

Advanced Thermal Technologies
to Reap the Reward from Landfill
Mining

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Overview

- ✧ Introduction to Advanced Plasma Power Ltd
- ✧ Background to Belgium Landfill project and Enhanced Landfill Mining (ELFM) concept
- ✧ Description of the Gasplasma[®] Process
- ✧ Gasplasma[®] Treatment of Belgium Landfill SRF
- ✧ Gasplasma[®] Features in respect to Landfill Mining

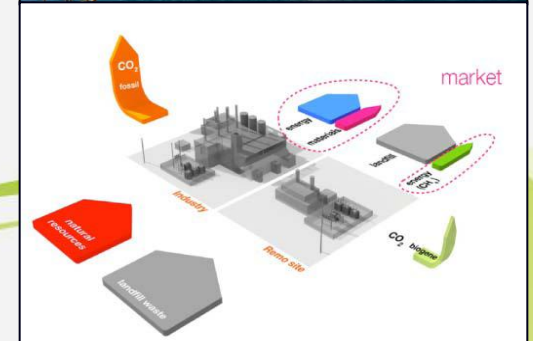
Introduction to APP

- Established in 2005 to develop and commercialise the worldwide patented Gasplasma® EfW technology developed over previous 2 years by Tetronics
- Objective is to be a leading player in the waste to renewable energy market by delivering innovative solutions for responsible resource management
- Swindon plant operating since 2008
- Substantial project pipeline includes waste/engineering companies from UK, Western Europe, USA, Canada, Brazil, Korea, Middle East, Bulgaria, Poland



Closing the Circle: Group Machiels Project

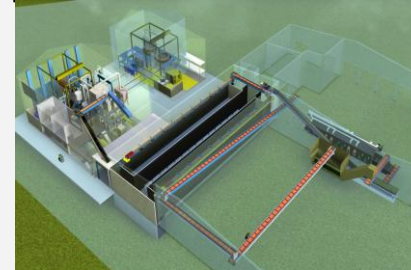
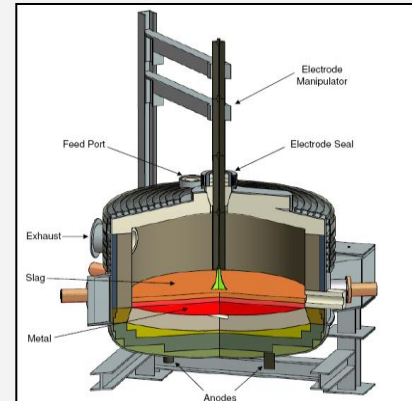
- ✓ Recovery of 16 million tonnes of municipal and industrial solid waste stored at the Remo landfill site of Group Machiels in Houthalen-Helchteren/ Limburg, Belgium
- ✓ 4 Key Objectives:
 - ✓ Maximum recuperation of materials
 - ✓ Energy recovery with incorporated materials recuperation
 - ✓ CO₂ reduction, use and/or off-set
 - ✓ Recuperation of nature



Group Machiels: International Symposium on Enhanced Landfill Mining 2010

Enhanced Landfill Mining (ELFM): The Concept

- ✔ ELFM allows storing the waste for its future recovery
- ✔ Fully sustainable approach - maximum practical recovery
- ✔ Complete reclamation of the landfill site
- ✔ Integration of innovative technologies to ensure:
 - ✔ Effective recovery of materials
 - ✔ High efficiency energy recovery
- ✔ Significant reduction in green house gas emissions compared to a conventional landfill
- ✔ Carbon reduction and other environmental benefits need to be assigned a proportionate economic value in form of "incentives" to encourage investment



