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Foreword

I received with great pride and a deep feeling of purpose the invitation to introduce the book *Energy Efficiency on Oil Production.* Written by Marcus Vinicius da Silva Neves and Antonio Felipe Flutt, this book represents a source of firm knowledge in a world that is juggling the demands of both deep decarbonization and a fair energy transition.

Fundamentally, *Energy Efficiency on Oil Production* is an heir to the writers' unwavering commitment, in-depth training, and wealth of expertise. With an illustrious academic and professional journey, mechanical engineers Flutt and Neves amass invaluable contributions to PETROBRAS and academia, along with their backgrounds in thermodynamics and mechanical engineering, that provide the book a rare and priceless practical and theoretical richness.

The relevance of this work cannot be diminished, especially in light of the present energy revolution. With the globe looking for sustainable solutions to move toward a low-carbon future, the knowledge offered in this book is essential. It places energy efficiency in oil production in a larger context of environmental stewardship and sustainable development in addition to addressing its technical components.

With real-world examples, the book provides a solid foundation for solving practical oil production issues. It closes the knowledge gap between theory and practice by outlining a number of best practices that are crucial for the operation of oil-producing units and by presenting contemporary techniques for energy efficiency analysis.

Having my fair share of experience in the O&G sector, I anticipate this book becoming a cornerstone for professionals, analysts, students, and designers who are interested in energy efficiency because of its educational approach. An introduction to thermodynamics and energy efficiency is presented at the outset, providing a strong basis for comprehension of the ideas that follow. Notable research has been done on the exergy concept, energy return on investment (EROI), and how these factors affect how competitive the oil producing industry is. The importance of energy efficiency in raising the productivity and profitability of oil-producing facilities is highlighted in these sections.

This book stands out because of its focus on using energy efficiency analysis in the oil business. It provides readers with an extensive list of best practices, real-world examples, and up-to-date analytical techniques, going beyond academic discourse. This practical method is intended to enable experts in oil-producing facilities to optimize energy usage, making it an invaluable resource in the current energy industry.

To sum up, "Energy Efficiency on Oil Production" is a noteworthy contribution to academics and industry. It displays the writers' extensive expertise and dedication to the fields of oil production and energy efficiency. This book provides direction, inspiration, and workable answers as we endeavor to achieve a sustainable future while navigating the challenges of the energy transition. It represents a seminal undertaking that will hopefully influence how the oil sector approaches energy efficiency in the future.

I hope the reader will, through this work, see another evidence of the still long-lasting relevance of the Oil and Gas sector. Albeit challenged by the requirements of decarbonization, there still room for astonishment, by admirable feats of wisdom and acumen like the work of Flutt and Neves.

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And lastly, to the community of experts and engineers working in the energy industry. We are continually inspired by your commitment to sustainable methods and to developing the discipline, which has greatly influenced the content of this book.

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