



## WTO Workshop on Environmental Goods &Services

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# **About Biorem Technologies**

Designs, manufactures and distributes

air emission control systems that

remove harmful contaminants from the air,

such as Hydrogen Sulfide, Reduced Sulfur compounds,

and VOC's

using biological processes



## **About BIOREM**

- Established in 1995
- Headquartered in Guelph, Ontario, Canada
- Technology spin-off of the University of Waterloo (Waterloo, Ontario, Canada)
- Leader in biofiltration technology in North America
- Initial public offering in January 2005 (TSX Venture Exchange, TSX-V: BRM)
- Revenue growth rapid in recent years ~50%
- Over 600 installations worldwide (Canada, U.S., China, Middle East, Africa, Brazil, Mexico, etc.)
- Installations have small footprint and are high-efficiency/ costeffective alternatives to competitive "non-clean" technologies



## **Biofiltration**

#### Overview:

- Consists of Biotrickling or Biofilter configurations
- A Biotrickling filter runs water continuously over media
- Biofilter wetted twice a day, for 15 to 20 minutes
- May be organized into series if needed

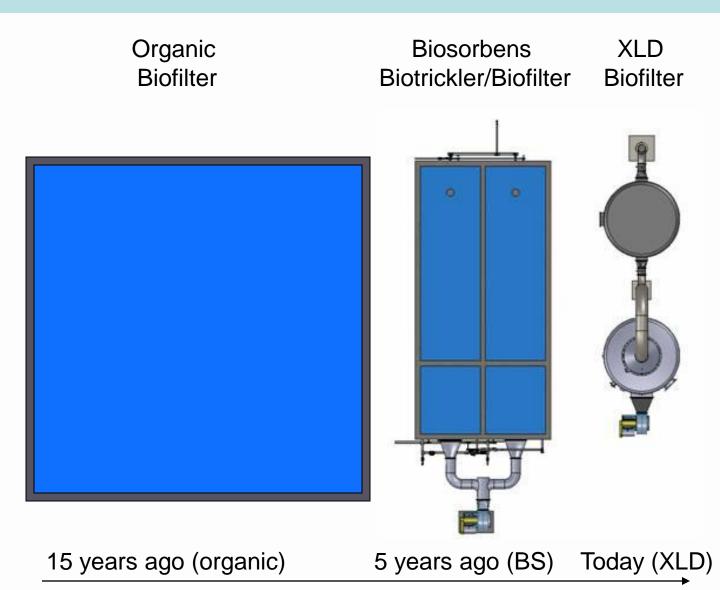
#### **Process:**

- Fouled air enters biotrickler and/or biofilter
- 2. Air passes through a biofilter media
- 3. Bacterial community is grown upon media
- 4. Pollutants solubilize into the moist media
- 5. Bacteria destroys pollutants
- Clean Air

  Foul Air

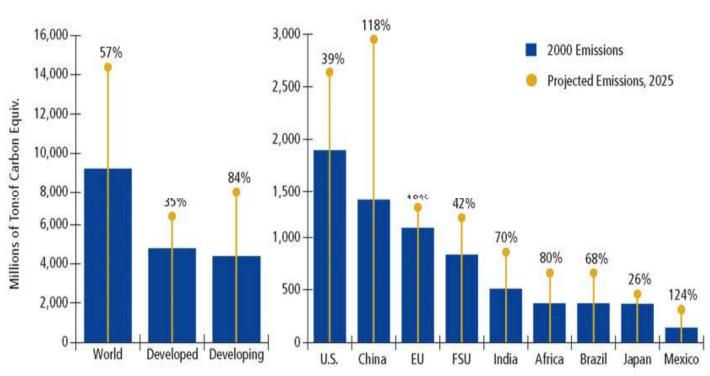


# **Becoming Cost Competitive**





# **GHG Emissions Projections**



Projected Emissions of man made GHGs in 2025. GHG emissions are projected to grow throughout the world, but most rapidly in developing countries.

Source: Navigating the Numbers: Greenhouse Gas Data and International Climate Policy: World Resources Institute



# **Emissions Implications: Context**

Atmosphere's mass is fixed at **5 quadrillion tonnes** 



Mankind's pollution emission contributions are **9.5 billion tonnes** of CO2 eq per year (2000)



Mankind's emissions are expected to rise to **14.7 billion tonnes** of CO2 eq per year by 2025



Over the next 25 years we will emit a total of **300 billion tonnes** of CO2 eq.

