BIOMASS SOURCING STRATEGIES NON-TECHNICAL CHALLENGES OF A COMPANY INTENDING TO BUILD A DEMONSTRATION/FLAGSHIP PLANT



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We build our strategic advisory and M&A support on our deep knowledge in the biomass to energy sector; the competence is unique & profound

Strategy	devel	opment
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- **Bioenergy strategy** formulation
- Market penetration strategy
- Comprehensive market analysis
- Bioenergy master plans

Procurement strategies

- **Biomass sourcing** strategy
- Procurement optimisation

negotiation

Contract evaluation and

- Supply/market analysis
- Scenario analysis
- Strategy formulation
- Implementation

Technology assessment

- Technology options evaluation
- Technology development benchmarking
- Audits of novel technology

- Integration of bioenergy inv. to existing plants
- Technology partnership opportunities
- Energy efficiency assessment



- Change management
- Analysis of selected business alternatives
- Partnership opportunities / Investor and downstream partner

identification



Bioenergy market analysis

Business development

and modelling

Performance

improvement

benchmarking

Competitiveness

- Market research and market advisory
- Marketing, product and production strategies
- Demand, supply and price forecasting

Project services

- Project identification and concept development
- Project pre-feasibility / feasibility assessments
- Financial viability analysis - ports, vessels

- **Business operations and planning** Sales plan development
 - Business opportunity assessment
 - Corporate restructuring
 - Investment analysis and technical valuation



Identification and evaluation of target customers

Policy analysis and monitoring.



Project due diligence / second opinion

Financial valuation of biomass plants services to financiers



WHAT IS A BIOMASS SOURCING MANAGER DOING ALL DAY?



Making sure that the **right feedstock volume** of the **right quality** arrives at the facility at the **right time** at **affordable cost.**



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KEY CHALLENGES IN BIOMASS SOURCING

- Identification of suitable biomass supply regions and sources
- Mobilisation of existing surplus volumes
- Development of new resources
- Bulky materials from dispersed origins
- Complex logistics
- Seasonality and cyclicality of supply flows
- Competition for raw material with other industries
- Competition for land and other resources
- Price uncertainty and risk of increasing biomass market prices
- Regulatory environment and financial incentive schemes
- Sustainability requirements and public perception
- etc.



BIOMASS ASSORTMENTS

Should the conversion technology decide over the feedstock to be used or vice versa?



	Pulpwood Logs	Chips / Sawdust	Bark	Harvesting Residues	Woody Energy Crops	Herbaceous Energy Crops	Agricultural Residues
Continuous supply	++	+	+	++	-	-	
Low bulk density	++	+	+	-	+	-	-
Clean, homogenous fuel	++	++			++	++	0
Output per hectare	+(+)	n/a	n/a	-	++	++	-



BIOMASS SOURCING IN THE FOREST INDUSTRY

The pulp industry can do it...

- Barra do Riacho pulp mill owned by Fibria Celulose currently largest pulp mill in Latin America
- Annual wood consumption: ~10 million green tonnes
- Wood supply exclusively through trucks
- Directly located in plantation rich area







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BIOMASS SOURCING IN THE ENERGY INDUSTRY

The energy industry can do it...

- Drax Power largest single electricity generator in the UK with a capacity of ~4 GW
- Drax plan to convert three of their six units to biomass, resulting in a total biomass demand of about 8 million tonnes of pellets p.a. by 2015
- Wood chip equivalent: 16 million tonnes p.a.
- Biomass will be imported from various overseas supply regions

