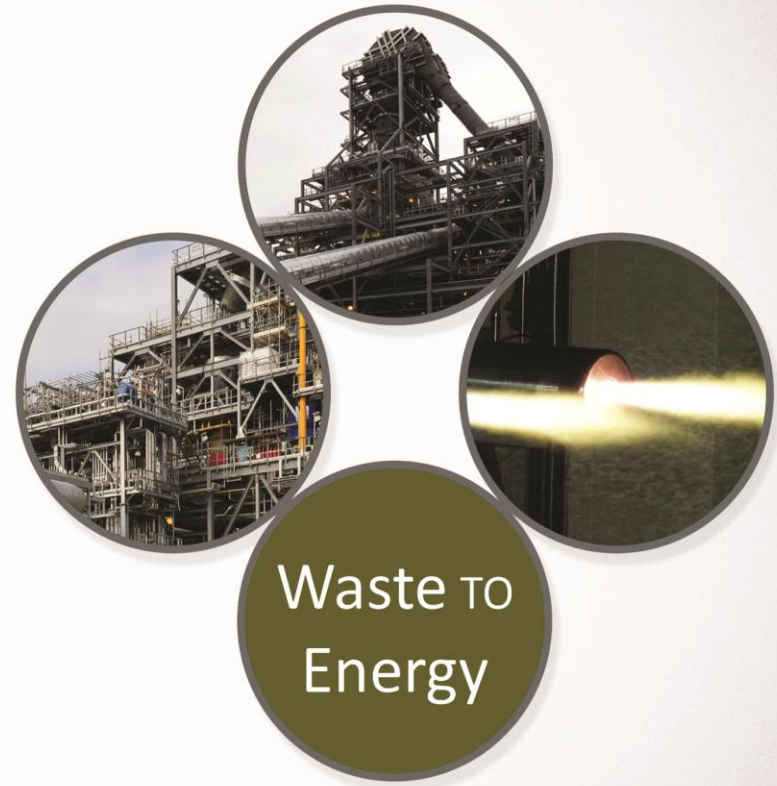


# Treating Waste as a Renewable Source of Energy

Advanced Thermal Technologies for the conversion of Waste-to-Energy

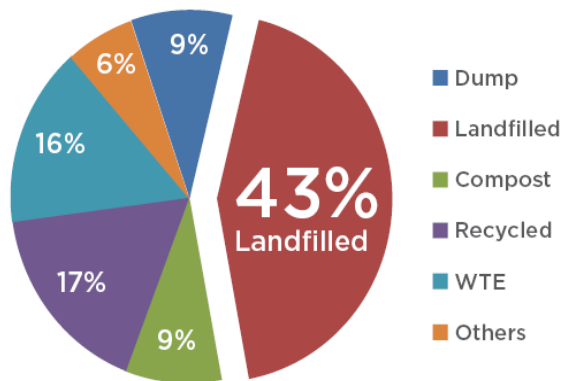
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Waste to  
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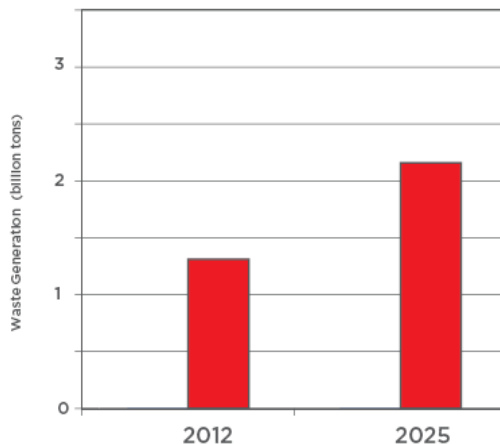
# WE HAVE A GLOBAL WASTE & POPULATION GROWTH CHALLENGES

## Most of the world's MSW is landfilled



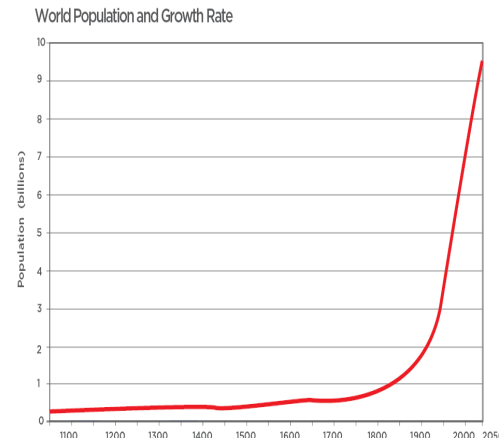
(Source: World Bank, 2012)

## MSW generation (billion tpy):



(Source: World Bank, 2012)

## World population growth (estimates in billions):



(Source: UN Population, 2014)

### Facts are that landfills cause:

- Greenhouse gas emissions, both CO<sub>2</sub> and methane
- Unnecessary land occupation
- Water contamination through leaching
- Emissions that contain hazardous air pollutants that can be dangerous
- Clean up issues for future generations

