

# Maximizing biogas production at a South Korean biogas plant

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# Sweden: a leading nation in vehicle fuel from biogas

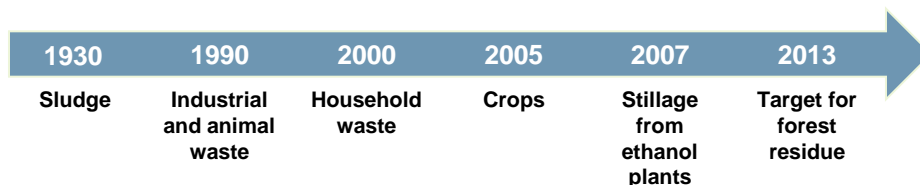
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## Long experience in the biogas market

- Over 80 years experience from biogas production
- 20 years of municipal/government sponsored investments in anaerobic digestion
- World's highest number of installed gas upgrading units to natural gas standard
- 300 plants in operation with an annual biogas production of 147 million Nm<sup>3</sup>, equivalent to 1.3 TWh
- Today, more than 50% of total gas used for the 32,000 natural gas vehicles ("NGVs") on Swedish roads is biogas

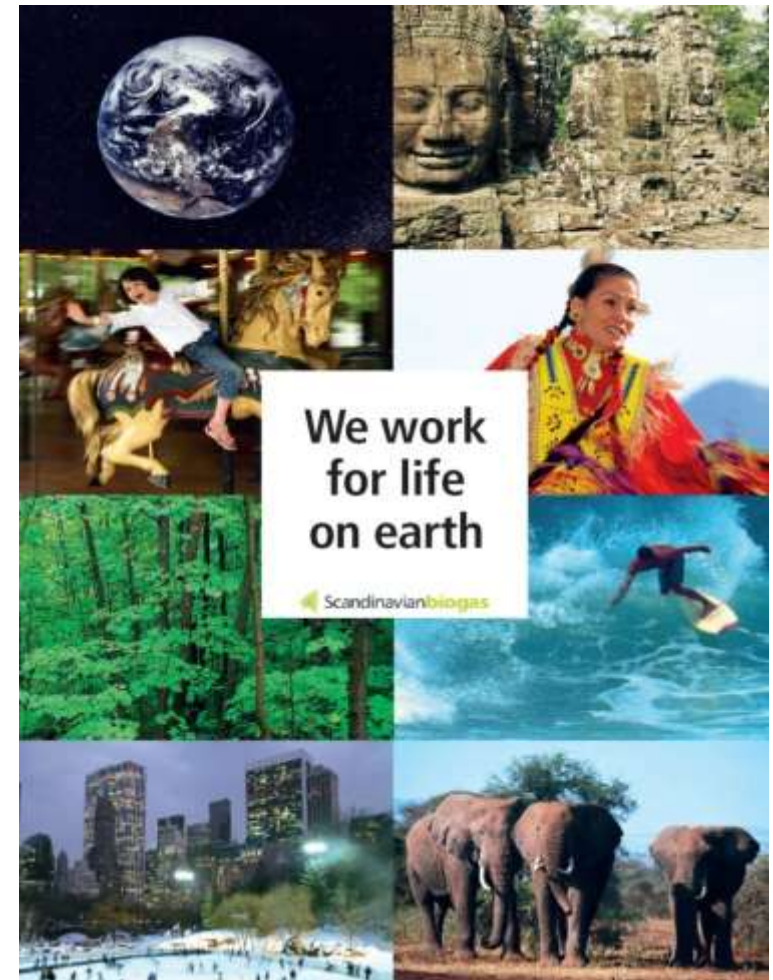
## Driving forces for biogas in Sweden

- A number of municipalities have set ambitious biogas goals for public transportation
- Government incentives
  - Decrease the emission that effect the environment
  - Decrease the dependency of oil
  - Ambition – oil-independent transport-sector in 2030
- National grants, usually 30% of investment in biogas production and upgrading facilities 2003-2008
- Compulsory to provide renewable fuels at all major filling stations – resulted in ethanol pumps
- Public awareness
- Ambition to create a national biogas strategy



# Scandinavian Biogas in brief

- Founded in December 2005
- Former Prime Minister of Sweden Göran Persson as Chairman of the Board
- Ability to prove and optimize concepts in both laboratory, pilot and full scale.
  