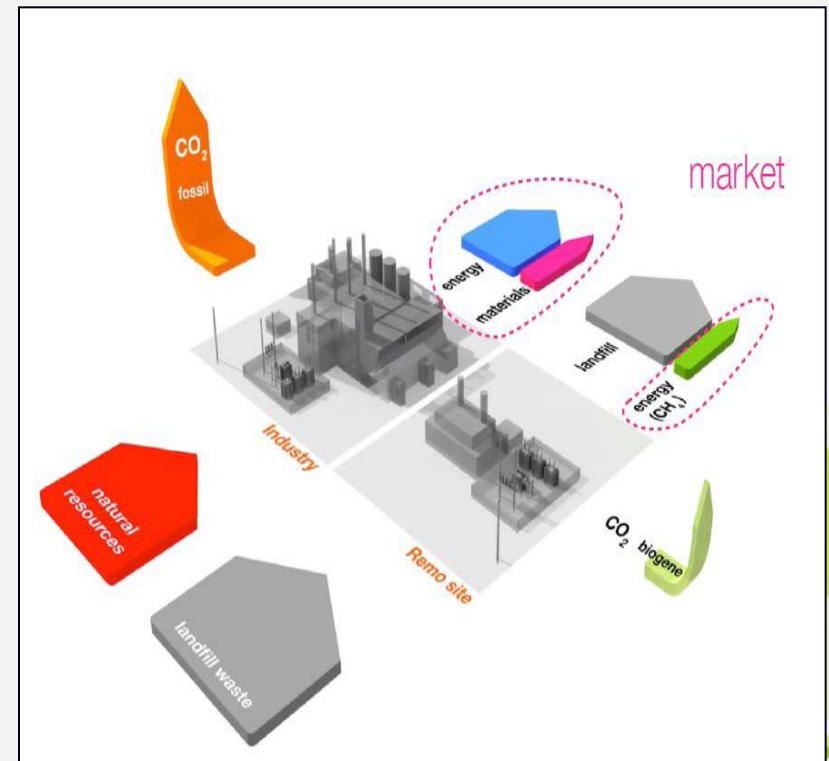
Enhanced Landfill Mining: Waste Characterisation

- ✓ Remo site has detailed waste inventory since its inception
- ✓ Establish reliability of waste inventory regarding type, amount and location on the site
- ✓ Assessment of potential for materials recovery and potential for energetic valorisation validated

