance or maintenance (electrical & mechanical) needs to be added, at the client's demand a US\$ 150.00 / hour will be charged, excluding equipment or pieces not listed above.

**Subject: Dewatering Equipment
Firm Proposal Rev.1 (Cont'd)**

GENERAL NOTES:

1. Our price does not include unloading and installation of the equipment on site.
2. Price is valid for a period of (60) days and for an equipment delivery on site no later than December 2024.
3. Price is FOB site Richmond, VT.
4. Terms of Payment:
 - 20% of the total price with the P.O.;
 - 70% of the total price: net 30 days upon delivery;
 - 10% of the total price: net 30 days upon commissioning.
5. Equipment delivery:
 - (9) to (12) weeks after P.O. reception.
6. Technical specifications
Any additional design requirements, technical specifications, end user standards and/or requested changes other than listed in the present proposal and acknowledged by Fournier Industries Inc. shall be technically examined and is subject to price revision.
7. Proposal version
A more recent version of this proposal renders this present proposal invalid.
8. Cake discharge chutes will be supplied as per the Fournier Industries standard. The horizontal conveyor has to be designed to fit the standard chutes. Attachment detail will be supplied with updated O&M manual.
9. Storage cost
10 weeks prior to the equipment delivery on site, the Buyer shall send a written request to Fournier Industries, who will endeavour to deliver the equipment as per the requested date. However, if the Buyer does not accept, for any reason, the equipment delivery as per the requested date, the Buyer will be charged a weekly storage cost for an amount equal to 0.25% of the value of the stored product. Fournier Industries shall provide the Buyer with 14 days written notice before the storing commencement.
10. Taxes
Note that all prices mentioned above do not include any state sales and use taxes that may be imposed on the goods and/or services provided under the present agreement.
The Buyer shall be solely responsible for any payment of state sales and use taxes which are imposed on the goods and/or services provided under this agreement to Fournier Industries Inc. or to the competent authorities, as the case may be, if the Buyer fails to provide a valid "exemption/resale" certificate to Fournier Industries Inc.

**Subject: Dewatering Equipment
Firm Proposal Rev.1 (Cont'd)**

Moreover, the Buyer shall inform Fournier Industries Inc. or any representative thereof if the Buyer believes that any "sales and use" taxes might apply to the supply of equipment and services provided for under this agreement. If the Buyer does not inform the corporation and responsibility occurs, then the parties agree that the Buyer will be entirely responsible for the payment of those "sales and use" taxes to Fournier Industries Inc. or to the competent authorities, as the case may be.

11. Interest and non-payment

The Buyer will make their payments to "Fournier Industries Inc." for the items specified herein in accordance with the terms of this agreement. In the event that the Buyer fails to make the payments as required, the unpaid balance shall bear interest at the rate of one-and-one-half percent (1.5%) per month until fully paid.

12. Limitation of liability

Fournier Industries Inc. shall not, in any event, be liable for:

- a. damages claimed by third parties; nor,
- b. indirect, special incidental, punitive or exemplary damages, or for any economic consequential damages, including loss of profits or revenue, or the inability to realize expected savings or interruption of operations; nor,
- c. damages related to losses (i) for the use of property, (ii) of financing opportunities, (iii) related to business opportunities, (iv) for damage to reputation, and/or (v) resulting from a decrease of productivity; nor,
- d. damages resulting from a modification to a product provided by Fournier Industries Inc. or resulting from improper use or lack of maintenance; nor,
- e. damages for an amount exceeding the lesser of (i) the amount paid to Fournier Industries Inc. for the supply of goods and/or services rendered pursuant to the agreement (the "Agreement") resulting from this bid; and (ii) 10% of the total contract price;

This limitation of liability clause applies regardless of the grounds of claims, including amongst others, breach of contract, tort or civil tort.

13. Applicable Laws

This agreement is governed by the laws of the Province of Quebec, to the exclusion of any other law or regulation, also excluding the application of any conflict of law rules and of any provisions of the "United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (Vienna, 1980) (CISG)". In addition, the parties voluntarily and intentionally agree to waive any right to a jury trial for a dispute arising from this Agreement or its implementations, its negotiation, verbal or written statements or from any action or behavior of a party.