- Head office in Stockholm
- R&D and Process Department in Linköping
- Pilot plant in Norrköping
- 30 employees in Sweden
  - Production in South Korea 18 employees



# Business idea of Scandinavian Biogas

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- **The overall business idea** of Scandinavian Biogas is to operate and optimize industrial scale biogas plants to profitably produce and sell biogas.
- **This is achieved** through a *build-own-operate* business model where Scandinavian Biogas fully controls plant design, operation and plant process optimization.
- **Revenues** from the *sale of biogas* and other output from the biogas production as well as from *gate-fees* for accepting waste products.
- **To reduce financing needs**, alternatives to full plant ownership can be considered.

# Strong R&D focus

- R&D center in Linköping, continuous evaluation of selected substrates aiming at:
  - Quantifying/confirming biogas yield
  - Analysing process performance of substrate mixtures in laboratory scale
  - Developing new substrate mixtures and feeding strategies
  - Optimize use of additives and trace minerals to boost biogas yield
  - Co-digestion of more than 300 substrates has been verified



# Current projects

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- Ulsan City (South Korea)
- Fordonsgas Stockholm (Sweden).
  - An exclusive raw gas contract with Stockholm Vatten including a fixed gas price agreement (tied to index) running for 23.5 years for production levels up to 8.6 M Nm<sup>3</sup> vehicle quality biogas at Henriksdal, Bromma and Loudden
  - Scandinavian biogas will assist in doubling the gas production within 5 years
- Biogas Uppland (Sweden)
  - JV between Scandinavian biogas and UL (the public transportation authority; PTA) in the Swedish region Uppland
  - The JV will invest and produce 10 M Nm<sup>3</sup> CBG for long distance busses
- Biogas Varberg (Sweden)
  - A build-operate project with the community of Varberg. Co-digestion of sludge, orange peelings, paper and pulp residues and glycerol.

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# The case for biogas in South Korea

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- Sludge and food waste dumping in the ocean is banned from 2013
- High amounts of organic waste are produced in a small area
- Existing NGV infrastructure and natural gas net
- Tax reduction for high-technology companies within the environmental protection area
- High interest from government for renewable energy which will very likely lead to more incentives in the near future
- Over 600 existing digesters in Korea that can be significantly improved



