

# Biomass Torrefaction

**Technology Status and Commercialisation,  
Applications for Torrefied Biomass and its Role in  
Logistics and Trade**

**Webinar, 27 Oct 2016**



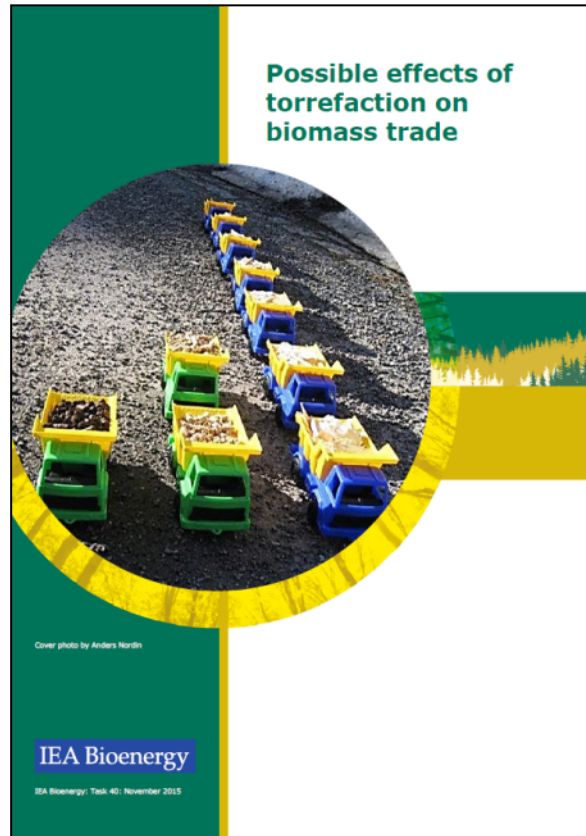
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# Webinar based on two recent reports by tasks 32 and 40



# Presenters today

10 min	Introduction to torrefaction, <b>Jaap Koppejan</b> , Managing Director, Procede Biomass BV and Task leader IEA Bioenergy Task 32 (Biomass Combustion and Cofiring)
15 min	Status of commercialisation, <b>Marcel Cremers</b> , Senior Consultant, DNV-GL
15 min	Possible implications on bioenergy trade, <b>Michael Wild</b> , President, International Biomass Torrefaction Council
20 min	Q&A, <b>Martin Junginger</b> , Professor Biobased Economy, Utrecht University and Task leader, IEA Bioenergy Task 40 (Biomass Trade)

# Torrefaction is like roasting coffee beans....

- Heating biomass to 250-300 °C in absence of oxygen
- Drying + removal of part of the volatiles

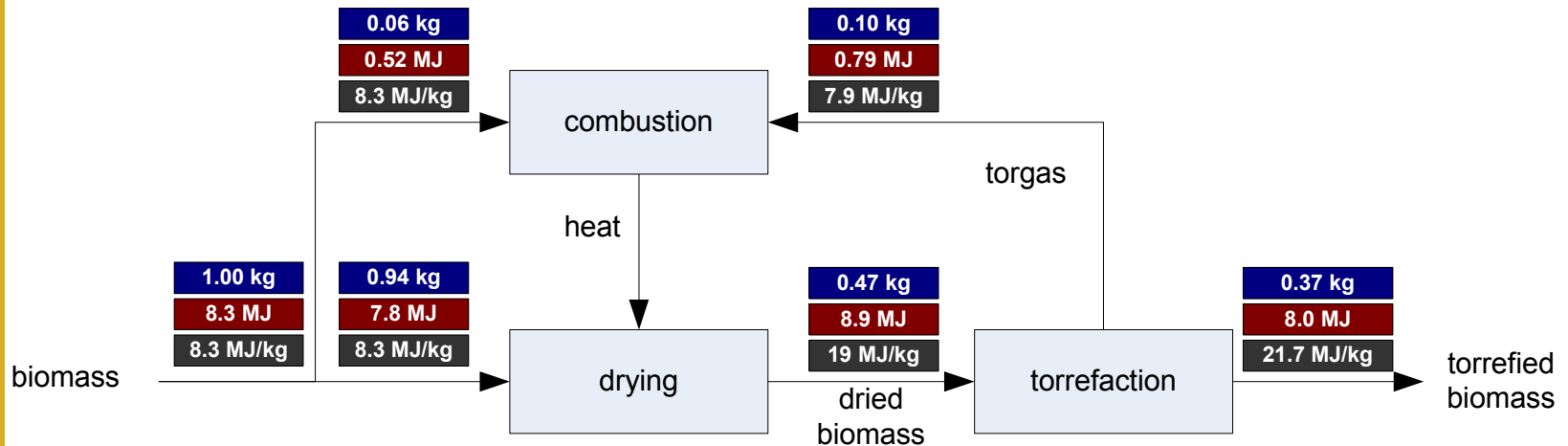




# Claims made for Torrefaction

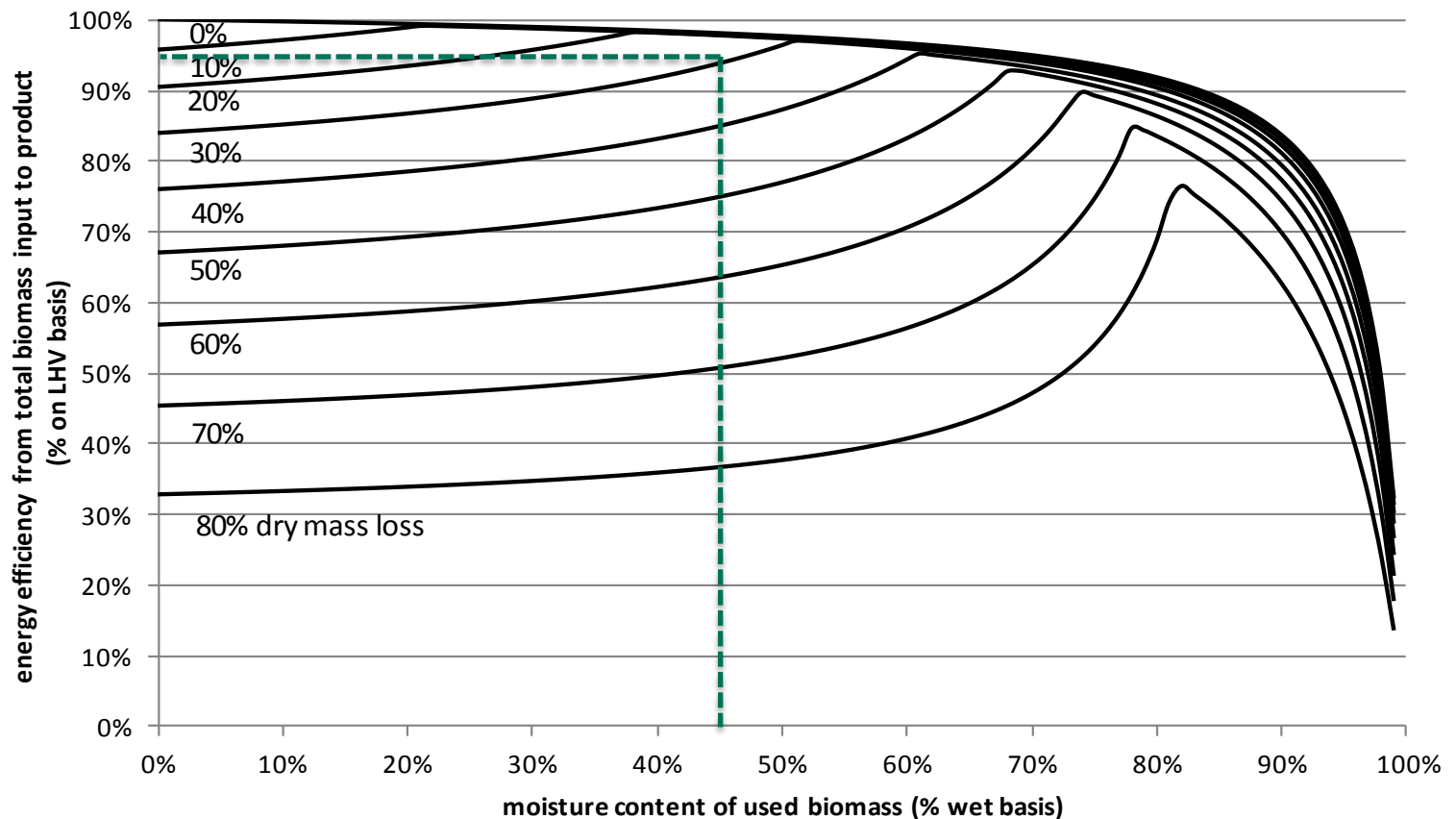
1. Volumetric energy densification brings significant cost reductions in transport and handling
2. Broader feedstock basis - geographically + types of raw material
3. Limited or no biodegradation of product when stored
4. Large variety of applications
5. Reduces CAPEX&OPEX at end user – Immediate use in existing coal fired plants –grindability, (water resistance?)....
6. Combustion and gasification behaviour more compatible to coal than raw biomass, high cofiring shares possible
7. Can be made to measure to clients requirements
8. Helps developing the market towards commoditisation

