## Capital and Energy Efficient Emissions Control for Wood Drying Adsorption using Bead Activated Carbon in a Fluidized Bed Concentrator (FBC)

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# Emissions Control Solutions & Terpenes

- Activated Carbon in a Fluidized Bed Concentrator (FBC)

**Problem:** Current standard emissions control equipment, the Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer (RTO), incinerates the Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), is very expensive to operate & creates greenhouse gases.

- Expensive to operate
- Uses large amounts of energy (natural gas and electricity) to oxidize the VOCs.
- Creates greenhouse gas emissions

Solution: The alternative emission control equipment, the Fluidized

Bed Concentrator (FBC), adsorbs valuable VOCs and is less expensive to operate.

- Proven technology in many commercial applications worldwide today!
- New Patent Pending technology for wood drying application
- Rather than oxidizing the VOCs, activated carbon efficiently adsorbs them
- After adsorbing the VOCs, they are desorbed, condensed, collected, & sold

#### **Benefits:**

- Significantly reduced cost to control emissions
  - Emissions control equipment uses less energy and less maintenance than industry standard.
  - Emissions control equipment reduces greenhouse gases vs. industry standard RTO.
- Revenue generation via sales of valuable terpenes
- Multiple potential sales outlets for recovered organics: Fragrances, Solvents, etc.



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## **Technology:**

- Fluidized Bed Concentrator (FBC) with
- Bead Activated Carbon

#### **Technology Status of FBC:**

- Technology already commercialized and successfully used in many industries
  - Examples: Automotive, Electronics, etc.
  - 62 Commercial Installations
    - 45 Systems Recover Organics (Solvents)
- Operational Reliability and <u>Safety</u>:
  - No dynamic (or mechanical) seals eliminates seal wear and replacement cost.
    - Fans are the only moving parts.
  - Rugged stainless-steel construction minimizes corrosion-related repairs.
- Patents Pending for Wood Drying application:

#### **Commercial FBC System**



METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR RECOVERING TERPENE COMPOSITIONS FROM WOOD DRYING EXHAUST METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR CONTROLLING EMISSIONS FROM WOOD DRYING PROCESSES

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#### **Award for Environmental Excellence**



HONDA Honda Manufacturing of Alabama Honda Motors of Alabama (HMA) honored as Air Conservationist of the Year

#### Fluidized Bed Carbon (FBC) Adsorption system



- HMA has been awarded the Alabama Wildlife Federation 2014 Governor's Conservation Achievement Award as Air Conservationist of the Year.
- This award was presented to HMA in recognition of the company's efforts to significantly reduce emissions.
- In 2012, HMA expanded Line 2 production operations to increase overall annual vehicle output by more than 10%. One result of this expansion was a potential increase in Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) coating emissions from our paint shop operations.
- To offset these emissions, a new fluidized-bed carbon adsorption (FBC) system was installed to capture and destroy VOCs from certain painting processes.

https://www.hondaalabama.com/article/hma-honored-as-air-conservationist-of-the-year



## Stack Testing Results: December 7, 2018 Pilot Emissions Test Results: ≥90% VOC Reduction





#### **Terpenes:** New Product Development - Collected from Drying Wood (Pine Trees)





- Terpene hydrocarbons, primarily Alpha and Beta Pinenes.
- Responsiblyrecovered, biobased materials.
- Potential uses:
  - Fragrances, solvents, adjuvants, cleaners, fuels, & polymers



## **RTO vs FBC:** ESTIMATES - Operational Comparisons

#### - Reduced Energy Usage drives Savings



#### Green House Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction - Carbon Intensity Score, Pilot 2018



#### GHG Intensity Calculations:

- Scope 1:
  - CO2 Emissions generated by
    - Incineration of VOCs
    - Combustion of natural gas and

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- Scope 2:
  - CO2 Emissions generated by electricity production and usage
- Total Emissions are normalized to dryer production in Oven Dry Tons (ODT)

# **Potential to Reduce Emissions at Multiple Sites**

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- Wood Drying Sites in the United States



- Wood Composites: Wood Pellets, Oriented Strand Board (OSB), Plywood, etc.
- Multiple potential sites to:
  - **Reduce Emissions**
  - Capture Terpenes for Sale or Reuse rather than Oxidizing / Incinerating them as happens today.

#### Technology Status – Pilot Final Results - Happy Days at commercial OSB mill!





- ✓ Achieved >90% Emissions Reduction!
- ✓ Collected Terpenes!
- ✓ Operational Reliability and Safety
- ✓ <u>Next step full size</u> <u>commercial system</u>





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