Source: Navigating the Numbers: Greenhouse Gas Data and International Climate Policy: World Resources Institute



# **Emissions Implications: Context**

## Other considerations:

Siberian Permafrost thaw will contribute 70 billion tonnes of methane, which equals 1.4 trillion tonnes of CO2 eq.

Canadian pine beetle infestation

Deforestation

Canadian Permafrost melt



# **Four Key Points**

- 1. Policy and Regulatory Environment are **behind** the pace at which our atmosphere is deteriorating
- 2. Few Cleantech Air Funds focused on development of companies and technologies for air emissions management
- 3. Clean Air technologies reside in small companies and/or Universities and cannot scale up at necessary pace
- 4. Regulators are reluctant to adopt new technologies which perpetuates Activated Carbon, Thermal Oxidation and Chemical Scrubbers



# **Every emission has a wide effect**

#### **Example**

- Chicago, Stickney WWTP
- One of worlds largest plants
- Odor Dispersion Model
- Overlaid onto Google Maps

#### **Top Graphic**

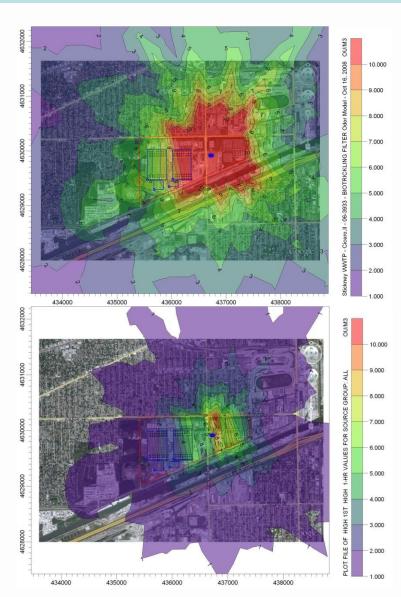
- Odor dispersion from Scrubbers
- Extend well beyond plant limits

## **Lower Graphic**

- Odor dispersion XLD Biofilter
- Odor does not go beyond plant

#### Result

- · Community has a vested interest
- · One emission amongst many
- · Sum of emissions is cumulative





## **Emissions Market – Macro View**

## Regulatory Environment

- +Government Policy
  - +Enforcement
- +Infringement cost
  - +Regulator
  - acceptance
  - +trade barriers

## **Emitter**

+Avoids Regulator +Affect on Profits +Needs value add +Both Public and Private

## Air Emissions

- + Odor
- +Methane
- +Nitrogen Compounds
  - +Carbon Dioxide
    - +Particulates
      - +Siloxane
- +Hydrogen Purification
  - +VOC's
  - +Other

# Treatment Technologies

- +Effectiveness
- +Regulator approval
- +Cost of treatment
- +Market Education

## Competition

- +Old Technologies preferred
- +Old techs large
- +Clean techs small



## **Commercial Issues**

- 1. Many countries do not enforce intellectual property laws
  - Risk of technology theft
- 2. Import duties make foreign technologies expensive
- 3. Regulatory framework is at heart of economic system for clean technology emissions business
  - Few jurisdictions make this a priority
- 4. Emitters reluctant to share information on what they emit and often do not want to know
- 5. Penalty for regulation infraction is a disincentive to treat
- 6. Project realities rarely match government policy/regulations, which reduces effectiveness
  - Substandard technologies win contracts
  - Emissions equipment is 'shut-off' or 'fails' within one year
  - Enforcement agencies are not resourced to enforce



## **Economic Framework**

#### **Market Drivers**

- Regulatory Framework
- 2. Permitting Process
- 3. Process Engineering
- Analytical Functions

#### **Commercial Engines**

- New technologies
- 2. Engineering firms
- 3. Knowledge economy
- 4. Creating value/jobs
- 5. Monitoring/Validation

#### **Outputs/Benefits**

- 1. Economic wealth
- 2. Carbon Credits
- 3. GHG mitigating energy
- 4. Performance Results
- 5. Inspection Services

#### **Emissions**

- . Chemistry
- 2. Temperature
- 3. Concentration
- 4. Particulates
- Energy Value

## Emissions Management

- Biological
- 2. Plasma
- 3. Ultra Violet
- Precipitator
- 5. Energy Recovery
- 6. Optimization
- 7. Purification
- 8. Hydrogen Conversion
- 9. Others

## Emissions Outcome

- GHG reduction
- Energy converted
- 3. Outlet limits
- 4. Cost mitigation





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