# Ulsan: 40 000 USD/yr per capita (x 2,2 national average)

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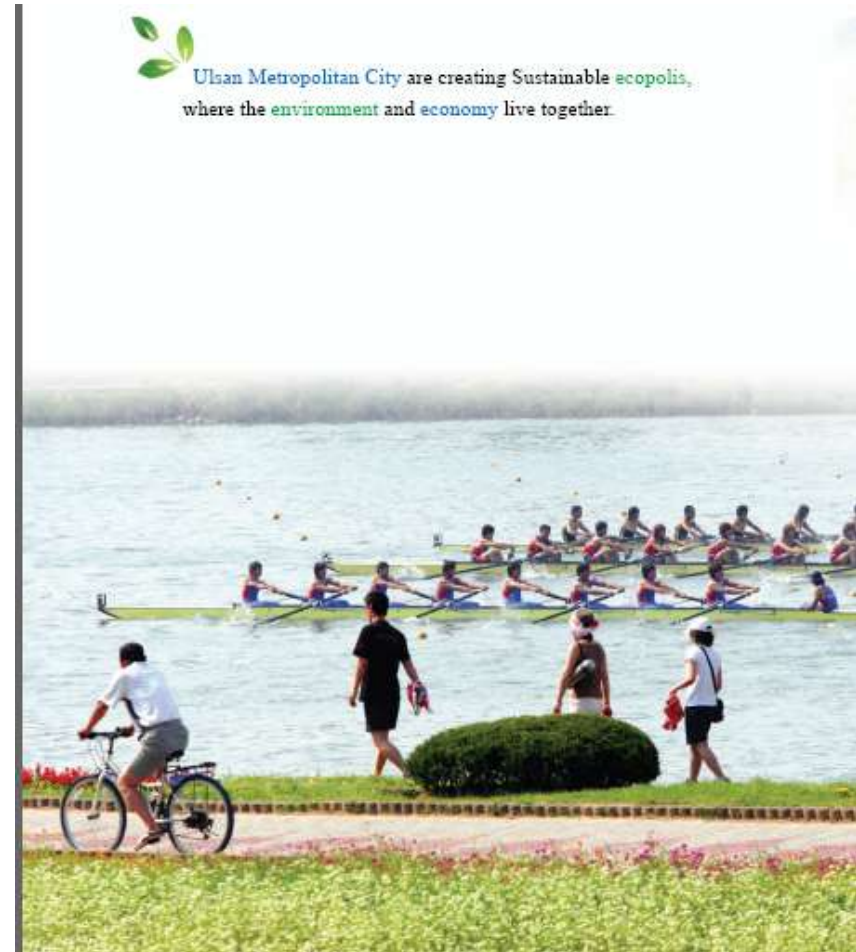
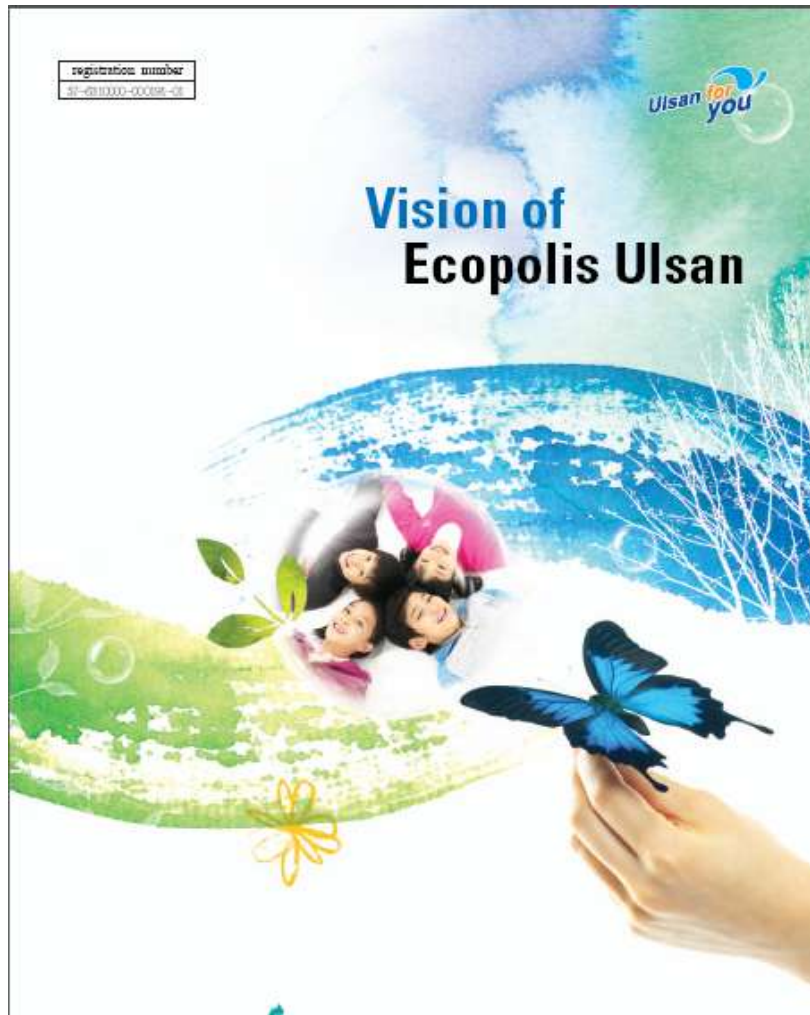


<b>Main Industries</b>	<b>Main Companies</b>	<b>Share of Korean market</b>
<b>Automobile:</b>	Hyundai Motor corporation (world's largest factory as a single unit: 5600 cars/day!)	<b>25%</b>
<b>Shipbuilding:</b>	Hyundai Heavy Industries, world largest shipbuilder	<b>40%</b>
<b>Petrochemical:</b>	SK petrochemical, LG chemical, Samsung fine chemical, BASF and DuPont, (and 170 other chemical companies)	<b>30%</b>



- From 80 000 inhabitants in the early 1960s to a large industrial city of 1,1 million.
- "Economy-first" development
- Environmental pollution and unbalanced growth.

