

# Air Curtain Technology





# Agenda

Company overview Explain Air Curtain Technology Problems with wood and vegetative waste Air Burners approach to Biomass energy **BioChar production from our machines** 







- Largest manufacturer of Air Curtain Burners
- In business over 20 years
- Primary manufacturing in Palm City, Florida
- Our machines are on every continent except Antarctica
- 15 Different models of Air Curtain Burners









# **Air Curtain Technology**

# How does it work?





Like a Scrubber, Air Curtain machines do not burn anything, they just control the emissions from something burning



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#### Horizontal Air Curtain Creates secondary burn chamber



1=Air Manifold 2=Firebox Refractory Wall 3=Wood Waste or Wood Fuel 4= Air Curtain (left to right) 5=Smoke (PM)



High velocity curtain (4) traps particles under the curtain
Particles under curtain (5) are reburned



#### Actual Comparison Testing To Open Burning





### **Lowest Cost and Fast**

Air Curtain Burners 20 tons of wood waste eliminated in 1 hour Open Burning 20 tons of wood waste burning for 48 hours

# **Environment Canada**

Particulate Matter release for 20 tons of wood waste

#### Primary Purpose

# Controlling Particulate Matter – Smoke – Black Carbon Proven Technology

- Well tested technology in the US and other countries
- Air Burners, Inc. is a proud CRADA partner with the USEPA and the USDAFS









# Why is Veg Waste an important issue?

Approximately 20 percent of the World's waste is vegetative (World Bank)

 There are very few opportunities to recycle vegetative waste

 Most Numbers on vegetative waste do not include <u>Tree Mortality</u>



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2014 data from USEPA and World Bank

The Mulch and Compost markets are currently over supplied



# Tree Mortality is a major issue

Total collected Vegetative waste in the USA is 50 million tons (USEPA 2014)

Sierra Nevada Mountains Tree Mortality 102 million dead standing trees 800 million tons (USFS 2016)





# A New Design Approach for Biomass Energy





# Air Burners Priorities in Biomass Power Generation

# **#1 - Eliminating Wood and Vegetative Waste**

# #2 - Make electrical and thermal energy

**PGFireBox** 



# Difficulties with Biomass Energy Today

# Inefficient waste elimination option

Systems are designed to extract maximum energy from veg waste

High preprocessing costs and environmental impact Most systems require double grinding as preprocessing



# Air Curtain Burner vs Grinding and Hauling



Most common veg waste disposal method is Grind and Haul to landfill Same grinding process is needed for most Biomass power systems





#### **The Difficulties**

#### **Current Biomass Processing**

- Expensive
- High Emissions
- Supplemental fuel
- High capital costs
- Permanent structure
- Focus is on efficient energy production not waste elimination





#### **The Solution**

# **PGFireBox**

- No processing
- Whole logs and root balls
- No supplemental fuels
- Movable system
- Lowest emissions
- Easy installation

- Focus is on waste elimination with energy production as an added benefit



# **Our Approach**



# Combines Air Curtain Technology and ORC

ORC = Organic Rankine Cycle





500kW Electrical 2.5 MegaWatt Thermal



1 MegaWatt Electrical 5 MegaWatt Thermal





# What are the advantages of this system?

- Lowest environmental impact Easy placement, not a permanent structure
- High throughput compared to other schemes
- Can be relocated to accommodate the "waste travel zone"
- No supplemental fuels needed
- It's a machine not a building, easier finance and resale
- No expensive pre-processing operations like grinding/sorting
- Ideal support for "Distributed Power Generation"







# Eliminate 7 tons per hour

#### **Heat and Power**

**Generate 100kW electricity** 

**Generate 1 MW Thermal Energy** 

Up to 10 CY of BioChar per day

MSRP \$860,000 USD





PGF100 100 kW system

**Self-Powered system** 

20 Tons per hour burning

Power for <u>all three</u> FireBoxes

Not a permanent structure

No grinding or preprocessing

MSRP \$933,000 USD





#### **BioChar Production Air Burners Customer in the Southern US**

- Averaging 10 Cubic Yards per day using a Model S327 FireBox
- Sell through a broker, \$120 for 1 cubic yard
- Market varies throughout the country
- Most of our customers can sell 25% to 75% of their BioChar



Rake out the ash
Quench with water
Screen to size
Bag and ship







# Closed Circle Recycling

- 1 Megawatt PGF in the center eliminating waste and generating power
- Power is distributed to other waste recycling machines
- Lowers production cost of recycled product
- Does not consume any outside power





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# **THANK YOU**

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