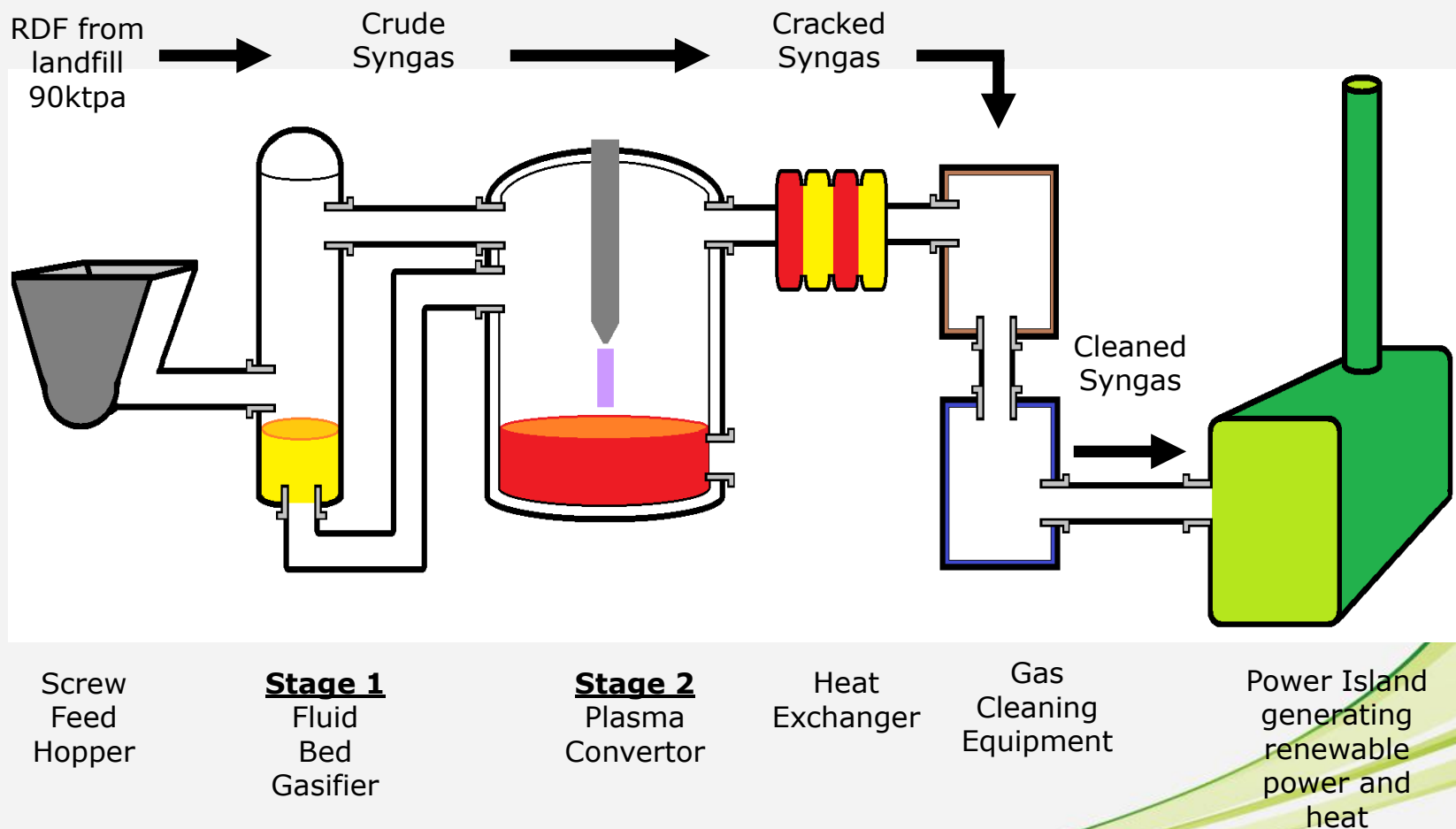


Enhanced Landfill Mining: Carbon Balance

- ✓ Carbon Balance assessment of CtC Remo gave CO₂ savings of 1.0 M tonnes over 20 years compared to “Do- Nothing” scenario:
 - ✓ Avoids burning of fossil fuels for power/heat generation
 - ✓ Carbon offsets from recovered materials
- ✓ Additional CO₂ savings may be achieved:
 - ✓ From utilisation of heat
 - ✓ Production of low C cement materials