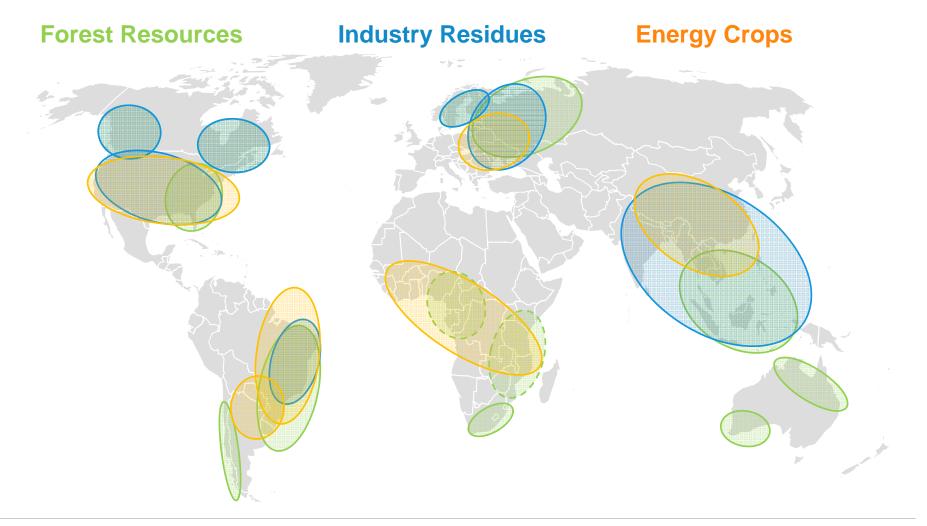


Implementation of Drax's large scale biomass sourcing strategy is feasible and in full swing...but doesn't come cheap!



WHERE IS THE BIOMASS?

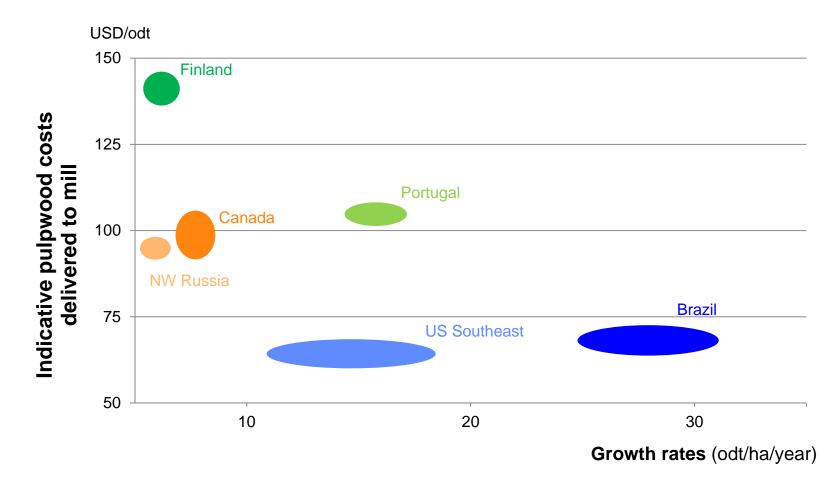
On a macro level, the world is full of opportunities to source large quantities of biomass.





WHERE IS THE BIOMASS?

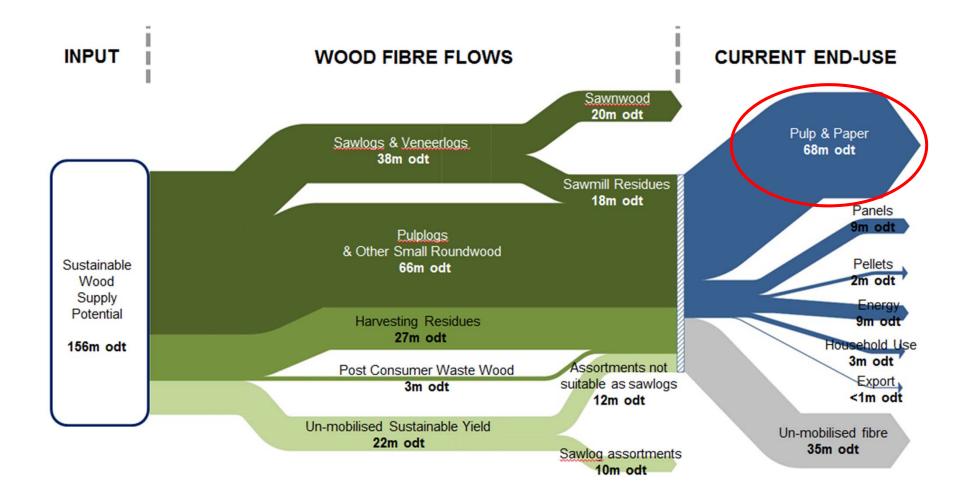
Local delivered cost for traditional wood assortments vary significantly between regions and influence strategic positioning.





