

Forest industry resource efficiency: Borregaard Industries Innovation in an advanced Biorefinary

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- Borregaard's biorefinary concept
- The innovation system
- The R&D organisation
- Framework conditions
- Outcome of Borregaard's innovation effort





Borregaard is the global leader in biobased chemicals A niche player with a specialised product portfolio



Borregaard's biochemicals are sustainable and environmentally friendly substitutes to petrochemicals



# Advanced biorefining Borregaard Sarpsborg

- 450 mill. USD turnover
- 730 employees
- 85 man years dedicated to innovation
- Consumes: 1 mill. sm3 spruce/year
- Produces:
  - 150.000 ton speciality cellulose
  - 150.000 ton speciality lignin
  - 1500 ton biovanillin
  - 20 mill. I 2.gen. bioethanol
  - 200 GWh bioenergy
  - 30 GWh biogas

IEA's def of Biorefinary "Biorefinery is the sustainable processing of biomass into a spectrum of marketable products"







Borregaard is the world's most advanced biorefinery High raw materials utilisation - products with a wide range of applications



#### Borregaard's biorefinery concept - sustainable, with products that can substitute oil based alternatives

#### Raw Material



Processes

Non toxic Non GMO Sustainable sourcing renewable energy High raw material utilisation **Risk management** 

Substitutes oil based products

Products

Independent Life Cycle Analysis confirms favourable GHG-footprint for our biochemicals compared to relevant alternatives



# Significant investments at the Sarpsborg Site to improve climate footprint



Thermal energy production (steam)

- The thermal energy base load is today covered by renewable sources and waste incineration
- Plans for new top load plant will remove use of (heavy) fuel oil
- Investment in increased bio gas production for capitve use

#### Reduced energy costs and greener products





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# Innovation is the process of generating and implementing new ideas and solutions

#### increasing the value added to our customers









#### Why innovation

#### In 1889 – established

- Competitive edge
  - Cheap timber
  - Cheap energy
  - Cheap labor
- Foreign
  - Technology
  - Capital

#### <u>Today</u>

- High cost
  - Raw materials
  - Energy
  - Labor
- Competitive edge competence
  - Technology
  - Market
  - Innovation



# Borregaard's Biorefinery history

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#### Innovation model



#### Main goals and deliverables innovations

Plan, accomplish and document projects defined and prioritized by the IMTs

- Development of new
  - processes
  - products
  - Applications
- Optimization of existing
  - processes
  - products
  - Applications

50 % of our effort on step change innovations

Inter disciplinary projectsPrioritized by IMT





#### Some key success factors i innovation

- Broad and in-depth knowledge base
  - Internally
  - Through strategic co-work
  - Close customer contact
- Anchoring
  - In top management
  - In the company strategy
- An implemented innovation model
  - Make technological development and development of business case integrated process
- Speed and patience
- Creativity put into system

#### Innovation requires:

- investments
- structure
- culture
- urge
- ... and a bit of luck



#### Biorefinery options - value creation







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#### R&D staff



Number of employees	70
Number of M.Sc	12
Number of Ph.D	25
Average experience (years)	10
Female employees (%)	47
Average age	41





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### Innovation is a long value chain All links must be reinforced/supported – also from the authorities







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#### Borregaard - an organisation for Innovation



New cellulose based materials

- Knowledgebased value creation from sustainable biomass
- R&D spending close to NOK 100 million/year
- Some 20 % of Borregaard's revenues from new products







Development of new processes within EHS