# Heat energy balance (LHV basis)



Assumptions: fresh clean wood (0,5% ash content, 50% moisture content ) as raw material and a dryer requiring 2.9 MJ per kg of water evaporated

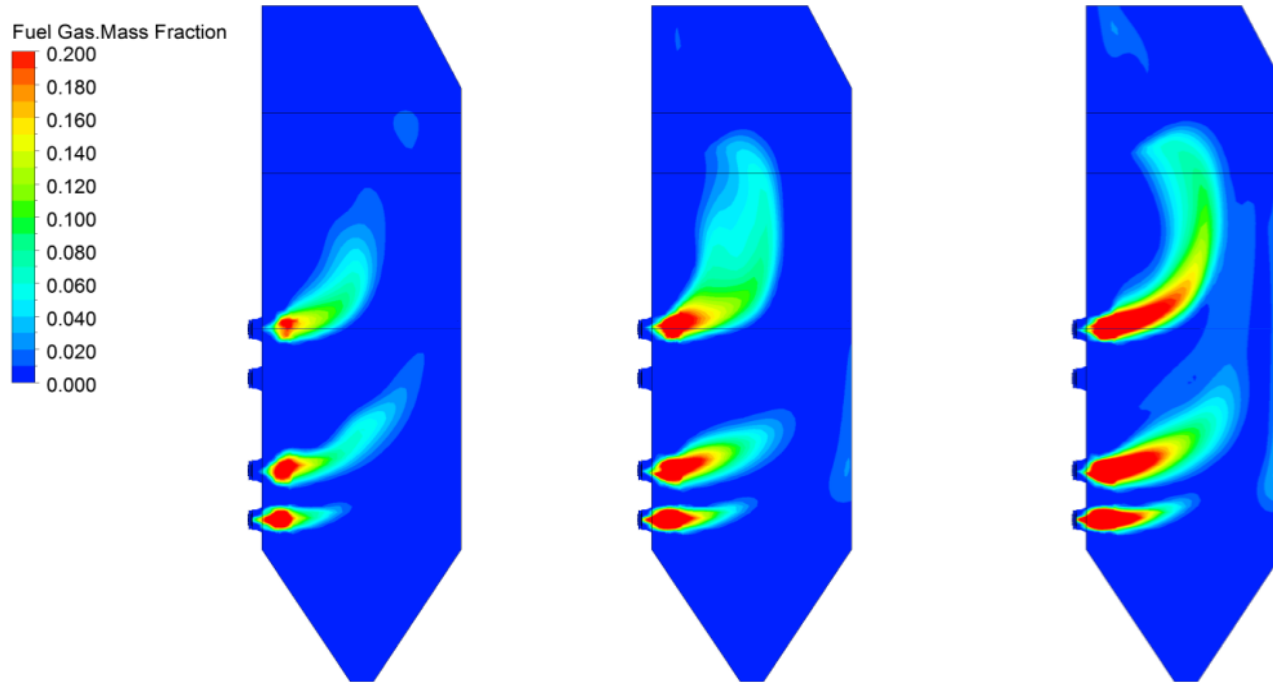
# Thermal energy efficiency can easily be over 90% for 30% dry mass loss



# Technical challenges remaining

- /// Water resistance not as good as wanted
- /// Pelletisation is difficult for material with high torrefaction degree, both high durability and good grindability is difficult to achieve
- /// Several process owners are unable to produce adequate product at constant quality
- /// Torrefied wood pellets can generate larger amounts of explosive fine dust than wood dust
- /// Ash content increases and alkali concentration can go above technical limits for boilers (but Cl may selectively go down)

# Flame shape in a PC boiler



100% coal    50% coal/50% TWP    100% TWP

Source: Koppejan et.al., Extrapolation of co-firing results to large scale boilers using CFD calculations, SECTOR D7.8, 2014

# Status of commercialisation

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# Current situation – available production capacity

Available installed capacity 100-250 ktons/y (facilities > 5 ktons/y)

Typical demonstration scale facility is 3-5 t/h (25-40 ktons/year)