THE US SOUTHEAST AS FIBRE BASKET

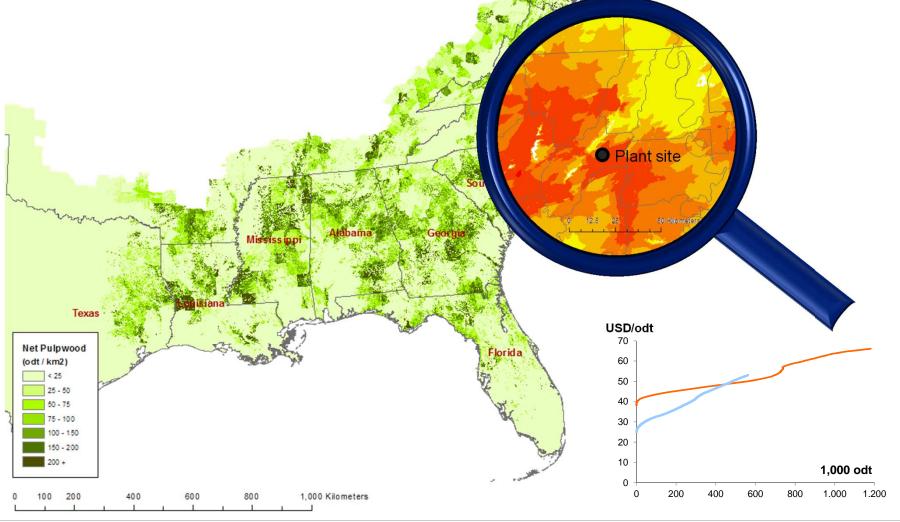
Understanding current and future fibre flows is key for strategic positioning.



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FOCUS ON US SOUTHEAST

Biomass markets are highly regional and transportation distance can be the devil.



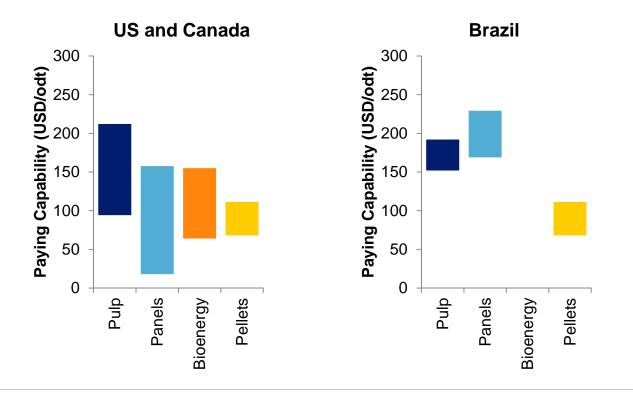


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COMPETITIVENESS OF BIOMASS CONSUMING INDUSTRIES

Possible market entry strategies

- 1. Find a niche in the biomass market and be friendly
- 2. Head on competition with existing consumers
- 3. Build own resource base / vertical integration

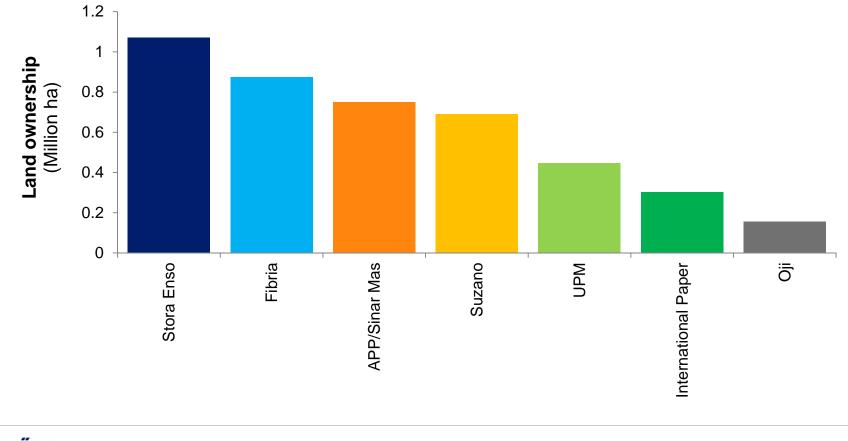




VERTICAL INTEGRATION

Pulp producers often show a high level of vertical integration, especially in Latin America and Asia Pacific

