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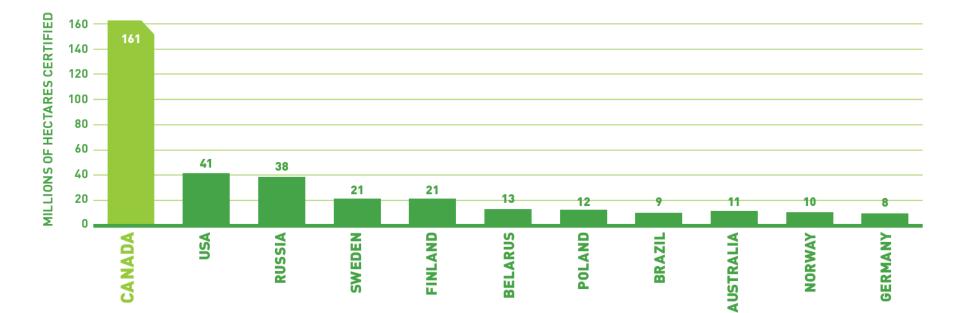
# PARTNERING WITH THE FOREST SECTOR

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### CANADA'S FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY BY THE NUMBERS

- Employs more than 230,000 people and is the lifeblood of much of rural Canada
- Generates \$58 billion / year in economic activity
- Exports to more than 180 countries and Canada is the number one exporter to Asia
- Canada has 348 million hectares of forest or 9% of the world's forest cover
- 94% of Canada's forests are publicly owned predominantly by the provincial and territorial governments, with small shares by the federal government and Aboriginal peoples.
- 232 million hectares of Canada's forests are managed, and only 0.2% of Canada's forests are harvested annually.

#### Canadian Sustainable Forest Management Certification



#### Biofuels Industries seek Forestry Partner Synergies

Forestry-related industries expected to experience some pain and suffering.

- We are offering a solution:
  - Overall declining trends in paper/pulp & some areas of timber operations, particularly in N. America
  - JV is an opportunity for innovation and business growth
  - Industry Transforming, it's not likely to resemble that seen over the last 5-10 years
- J.V. should not be viewed as a threat to timber supplies, but a potential consumer/partner for underutilized resources.
  - Partnerships will assist this industry in proper forest management while capitalizing on an emerging industry.
  - Feedstock preferences (i.e. hardwood vs conifer)
- If wood mill closures continue (as expected), declining forest health possible.
  - forests vulnerable to overgrowth, beetle infestations, destructive wildfires
- Timing is everything! JV partnerships near-term opportunity to be first to market.
- Emerging industry:
  - Provinces' desire for diversification
  - Oil & energy volatility
  - Global Climate Change
  - RFS set to take place in Canada (and even larger market in US).

# DMI's Diversification initiative goals

- To strategically diversify our operation while maintaining our excellence in pulp manufacturing
- To specifically capitalize on our current knowledge and expertise, infrastructure and fibre basket to generate value added products and additional revenue streams

# **Investment Risk Considerations**

- Minimize Technological Risks
- Leverage Existing Infrastructure
- Increase Utilization of Fibre / Residual Biomass
- Feedstock & Product Flexibility
- Produce Bioproducts with low market Risks

#### Specific Goals are to:

- Capitalize on and leverage available Government funding such as the Federal "IFIT" Investments in Forest Industry Transformation, and the Provincial "BPP" Bio Producer Program
- Prescreen the feasibility of <u>existing</u> technologies
- Investigate the feasibility of <u>emerging</u> technologies
- Refine fiber supply analysis

# Why do companies Partner?

For most people it means to Manage Risks

- Financial Risks (Secure Financing, EPC, ROI, Off-take agreements, etc.)
- Operational Risks (i.e. Start up / Commissioning, Feedstock Supply, Technology Performance, Safety, Skilled Labour, Maintenance, etc.)
- Strategic Risks (i.e. Leveraging Relationships, Developing Markets, Legal, Protecting Intellectual Property, etc.)
- Compliance Risks (i.e. Permitting, Government Policy and legislation, Best Practices, etc.)