Most built in 2010-2014

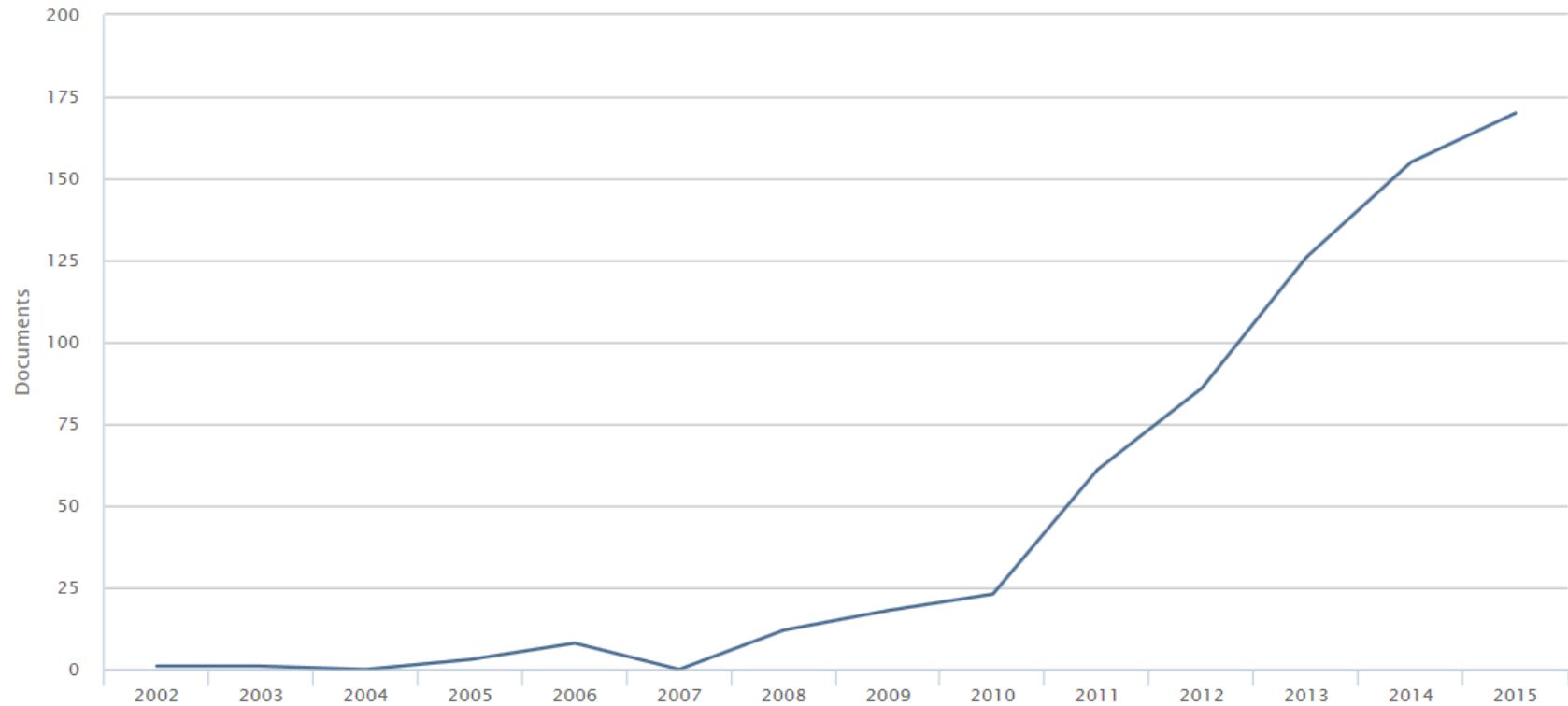
Few plants currently operational due to market conditions

Interviews (2014): Progress rating 5.7 out of 10

# Status of torrefaction initiatives as of early 2015

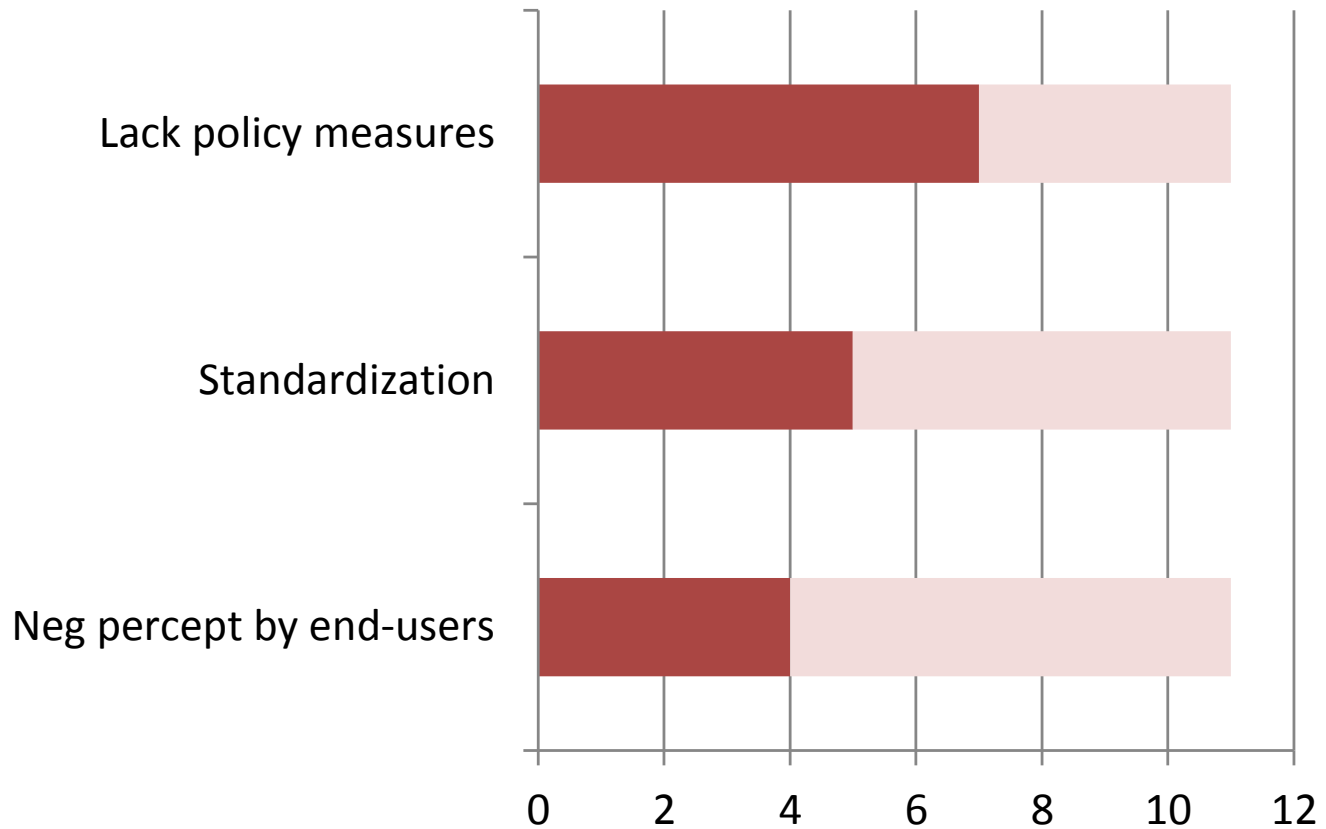
Developer	Technology	Location(s)	Production capacity (ton/a)	Scale and status Pilot scale: 0.05- 0.55 tph Demo scale: 0.5- 2 tph Commercial scale: > 2tph	Full integration (pre-treatment, torrefaction, combustion, heat cycle, densification)	Status
Clean Electricity Generation (UK)	Oscillating bed	Derby (UK)	30,000	Commercial scale	Yes	Available/operational
Horizon Bioenergy (NL)	Oscillating belt conveyor	Steenwijk (NL)	45,000	Commercial scale	Yes	Dismantled
Solvay (FR) / New Biomass Energy (USA)	Screw reactor	Quitman (USA/MS)	80,000	Commercial scale	Yes	Available/operational
Topell Energy (NL)	Fluidised bed	Duiven (NL)	60,000	Commercial scale	Yes	Mothballed
Torr-Coal B.V. (NL)	Rotary drum	Dilsen-Stokkem (BE)	30,000	Commercial scale	Yes	Available/operational
Airex (CAN/QC)	Cyclonic bed	Bécancour (CAN/QC)	16,000	Demonstration scale		Available/operational
Agri-Tech Producers LLC (USA/SC)	Screw reactor	Allendale (USA/SC)	13,000	Demonstration scale	Yes	Scheduled to be built
Andritz (AT)	Rotary drum	Frohnleiten (AT)	10,000	Demonstration scale	Yes	Out-of-service
Andritz (DK) / ECN (NL)	Moving bed	Stenderup (DK)	10,000	Demonstration scale		Unknown
BioEndev (SWE)	Dedicated screw reactor	Holmsund, Umea (SWE)	16,000	Demonstration scale	Yes	Available (2015)
CMI NESA (BE)	Multiple hearth	Seraing (BE)	Undefined	Demonstration scale		Unknown
Earth Care Products (USA)	Rotary drum	Independence (USA/KS)	20,000	Demonstration scale		Available/operational
Grupo Lantec (SP)	Moving bed	Urnieta (SP)	20,000	Demonstration scale		Unknown
Integro Earth Fuels, LLC (USA)	Multiple hearth	Greenville (USA/SC)	11,000	Demonstration scale		Unknown
LMK Energy (FR)	Moving bed	Mazingarbe (FR)	20,000	Demonstration scale		Unknown
River Basin Energy (USA)	Undefined	Laramie (USA/WY)	Undefined	Demonstration scale		Available/operational
Teal Sales Inc (USA)	Rotary drum	White Castle (USA/LA)	15,000	Demonstration scale		Available/operational
Torrec (FI)	Moving bed	Mikkeli (FI)	10,000	Demonstration scale		Available/operational
Agri-Tech Producers LLC (US/SC)	Screw reactor	Raleigh (USA/NC)	Undefined	Pilot stage		Available/operational
Airex (CAN/QC)	Cyclonic bed	Rouyn-Noranda (CAN/QC)	Undefined	Pilot stage		Available/operational
Airex (CAN/QC)	Cyclonic bed	Trois-Rivières (CAN/QC)	Undefined	Pilot stage		Available/operational
Arigna Fuels (IR)	Screw reactor	County Roscommon (IR)	Undefined	Pilot stage		Available/operational
CENER (SP)	Rotary drum	Aoiz (SP)	Undefined	Pilot scale		Available/operational
Terra Green Energy (USA)	Multiple hearth	McKean County (USA/PA)	Undefined	Pilot scale		Available/operational
Wyssmont (USA)	Multiple hearth	Fort Lee (USA/NJ)	Undefined	Pilot scale		Unknown
CEA (FR)	Multiple hearth	Paris (FR)	Undefined	Laboratory scale		Available/operational
Rotawave, Ltd. (UK)	Microwave	Chester (UK)	Undefined	Laboratory scale		Unknown
Bio Energy Development & Production (CAN)	Fluidised bed	Nova Scotia (CAN/NS)	Undefined	Unknown		Unknown