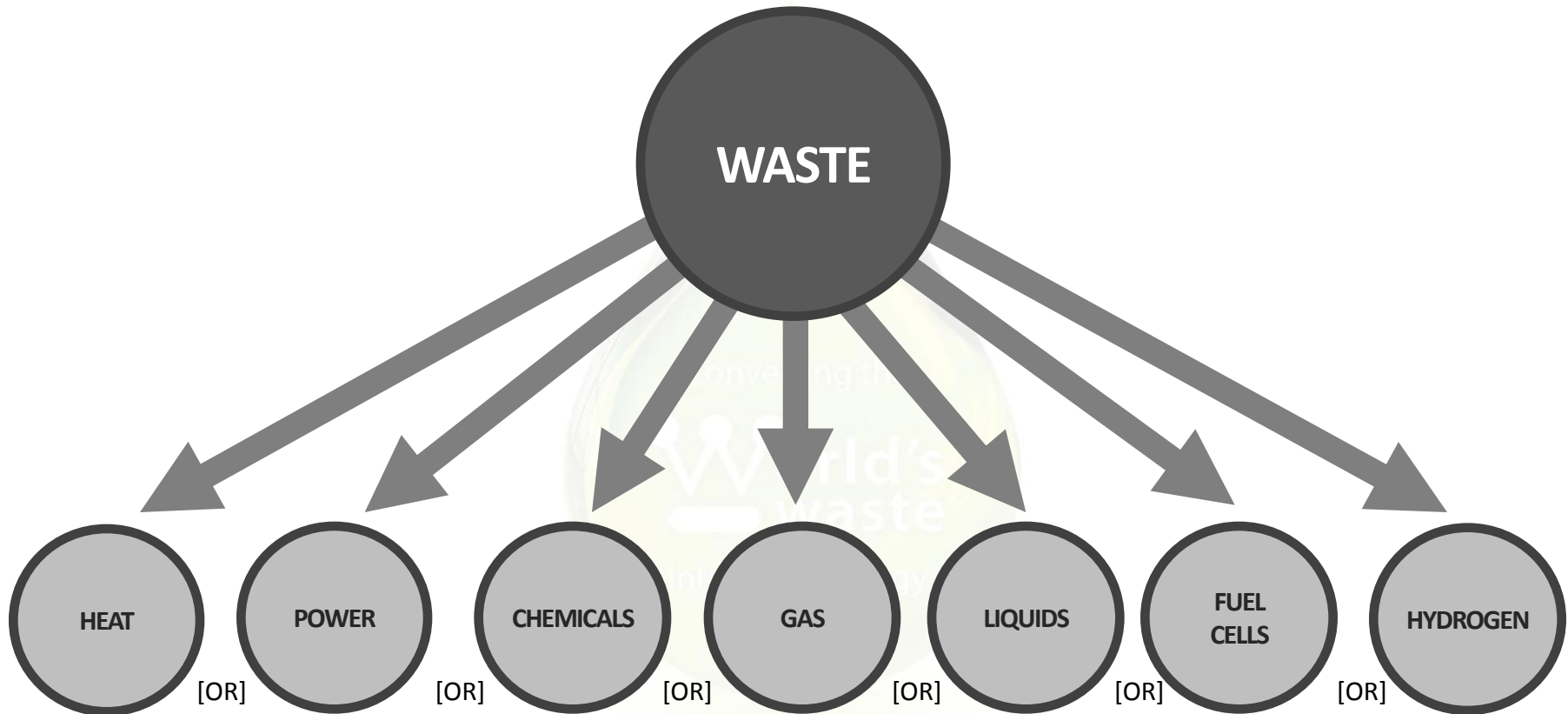
### World population growth impacts waste generation:

- World population is projected to reach 9 Billion by 2050
- Urbanization will account for 86% in developed countries; 64% in developing countries
- Increase in urban population and consumption has a direct impact on the increase of waste generation

*“Waste generation levels are expected to grow by 69% by 2025.” (World Bank Study, 2012)*

# WASTE-TO-ENERGY: DEFINITION

Conversion of waste materials into useable energy.



# Global Waste Management (Practice & Challenges)

# GLOBAL WASTE MANAGEMENT: PRACTICE & CHALLENGES

<b>Waste Management &amp; Evolution</b>	<b>Tier 1</b> (E.g. Western Europe, Japan)	<b>Tier 2</b> (E.g. USA, Canada, Australia)	<b>Tier 3</b> (E.g. Middle East, S. America, E. Europe)	<b>Tier 4</b> (E.g. Asia/India, Developing Countries)
Waste segregation at source (E.g. 3R's)	HIGH	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
Advanced landfilling	HIGH	HIGH	LOW	LOW
Thermal Treatment	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>LOW</b>	<b>LOW</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Environment pollution (E.g. methane gas, CO <sub>2</sub> , gas flaring, open dumping, health hazard, etc.)	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH



## TIER 1 – CURRENT STATE OF THE ART



Urban - Denmark



Urban - Denmark



Rural - UK

## TIER 4 – NOT STATE OF THE ART



Human habitation near a landfill



Crop cultivation besides a landfill

# **Waste Management (Challenges & Opportunities)**

# ASIA/INDIA PERSPECTIVE

## Challenges:

- Asia is a highly populated region of ~4 Billion people (India - 1.3 Billion); with highly populated urban centres
- Lack of adequate waste management/recycling facilities
- Waste material consists of high moisture content/wet organics
- Country risk, including political, social, changing renewable policies, difficult to obtain long-term energy price
- Scarcity of development capital and scarcity of credible project developer/owners

## Opportunities:

- Waste volumes are growing and majority of waste is largely landfilled
- Acute energy demand for power generation and economic growth
- Limited availability of land for landfilling vs. human habitation
- International pressure for cleaner/sustainable waste practices and GHG reduction



# ASIA/INDIA VERSUS NA/EU

	North America / Europe	Asia
<b>Waste</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RDF widely used with low moisture/organic content</li> <li>• Low in glass/metals content</li> <li>• High calorific value and energy output</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High moisture/organic content</li> <li>• High in glass/metals content</li> <li>• Lower energy output</li> <li>• Low calorific value</li> </ul>
<b>Long-term Contracts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mostly open markets</li> <li>• Allowance to negotiate long-term waste and energy contracts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mostly closed markets</li> <li>• Obtaining secure, low-risk contracts is much more difficult</li> </ul>
<b>Revenues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revenues are higher due to medium/high tipping fees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revenues are lower due to low tipping fees</li> </ul>
<b>Capital Cost</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medium/high labor and material costs</li> <li>• Higher capital costs to build a facility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low labor and material costs</li> <li>• Lower capital costs to build a facility</li> </ul>
<b>Political Risk</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stable governments</li> <li>• Long-term policy with predictable business environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less favorable conditions</li> </ul>
<b>Permitting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permitting is a lengthy process due to many stakeholders and stringent permit/license processes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permitting often easier due to fewer NGOs and simpler permit/license processes</li> </ul>

# GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

- NGO pressure – anything short of 100% recycling is not acceptable
- Changing or uncertain renewable energy policies
  - Unfavourable mandates or lack of incentives
  - Unavailable/uncertain long-term waste supply agreements/PPAs
  - Waste-to-energy not addressed or not considered renewable
  - Incentives come and go with political change
- Limited access/unavailability to large project development capital/funding
- Less than factual media coverage, speculation and misunderstandings about advanced thermal technologies (e.g. plasma gasification)
- Risk aversion to newer technologies