# Need for a change: Ecopolis Ulsan



2 u.5-years plans to reduce air and water pollution (100projects, 10 sectors, 1 Bil.USD/5 year plan)

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# Ulsan Project - Overview

## Contract duration

- 15 years (starting 2010)

## Client

- Ulsan City, South Korea

## Project description

- **Design, Construction, Operation**
- 2 digesters (7,000 m<sup>3</sup> x 2) at municipal YongYeon WWTP
- Substrates: PS and Food Waste
- Increase input of food waste by approx. 350% (65 kt/yr) – New Food Plant
- Generates approx. **11 M Nm<sup>3</sup> biogas per year** (from ca 2.5 M Nm<sup>3</sup>)
- Biogas used internally for heating digesters, the rest sold externally
- Gas treatment in 2 steps: I) Drying & H<sub>2</sub>S removal; II) Biogas upgrading preferably with cryogenic technique
- Investment and operation via SPC – Scandinavian Biogas Korea Ulsan

## Start of production

- Stepwise since 2009: Completed: Food plant, sludge dewatering, digesters refurbishment and gas treatment step 1

# Ulsan, Korea – Time line and business case

## Time line:

- 2007 MoU
- 2008 Contract and start of refurbishment and start of investment. Biogas from mainly primary sludge
- 2010 Production of biogas from food waste + primary sludge
- 2015 Final investment in Gas-upgrading

## Business case:

- Build operate transfer project on 15 years (with possible prolongation)
- Revenues from
  - Food waste gate fee (ca 60%) and
  - Raw gas sale (ca 40%) to SK-Chemicals (exchange of natural gas in boilers)
- Major costs:
  - Environmental fee – dewatering of sludge
  - Grit incineration, personnel costs, chemical costs:  $\text{FeCl}_3$  and polymers





