

DETAILED PROJECT PROPOSAL

CO₂ Utilization via Hybrid Algae Photobioreactor

Integrated with BioCNG Plant



1. Executive Summary

This project proposes the installation of a **Hybrid Algae Photobioreactor (PBR)** system to utilize **CO₂ generated from a BioCNG plant (4,000 Nm³/day biogas)** and convert it into **high-value algae biomass**.

- **CO₂ available:** 2.7 TPD
 - **Algae production:** 1.5 TPD (dry)
 - **Selling price:** ₹80/kg
 - **CAPEX:** ₹14 Crores (*excluding civil, land, CO₂ capture*) *Taxes extra*
 - **OPEX:** ₹1 Crore/year
- 👉 The project converts **waste CO₂ into ₹4.38 Cr annual revenue**, delivering **25% ROI**.

2. Project Objectives

- Capture andutilize CO₂ emissions from Bio CNG plant
- Produce high-value algae biomass
- Improve overall project IRR and sustainability
- Enable carbon-negative operations
- Create scalable module for multipleplants

3. Technical Configuration

3.1 Input Streams

Parameter	Value
Raw Biogas	4,000 Nm ³ /day
CO ₂ Content	35%
CO ₂ Available	2.7 TPD

3.2 Output

Parameter	Value
Dry Algae	1.5 TPD
Annual Production	547.5 TPA

3.3 Utilities

<i>Utility</i>	<i>Requirement</i>
Power	1,300 kWh/day
Water	1,000 KLD (initial, recycled thereafter)
Land	1 acre

4. Process Description

Step-wise Process Flow

1. CO₂ Capture & Conditioning (Client scope)

- CO₂ separated from biogas upgrading system
- Moisture removal and pressure stabilization

2. Hybrid Cultivation System

- ***Closed Photobioreactor(PBR)***
 - High efficiency, contamination control
- ***Open RacewayPond***
 - Cost-effective scale-up

3. Algae Growth

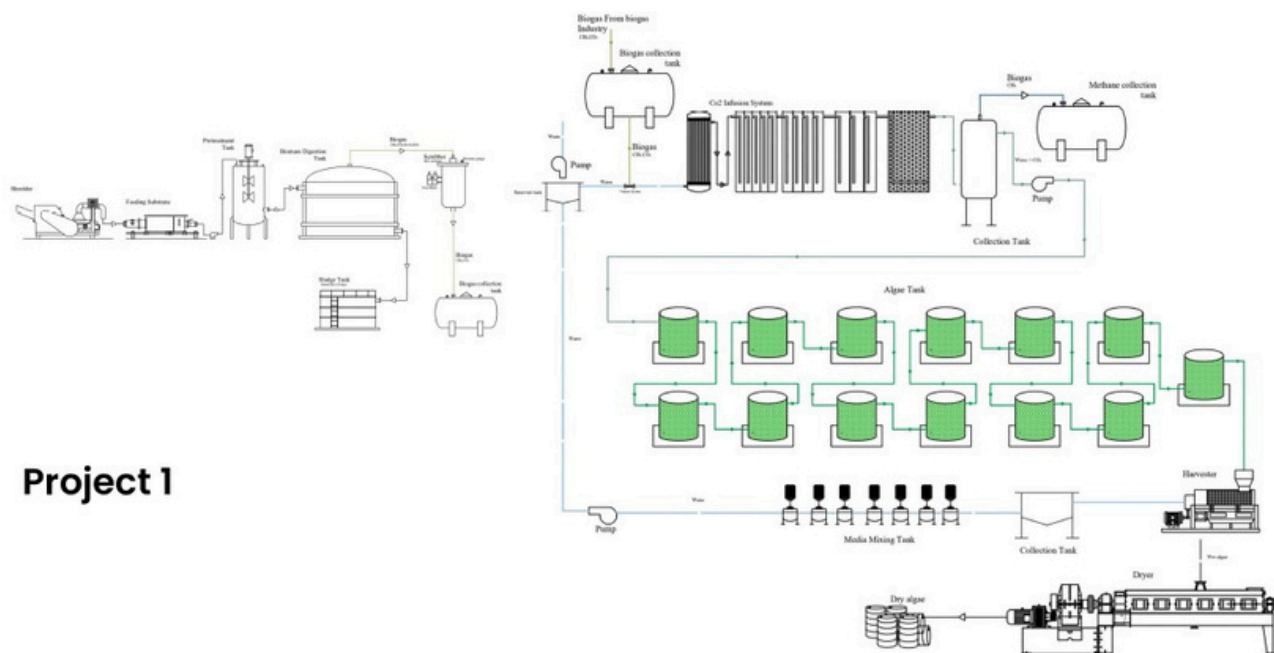
- Inputs:
 - CO₂
 - Sunlight
 - Nutrients (can use digestate)

4. Harvesting

- Flocculation / membrane / centrifuge

5. Dewatering & Drying

- Slurry → cake → dry powder



5. Mass Balance

Parameter	Value
CO ₂ Input	2.7 TPD
Conversion Efficiency	55–65%
Algae Output	1.5 TPD
CO ₂ Fixation Rate	~1.8 kg CO ₂ /kg algae

5.1 Operating Cost

Component	Cost (₹ Cr/year)
Power	0.40
Labor & Maintenance	0.25
Nutrients	0.20
Miscellaneous	0.15
Total OPEX	1.00

5.2 ROI & IRR

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Value</i>
CAPEX	₹14 Cr
Payback Period	~4years 3 months
ROI	~25%

6. Strategic Benefits

1. Carbon Capture & ESG Compliance

- ~1,000 TPA CO₂ mitigation
- Eligible for *carbon credits*

2. High-Value Product

- ₹80/kg pricing enables strong margins
- Potential markets:
 - Animal feed
 - Aquaculture
 - Biofertilizer
 - Protein applications

3. Circular Economy Integration

- CO₂ → algae
- Digestate → nutrients
- Algae → fuel/feed/fertilizer

 Fully aligned with your *M2R framework*

4. Revenue Diversification

- Adds *non-energy income stream*
- Reduces dependency on gas pricing



5. Scalability

- Modular expansion
- Replicable across:
 - BioCNG plants
 - Industrial CO₂ sources

7. CAPEX Scope

Included (₹14 Cr)

- Photobioreactor system
- Pumps, piping, instrumentation
- Harvesting & dewatering system
- Drying system
- Electrical & automation

Excluded

- Land cost
- Civil works
- CO₂ separation & compression
- Incoming power infrastructure

8. Implementation Timeline

<i>Phase</i>	<i>Duration</i>
Engineering	2 months
Procurement	2 months
Installation	3 months
Commissioning	1 month



Total: ~8 months

9. Conclusion

This project is a *high-impact, high-return module* that:

- Converts CO₂ into revenue
- Enhances BioCNG project IRR significantly
- Aligns with global sustainability goals
- Provides scalable, replicable business model



Strategic Positioning

“CO₂ to Value Platform for Waste-to-Energy Ecosystems”

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