# Government Initiatives & Incentives for Waste Conversion

## GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES & INCENTIVES

Country	Landfill Tax	Renewable Energy Mandate	Legislations	First Legislations Enacted
India	✗	✓	✓	1986
China	✗	✓	✓	1989
Australia	✓	✓	✓	2009
EU (27)	✓	✓	✓	2008
USA	✗	✓	✓	1976

Source: MEP China; COAG Australia; EC.Europa; EPA/RCRA USA

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# **Role of Governments and Private Enterprise**



# ENGAGING ALL STAKEHOLDERS IN THE WASTE VALUE CHAIN

- Waste management is a challenging task for government and other stakeholders
- The costs for waste management will grow from ~\$205 billion to ~\$375 billion by 2025
- An on-going need to improve waste management plans
- Resource-efficient waste hierarchy is a long-term approach to integrated waste management - including recycle, reuse and recovery
- Large-scale investment in advanced thermal technologies would be the lock-in options in the future
- Waste management is an opportunity (for both public and private sector) to recover resources for a sustainable future, to realize environmental, economic and social benefits



Source: The World Bank, UNEP

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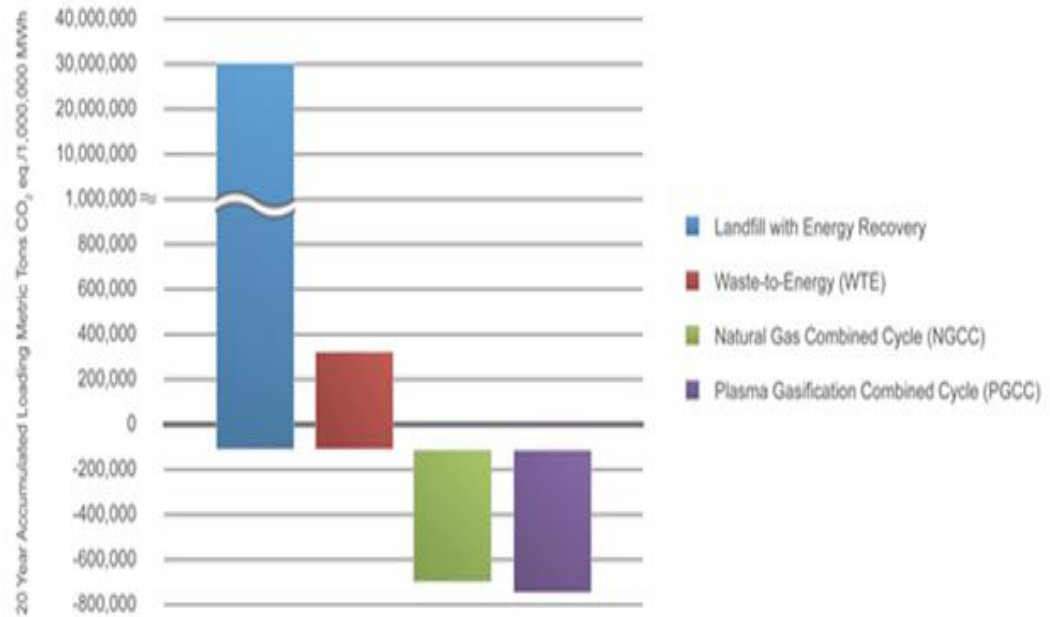
# **CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions**

## **(Landfill vs. Thermal Treatment)**

# GHG EMISSIONS COMPARISON

- Plasma gasification reduces greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by over 50% on a lifecycle basis compared to conventional landfilling
- Emission levels from a combined cycle power plant using plasma gasification are similar to those from a natural gas fired power plant
- The use of waste as a feedstock in a plasma gasification power plant eliminates the GHG produced by otherwise landfilled waste and therefore the technology is expected to be RPS and REC eligible

A 2010 report by Scientific Certification Systems comparing Landfill, Waste to Energy (incineration) and Plasma Gasification Combined Cycle configurations, concluded that a “Plasma Gasification Combined Cycle (PGCC) system provides the lowest greenhouse gas emissions of the evaluated systems for waste disposal.”



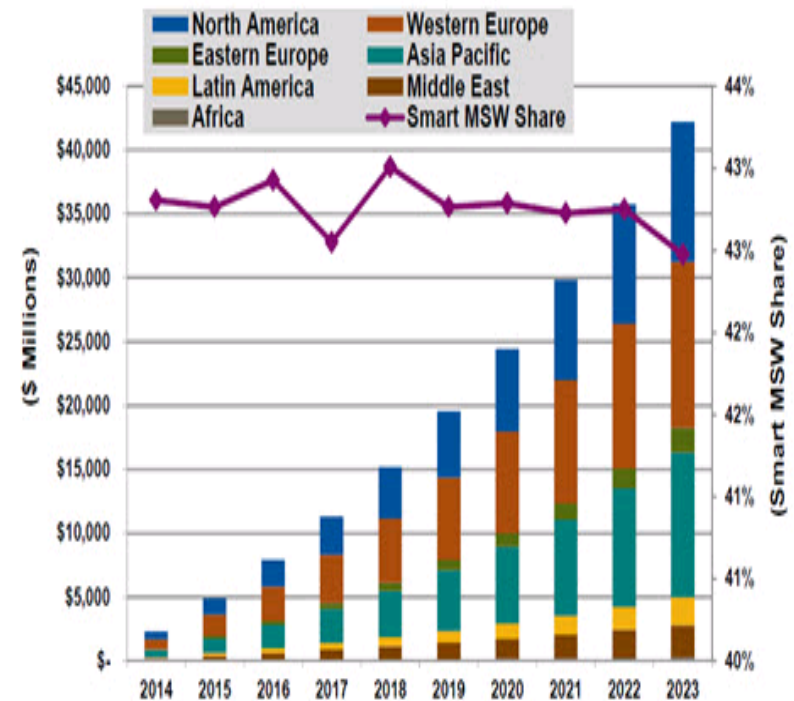
Source: SCIENTIFIC CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS, INC.