# YongYeon WWTP: German design(80's), 250 000 m<sup>3</sup>/d<sup>17</sup>

Before

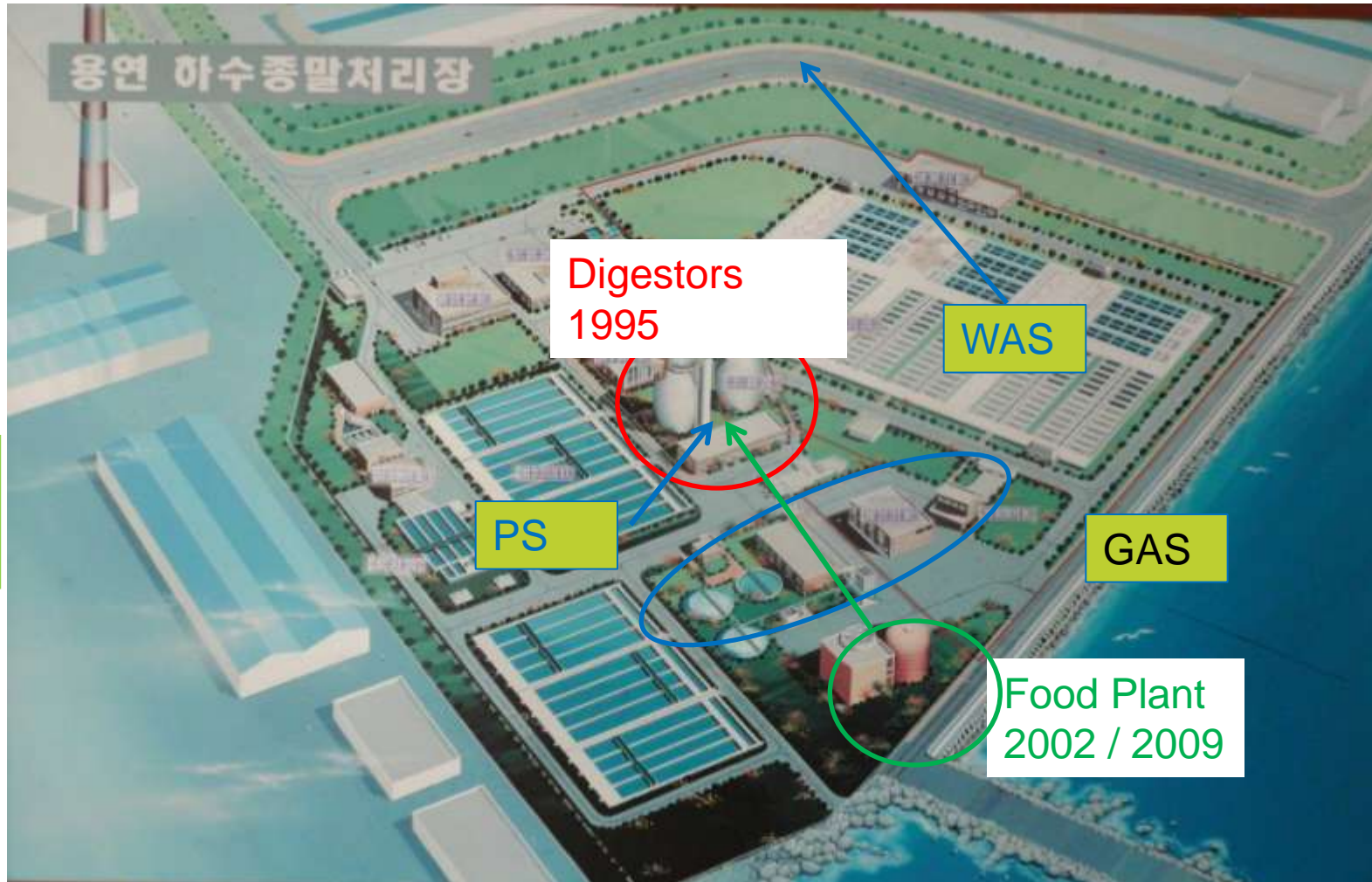
PS  
500m<sup>3</sup>/d

Food  
W.  
40 t/d

After

PS  
500m<sup>3</sup>/d

Food  
Waste  
180 t/d



# Influent values at YongYeon WWTP 2006 (Base year)

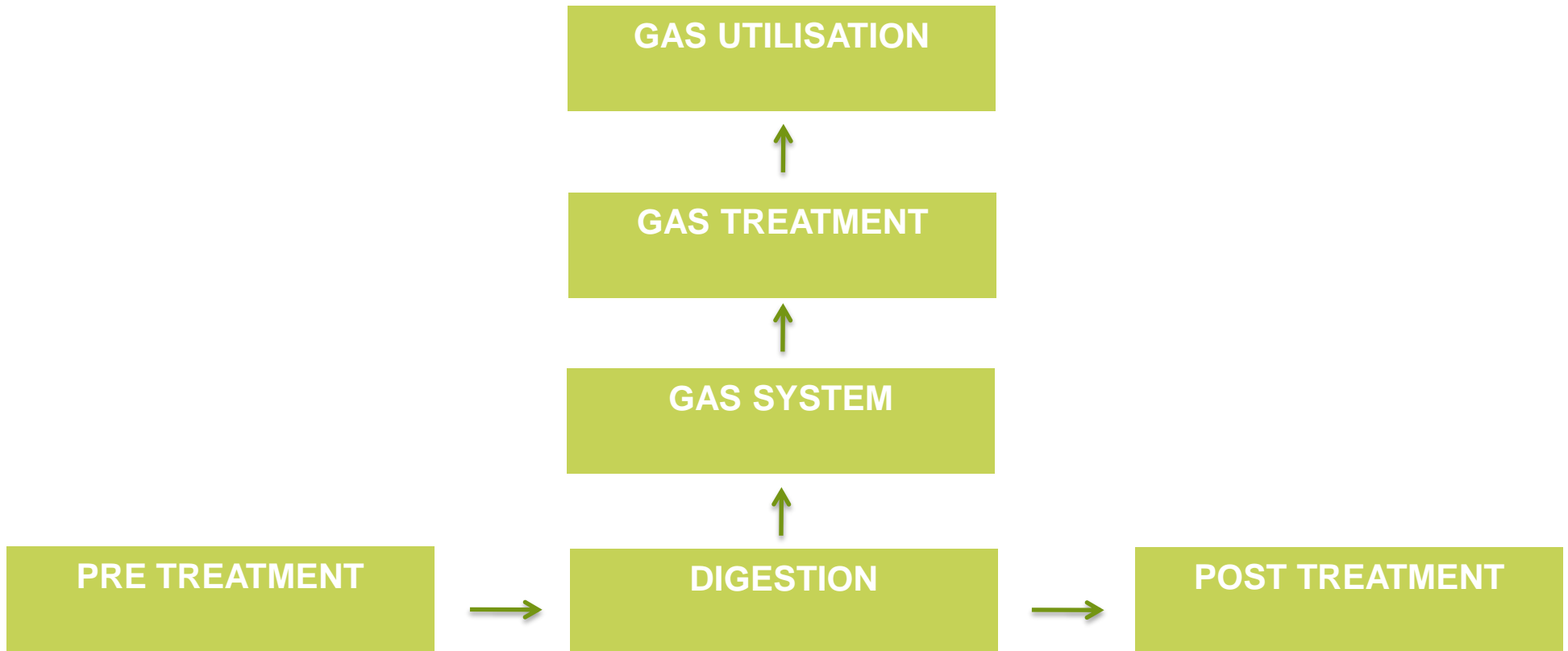
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	2006	
Q average	235 315	m <sup>3</sup> /d
Influent	mg/L	kg/d
BOD	105	24 708
SS	112	26 355
N-tot	32	7 530
P-tot	3.2	753

