

BIOGENIC REAGENTS

MICHIGAN RENEWABLE CARBON

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- Biogenic Reagents is a developer and producer of high value carbon products from renewable woody biomass
- Headquarters and laboratories located in Minneapolis, Minnesota with flagship commercial production facility--Michigan Renewable Carbon--located in Gwinn, Michigan
- Company has developed and commercialized a lowcost platform technology to make carbon products such as activated carbon for use in purification of air, water, food and pharmaceuticals, and agricultural carbon to improve crop production
- Products improve the environment and people's lives



Mission: Create carbon products that cost less, perform better, and reduce environmental impacts



BUSINESS OVERVIEW



Conversion of Wood to High Value Carbon Products









BIOGENIC REAGENTS PROCESS AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

- Assembled expert team to develop, scale, and deploy state-of-the-art technology to reinvent carbon production and products
- Process and product development teams included leading global clean-tech experts from Cargill, POET and Interpol and leading research universities such as Stanford University
- Developed safe and least-cost carbon production platform with significantly lower capital and operating costs than competitors and highest performing products in the world



Many patents issued and pending for innovative processes, equipment, and products



- \$50 million commercial production facility located in Gwinn is largest advanced biocarbon production facility in North America
- Deploys patented thermal and gas treatment of wood with proprietary monitoring technologies to create high value carbon products
- Producing and shipping commercial products on global basis
- Perfect safety and environmental record
- Added 31 new jobs in 2014







MICHIGAN RENEWABLE CARBON WOOD FEEDSTOCK

- Uses 100% renewable wood and wood co-product feedstock for products and primary process energy
- 100% locally sourced
- Feedstock includes sawdust, shavings, bark, chips, tops/limbs
- Use both hardwoods and softwoods
- Create feedstock blends at different recipes and then carbonize and activate with patented mixture of inert and oxidizing gases to achieve product specifications









LEAST-COST PRODUCTION



- Proprietary least-cost carbon production platform with significantly lower capital and operating costs than competitors
- Consolidated process design requires less capital, and reduces energy, labor, and maintenance costs
- Waste-water free process reduces costs competitors incur to manage and dispose of wastewater
- Bio-gas-fired reactor design, and heat and energy recovery systems reduce energy costs compared to competitors
- Biomass system avoids capital and operating costs competitors incur for controlling NO_X and SO₂ emissions from coal



Demonstrating least-cost and lowest environmental impact carbon production



SUPERIOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY PROFILE

- Lowest life-cycle environmental footprint for production of activated carbon in the world
- Uses renewable feedstock and renewable energy
- Air emissions are >90% lower than competitors
- Wastewater 100% lower--BR's process does not produce any wastewater
- Better for environment and competitive advantage



>90% Lower Air Emissions

Air Emissions Per ton of Activated Carbon Produced (SO₂, NO_X, CO, PM₁₀) (lbs)



100% Less Wastewater

Wastewater Produced Per Year (millions of gallons)





- Feedstock selection and process technologies result in higher carbon content and greater purity than coal-based carbons
- Patented optimization of key product characteristics leads to industry-leading performance:
 - Adsorptive properties and surface area
 - Pore sizing/volumes/ratios
 - Electrosorptive properties
 - Inclusion of additives that modify performance
 - Product sizing



Enhanced graphene-carbon compound

Comparative Analyses		
	BR	Coal-Based
	Activated	Activated
	Carbon	Carbon
Iodine Number	685	540
Moisture %	3.11	2.69
Ash %	1.82	34.7
VM %	3.53	7.17
Fixed Carbon %	91.5	55.4
Sulfur %	< 0.05	1.04
Hydrogen %	0.59	0.46
Nitrogen %	0.39	0.63
Oxygen %	4.84	2.66

Higher Purity and Carbon Content



Additive distribution under SEM

BIOGENIC REAGENTS PATENTED CARBON PRODUCTS AND USES

Biogenic Reagents produces high-performing activated carbon products for water purification, emissions control, and agricultural applications

Water Purification



USE: Used in beds and filters to remove contaminants from drinking and wastewater

PERFORMANCE: Outperforming competitors at removal of dozens of contaminants including odor, total organic compounds, geosmin, MIB, and atrazine

Emissions Control



USE: Injected into emissions or used in vessels to remove air pollutants and odors

PERFORMANCE: Outperforming competitors at removal of multiple air pollutants and demonstrated mercury reductions 15 times lower than EPA's new Mercury regulation

Agriculture



USE: Added as soil amendment to increase water and nutrient retention and improve crop yields

PERFORMANCE: Demonstrated to increase plant productivity and yield, improve soil water-holding capacity, and reduce nutrient leaching loss thereby reducing costs and runoff 10

BIOGENIC REAGENTS ADOPTION, PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH



carbon industry

Finished Activated Carbon Supersacks Staged for Shipment at Michigan Renewable Carbon