14. Terms and Conditions of the order

Any current or future term or condition which would be contradictory or different from the ones provided for in this Agreement will be deemed unwritten and without legal effect, which also includes any term or condition being in your Purchase Order.

**Subject: Dewatering Equipment
Firm Proposal Rev.1 (Cont'd)**

15. Warranty

Fournier Industries Inc. offers a warranty that every product:

- conforms to its specifications; and
- is free from defects in material and workmanship.

The warranty period is fixed and precise, as it is for the shortest of the following described periods:

(i) 12 months from the installation date or (ii) 18 months from the delivery date. This warranty only applies if the product is used as prescribed. This warranty will be of no legal effect nor will it be binding if the products and services are subject to improper use or are damaged as a result of an accident, modified, operated in a context that is other than the prescribed context of use, improperly maintained or is damaged by a product for which Fournier Industries Inc. assumes no liability. This warranty replaces and excludes all other warranties and conditions, explicit and implicit, legal and contractual, including implied warranties or conditions.

Should you need any specific arrangement or more detailed drawings, we will be pleased to provide them upon request. Please feel free to come back to us for any additional information you may require.

Best regards,

FOURNIER INDUSTRIES INC.



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Zaineb Haouas
Technician, Estimator
Dewatering Equipment

Encl.: Channel Drawing

C.c.: Paul Russell, Russell Resources Inc.
Scott McKay, Fournier Industries Inc.
Francis Caouette, Fournier Industries Inc.,
Mathieu Ouellette, Fournier Industries Inc.



Theftord Mines (Quebec) Canada
October 24, 2023



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Subject: Control Panel & Instrumentation – Firm Proposal Rev. 1

Dear Mr. Cote,

Following the request from our local representative, Russell Resources, along with our site visit conducted at the end of September, we are pleased to submit our firm proposal of a new control panel & instruments. The following equipment and service are suggested:

Item 1 – Rotary Press, Control Panel & Instruments

- One (1) Control Panel, Nema 12, including:
 - One (1) Enclosure, Hoffman, 60"X36"X12", Nema 12
 - One (1) Air conditioning, Hoffman, Nema 12,
 - One (1) PLC, Allen-Bradley CompactLogix, or equivalent Siemens
 - One (1) HMI, Allen-Bradley, PanelView, 9" (225 mm) or equivalent Siemens
 - One (1) VFD, Allen-Bradley PowerFlex 525, or equivalent Siemens, for Rotary Press
 - One (1) VFD, Allen-Bradley PowerFlex 525, or equivalent Siemens, for flocculator
 - One (1) Conveyors ctrl, Allen-Bradley contactors or equivalent Siemens
 - One (1) Safety relay, Phoenix Contact
 - One (1) Power Supply, Phoenix Contact, 120vac – 24vdc
 - One (1) Enet switch managed, Phoenix Contact
 - One (1) I/P, Festo, 4-20mA to 0-87 PSI
 - One (1) Air filter, Festo
 - One (1) Air valve controller, Festo

- One (1) Lot of instruments, including:
 - One (1) Sludge Flow Transmitter, Endress & Hauser, 0-200 GPM, 3"
 - One (1) Polymer Flow Transmitter, Endress & Hauser, 0-18 GPM, 1"
 - One (1) Pressure Transmitter, Endress & Hauser, 0-30 PSI, 1/2"

**Subject: Ctrl Panel & Instrumentation
Firm Proposal Rev. 1 (Cont'd)**

9. Storage cost

10 weeks prior to the equipment delivery on site, the Buyer shall send a written request to Fournier Industries, who will endeavour to deliver the equipment as per the requested date. However, if the Buyer does not accept, for any reason, the equipment delivery as per the requested date, the Buyer will be charged a weekly storage cost for an amount equal to 0.25% of the value of the stored product. Fournier Industries shall provide the Buyer with 14 days written notice before the storing commencement.

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**Subject: Ctrl Panel & Instrumentation
Firm Proposal Rev. 1 (Cont'd)**

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Please do not hesitate to contact us for any additional information you may require. Hoping that everything is to your entire satisfaction, please accept our best regards.

FOURNIER INDUSTRIES INC.



Vincent Gilbert
Automation Technician & Estimator
Dewatering Equipment

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