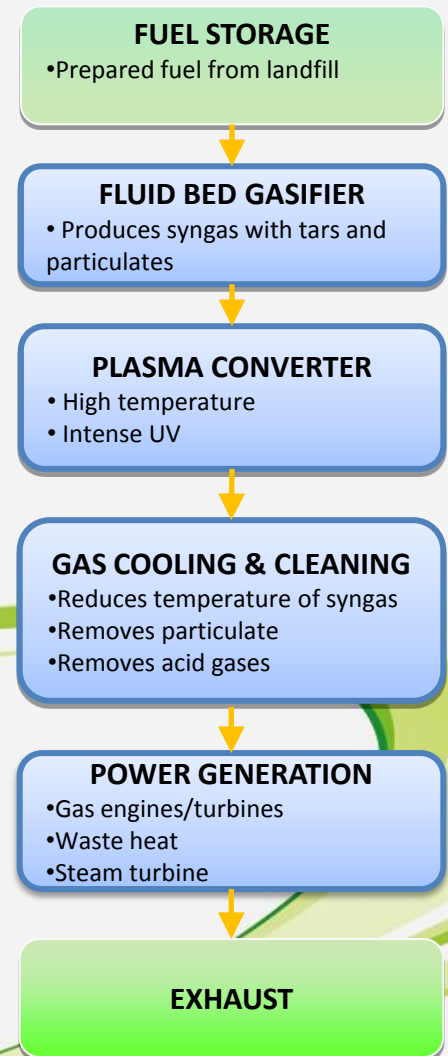


The Gasplasma® Process

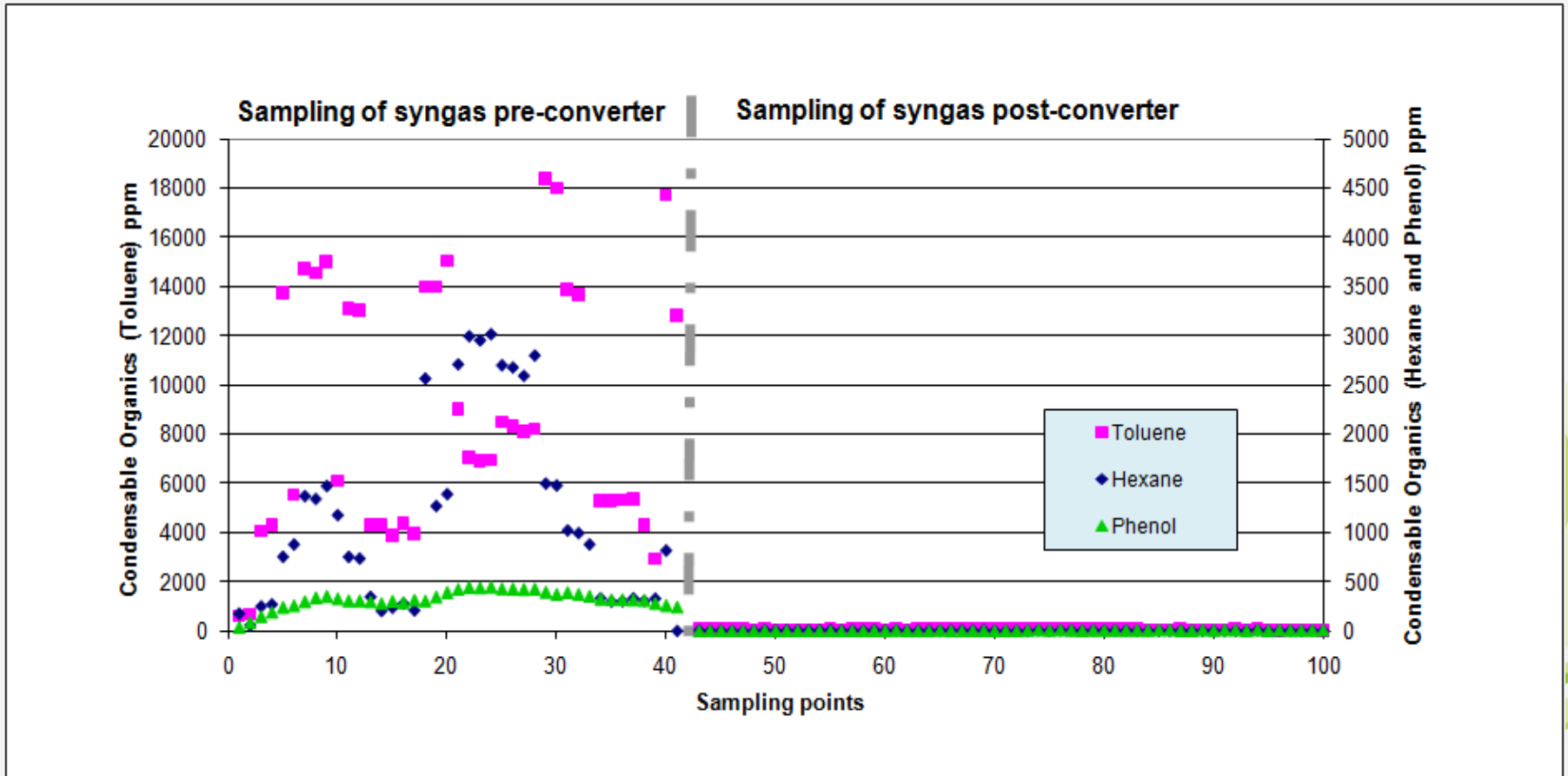


The Gasplasma[®] Process in ELFM

- ✔ Prepared fuel from the mining and materials recuperation stages provides the fuel for the thermal process
- ✔ Gasifier acts as work horse of the two stage process mitigating the usually high parasitic load required by other plasma plants
- ✔ Energy Products of Idaho (EPI) provide the fluidised bed gasifier and have 100 reference plants worldwide
- ✔ Tetronics provide the plasma converter and have 80 reference installations worldwide
- ✔ The gas cooling and cleaning process uses conventional industrial equipment
- ✔ The power island comprises conventional reciprocating gas engines
- ✔ Emissions treatment is managed with proven catalyst technology and is monitored continuously

