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#### 1.1 SUMMARY

This Diploma Project was produced to design a Solar Hot Water System for a Multi-Storey Building.

To reach this purpose and expedite it successfully, we have to go through the following steps:

- 1. The requirements of the building in hot water.
- 2. Describe the methods and techniques currently used in order to collect and store solar energy for water heating. To give also a detail description of all the parameters affecting the solar systems. Finally, the best method must be chosen.
- 3. Design the appropriate solar system to satisfy the building requirements in hot water.
- 4. Use the f-chart method in order to find the optimum solar collector area. (Various graphs were plotted to show the variation of the savings & costs.All the data was produced from the f-chart method, selection of panels, storage tank, and auxiliary power, as well as a selection of controls, thermostat and other accessories).
- Pipe sizing of the various systems in the design, such as collection and distribution systems.
- Prepare drawings such as plan views and diagrammatic layouts showing clearly the system layout and components.
- Estimate the cost of the various parts of the system which will finally results to the total cost.

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