# Current situation - research



# Restrictions

Top-3 restrictions (nr of responds, **yes**, no)



# Policy measures

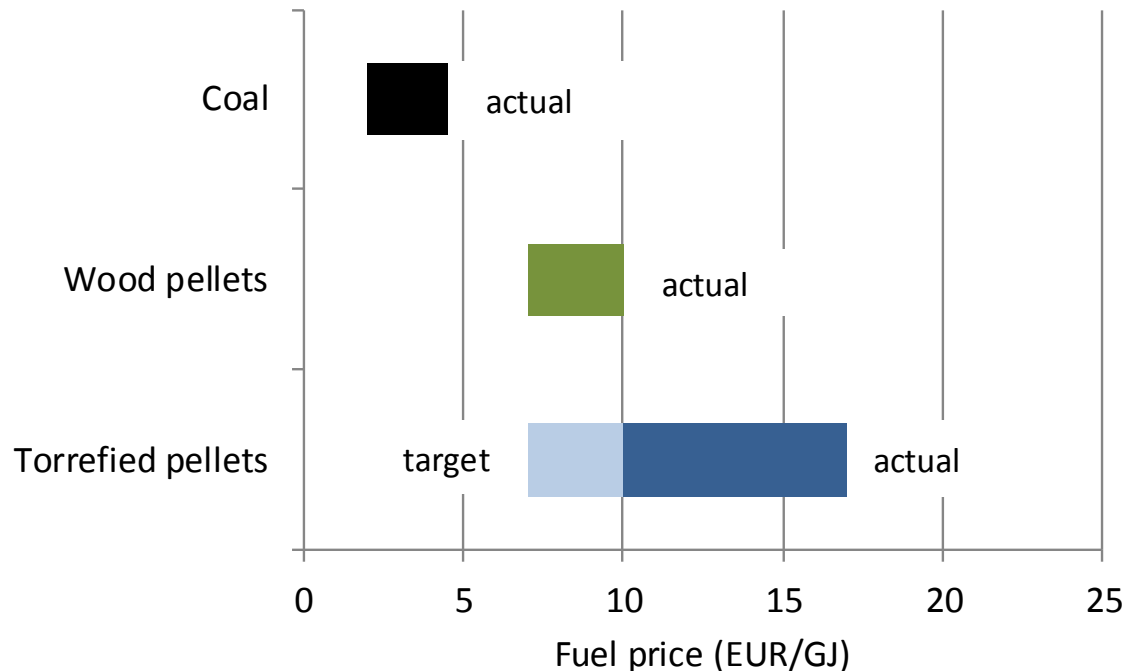
## Primary instruments

- Innovation subsidy
- Renewable energy subsidy

## Cost recovery gap

- Price parity with coal (fuel, CO<sub>2</sub>)
- Competition with wood pellets

Fuel price affects marginal costs significantly



# Standardization

- Necessity for trading
- Quality specification
- REACH
- MSDS
- Sustainability (GHG)

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**ISO/DIS 17225-8**

ISO/TC 238                      Secretariat: SIS  
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**Solid biofuels — Fuel specifications and classes —**  
**Part 8:**  
**Graded thermally treated and densified biomass fuels**

*Biocombustibles solides — Classes et spécifications des combustibles*

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# Negative perception by end-users

2003-2007

2008-2012

2012-2015



Co-firing  
commercial  
Lab scale (ECN)  
Promising results

New initiatives  
Demo-scale  
Huge claims  
Financial crisis  
Focus on  
torrefaction  
Process control

IBTC  
Product quality  
Availability  
Off-take contracts  
Wood pellet market

chicken and egg

# Enablers

Top-3 enablers (nr of responds, **yes**, **no**)



# Production scale up

## Demand

600 MWe coal plant  
10% co-firing  
6000 eoh

150 ktons/y  
torrefied pellets



## Production

Demo plant  
25-40 ktons/y  
Partly utilized

Global production  
capacity  
< 150 ktons/y

Wood pellets  
50-200 ktons/y  
per facility

Picture of balance: openclipart, designer Enhy

# Win end-users confidence

- Identify (niche) markets: developing the chain
- Realistic promises
- Quality assurance
- Health and safety (pros and cons)
- Tradability & standardization

# Bring down price

Price comparable with wood pellets, what should be feasible?