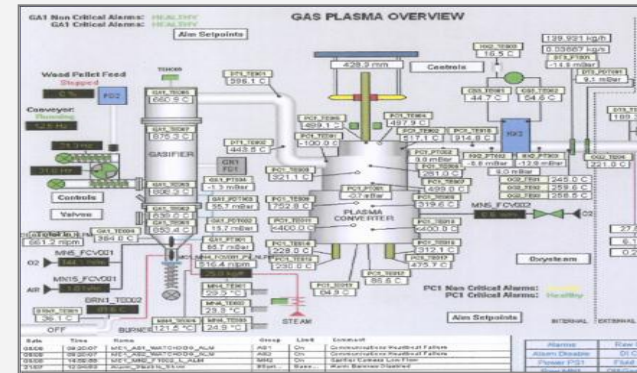


Gasplasma[®]: Cracking Organics



Gasplasma®: Swindon Plant

- ✔ Pilot Plant - 2005 to 2007
- ✔ Demonstration Plant – from 2007
- ✔ EPI Gasifier
- ✔ Tetronics Plasma Converter
- ✔ Syngas cooling & cleaning
- ✔ 100 kW gas engine
- ✔ SCADA
- ✔ FTIR gas analysis
- ✔ Feed includes RDF, ASR, Mined Landfill, Tyre Crumb, Wood, CCA
- ✔ Opportunity to test client materials



Gasplasma[®]: Treatment of Remo Material

Extensive test work undertaken on two types of materials:

- ✓ 1 Simulated material
 - ✓ 2 Recovered RDFs from Remo mined material, Belgium
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- ✓ Established optimal process operating parameters for this fuel to attain required plant and environmental performance levels
 - ✓ Provided valuable data to enable us to optimise the models that support the commercial plant
 - ✓ The data has also been used to assist specifying equipment and engage with potential suppliers

Key conclusions from test programme :

- ✓ Able to deliver required project outputs
- ✓ Emissions for the commercial plant will be Vlare II (and IED) compliant
- ✓ High energy conversion efficiency attained

Gasplasma[®]: Treatment of Remo Landfill Material

- ✓ Energy conversion efficiencies of up to 86% of solid fuel to cold syngas (compared with 73% reported for fluid bed gasifiers in published literature)
- ✓ Carbon conversion efficiencies of c.96% compared to c.80-85% reported for fluid bed gasifiers
- ✓ Combined cycle conversion efficiencies (i.e. from gas and steam cycle) of up to 43% from syngas to electricity will be attained on commercial plant compared to <25% for a similar capacity plant operating on combustion/steam cycle only. High overall net electrical efficiencies attainable.
- ✓ Utilisation of the heat as well as power will significantly increase overall energy efficiency on the commercial plant

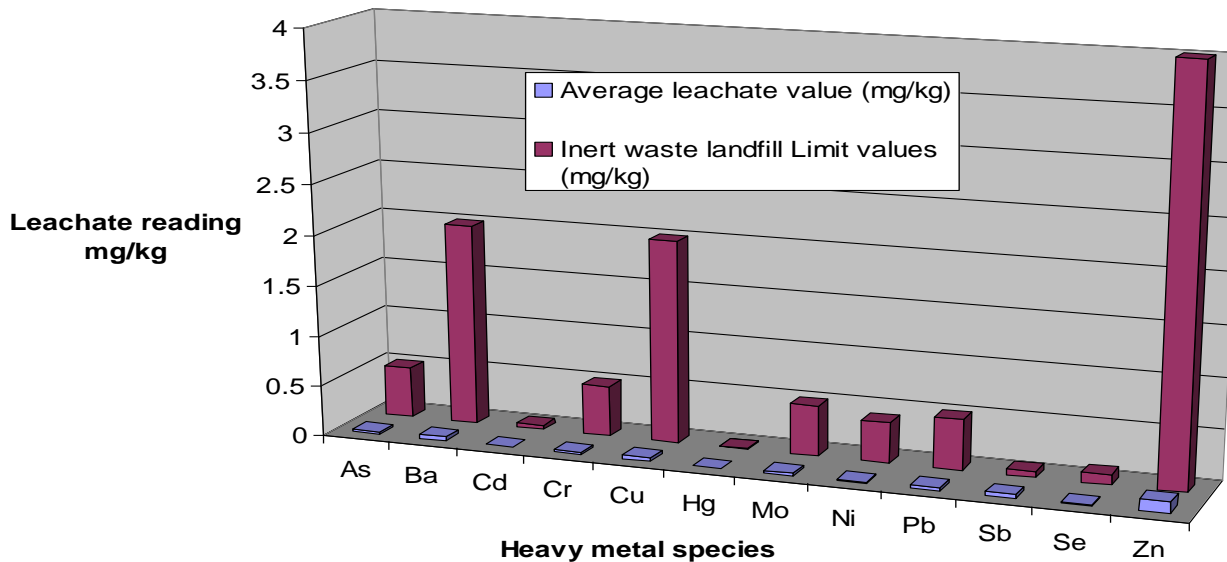
Gasplasma[®] Outputs for Phase 1 at Remo