### **Feedstock Misconceptions**



# Feedstock

- Composition
- Cost
- Sustainability
- Accessibility
- Security
- Quantity
- Quality
- Acceptability (Social License)

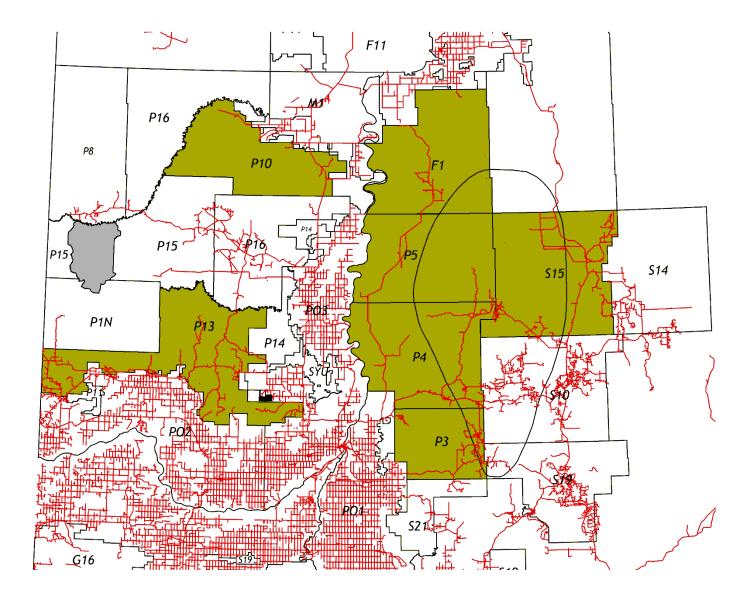


Biomass sourced feedstock tend to have substantially different compositions

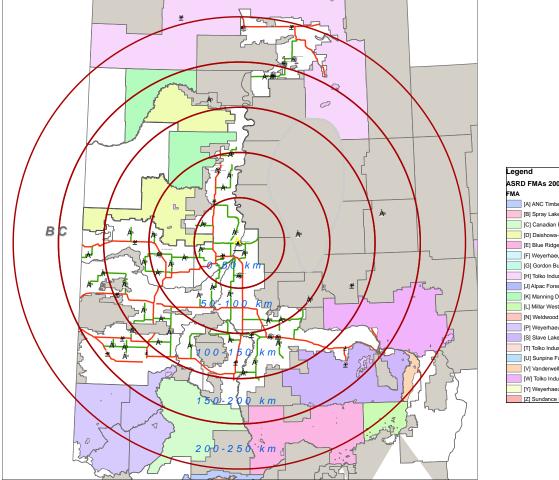
- It's not Free
- It's not Pure
- Many Sources
- Lots of it
- GHG benefits



