

# Crescentino: a second generation biorefinery

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## **Our Group**





1950 - 1979

1979-2000

2000-2007

**2007 & Beyond** 

# Packaging Manufacturing Phase

M&G was founded in 1953 by Vittorio Ghisolfi in Tortona, Italy

M&G offered customers packaging from HDPE and PVC

# Chemical Specialty Manufacturing Phase

Group activities were integrated upstream in the development and production of special resin (PET) for food packaging applications

### **PET Expansion Phase**

#### 2000 Acquisition of Shell's PET business



2002
Acquisition of Brazilian controlled
Rhodia-ster from Rhone Poulenc

# 2003 Start up of world's largest PET production unit at Altamira (Mexico)

2004
Acquisition of the world class engineering group Chemtex from Mitsubishi Corporation

2007
Start-up of highest capacity single line PET plant in Suape, Brazil
A Chemtex EPC Project

#### Renewables

2007
Testing and development
of technology on lab scale
for cellulosic ethanol

2008 Agronomic testing of energy crops

2009
Construction and
operation of a continuous
pilot plant for
cellulosic ethanol

2011
Construction of a 40ktpa
Cellulosic Ethanol
Demonstration Plant

Collaboration with Amyris, Genomatica and Codexis for 2G Sustainable Chemicals

Launch of



Privately held company with deep roots in manufacturing (PET and Acetates)

2600 Employees worldwide A commitment to R&D (3 Centers) and Process USD 3 billion annual revenue Operations in the USA, Italy, Mexico and Brazil



# The Engineering Company



#### Chemtex Italy



Tortona, Rivalta

#### Apple Grove, WV Wilmington, NC Verbania **Tortona** Milan Resin **Group Head Office** Group Head Office Cellulose Acetate Engineering Europe Reg. Office **Sharon Center, OH Patrica** R&D Center **R&D Center** Resin Houston, TX Pignataro M. **North America Regional Office** Engineering **Altamira** Resin Shanghai Engineering Poços de Caldas Recycle Resin, Fiber, Mumbai **R&D** Center **Engineering Paulínia** PTA São Paulo Bangalore South America **Engineering** Cabo Regional Office Fiber

Resin

#### **Chemtex China**



Shanghai, Beijing

#### **Chemtex USA**



Wilmington, NC

#### **Chemtex India**



Mumbai, Bangalore

## PROESA™ in a Nutshell



## ✓ PROESA<sup>TM</sup> <u>pillars</u>:

- Agronomy;
- Pretreatment;
- Hydrolysis + fermentation.



- ✓ Over US\$ 200M investment in R&D since 2007.
- ✓ Extensive <u>agronomic studies and supply chain logistics</u> to support downstream plant development.
- ✓ A continuous 1 t/d biomass pilot facility operational since 2009.
- ✓ A 40 kt/t demo plant under construction in Crescentino (VC) with start-up in Q4 2012.



## in a Nutshell



- ✓ Intellectual property: 11 patent applications filed.
- ✓ 3 licenses already sold for plants between 65 and 100 ktpa of EtOH.
- ✓ Commitment of M&G / Chemtex and partners to continuous improvement.

Release of high quality low cost sugars, the new feedstock

for the production of ethanol and/or biobased chemicals.

## PROESA<sup>™</sup> Technology step by step









2006-2008

- Scouting of Technologies
- Generation of key inventions
- Proof of UNIT OPERATION in the labs

2009-2010

- Pilot plant construction& start up (June 2009)
- Pilot Plant operation and Data gathering
- Test of Plant flexibility using multiple biomasses

2011-2012

- Crescentino Unit
- Technology licensing

## **Crescentino 40ktpa Plant**







- In April 2011, M&G and Chemtex broke ground for a 40 ktpa / 13.4 mmgpy nameplate cellulosic ethanol plant based on Arundo Donax & wheat straw.
- Crescentino will generate 13MW of "green" power from lignin to the grid and will sell ethanol to a major oil company.
- Design incorporates state-of-the-art wastewater treatment facility for maximum recycle of water.
- Start-up: Q4, 2012.