Commercial (target) price in USD/GJ

	Wood pellets	Torrefied pellets	Savings
Cost of biomass	4,28	4,28	0,00
Cost of electricity	0,60	0,74	0,14
Cost of labor	0,47	0,47	0,00
Financial costs	1,01	1,49	0,48
Other costs	0,40	0,43	0,03
Cost price at production site	6,76	7,41	0,65
Inland logistics from the plant to the port	1,12	0,57	-0,55
Deep sea shipment	2,04	1,28	-0,76
Cost price delivery harbor	9,92	9,26	-0,66

Reference: IEA Bioenergy task 32 status report (2012)

# Breaking chicken-egg problem

- Specific offset markets (e.g. energy, (steel)industry, bio-economy)
- Develop the chain
- Alternative feedstock types



Figure: The Torr-Coal plant in Dilsen-Stokkem (Belgium). Courtesy Torr-Coal

## Example (in development):

Arsari bio-based economy project REBUILD  
Kalimantan, Indonesia

JV of

- Arsari Enviro Industri, and
  - A.Hak Renewable Energy
- Torrefaction technology supplier
- Torr-Coal International

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srqq6ox2wkw>



# Implications on international trade

**Michael Wild**

**President, International Biomass Torrefaction Council**

# Products available today



Source: Andritz AG

# Torrefaction Implementation Indicator

Torgas Handling		done
Torgas Utilisation		done
Continuous torrefaction		done
Predictability and consistency of product		for many feedstocks
Densification		done
Feedstock flexibility		in optimisation
Safety in plant		mostly done
Indoor storage		done
Outdoor storage		done
Standardisation of product		in optimisation
Safety along supply chain		ISO in progress
Trade Registrations and Permissions		in optimisation
Co-firing trials		active in progress
Co-firing burn tests		done
Co-firing full scale		in progress
Heat application trials		In progress
Heat application acceptance		in progress
		open

# Conditions for trade

- **Will character of torrefied fuel permit using existing logistical infrastructure?**
- **Is there proof of non hazardousness or are special safety measures to be advised?**
- **How about standardization and trading documents?**
- **Is there demand?**
  - **Where is torrefied biomass a proven fuel**
  - **Where are reasonable potentials seen**

# Water uptake

ACB - Weather test prelim. results briquettes

Method:

Briquettes (D=70mm, spruce, production 10.04)

filled in a box of 1,4 m height and been stored outside

After 43 days of storage box has been dismantled and briquette quality evaluated

21 rainfalls have been documented during storage time, 3 rainfalls with  $> 20 \text{ mm/m}^2$



Sample 1

Sample 2



Sample	Diameter [mm]	TG [%]	DS [%]	Water uptake [%]	Durability [%]	Density [kg/dm <sup>3</sup> ]
Original Sample	71	25	97%	2	96	1,14
Sample 1	71	25	92%	1	84	1,14
Sample 2	71	25	93%	1	91	1,16



# Small-scale outdoor storage

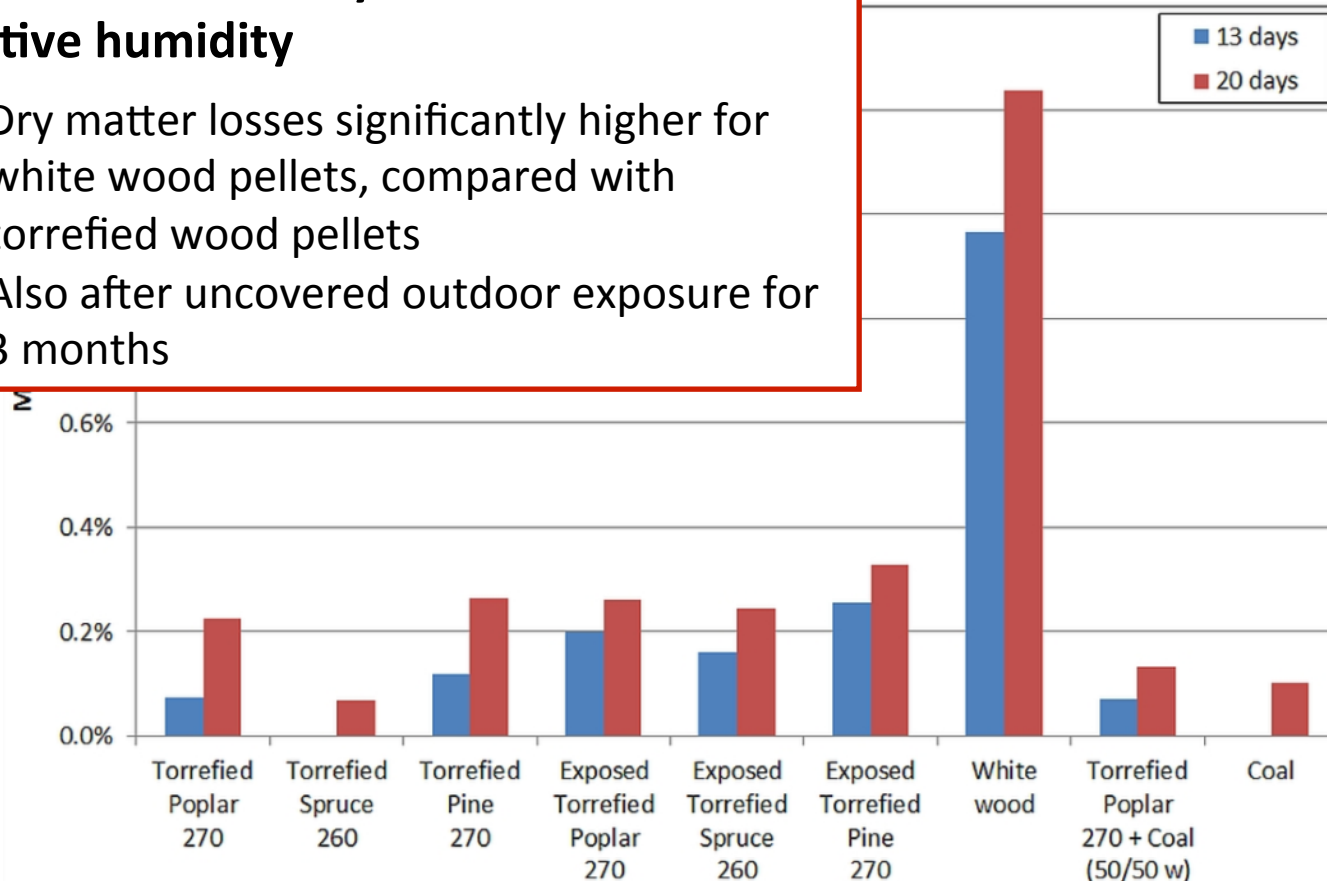


- High pellet durability essential for improved weather resistance in time
- Slight degradation outer surface; inner content pile intact

