The Situation
Thai Biogas Energy Company (TBEC), which is managed by Asia Biogas Group, owns and operates seven biogas projects in Thailand & Laos. TBEC has been creating biogas from fermentation of wastewater from Tha Chang Rubber and palm oil factory located in Surat Thani Thailand. The fermentation units were able to handle 1500 m³/day of wastewater to produce 67,000 KW of electricity for PEA (Provincial Electricity Authority).

The challenges of lubricating engines fueled by digester gas or biogas are the variation in the gas quality and the presence of corrosive substances in the fuel. TBEC was operating their engines at about 500hrs drain interval and have difficulty extending the drain intervals due to the gas quality.

The solution
From 2016, HDAX® 6500 LFG was introduced to TBEC on 2 units Innio Jenbach Type 420 engines, having the capacity of 1.4 MW. TBEC operations required a product with better qualities such as robust technology to handle severe operation, enhance oil integrity for longer oil drain intervals, and reduce emissions to protect the environment.

HDAX® 6500 LFG met TBEC requirement, the product is capable of delivering excellent acid control, wear protection, and deposit control in the fluctuating corrosive biogas quality condition. The robust and reliable performance of HDAX® 6500 LFG had convinced TBEC to switch all their Innio Jenbach Type 420 engines to be lubricated with HDAX® 6500 LFG.

## The Results
During the past 5 years, the stability and reliable performance of HDAX® 6500 LFG, TBEC was able increase the capacity of their gas treatment system producing higher power output to support local needs.

Watchara Jewmaidang, Head of Maintainance, Thai Biogas Energy, “Since using HDAX® 6500 LFG, our engines efficiency has improved, no deposits on spark plug, piston, and our lubricant’s service life had doubled.”

Each year, TBEC was able to reduce 80,000 tons of carbon dioxide emitted to the atmosphere. It is an approximate of carbon dioxide emissions from 12,656 homes’ electricity use for one year or 9.2 billion number of smartphones charged. The reliable operation with optimal uptime assurance of the engines using HDAX® 6500 LFG enhanced TBEC to achieve circular economy and sustainable development goals in their quest to protect the environment.

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