

# The Importance of MSW in the Hydrogen Economy

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## Outline

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- U.S. Approaches to Clean Hydrogen Production
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Urban Gateway is a private equity group that leverages *de-risked* and *disruptive* urbantech from global SMEs and *commercializes* them

through four climate-action driven companies

#### **Energy Intensity Reduction**

focus on commercial and industrial cooling sector

**Electric Market Reform** focus on virtual power, highest disruptive potential

#### Alternative Energy

focus on transforming waste to highest value-added sustainable products — hydrogen & biofuels

#### EnerCool

Asia Pacific Limited

## EnerCloud

Asia Pacific Limited

#### **EnerWaste**

Asia Pacific Limited

#### Low Carbon Development

focus on technologies that enable cost effective low carbon real estate development

#### **EnerProp** Asia Pacific Limited











### EnerWaste Asia Pacific Limited

### reimagining waste for climate impact

focus on *low carbon* technologies
converting waste to *fuels, energy and materials*enabling *zero waste* urban center development

First partnership with **Omni** Conversion Technologies Inc. **ZERO** emissions, carbon **NEGATIVE**, cost **COMPETITIVE** and **PATENTED** technology

## Pathways to Clean Hydrogen



- Hydrogen is a dynamic fuel
- Electrolysis (water)
- Thermal conversion (fossil & biomass) with CCUS
- Wastes coupled with biomass

## Comparison of Commercial, State-of-the-Art, Fossil-Based Hydrogen Production Technologies (Pending Peer Review)



- Lowest reforming cases SMR w/o CCS (\$1.06/kg H<sub>2</sub>)
- Highest reforming case SMR w/ CCS (\$1.64/kg H<sub>2</sub>)
- Lowest gasification case coal w/o CCS (\$2.46/kg H<sub>2</sub>)
- Highest gasification case "net-zero" coal/biomass (\$3.64/kg H<sub>2</sub>)

#### Global Warming Impact Factors (100-yr, with climate feedback)

- U.S. Electricity, 2016 National Average Profile<sup>1</sup>: 590 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/MWh
- Production and Delivery, Cradle-to-city gate<sup>2</sup>: 0.99 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/kg NG
- Bituminous, Transport Distance (MRO Average)<sup>3</sup>: 0.19 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/kg of coal
- Torrefied, non-pelletized SRWC<sup>4</sup>: -0.72 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/kg AR biomass
- CO<sub>2</sub> Management, saline aquifer<sup>5</sup>: 0.02 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/kg CO<sub>2</sub> sequestered



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## US DOE Hydrogen Program Goal

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## SunShot Program Lesson Learnt

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## Electrolysis Pathway

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#### Example: H<sub>2</sub> Cost from PEM Electrolysis



#### Pathways to meet Goal

- Reduce electricity cost and improve efficiency and utilization
- Reduce capital cost >80%
- Reduce operating & maintenance cost >90%

\*2020 Baseline: PEM (Polymer Electrolyte Membrane) low volume capital cost ~\$1,500/kW, electricity at \$50/MWh. Pathways to targets include capital cost < \$300/kW by 2025, < \$150/kW by 2030 (at scale). Assumes \$50/MWh in 2020, \$30/MWh in 2025, \$20/MWh in 2030

## Thermal Conversion of Waste Pathway

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#### Capital Fuel \$2.00 Fixed Variable \$1.50 CO2 T&S \$1.00 \$0.50 \$0.00 2020 Waste 2030 Waste

Conversion w/CCS Conversion w/ CCS \* Waste coal, plastics, biomass residuals, municipal solid waste (MSW), and biogas

#### Examples of RD&D

- Includes reforming, pyrolysis, and other pathways with focus on low life cycle emissions
- Process intensification and optimization
- Improvements in air separation, catalysts, carbon capture, and upstream emissions

#### Example: H<sub>2</sub> Cost from Waste Conversion + CCS

## OMNI CT Gasification & Plasma Refining System (GPRS<sup>TM</sup>)



#### Any combination of materials

Recyclable glass, metal and large inert objects removed

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Shredded to 10cm



## MSW to Hydrogen Production & CO<sub>2</sub> Capture





## Minimal Waste Preparation, High Fuel Flexibility



OMNI200<sup>™</sup> GPRS<sup>™</sup>



**Fluidized Bed Gasifier** 



Minimally prepared "black bag" waste on GPRS<sup>™</sup> input conveyor in Ottawa

No sorting, one stage of shredding to 100mm-, one magnet, no rejects

Waste Preparation for typical Fluidized Bed Gasifier

Sorting, shredding, removal of all metals and hard particles, drying, sizing

## OMNI200<sup>™</sup> GPRS<sup>™</sup> Unlike Other Gasifiers



- Type of energetic Feedstock does not matter Omnivorous
- No Ash requiring disposal all particulate is vitrified into *Omni*Rock<sup>™</sup>
- No Dioxin and Furan formation no need to remove difficult wastes with high plastics and other sources of halogens
- Gasification of Feedstock done by excess heat:
  - Plasma only used to refine Syngas
  - Reduced electrical demand
- Plasma not used directly on waste Plasma used to crack tars in raw Syngas
- Moving grate gasifier + Updraft gasifier Vs. Others' Fluidized bed gasifier
- Only Gasification process designed to create valuable Syngas for Biofuels:
  - Syngas cleaned & conditioned in OMNI CT gas cleaning system to create *Omni*Syngas™
  - No emissions to atmosphere in waste conversion to *Omni*Syngas™
- **OmniSyngas™** can be tailored for downstream conversion into Biofuel, Hydrogen, aviation fuel

## Thermal Conversion Products from Waste-Derived Syngas



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## Generalized Syngas Reaction Scheme





## Potential Impacts



#### From Hydrogen Council Roadmap Study: By 2050

- \$2.5 trillion in global revenues
- 30 million jobs
- 400 million cars, 15-20 million trucks
- 18% of total global energy demand

The hydrogen ecosystems will appear around clusters of largescale users, such as sea-ports, refineries, fertilizers, steel, and power



## **Thank You!**

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