# Biological Degradation

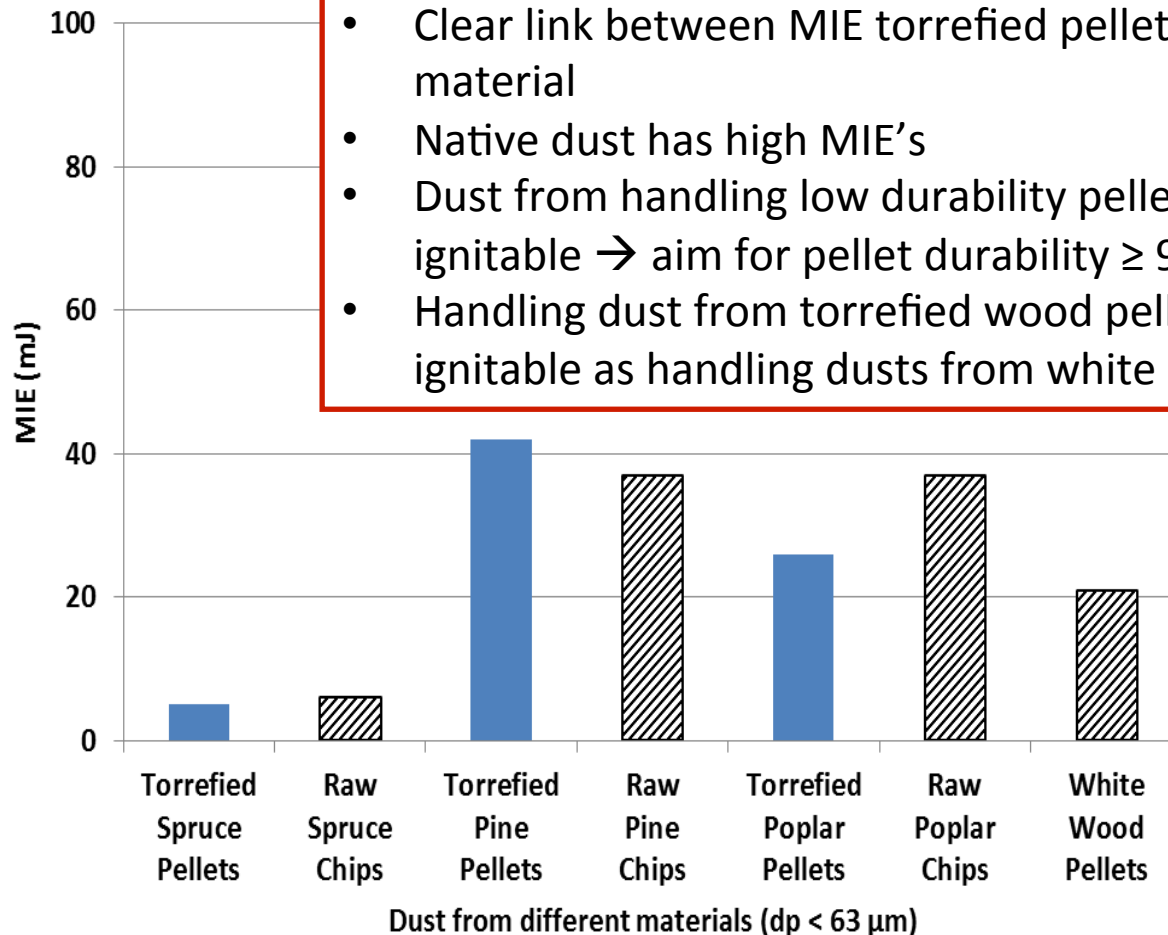
**Pellets stored 20 days at 20°C at 95% relative humidity**

- Dry matter losses significantly higher for white wood pellets, compared with torrefied wood pellets
- Also after uncovered outdoor exposure for 3 months



Source: Carbo et al. "Fuel pre-processing, pre-treatment and storage for co-firing of biomass and coal" in "Fuel Flexible Energy Generation" ed. J. Oakey, 2015

# Minimum Ignition Energy (MIE)



- Clear link between MIE torrefied pellets with MIE raw material
- Native dust has high MIE's
- Dust from handling low durability pellets ( $< 93\%$ ) is more ignitable  $\rightarrow$  aim for pellet durability  $\geq 95\%$
- Handling dust from torrefied wood pellets is equally ignitable as handling dusts from white wood pellets

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# Leaching/Eluation, Ecotoxicity

**BET Surface  
is reduced**

	Probe 1 R	Probe 1 P	Probe 2 R
Spezifische Oberfläche (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	1,96	1,72	1,19

**Daphnientests** >1/8 dilution of Eluate below the analytical  
limit of determination

Proof of non toxic  
character of  
leaching water  
against fish  
DIN 38412-31



# Quality - Standardisation

- **ISO 17225:** Solid biofuels
  - Fuel specifications and classes – Part 8: Graded thermally treated and densified biomass fuels

## Technical Specification in Q4 2016

**Different Classes** (NCV, Durability, Bulk Density, Volatile Matter etc.)

## Parameters yet to be defined:

Grindability

Water resistance

Energy balance

Table 1 – Specification of graded pellets produced by thermal processing of woody biomass

Property class, Analysis method	Unit	TW1H	TW1L	TW2H	TW2L	TW3H	TW3L
<b>Normative</b>							
Origin and source, ISO 17225-1 Table 1		1.1.1 Whole trees without roots 1.1.3 Stemwood 1.1.4 Logging residues 1.2.1 Chemically untreated wood by-products and residues <sup>a</sup>		1.1 Forest, plantation and other virgin wood 1.2 By-products and residues from wood processing industry 1.3.1 Chemically untreated used wood		1.1 Forest, plantation and other virgin wood 1.2 By-products and residues from wood processing industry 1.3.1 Chemically untreated used wood	
Diameter, D <sup>b</sup> and Length L <sup>c</sup> According Figure 1	mm	D06, 6 ± 1; D08, 8 ± 1; 3,15 ≤ L ≤ 40		D06 to D25, D ± 1; 3,15 ≤ L ≤ 40 (from D06 to D10) 3,15 ≤ L ≤ 50 (from D12 to D25)		D06 to D25, D ± 1; 3,15 ≤ L ≤ 40 (from D06 to D10) 3,15 ≤ L ≤ 50 (from D12 to D25)	
Moisture, M <sup>d</sup> , ISO 18134-1, ISO 18134-2	w-% as received, wet basis	M08 ≤ 8	M10 ≤ 10	M08 ≤ 8	M10 ≤ 10	M10 ≤ 10	
Ash, A, ISO 18122	w-% dry	A1,2 ≤ 1,2		A3,0 ≤ 3,0		A5,0 ≤ 5,0	
Mechanical durability, DU, ISO 17831-1	w-% as received	DU97,5 ≥ 97,5		DU96,0 ≥ 96,0		DU95,0 ≥ 95,0	
Fines, F <sup>e</sup> , ISO 18846	w-% as received	F2,0 ≤ 2,0	F1,0 ≤ 1,0	F4,0 ≤ 4,0	F2,0 ≤ 2,0	F6,0 ≤ 6,0	F3,0 ≤ 3,0
Additives <sup>f</sup>	w-% dry	≤ 4, Type and amount to be stated		≤ 5, Type and amount to be stated		≤ 5, Type and amount to be stated	
Net calorific value, Q <sub>net</sub> , ISO 18125	MJ/kg or kWh/kg dry basis	Q <sub>net</sub> ≥ 19,0 Value to be stated	Q <sub>net</sub> ≥ 19,0 Value to be stated	Q <sub>net</sub> ≥ 21,0 Q <sub>net</sub> ≥ 5,8 Value to be stated	Q <sub>net</sub> ≥ 21,0 Q <sub>net</sub> ≥ 5,8 Value to be stated	Q <sub>net</sub> ≥ 21,0 Q <sub>net</sub> ≥ 5,8 Value to be stated	Q <sub>net</sub> ≥ 21,0 Q <sub>net</sub> ≥ 5,8 Value to be stated
Bulk density, BD <sup>g</sup> , ISO 17828	kg/m <sup>3</sup> as received	BD500 ≥ 500 Value to be stated	BD500 ≥ 500 Value to be stated	BD650 ≥ 650 Value to be stated	BD650 ≥ 650 Value to be stated	BD550 ≥ 550 Value to be stated	BD550 ≥ 550 Value to be stated
Carbon, C, ISO 16944	w-% dry	Value to be stated		N0,4 ≤ 0,4		N1,0 ≤ 1,0	
Nitrogen, N, ISO 16944	w-% dry	Value to be stated		S0,05 ≤ 0,05		S0,1 ≤ 0,1	
Sulphur, S, ISO 16994	w-% dry	S0,04 ≤ 0,04		C10,05 ≤ 0,05		C10,1 ≤ 0,1	
Chlorine, Cl, ISO 16994	w-% dry	Cl0,03 ≤ 0,03		≤ 2		≤ 2	
Arsenic, As, ISO 16968	mg/kg dry	≤ 1		≤ 1		≤ 2	
Cadmium, Cd, ISO 16968	mg/kg dry	≤ 0,5		≤ 15		≤ 15	
Chromium, Cr, ISO 16968	mg/kg dry	≤ 10		≤ 20		≤ 20	
Copper, Cu, ISO 16968	mg/kg dry	≤ 10		≤ 10		≤ 10	
Lead, Pb, ISO 16968	mg/kg dry	≤ 10		≤ 0,1		≤ 0,1	
Mercury, Hg, ISO 16968	mg/kg dry	≤ 0,1		≤ 10		≤ 10	
Nickel, Ni, ISO 16968	mg/kg dry	≤ 10		≤ 100		≤ 100	
Zinc, Zn, ISO 16968	mg/kg dry	≤ 100		Value to be stated		Value to be stated	
Volatile matter, VM, ISO 18123	w-% dry	Value to be stated		Value to be stated		Value to be stated	