# **Global Economic Impact (Revenues & Employment)**

# MSW AS AN OPPORTUNITY

- Waste-to-energy (WTE) technologies are combustion, gasification and anaerobic digestion
- \$42.2 billion in cumulative revenue; annual revenue from smart MSW technology (e.g. WTE) is expected to experience a 12.2% compound annual growth rate, significantly more than the anticipated 4% revenue growth from conventional MSW technology
- The market for WTE technologies is projected to reach \$29.2 billion by 2022, up from \$6.2 billion in 2012
- WTE plants will treat a minimum of 261 million tonnes of waste annually by 2022

Chart 1.1 Cumulative Smart MSW Technology Revenue by Region, World Markets: 2014-2023



(Source: Navigant Research)

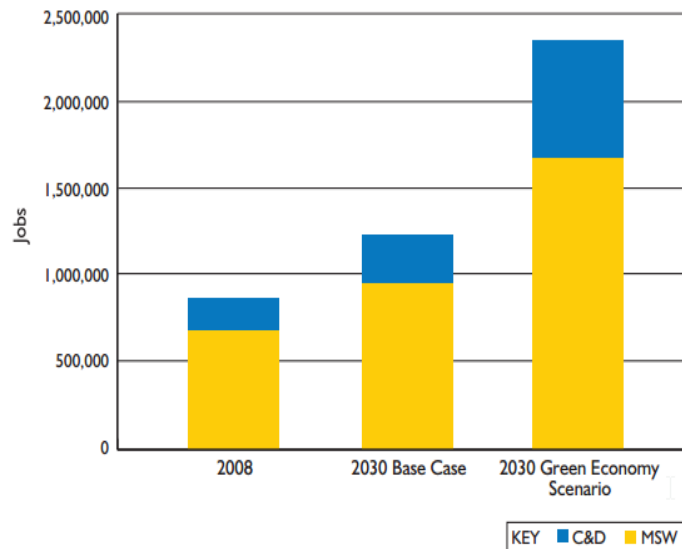


# WASTE AS AN OPPORTUNITY

## Job Creation

- The Green Economy Scenario with a 75% diversion rate generates 2.3 million total direct jobs — over 1.1 million more jobs than in the base case, and nearly 1.5 million more jobs than in 2008.

Figure ES-3  
Total MSW and C&D Job Impacts

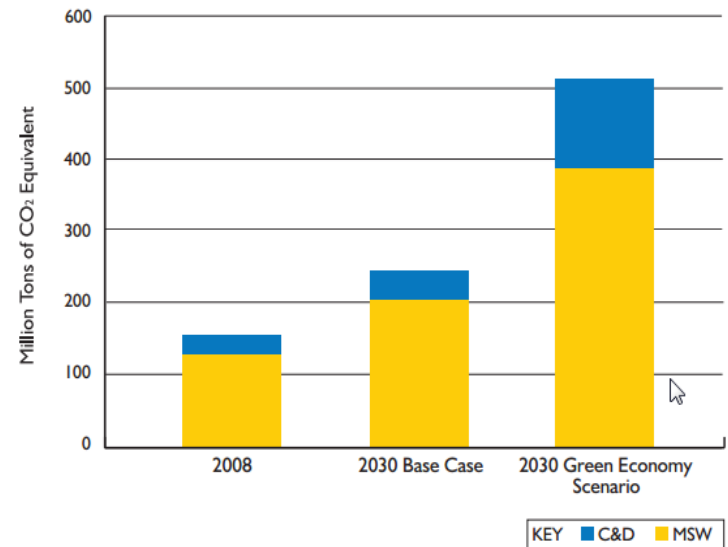


Source: NRDC, BlueGreen Alliance

## Emissions Reduction

- The combined additional GHG reductions achieved in 2030 in the Green Economy Scenario relative to the Base Case total 276 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>E (185 million tonnes from MSW and 91 million tonnes from C&D), equivalent to shutting down about 72 coal-fired power plants or taking 50 million cars off the road.

Figure ES-4  
Climate Change Emissions Reductions from Diversion



# Technology Readiness for Waste Management

# ALTERNATIVES FOR WASTE TREATMENT

## BURY

Landfilling waste:

200 kWh (net)  
recovered per  
tonne of waste



## RESULTS:

Passes the problem to  
future generations

## BURN

Incinerating waste:

