

#### **Transforming GHG Emissions into Marketable Products**

A COMMERCIAL SCALE DEMONSTRATION OF NEUTRALIZING NATURAL GAS CO2 EMISSIONS FROM A DISTRICT ENERGY FACILITY

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### **Presentation Topics**

Markham District Energy Pond Technologies NRG COSIA Carbon XPrize The Technology **Project Overview Environmental Benefits** Why is this technology important? Why is this important to the District Energy Sector?





# **Markham District Energy**

Created in 1999, MDE is an award winning thermal energy utility owned by the City of Markham.

We operates two district energy systems serving the City's growing downtown core (Markham Centre) and a second urban area, Cornell Centre.

MDE produces thermal energy for heating and cooling customer buildings (hot water and chilled water); and produces electricity for the local grid with our fleet of combined heat and power assets.







# **Pond Technologies**

We turn GHG emissions into revenue.

Markham based clean-tech company created in 2007.

Designer of proprietary technology – enclosed photobioreactors to rapidly grow algae from CO2 emissions using an LED illumination system.

25,000 L demonstration site at St Marys Cement plant Trading on TSXV, ticker POND.







\$20 million global competition to develop breakthrough technologies that will convert CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from power plants and industrial facilities into valuable products like building materials, alternative fuels and other items that we use every day. Teams will be scored on how much CO<sub>2</sub> they convert and the net value of their products.











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July 15, 2016: X-Prize received 47 entries from around the world.

October 17, 2016: Markham Team advances to the Semi-Final round joining 26 other entries from Canada, US, UK, Switzerland, China and India.

October 10, 2017: Semi-Finals performance results submitted for evaluation by the X-Prize scientific experts.

March 2018: Team is anxiously waiting for an announcement of the competition finalists. The winning team will be selected in late 2019!!



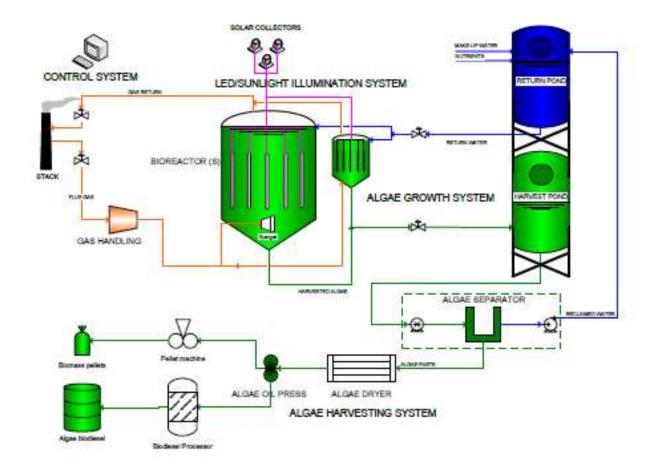


# The Technology

 Strong Intellectual property; Pond has files 16 patents with the US Patent and Trademark Office; 4 granted.

Major systems include:

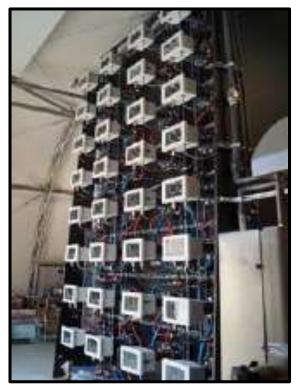
- Gas handling
- LED/Sunlight illumination in bioreactor
- Algae harvesting
- Nutrient dosing system
- Overall control system







## **Core Feature of the Technology**



Illumination System:

- Inside a photo-bioreactor, algae growth is generally light limited.
- Photosynthesis is most efficient when utilizing red light in the 680 – 700 nanometer wavelength range.
- Pond has spent in excess of \$10M over a decade developing and refining the illumination system to optimize algae growth.





## **Project Overview: First Phase**

Construction of three (3) photo-bioreactors that will biologically remove 715 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the Warden Energy Centre (WEC)'s combustion of natural gas from the hot water boiler & CHP operations. The facility will manufacture, dry and ship algae.

#### Purpose:

To demonstrate the commercial "scale-up" of this proven technology.





### **Site Overview**



Warden Energy Centre (WEC)



**5 MW CHP Facility** 





### **Markets for Algae**

#### **Nutraceutical Markets**

Examples include chlorella powder, spirulina powder, astaxanthin, omega-3. Huge value, exponential growth, lower volume.

### **Animal Feed Markets**

Aquaculture feed, animal feeds. High value, strong growth, big volumes.

### **Biofuel Markets**

Biodiesel, biomass pellets. Lower value, moderate growth, huge volumes.





## **Environmental Benefits**

GHG pre-project: 20,909 tonnes CO2 annually at the WEC (2016 data) GHG post-project: 20,909 tonnes + 45.7 tonnes generated by electricity in the process – 715 tonnes absorbed by process = 20,239.7 tonnes

**Net Reduction:** 

20,909 – 20,239.7 = 669.3 tonnes annually





# **Next Steps**

Carbon capture and utilization technology will be expanded until 80% of WEC GHG emissions are sequestered (~15,500 tonnes annually). Plus an additional 25 tonnes of NOx, a criteria air contaminant.

#### Goal

Apply the Pond technology at similar DE installations in Canada, the US and around the world.





# Why is this technology important?

Algae grown from natural gas combustion emissions can be sold into higher value nutraceutical and animal feed markets Carbon emitter continues to operate with natural gas as its primary fuel while reducing its carbon footprint. Broad market application for any natural gas consumer. Natural gas can transform to a zero-carbon fuel with this technology





## Why is this important to the District Energy Sector?

Our sector is being driven to low carbon.

Our options are limited.

This is an end-of-pipe solution.

Our primary fuel supply remains unchanged.

This technology is more than carbon abatement; it creates a revenue opportunity. Pond's technology requires scale and continuous operation.

There is a natural synergy between the Pond technology and our sector.





## **More Information**

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### **Questions & Discussion**



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