**Informative**

Ash melting behaviour<sup>h</sup>, ISO 21404

Negligible levels of glue, grease and other timber production additives (< 1 w-%) used in sawmills during production of timber and timber product from virgin wood are acceptable if all chemical parameters of the pellets are clearly within the limits and/or concentrations are too small to be concerned with.

Selected size D06 or D08 of pellets to be stated for TW1H and TW1L.

For D06 to D10 the amount of pellets longer than 40 mm can be 1 w-%. Maximum length shall be ≤ 45 mm.

At the point of delivery.

At the point of delivery. Fines less than 3,15 mm are screened by hand according standard ISO 18846.

Type of additives to aid production, delivery or combustion (e.g. pressing aids, slagging inhibitors or any other additives like starch, corn flour, potato flour, vegetable oil, lignin ...).

Net calorific value as received (Q) resulting from net calorific value on dry basis 21,00 MJ/kg and moisture content (M) 8% is 19,13 MJ/kg (5,3 kWh/kg) and by 10% moisture content (M) is 18,65 MJ/kg (5,2 kWh/kg).

All characteristic temperatures (shrinkage starting temperature (SST), deformation temperature (DT), hemisphere temperature (FT)) in oxidizing conditions should be stated.

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Table 2 – Specification of graded pellets produced by thermal processing of non-woody biomass

TA1	TA2	TA3
2.1 Herbaceous biomass from agriculture and horticulture 2.2.1 By-products and residues from food and herbaceous processing industry, chemically untreated herbaceous residues 2.2.2 By-products and residues from food and fruit processing industry, chemically untreated fruit residues 2.3 Aquatic biomass	2. Herbaceous biomass 3. Fruit biomass 4. Aquatic biomass	2. Herbaceous biomass 3. Fruit biomass 4. Aquatic biomass
Diameter, D <sup>b</sup> and Length L <sup>c</sup> According Figure 1	D06 to D25, D ± 1; 3,15 ≤ L ≤ 40 (from D06 to D10) 3,15 ≤ L ≤ 50 (from D12 to D25)	D06 to D25, D ± 1; 3,15 ≤ L ≤ 40 (from D06 to D10) 3,15 ≤ L ≤ 50 (from D12 to D25)
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Nitrogen, N, ISO 16944	Value to be stated	S0,05 ≤ 0,05
Sulphur, S, ISO 16994	S0,04 ≤ 0,04	C10,05 ≤ 0,05
Chlorine, Cl, ISO 16994	Cl0,03 ≤ 0,03	≤ 2
Arsenic, As, ISO 16968	≤ 1	≤ 1
Cadmium, Cd, ISO 16968	≤ 0,5	≤ 15
Chromium, Cr, ISO 16968	≤ 10	≤ 20
Copper, Cu, ISO 16968	≤ 10	≤ 10
Lead, Pb, ISO 16968	≤ 10	≤ 0,1
Mercury, Hg, ISO 16968	≤ 0,1	≤ 10
Nickel, Ni, ISO 16968	≤ 10	≤ 100
Zinc, Zn, ISO 16968	≤ 100	Value to be stated
Volatile matter, VM, ISO 18123	Value to be stated	Value to be stated

Should be stated

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Length shall be ≤ 45 mm.

According ISO 18846.

Inhibitors or any other additives like

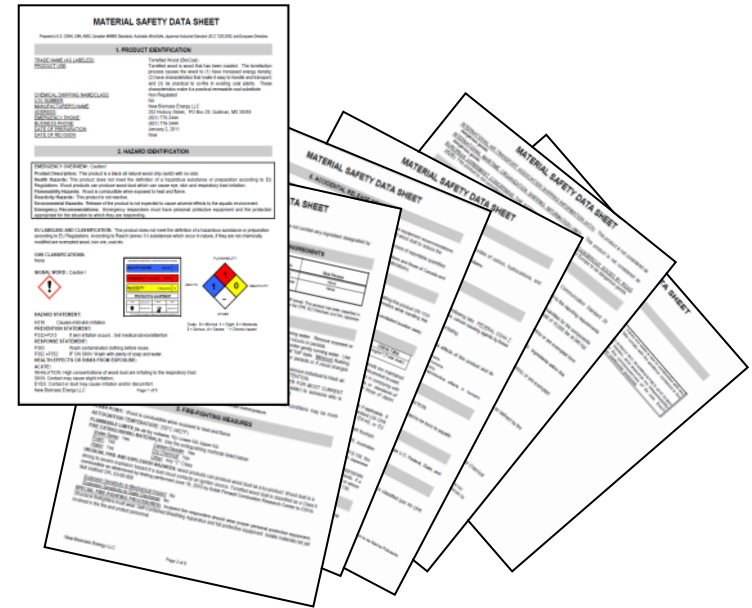
temperature (DT), hemisphere

# Broadening Feedstock Basis

- **ISO 17225 TS does define product classes derived from wood and product classes from non woody biomass**
- **Torrefaction is clearly seen as door opener to the use of by-products from a wide range of agro food industries or/and feedstock from energy plantation such as grasses, fast growing**
- **By this torrefaction is addressing the key cost component in a bioenergy value chain, the feedstock costs and can bring this down substantially.**
- **This can also be the starting point for new value chains into Chemical Industry, torrefaction forming first part of raw material processing into high value product lines**

# Documentation, Permissions and Registrations

- MSDS with SECTOR
- REACH
  - Substance Information
  - Exchange Forum "SIEF"
- Working on IMSBC
- All testing to date results in: equal or superior to wood pellets