## Reduction rate over primary settlers

- BOD ca 30%
- SS ca 50%
- N and P ca 10%

# Segmentation of a biogas plant



# Deliveries - Examples within the project

## Deliveries



Pipe: Korea



Heat Exch. Pump: Italy



Mixing system: USA



Instruments: Holland, Germany, Sweden



NFP:s stokker: Sweden



Motors/Pump: Korea, Sweden

# Pre treatment - Food Plant: Extension



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**Office/Conference  
Control Room**

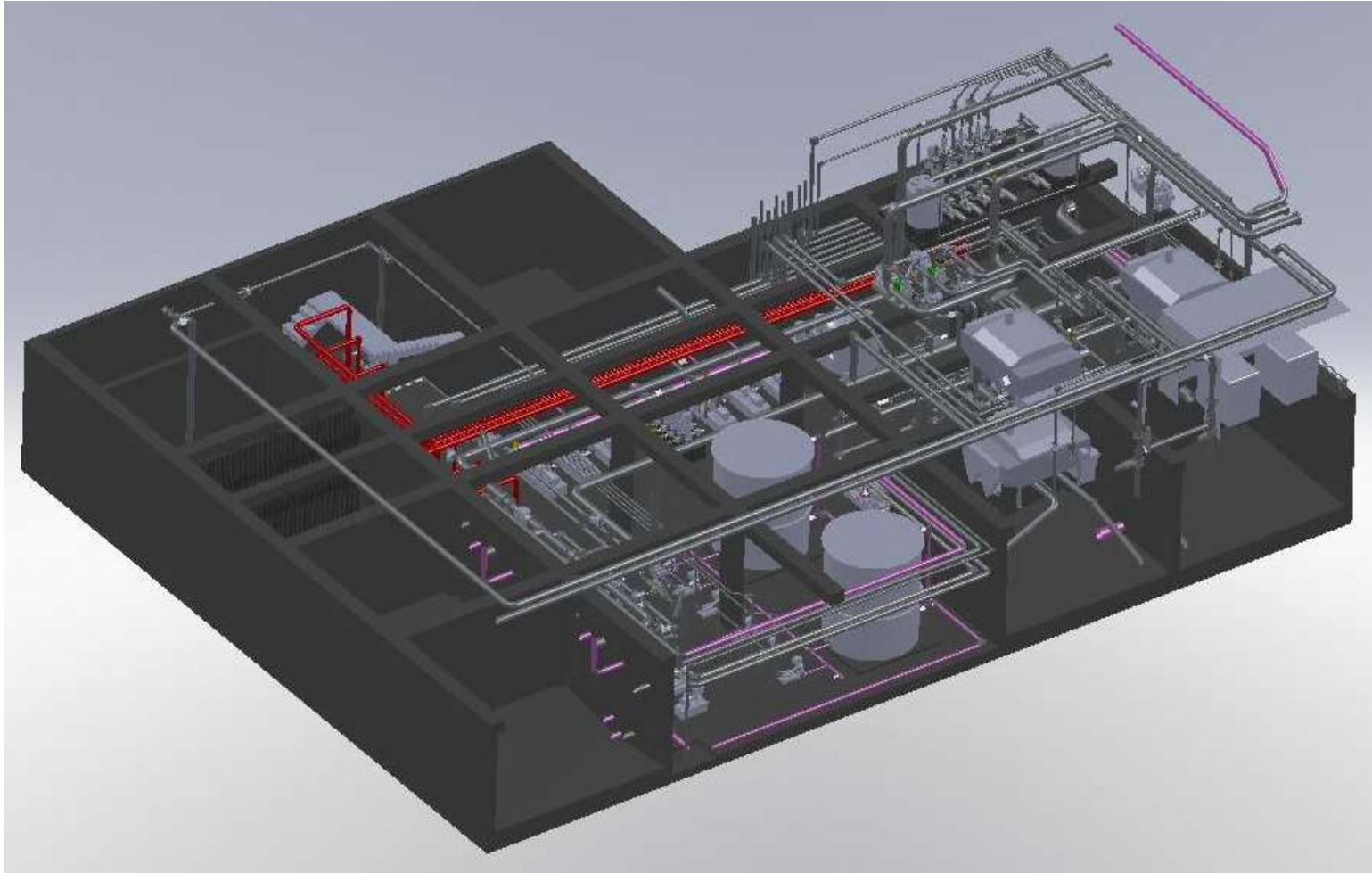
**OFP**

**NFP**

# Pre treatment - Food Plant



# Pre treatment - Dewatering of PS



**Design in 3D – Works completed**

# Pre treatment - Mechanical dewatering of PS





## Removal of existing equipment



Gas dome



Heat exchange pump



Safety Outlet



Motor to central mixing device

# Digestion - renovation of digesters



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Installation of pumps



Piping



Instrumentation



Digester refurbishment



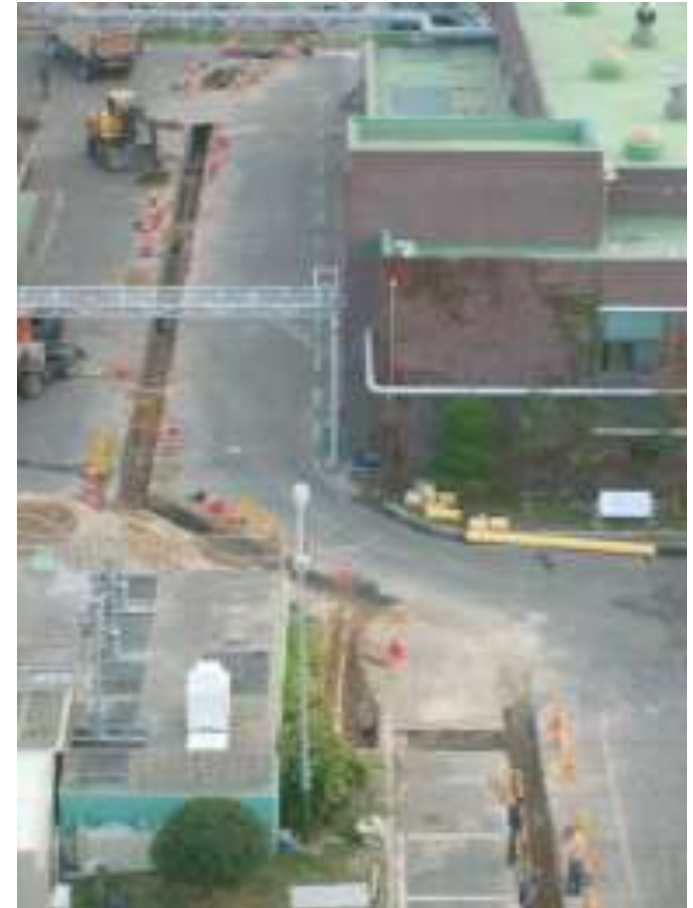
Control system



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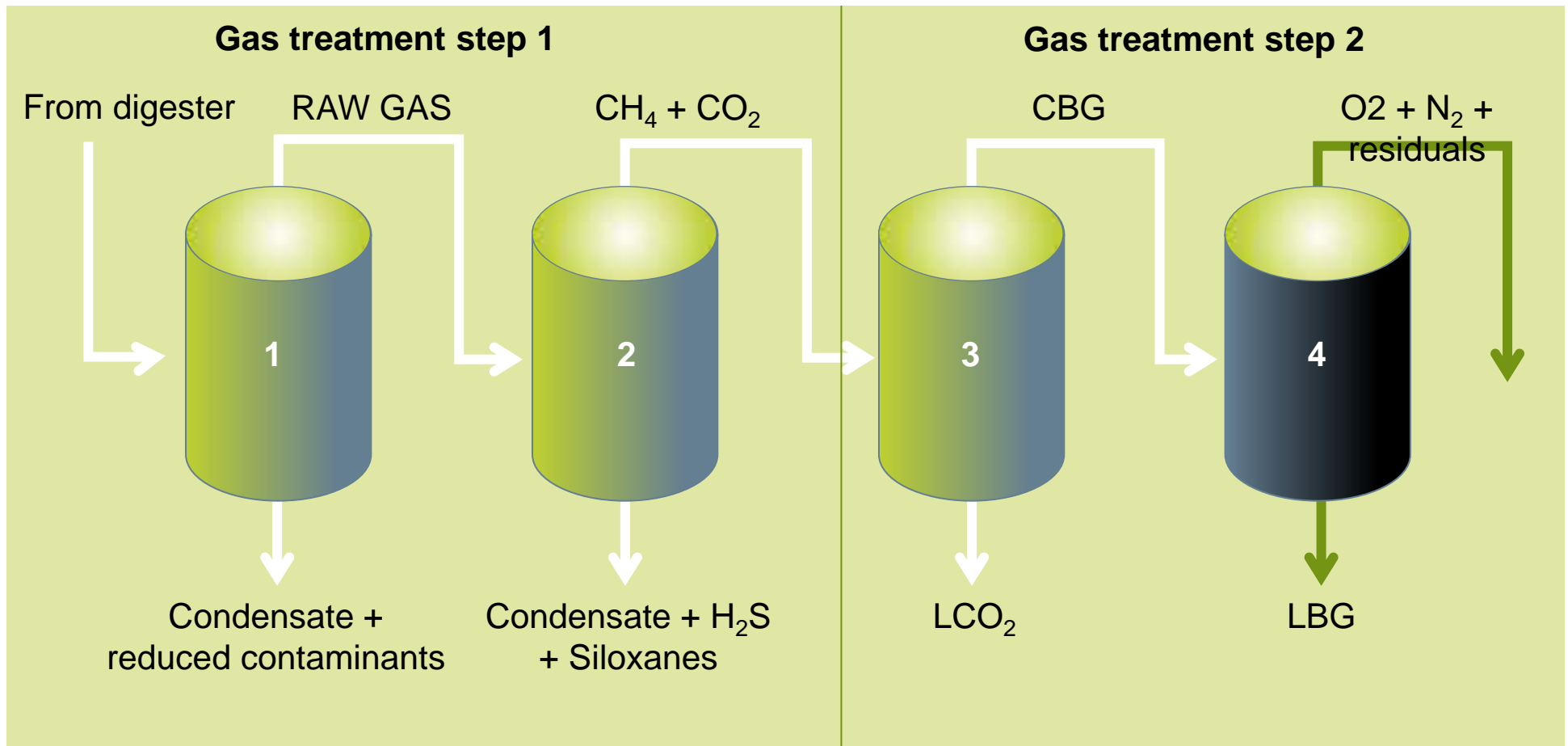


