



Verification program with Vattenfall, 4300 tons at Reuter West, Berlin



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### **The Original Steam Explosion Pellets**



Thunder Bay GS – world first full conversion to Advanced Wood Pellets



Handled as coal thru the value chain

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**Grasmo Steam Explosion Pellet Plant** - built in 2003

## Arbapellets <sup>®</sup> - the original steam explosion pellets



- Production since 2003 in Grasmo Plant, Norway
  - Accumulated production 120 000 tons
  - Capacity ~ 25 000 tons/year
- Patented Production Process
  - Domestic heating market
  - Reduction material for smelters
  - Since 2010 focus on coal replacement
- Verification program
  - Test volumes for coal plants
  - Fine-tuning of production process and product properties
  - Test of different raw material
- → Long, unique experience from producing and testing
- → Industrial scale-up by additional units







## Arbapellets - Advanced Wood Pellet (AWP) or Black Pellets – key advantages



### Arbapellets vs. White Pellets

- Water resistant
- "Dust free" lower dust explosion risk
- 40 % lower volume same energy content
- Lower handling, storage and transport cost
- Outstanding mechanical properties



Water resistance represents a key advantage

### Arbapellets vs. Coal

- Energy value and other properties close to coal
- Transport, storage, handling, milling and combustion with same equipment
- Coal replacement up to 100 % with minor modification (white pellets up to 5 %)
- Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 100 %



Arbapellets favorably positioned compared with alternative technologies

## Fuel comparison

- Properties -



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		Wood chips	Wood pellets	Arbapellets	Torrefied pellets	Hard Coal
		2	ALL			
Properties	Heating Value	10-12 GJ/ton	17 GJton	19,5 - 21 GJ/ton	21-22 GJ/ton	25 GJ/ton
	Bulk density	300 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	650 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	750 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	750 kg/m³	850 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
	Energy density	3 GJ/m <sup>3</sup>	11 GJ/m <sup>3</sup>	14,5-15,5 GJ/m <sup>3</sup>	17 GJ/m <sup>3</sup>	21 GJ/m <sup>3</sup>
	Water resistant Durability Binder	n.a	<b>Poor</b> Good No	Very good Very good No	Good ? Good ? <b>Binder needed</b>	Very good
-	Mass loss	n.a		10 – 15 %	> 35 %	
nology status	Co-firing rate	3-5%	5-8%	2 100% proven	?	n.a
	Millability Dust % delivered		Poor High ~3-7 %	Good Low < 1%	Good ? > 5 -10% ?	Very good
	Product Approval by Utility Testing			Yes	No	
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	Status operation Source: Arbaflame		1 20 years	READY TO BUILD	(1-2 years)	

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### Arbaflame development





## Handled as coal throughout the supply chain with only minor modification



Vattenfall quote: "Co-combustion lowest cost and capex option to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> in Europe"



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## Full scale tests performed with Arbapellets at > 8 coal fired power stations





2012 **VATTENFALL** So MW CHP



2013 Tilbury, UK 900 MW power station 2013 & 2014 Thunder Bay, Canada 312 MW power station

Dedicated 100 % capacity

2014 Hanasasari, Finland 200 MW power station HELSINGIN ENERGIA

## Ontario Power Generation, Canada – converted two coal plants to 100% biomass



### Atikokan GS

- 205 MWe White Pellets
- Project duration
  - 18 months (9 month outage)
- Conversion Capex Major
  - \$ 170 M (€ 600/KW)
  - New fuel receiving, storage silos
  - New burners and modification of mills
- Supplier peaking plant
  - Two local suppliers

### **Thunder Bay GS Unit 3**

- 150 MWe Advanced Biomass
- Project duration
  - 7 months (2 month outage)
- Conversion Capex Minor
  - \$ 5 M (€ 25/KW
  - Outdoor fuel storage
  - Minor changes (safety and dust suppression)
- Supplier peaking plant
  - Arbaflame







# Arbaflame - supplier to the world's first conversion to advanced wood pellets

Thunder Bay Plant operating on Arbapellets



Arbapellets in winter storage



Unloading at Thunder Bay Port



**World's first commercial contract** with advanced wood pellets (AWP) for **100% replacement of coal** based on:

### 2013

- May Access to results from Vattenfall & Arbaflame verification program shared with Ontario Power Generation
- June Delivery of 20 tons for external lab testing
- Sept Delivery of 1200 tons for full-scale verification

### 2014

- July Arbaflame selected as supplier for first commercial volume
- Sept First delivery arrived Thunder Bay for storage

### 2015

Jan – Commercial operation

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## Upgrade biomass to AWP to achieve high co-firing rates and reduced cost

#### Fuel cost comparasion White and Advanced Wood Pellets

Eur/MWh fuel (indicative)



Source : Vattenfall & own analysis

## Arbapellets and Arbacoal



### Arbapellets

- ✓ Delivery separately
- ✓ Blending in line before milling from separate hoppers
- ✓ Blending after separate milling into combustion chamber

### Arbacoal

✓ Blended before delivery (one fuel and with outdoor storage)







### Brownfield plant with biomass infrastructure

- Production capacity of 200 000 tons/year
- at Follum former Norske Skog paper mill site
- Stable feedstock supply from certified forest
- Final Investment Decision in 2Q 2015





Partners

Arbaflame - technology provider



Viken Skog - site owner and feedstock supplier ✓ owned by > 10 000 forest owners

Statskog

Statskog - Norwegian State forest company

### Short distance to European utilities



- Short distance to port 70 km
- Maritime distance 1-3 days
- Direct access to customers with small and large vessels
- $\rightarrow$  «FOB-port same as CIF ARA»
- → Buffer volume/Storage option





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Full replacement of coal is <u>now possible</u> with only minor modifications

Arbapellets has lower fuel cost than white pellets including modification cost

Arbapellets is a solution for using existing coal power plants and grid for:

- green base-load power
- green flexible peaking (dispatchable) power



- build co-owned plants
- partnerships

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