# IMO testing

- IMO 4.1 flammability test: not flammable
- IMO 4.2 self heating test: No self heating properties
- Consequently:

Torrefied material does not need to be classified as flammable solid material or as a self heating substance

# GHG Comparison





Successful large scale co-firing test proves benefits of Topell Energy's torrefied pellets

#### Background on co-firing test

- Successful large scale co-firing test in Q4 2013
- Partners included ECN and utility companies RWE/Essent, Vattenfall/Nuon and GDF SUEZ
- Total of 2,300 tons were co-fired at a 5% - 25% co-firing rate<sup>(1)</sup> at the Amer power plant of RWE/Essent in the Netherlands



#### Test results

- ▶ Confirmation of superior characteristics of torrefied pellets
- ▶ No adverse effect on milling and combustion detected
- ▶ Low dust formation
- ▶ Torrefied biomass can replace coal in power plants



- Consortium: Topell, Essent, NUON, GdF Suez, ECN as part of Dutch TKI Pre-treatment Project
- Maximum 25 wt% co-milling on weight basis; 5 wt% co-firing
- 2300 tons of Topell torrefied pellets during November & December '13
- Observations: No significant issues
- ECN conducted lab-scale characterisation of pellets and provided consultancy to mitigate risks during commercial operation

\* Source: Press release Topell/Essent, Feb '14

#### NUON/Vattenfall Buggenum experience\*

- Maximum 70% co-gasification on energy basis achieved at 90% nominal load without major modifications
- 1200 tons of torrefied pellets during 24 hours trial
- Observations:
  - Relatively low durability led to significant dust formation
  - Low durability disadvantageous during outdoor storage
  - Low Minimum Ignition Energy (MIE)
- ECN conducted lab-scale test programme to characterise pellets and provided consultancy to mitigate risks during commercial operation

\* Source: N. Padban, Central European Biomass Conference, Jan '14, Graz; ECN

#### DONG Studstrup-3 experience

- Two units with total capacity of 714 MW<sub>e</sub> and 986 MW<sub>th</sub>
- Dedicated milling on MPS roller mill adapted for either coal or white pellets
- 200 tons of Andritz/ECN torrefied spruce pellets during 8 hours trial
- Co-firing share: 33 wt%
- Observations:
  - No dust formation during unloading
  - Sufficiently high durability; no issues with dust formation in chain conveyors
  - Normal Minimum Ignition Energy (MIE)
- ECN conducted lab-scale characterisation of pellets

Source: ECN

# Non Power Applications

<b><i>Steel Industry</i></b>	Replacement of coking coal Pulverized coal Fossil fuels
<b><i>Chemical/Petrochemical</i></b>	Gasification Chemicals from Biomass
<b><i>Pulp&amp;Paper</i></b>	Use in lime sludge kilns Coal substitute for Energy
<b><i>Non Metallic Minerals</i></b>	Substitution of conventional fuels in kilns



# Non Power Applications by Sector

Industries	Biomass use as of 2012 and percentage of total consumption	Prediction for 2025	
		Biomass	T o r r e f i e d biomass
Iron and steel	0.15 EJ (1%)	2.0 %	0.4 % (60 PJ)
Chemical and petrochemical	0.06 EJ (1%)	1.5 %	Low
Pulp and paper	2.20 EJ (36%)	38–40 %	1.5 % (90 PJ)
Non-metallic minerals (glass, ceramic, cement)	0.40 EJ (2%)	3.0–3.5 %	0.8 % (150 PJ)
Transport equipment and fabricated metal products, machinery and equipment	0 PJ (0%)	0.1 %	Low
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.80 EJ (0.7 %)</b>	<b>30 %</b>	<b>10 % (300 PJ)</b>

# Non power applications by region

Region	Current industrial biomass use and proportion of the total biomass consumption for energy (IEA)	Prediction of consumption by industry in 2025		
		Biomass	Torrefied biomass	Most attractive industries for torrefied-biomass use
<b>EU-28</b>	1 EJ (9%)	13%	5–10%	Pulp and paper, non-metallic minerals
<b>Africa</b>	0.8 EJ (32%)	35%	Low	
<b>Asia</b>	2 EJ (5%)	7%	0.5–1%	Iron and steel, pulp and paper
<b>Canada</b>	0.3 EJ (10%)	13%	2–3%	Pulp and paper, non-metallic minerals
<b>US</b>	1 EJ (11%)	14%	2–3%	Non-metallic minerals, pulp and paper
<b>Australia</b>	0.1 EJ (11%)	15%	1–2%	Pulp and paper
<b>Brazil</b>	1.5 EJ (42%)	43%	1–1.5%	Iron and steel, pulp and paper, non-metallic minerals
<b>Japan</b>	0.1 EJ (3%)	3.5%	0.5–1%	Non-metallic minerals, pulp and paper

# Where we are today

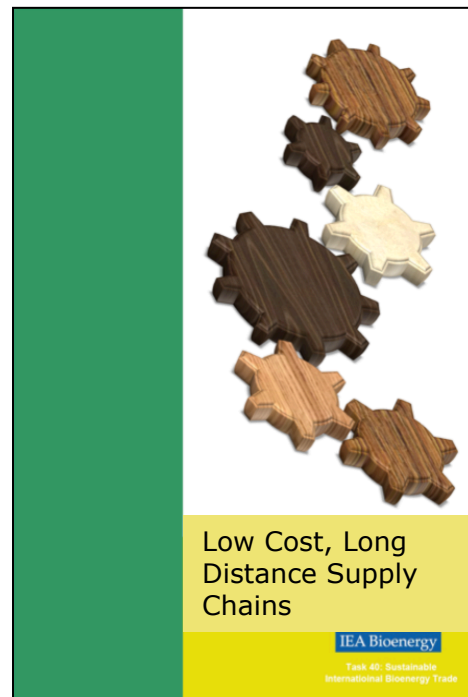
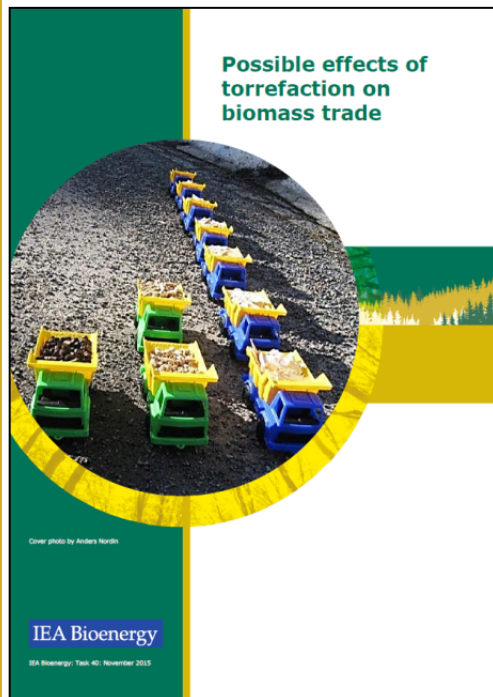
- Quality according ISO TS
- Handling & Storage advantage in logistics verified
- Cost reductions shown
- Acceptability and advantages in co-firing verified by utilities
- Non Woody Biomass successfully tested
- Product is available
- Several technologies
- More than 1 producer
- Final prices to be calculated on basis of offtake, but surely competitive

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