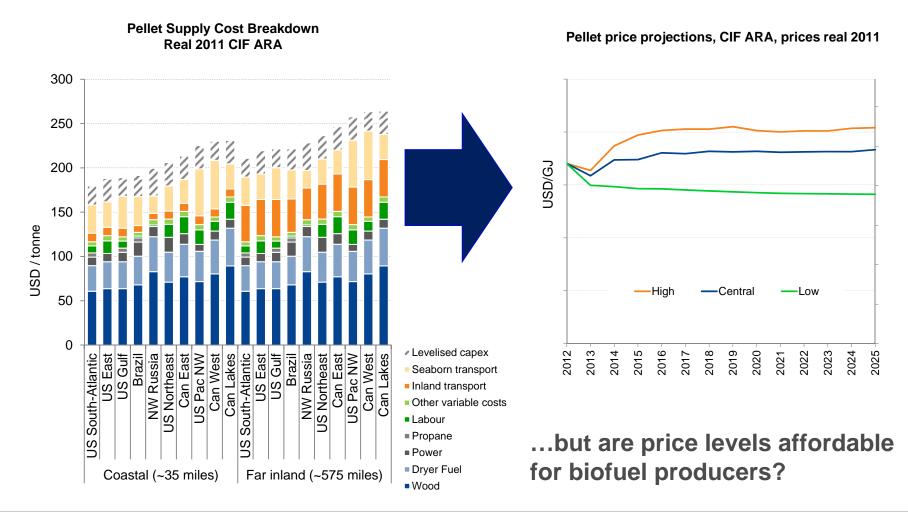
Vertical integrated companies with global forest land ownership or user rights



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INTERNATIONAL BIOMASS LOGISTICS

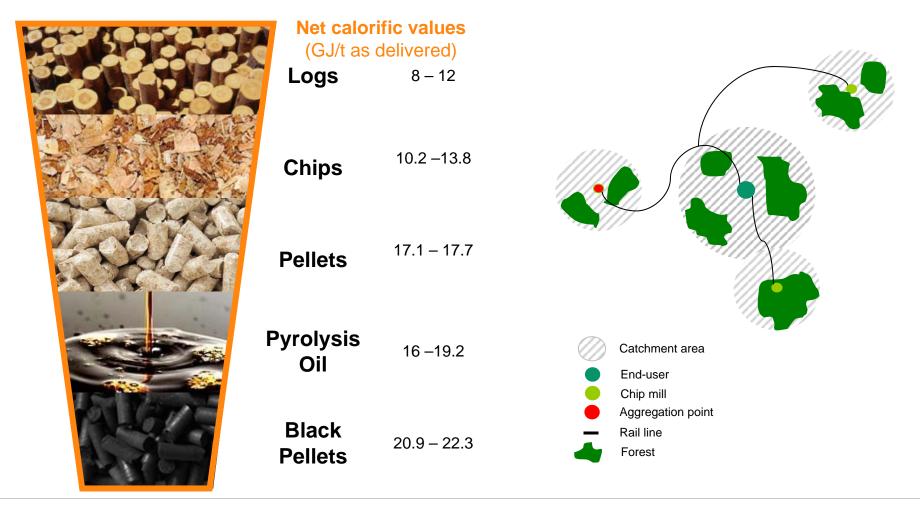
Access to international biomass markets opens up a large resource basket and stable commoditised market might develop...





BIOMASS PRE-TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES

Efficient densification technologies can present interesting options for large scale biomass conversion facilities.



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SUPPLYING LARGE SCALE PROJECTS WITH BIOMASS CAN BE DONE

- A robust long-term biomass sourcing strategy is key for the success of your project
- Proven supply chains for large scale biomass projects do exist
- The competitive power of existing players can be very strong
- Vertical integration can create peace of mind
- The learning curve ahead might be steep but provides lots of fun





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