500-650 kWh (net)  
recovered per  
tonne of waste



## RESULTS:

Creates ash requiring  
secondary processing or  
landfilling

## CONVERT

## Advanced Thermal Treatment



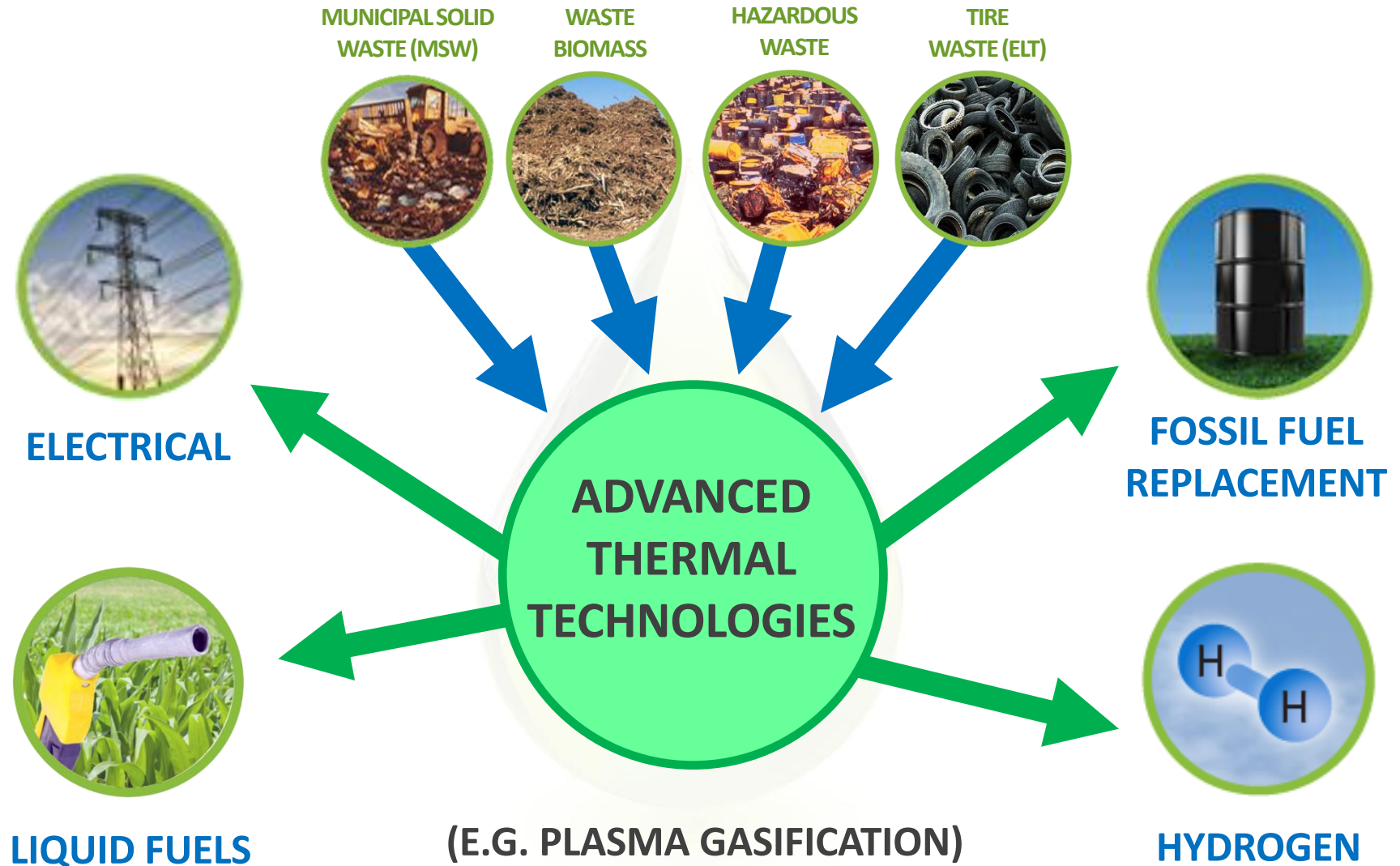
In addition to electricity the plasma  
gasification process can also create: ethanol  
gasoline, diesel fuel or oil replacement

## RESULTS:

**Life without  
landfills**

EVOLUTION OF THE WASTE CONVERSION PROCESS

# WASTE TREATMENT USING ADVANCED THERMAL TECHNOLOGIES



# WASTE DIVERSION RATE BY TREATMENT METHOD

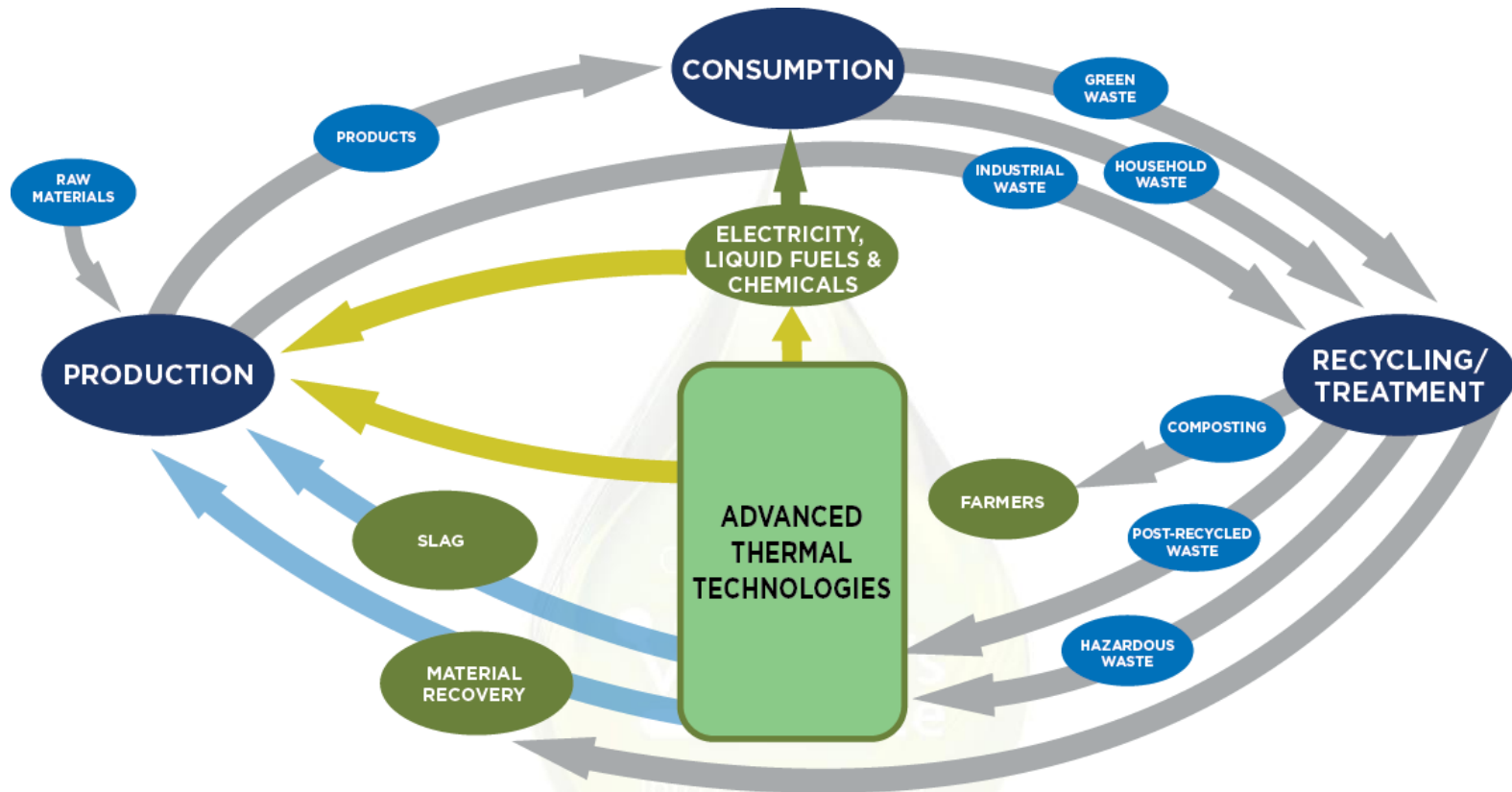
(E.g. 1000 tpd waste handling/treatment)