# Gas System Renovation (2/2)



# Cryogenic Gas-treatment

CBG & LBG gas treatment modules



# Gas treatment Step 1



- Gas treatment step 1
  - Green container: Drying and Compressors
  - Soxia filter: H<sub>2</sub>S and siloxane removal
- Gas treatment step 2
  - To be implemented 2015

# Maximising Biogas production

## BEFORE

**Volume in:** 600 m<sup>3</sup>/day

**Load:** 18 ton VS/day  
ca. 1.3 kgVS/m<sup>3</sup>/day

**VS reduction:** 30-35 %

**Gas Production:** ca 5-8 000 m<sup>3</sup>/day

**Methane content:** 61.5%

## AFTER

**Volume in:** 620 m<sup>3</sup>/day

**Load:** 38 ton VS/day  
ca. 2.7 kgVS/m<sup>3</sup>/day

**VS reduction:** 70 %

**Gas Production:** ca 30 000 m<sup>3</sup>/day

**Methane content:** 61%

- The Ulsan plant was the first biogas plant in South Korea to be approved according to new Korean biogas law
- The Ulsan plant treats 1.3% of all South Korean food waste (2012)
- The Ulsan biogas plant produces 6% of all biogas in South Korea (2012) ranked n:o 4 in the nation
- The major share of biogas produced (ca 11 M Nm<sup>3</sup>/yr) is sold to a nearby industry and distributed via gas pipe. Internal use of biogas is c:a 8%



# A good staff on site!!



## SBF have invested 15 M EUR in:

- Expansion of food plant to fourfold treatment capacity
- Refurbishment of digester
- Re-construction of primary sludge thickening from gravity to mechanical dewatering
- Odor treatment
- Treatment of raw biogas from H<sub>2</sub>S and siloxanes
- Compression of biogas for efficient transport in pipes
- Representative building



# The work goes on – higher efficiency can be achieved 35

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- Follow up on Operation by special working group with focus on safety and economical profitability.
- Examples of future actions
  - More food waste to be treated
  - Reduction of light grit (today ca 12%) by better separation of plastics
    - Reduce costs of grit
    - Increase gas yields
  - Utilization of upgraded gas as fuel for vehicle
  - Sale of CO<sub>2</sub>

**Thank you for your attention – Questions?**



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