# Crescentino 40ktpa Plant: Lignin Boiler







Crescentino, April 2012

# **Crescentino 40ktpa Plant: Today**



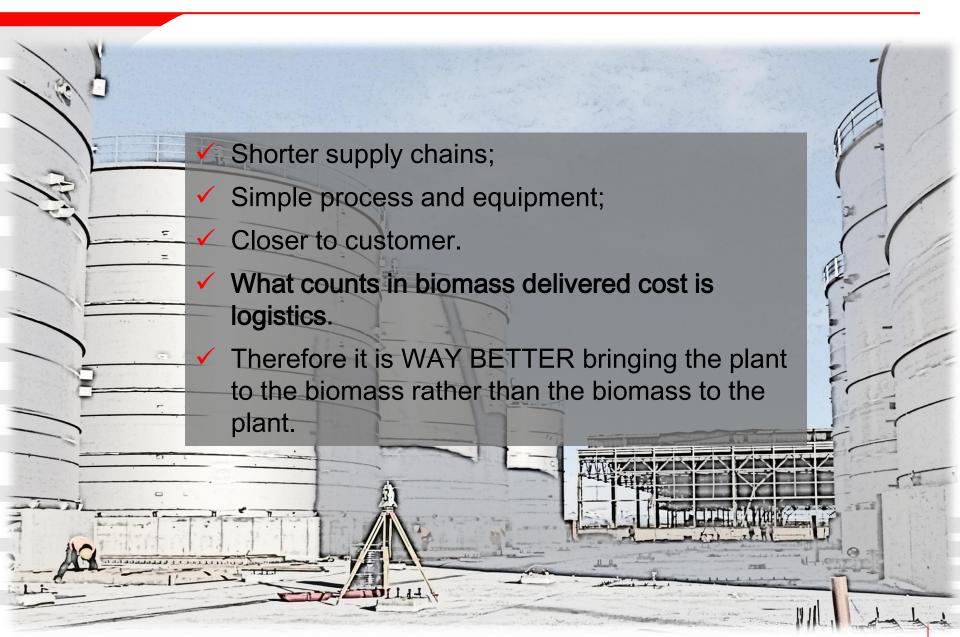




Crescentino, September 2012

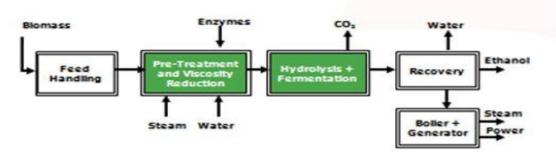
## **Economics improve at smaller scale**





# Successful European Projects E P7 BIOLY E







#### FP7 - DG TREN - BIOLYFE Second generation BIOethanol process: demonstration scale for the

step of Lignocellulosic hydrolysis and Fermentation

√ Starting date 01/2010 – 4y duration √ 8,6 million € EC contribution on 15.6 million € budget √7 Partners from I, DK, DE, SE √ Scale up of unique and innovative Viscosity

Reduction and SCCF technologies



VR, Hydrolisi and Fermentation



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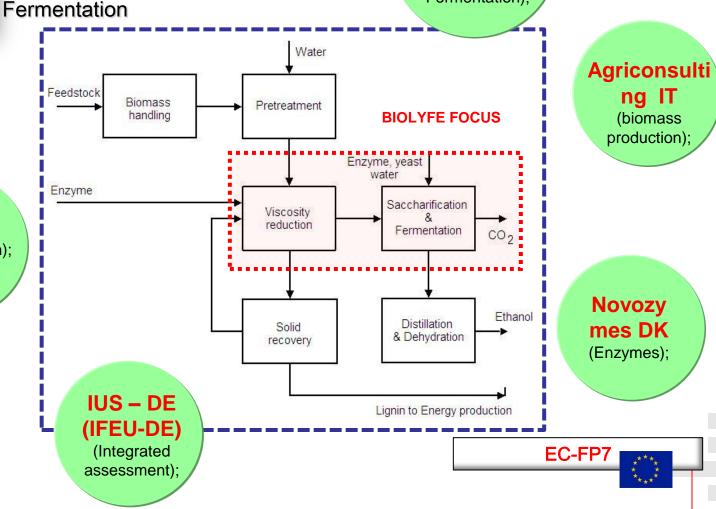
Univ. Lund-SE (TAURUS-SE) (Microorganism

Fermentation):

**ENEA - IT** (Pretreatment);

WIP - DE (ETA-IT) (Dissemination);

Chemtex - IT (Coordinator, Second generation Bioethanol demo unit);



## Summary:key advantages of PROESA™



## **Financial:**

- ✓ Lower capital due to less handling of biomass, simplified flows and no special equipment;
- ✓ Cash cost of fermentable sugars at ~10 ¢/lb;
- Cash cost of ethanol of <\$ 1.50/USG (\$ 0.40/L);</li>
- Cost-effective at modest scale; short supply chains.

## **Flexibility:**

- Feedstock-independent: energy crops, agro wastes, woody biomass, bagasse;
- Deployable worldwide;
- Pure lignin by-product; provides power for plant;
- No long-term enzyme supply commitments.

Competitive and attractive economics without subsidies



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