	Recycling/MRF	Incineration	Advanced Thermal Technologies
Waste Diversion	~20%	~70%	~98%
Waste for Treatment or Landfilling	~80%	~30%	~2%

- Recycling/MRF alone cannot eliminate majority of waste
- Incineration creates significant amount of residual waste that still require landfilling/disposal
- Advanced thermal technologies creates minimal residual waste for landfilling/disposal



# ADVANCED THERMAL TECHNOLOGIES ARE PART OF THE 'CIRCULAR ECONOMY'



- Advanced thermal technologies are part of the 'circular economy' and product life-cycle
- E.g. Plasma Gasification is suitable for processing post-recycled waste/RDF or waste that cannot be recycled and require appropriate disposal (e.g. hazardous waste)

# **Waste-to-Energy in India: (Proposed Tariffs, Policy Measures & Incentives)**

# WASTE-TO-ENERGY IN INDIA: PROPOSED TARIFFS, **POLICY MEASURES & INCENTIVES**

## **Proposed tariffs:**

- Bio-Power (biomass/gasification and bagasse cogeneration) - US ¢ 11.5 – 13.5
- Waste-to-Power (RDF route) - US ¢ 12

## **Policy measures:**

- Interest subsidy to reduce the rate of interest to 7.5%
- Financial assistance of up to 50% of capital cost per MW for demonstration size projects (limited to Rs. 3 crores/US\$ 448,800)
- Financial incentives for power generation per MWe (Rs. 15 lakh/US\$ 22,440) ; cost-free waste feedstock supply to site; land on a long-term lease (30+ years)

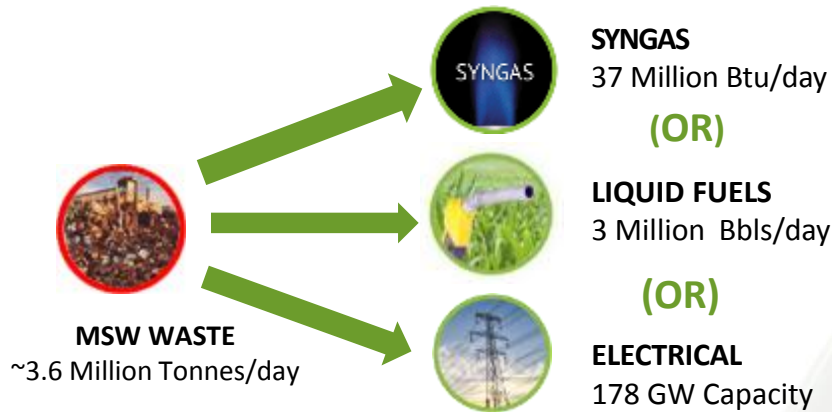
## **Power generation incentives:**

- MSW/RDF route (Rs. 15 million/US\$ 224,400); MSW on gasification/pyrolysis /plasma arc (Rs. 39 million/US\$ 583,440); Bio-methanation technology and processes
- Others: per project development assistance and capacity building initiatives

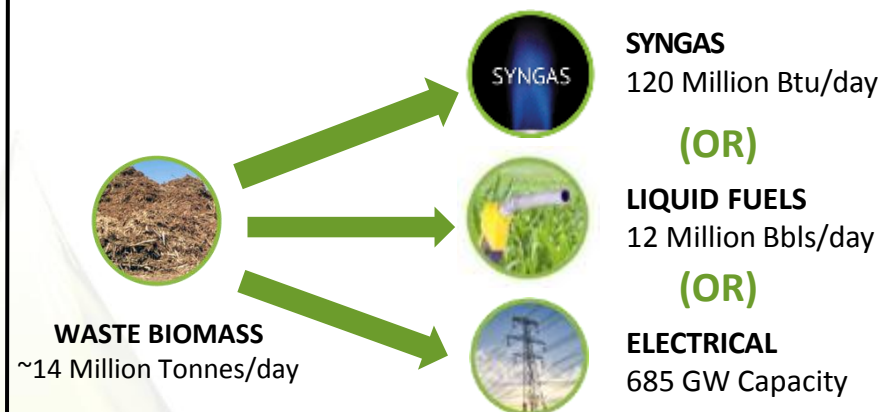
# Waste Management - as a renewable source of energy

# GLOBAL WASTE HAS SIGNIFICANT ENERGY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

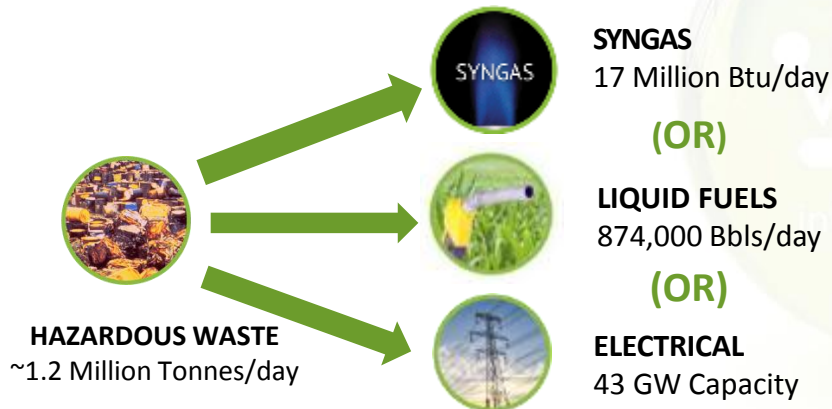
## ESTIMATED MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE



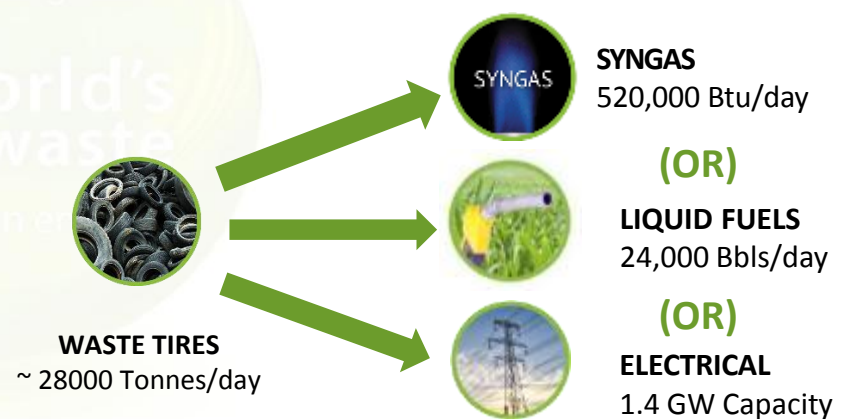
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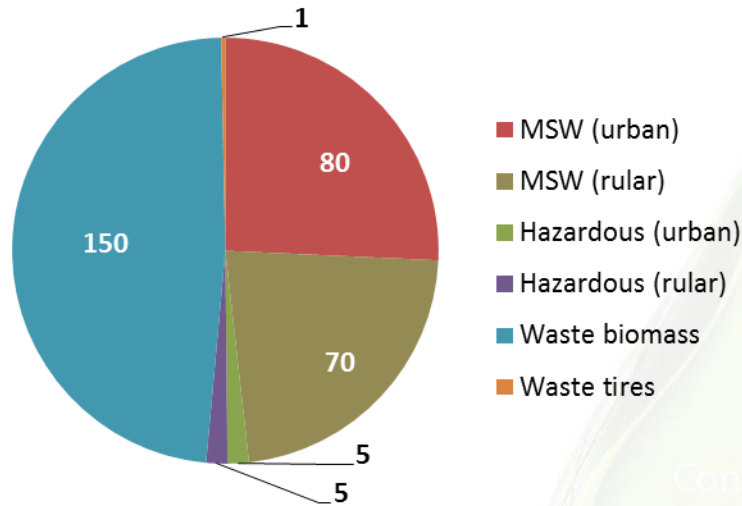
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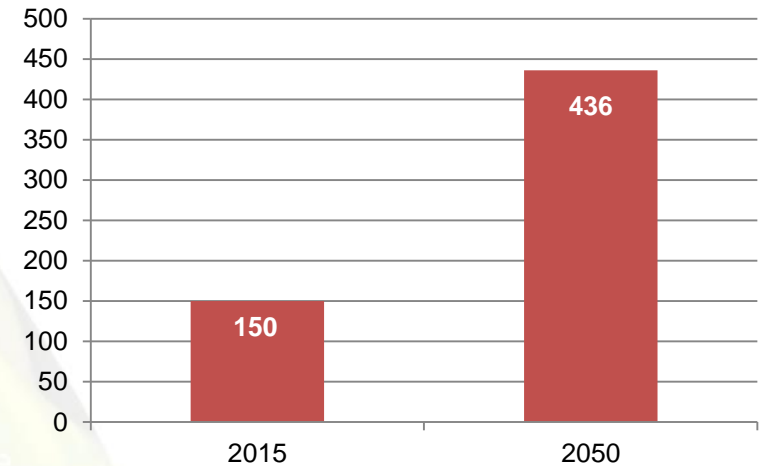


# INDIA'S WASTE CHALLENGES

~80% of MSW is landfilled  
(approximate, million tpy):



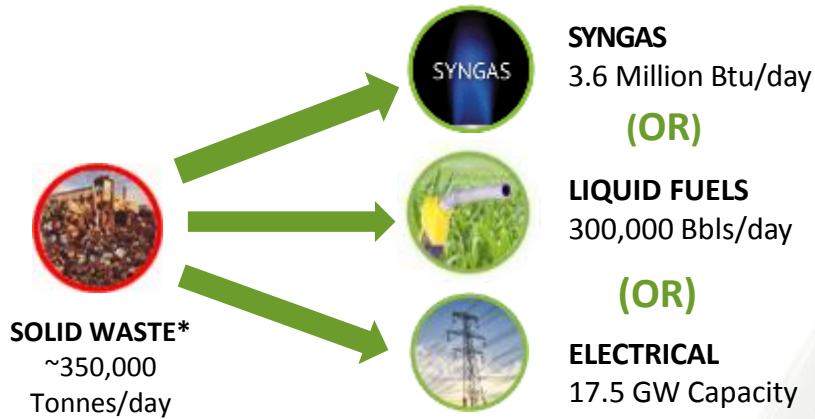
MSW generation  
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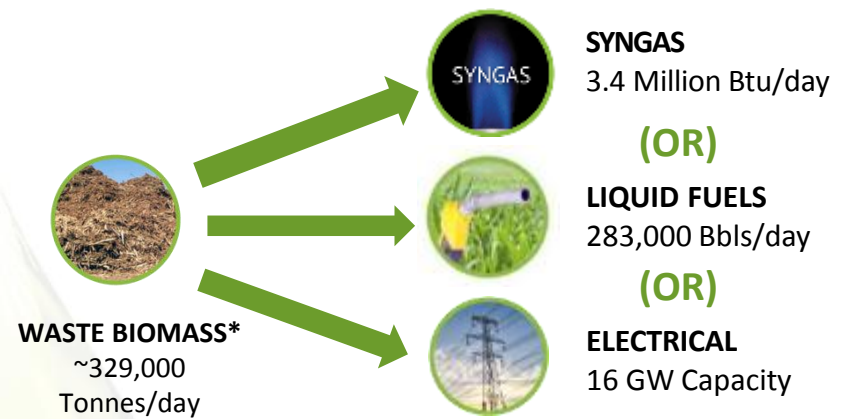
- Growing population, urbanization increases waste volumes and environmental concern
- On a cumulative basis, current 'urban' MSW generation is ~80 Million Tonnes/year; (estimated to reach ~436 Million Tonnes/year by 2050)
  - It is estimated, that an additional 70-80 MM TPY of 'rural' MSW would be generated but unaccounted (per capital basis)
  - ~80% of MSW is landfilled and ~20% is treated/recycled
- Additional waste streams are: hazardous/medical (~5 MM TPY); surplus waste biomass (~150 MM TPY; waste tires (~1 MM TPY) are generated
  - It is estimated, that an additional 1-3 MM TPY of 'rural' hazardous waste would be generated but unaccounted

