

#### **Enzymatic Technology for Low-Cost Carbon Capture**

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## About CO<sub>2</sub> Solutions Inc.



- Leader in the field of enzymebased CO<sub>2</sub> capture
- Based in Quebec, Canada
- \$45 million invested to date
- 22 employees, including 6 PhDs
- 49 issued and 40 pending patents
- Entering commercial phase
- Publicly traded on TSX Venture Exchange (Symbol: CST)





#### Conventional CO<sub>2</sub> Capture is Inefficient

- High costs
  - Steam required for solvent regeneration = high operating costs
  - \$60-90/tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> for flue gas application<sup>(1,2)</sup>
  - Cost is critical issue to be resolved for EOR and other CO<sub>2</sub> reuse and sequestration to be expanded<sup>(3,4)</sup>
- Operational and environmental problems<sup>(5)</sup>
  - Degradation and stability issues; extensive flue gas pre-treatment required
  - Toxic aerosol emissions
  - Solvent losses
  - Waste products to handle



Sources:

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## Our Process – An 'Industrial Lung'





#### Industrially Robust Enzyme

- Natural Carbonic Anhydrase (CA) is not stable for CO<sub>2</sub> capture process conditions in solvents
- CO<sub>2</sub> Solutions has bioengineered a CA suitable for commercial deployment
- Sustained performance under CO<sub>2</sub> capture operating conditions
- Industrial quantities produced



Performance of 1T1 Enzyme Carbonate Solvent, lean conditions 40 - 70°C Cycling

### **Results of Pilot Testing**



- ~1 tonne-CO<sub>2</sub>/day testing conducted Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC)
- Coal and natural gas flue gases
- Stripping heat was provided by hot water; steam never used
  - Effective parasitic load of **0.2 GJ/t** for capture used to maintain reduced stripping pressure
  - Use of low-grade, nil value heat from outside power plant steam cycle is the key
- Cost of capture incl. compression to 2250psi estimated at \$39/tonne by EERC engineers
- Constant capture performance
  No enzyme activity loss during the test
- No solvent make-up
- Zero waste produced









## Now: 10 tonne/day Demonstration

- Located in Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, near Montreal
- Operations began May, 2015
- 90% CO<sub>2</sub> capture from flue gases of natural gas fired boiler (8.3% CO<sub>2</sub> content)
- 2500 hours operation scheduled
- Stripping uses hot water (no steam)
- Supported in part by Government of Canada's ecoENERGY Innovation Intiative (ecoEII) and Alberta's Climate Change and Emissions Management Corporation (CCEMC)
- Open for visitations by interested parties
- Positions technology for initial commercial availability in 2015







# Next: High Mass Transfer Contactor

- Work has begun on incorporation of high-intensity absorber in process
- Higher mass transfer maximizes catalytic impact of enzyme
- Greatly reduced absorber size vs. traditional packed column
  - 20 to 50 factor reduction in volume
- Potential for CO<sub>2</sub> capture cost
   <\$30/tonne incl. compression</li>



#### **Overall Benefits**



- Solvent regeneration using heat outside of power plant steam cycle
  - Minimal boiler upgrade/rebuild or auxiliary steam generation required
  - 30% less gas volume to treat vs. amine process
- Smaller footprint of capture unit
  - Better suited to retrofit and space-constrained operations
- Environmentally benign solvent
  - No degradation products or aerosols
  - Ease of environmental and waste management operations
- Lower total cost of capture
  - Economics more favourable relative to Enhanced Oil Recovery opportunities and potential carbon pricing to support CCS



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