✓ Total landfill arising	16 million tonnes
✓ Throughput of RDF per line*	90,000 tpa
✓ Gross electrical output	22MWe
✓ Net electrical output to export	18MWe
✓ Power output	135,000 MWh pa
✓ Power for	18,000 homes
✓ Surplus heat for export	13 MW
✓ Plasmarok [®] - product not a waste	14,000 tpa
✓ Exceptionally low residual wastes	2,000 t APC pa
✓ Bottom ash	Nil
✓ Emissions	IED/ Vlare II compliant

* Phase 1 is for 1 process line. It is anticipated that there will be 5 lines in total

Gasplasma[®] Output: Plasmarok[®]

**Summary of results for inert WAC limit compliance
BS EN 12457-3 Leaching tests on vitrified sample at particle size <4mm**



**Mechanically strong,
extremely leach resistant**

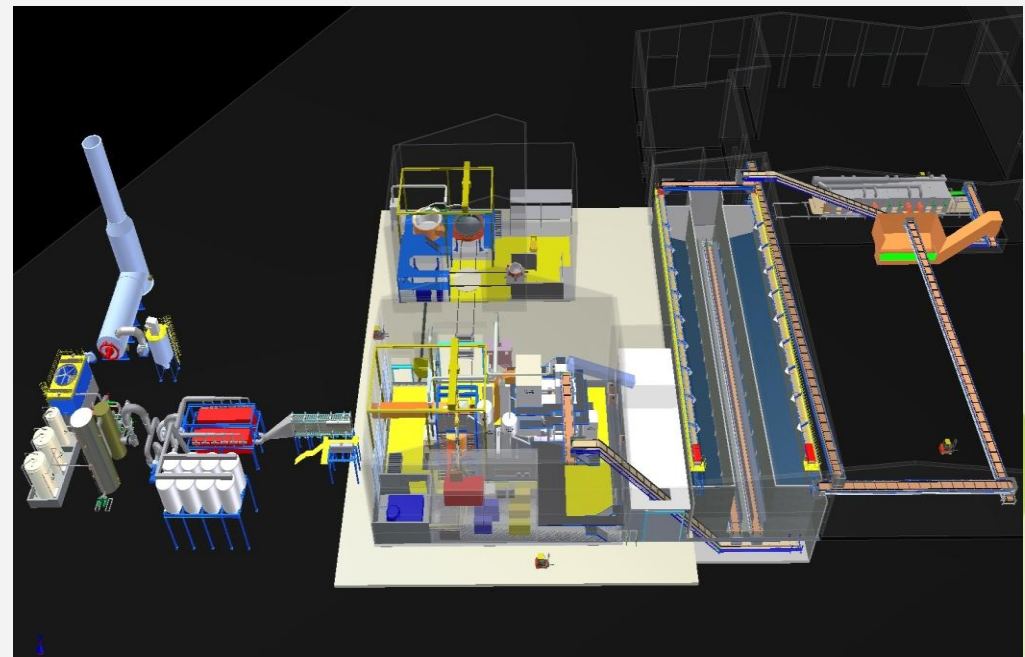
**Accepted by EA
as a product –
not a waste**