# MONETIZING WASTE IN INDIA: A RENEWABLE SOURCE OF ENERGY

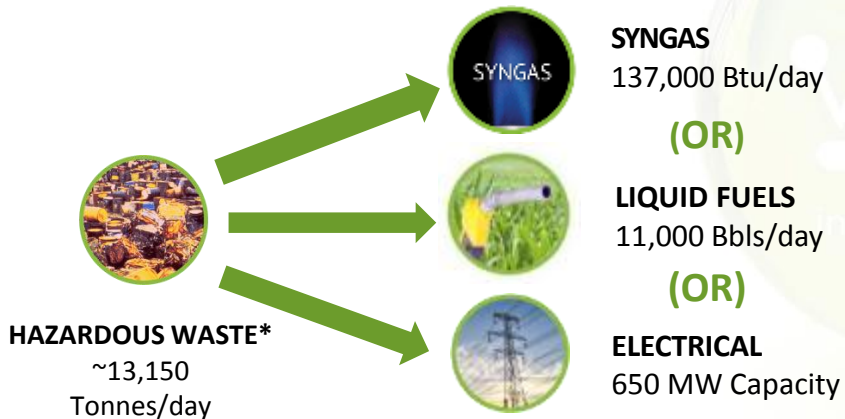
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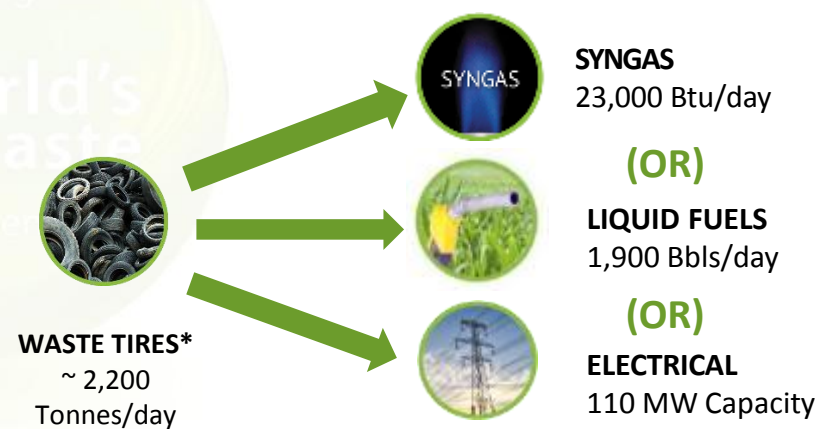


## ESTIMATED HAZARDOUS WASTE



\*~80% of urban/rural waste volumes)

## ESTIMATED WASTE TIRES



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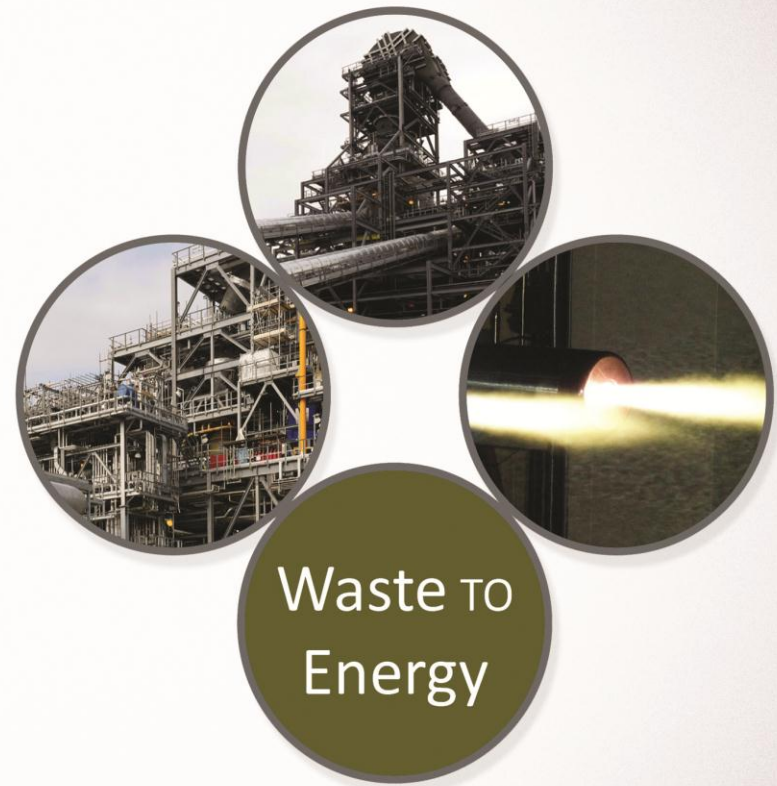
- Growing population/urbanization increases waste volumes and environmental concern
- Waste management is a global challenge but presents multiple opportunities
- Converting waste into renewable energy for the growing economies
- Waste management has global economic benefit on revenue growth and employment opportunities
- Some governments are providing meaningful regulations, policy framework and incentives to accelerate the development of the waste-to-energy sector
- Advanced thermal technologies (e.g. Plasma Gasification) provide clean, reliable and flexible waste-to-energy solutions
  - Diverting multiple waste streams from landfills (~98%), while creating power, liquid fuels or as a fossil fuel replacement
  - Enable governments/municipalities to implement their mandates on waste reduction, reuse, recycling (3Rs), while fostering the 'circular economy' plan.



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