#### All season Infrastructure Access



### FMAs within 250 km

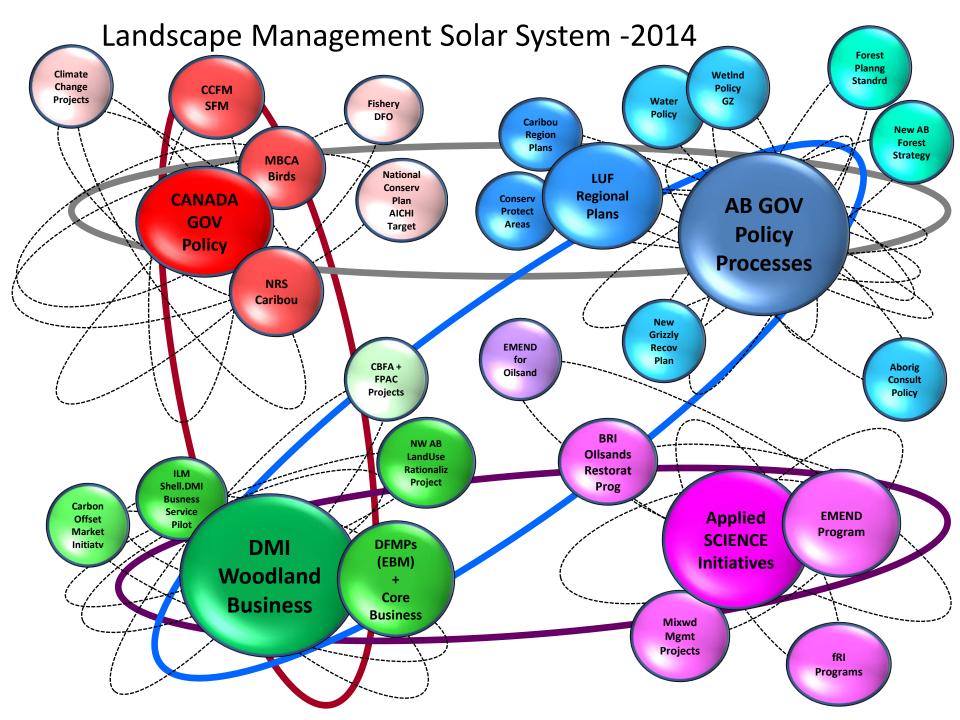




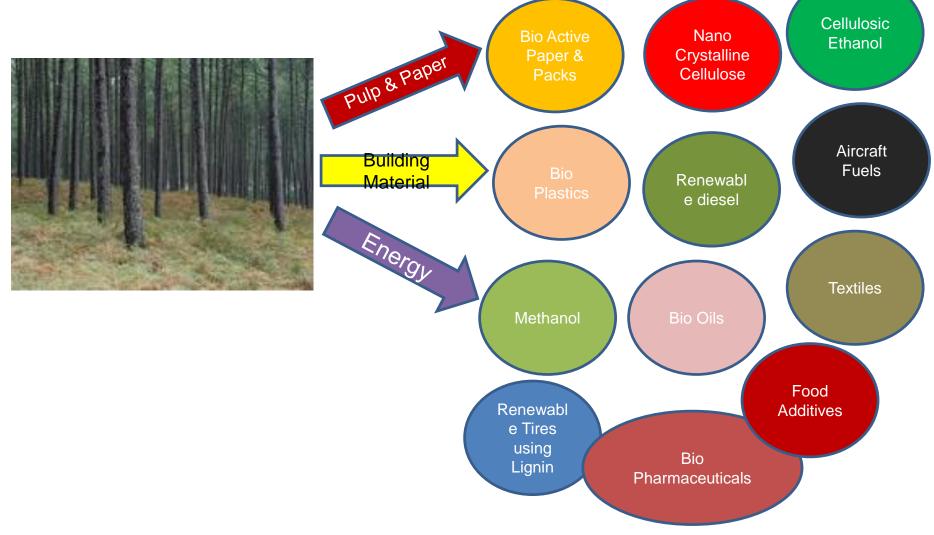
# Fibre Supply Analysis

It is very likely that the quantity, quality and cost of our fibre supply will determine the project technologies and size. We therefore need to:

- Model regionally available logging slash and hog fuel volumes based on harvest sequence and production estimates
- Model associated procurement cost of above
- Economic feasibility assessment of non-merchantable forest stand types
- Evaluate potential non-forest biomass sources
- Model available contingency volumes and costs
- All evaluations should consider assessment of all DMI tenured volumes as well as third party generated volumes
- Evaluate feasibility of developing project plan for Alberta Environment for stackable carbon offsets



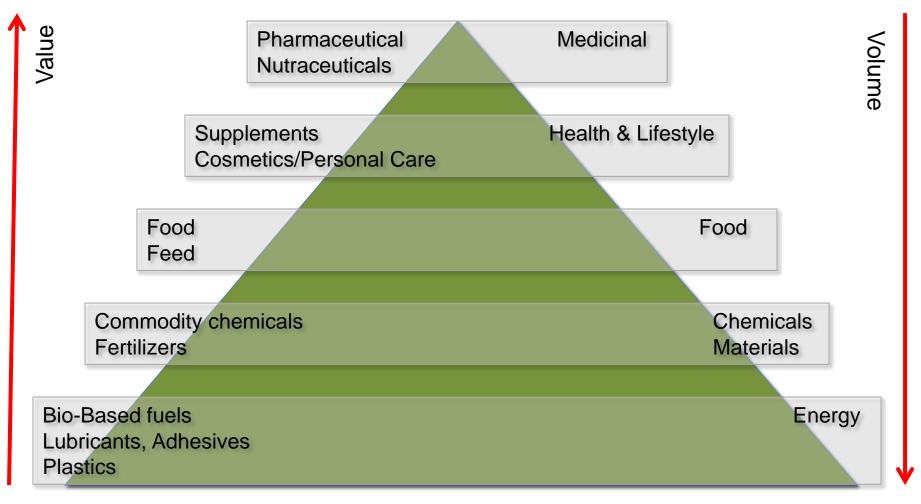
#### Technology is Changing Industries Emerging Forest Products



#### **Extension of established business model**



# Value chain



Agriculture and Forestry

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- The Forest Sector has all the key ingredients for successful bio investment.
- The Industry is interested in attracting greater investment in bioproducts and technology development and commercialization.
- Together we can create a unique business environment, which includes the collaborative forces of government, universities and industry partners working together to create and sustain a thriving bio industry.



"Opportunity dances with those on the dance floor."

Questions?