Main constituents: Silica 37%; Lime 31% ; Alumina 16%
Others include: Iron Oxide; Titania; Magnesia; Sodium Oxide; Potash ; Phosphate

Gasplasma[®]: Physical Layout of Plant

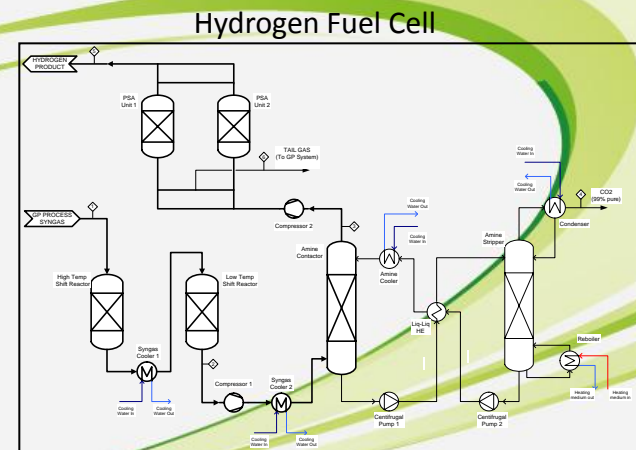
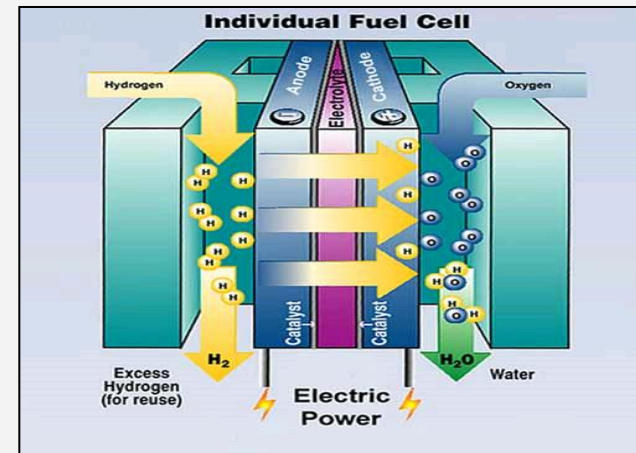
FEATURES

- ✓ 150,000 tpa plant needs building of c.10,000 sq.m.
- ✓ Standard buildings: Commercial / Industrial sheds:
- ✓ Similar profile to warehouse
- ✓ Maximum roof height 16 metres
- ✓ UK planning status: classed as a Recovery Plant not as waste disposal
- ✓ Full site requirement of c.8 acres (3.5 hectares)
- ✓ Stack height of c.25 metres (c.10m above roof)



Gasplasma[®]: A Future Gateway Technology

- ✔ High energy conversion efficiency attained
- ✔ Syngas is clean and high in Hydrogen
- ✔ Ideal precursor for fuel cell applications
 - ✔ Suitable with some further clean up for use in high temperature fuel cells (MCFC or SOFC)
 - ✔ Carbon Monoxide treated in a water shift reactor to produce more Hydrogen for use in hydrogen fuel cells for distributed energy generation or in hydrogen vehicles
- ✔ Potential to produce gaseous and liquid fuels
 - ✔ Production of Bio-Substitute natural gas (SNG)
 - ✔ Production of Gas to Liquids



Summary: Gasplasma[®] Benefits for ELFM

Efficiency

- ✓ High net electrical efficiency
- ✓ Heat recovery is feasible

Environmental

- ✓ No residual ash
- ✓ Plasmarok[®] – product not waste
- ✓ Negative carbon footprint
- ✓ IED / Vlarem II compliant emissions

Social

- ✓ Low impact upon the community
- ✓ Enables reclamation of amenity land

Economic

- ✓ Complementary to recycling and MBT
- ✓ Reclamation of valuable materials
- ✓ Future proof – syngas has multiple applications





Any Questions?

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