Blue Team Product Contract

Product Description: Human-powered device for creating charcoal briquettes

Intended Customer: People in Haiti who have access to bagasse

Market: Charcoal Production

Customer Need: Machine	Product Attributes	Engineering Specifications
Affordable for customer of	Low cost	Total cost of materials and assembly is less
poverty-level		than US\$100 for 5 families. (Pays for itself
		within a year).
Can withstand normal wear	Made of strong,	Metal must be at least 0.5mm thick. Design
and tear. Should operate	weather-resistant	factor of 5.
without need of substantial	materials. Sturdy	
repairs for 5 years.	construction	
Easy to operate.	All parts have	Required torque should be no more than 5
	obvious usage.	N-m. Clear loading and output locations.
	Easy to understand	Handle is comfortable. Hopper height
	functionality.	should not exceed 0.75 m.
	Able to be	5-95% human factors
	operated	
	comfortably.	
Robust enough to	Can process	Works with up to 5% impurities (unburnt
withstand a range of	bagasse of varying	sugarcane, unmixed material, uncrushed
material inputs	consistencies	bagasse)
Low maintenance	Easy to	Complete disassembly/assembly takes 30
	disassemble, clean,	minutes with common tools. Cleans with
	reassemble	water and a damp rag
Safe operating machine.	Has a stable base.	Screw enclosed by housing, exposed only in
	Will not cut user.	hopper. Handle is the only exterior moving
	Machine operates	part. No sharp edges or burrs. Screw speed
	only when user	does not exceed hand rotation speed.
	turns the handle.	
Repairable by local	Uses materials and	Materials include rebar, steel oil drums,
metalworkers in Haiti.	methods that are	steel rods and pipe, corrugated sheet metal,
	readily available to	concrete, axles, exhaust pipe, scrap metal
	user.	and plastic. Methods include blacksmithing
		and electric and gas welding.

Customer Need: Briquette	Product Attributes	Engineering Specifications
Burn characteristics should	Produce at least	Easily lit with 5 mL of kerosene or diesel
meet or exceed current	the same amount	fuel. Provides enough heat to boil water for
wood charcoal briquettes.	of heat as similarly	80 minutes. Cylinder disk shaped with bias
	sized wood	cut ends
	briquette	
Briquettes that can be used	Fits within a	Stove is hemisphere with diameter ≈ 0.3 m.
in all applications where	typical Haitian	
existing charcoal is used.	cooking stove.	
Burns at least as cleanly as	Produce no more	Fire should be smokeless within five
wood charcoal.	smoke than wood	minutes of igniting.
	charcoal. No toxic	Made from Cassava root, Bagasse, and
	materials used.	water (all organic materials).
Strong enough to withstand	Smooth surface	Should maintain shape and performance
environmental and	and shape and high	when submersed in water, packed into an
transportation conditions.	density	18" diameter by 48" tall bag, subjected to
		torrential rain, and exposed to a week of
		direct sunlight.
Easily transported to and	Lightweight with	Briquettes sized from 1" by 2" to 2" by 4"
from the market.	small size	
Consistent output size.	All briquettes	Critical dimensions (length, diameter, hole
	undergo same	size) should be within 10% tolerance.
	forming process.	