#### Vertical Shaft Brick Kiln VSBK

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# CONSTRUCTION SECTOR IS THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS IN INDIA



#### **Brick Production**

- ~300,000 kilns worldwide
- Brick production is highly concentrated in four counties (~75% global production):
  - China 54% ~700-800 billion/year
  - India 11% ~140 billion/year
  - Pakistan 8% ~100 billion/year
  - Bangladesh 4% ~ 50 billion/year

## Energy Consumption in Brick Production

Clamps = 4.5 to 8.0 MJ/

**Brick** 

Movable Chimney = 4.2 MJ / Brick

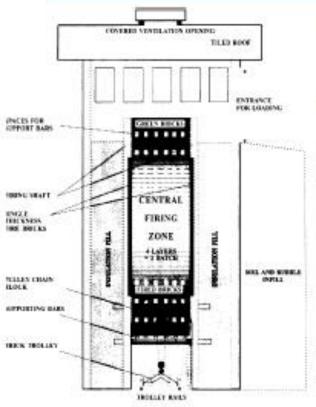
(BTK)

VSBK = 1.80 MJ/ Brick





#### Vertical Shaft Brick Kiln (VSBK)

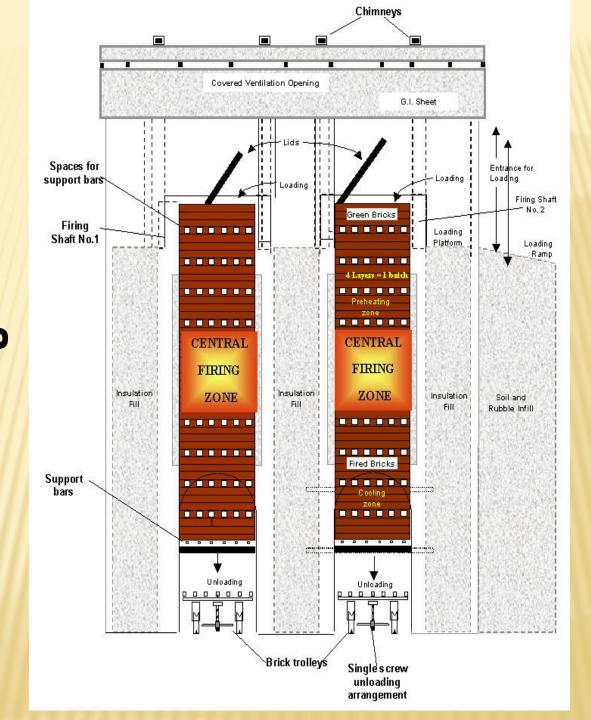


Schematic of single shaft VSBK & a four-shaft VSBK in Kathmandu

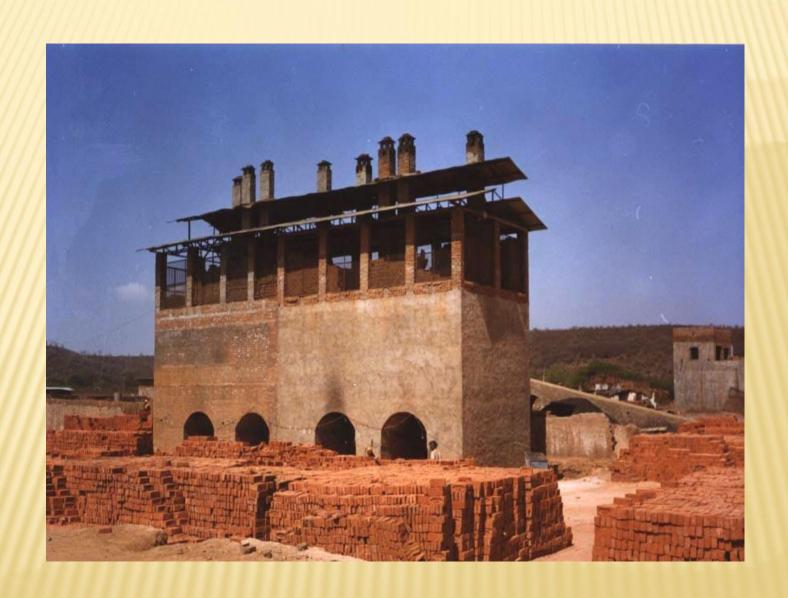
- Loaded at top, bricks removed from bottom
- High efficiency, low emissions
- Kiln of choice for aid agencies
  - India, Nepal, Pakistan, Vietnam



# Schematic Diagram of VSBK







#### WOOD FIRED VSBK ECUADOR



Vertical Shaft Brick Kiln fired with wood or other biomass (EcoSur kiln)

#### **EMISSION DATA**

### Colombia emission norm for new plants microgram/m3

PM	S02	NOX
50	500	500
VSBK reported (Nepal)		
325	36	nr

#### FUTURE OF WOOD FIRED VSBK

- NEED FOR FURTHER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
- R&D in the area of local brick production is still in a very early stage. Having achieved good results with the Latin American version of the VSBK is a good start.
- Need for better documentation, energy efficiency and emissions

#### COMMENTS

- VSBK is energy efficient
- VSBK can not produce thin wall products such as hollow brick and tiles
- The continuous operation requires managerial skills and good organisation
- Investment may be behind the possibilities off small enterprises

Thanks