

GREEN CHEMICALS FROM PYROLYSIS OIL AS WOOD PRESERVATIVE AND ADHESIVES - STEP 2

A Bioinnovation hypothesis testing project



Green chemicals from pyrolysis oil as wood preservative and adhesives - step 2

■ Introduction and background

- non-fossil value chain to green chemicals
- mainly forest residues (biomaterial)
- technical feasibility
- market potential
- rural development possible (“biorurality”)

■ Bioinnovation (Vinnova - Sweden's innovation agency, Swedish Energy agency, and Formas Research Council)

- 4,2MSEK (350 000 €) 2,1MSEK Bioinnovation / 2,1MSEK Private partners
- Continuation project from step 1 project (0,8MSEK).
- Start June 2023 end May 2025



Task and basic concepts

- Hypothesis step 1 project
 - commercial producer of high quality biochar (Envigas AB)
 - find valuable compounds from pyrolysis oil
 - initial university tests of pyrolysis oil
 - initial university tests of compounds as wood protection agent

Promising technical results

Interesting wood mold protection results

Difficult to assess further technical feasibility

Difficult to assess market potentials



Task and basic concepts

■ References

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Task and basic concepts

- Pre - Hypothesis step 2 project
 - value chain formation – May 2022 to November 2022
 - NDA for accessing step 1 results – presumptive partners
 - addition of chemical companies
 - addition of skills and competence
 - addition of downstream partners for evaluation and and validation
 - addition of competence for LCA

Application March 2023

- Value chain from forest company to paint manufacturer and wooden board producer
- Potential and feasibility of green chemical compounds
- Additive in paint formulations and/or in matrix for wooden boards





Upstart meeting, Envigas, Bureå, Sweden. 31st of August

The consortium

Holmen AB- forest products company

Envigas AB – biochar producer

Akzo Nobel - glue and chemical producer

Perstorp AB - chemical company

Sherwin Williams AB - paint manufacturer

Byggelit AB – Wooden board manufacturer

RISE Research institute of Sweden

Luleå university of technology



Current project step 2

WP1

Management
Coordination
Planning
Administration

WP2

Dissemination
Publication
Reporting

WP3

Pyrolysis oil
Stability
Variation
Treatment
Deliverance

WP4

Upgrade
Fractionation
Separation
Synthesis

WP5

Additive
Paint
formulations
Wooden
boards
Stability
Performance

WP6

Market
potentials
Customer
essay
LCA



Technical feasibility

Techno-economy

Sustainability (LCA)



Today



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Operational levels

- **TRL Technology readiness level**
3 to 5: Proof of concept **to** validation in relevant environment
- **MRL Market readiness level**
1 to 3: Overview of possible market described **to** partnership that verifies unique properties
- **SRL Sustainability readiness level**
1 to 3: Hypothesis of contribution to sustainable solutions **to** a systematic sustainable analysis



Challenges

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- pyrolysis oil stability and variation (biochar plant)
- effectiveness and economy upgrading (pyrolysis oil to chemicals)
- suitability of targeted compounds (performance and cost)
- market need and acceptance (green fee exists?)
- economy and sustainability of industrial products (function in end products)

■ Potential

- future stable side-stream (pyrolysis oil)
- huge need for green chemicals
- increasing need for alternative use of environmentally friendly additives (harder regulations)





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