

Delivering a Bio-Circular Economy

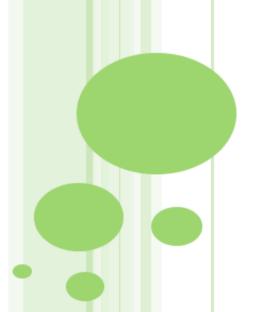
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# **OPEN INNOVATION & THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY**

CREATING VALUE FOR FORESTRY AND AGRICULTURE



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## **OBJECTIVES**





To capture the *Value of the Open Innovation (OI)* approach to build competitive advantage in the bioeconomy



To illustrate the **Power of Open Innovation (OI)** through an example related to bridging the forest and agricultural industries

OI is not a new concept/tool, however how it is applied is evolving – especially in the context of the bioeconomy, where value chains are multi-sectoral and global in nature, as well as geographically distributed







We are a **leader** in identifying and designing promising new **business** concepts for companies seeking **diversification** in the **bioeconomy** while applying **risk-based mitigation** design tools.



Management
Consulting
Engineering
Consulting

- ✓ We bring together business and technology expertise
- √ We focus on mitigating technology and market risks
- ✓ We collaborate with our network of leading technology and downstream partners

De-risking Innovative Technology Strategies



Adding Value through Transformative Business Strategies





# FOREST BIOECONOMY & INDUSTRIAL SYMBIOSIS

- Companies developing their biorefinery strategy work hard at developing a vision and when it is identified, are at risk of not being robust over the long term facing an ever-changing world.
  - New products, new innovations continually being launched...
  - Policies, regulations evolving...
- O Winning business models involve *creating partnerships with other* sectors/industries with the goal of developing new value chains that are competitive over the longer-term.



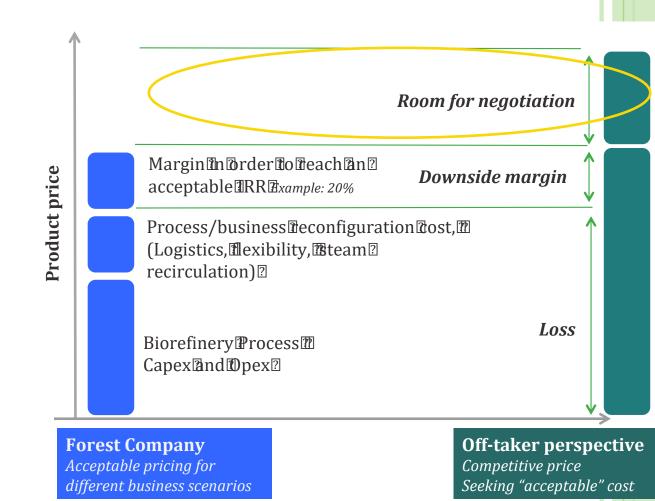


O Winning business models typically rely on enhanced value proposals for substitution products on the market, when functionality has yet to be identified for targeted applications, and when time-to-market is a decisive factor for securing a competitive position.



## ESTABLISHING THE RIGHT VALUE PROPOSAL...

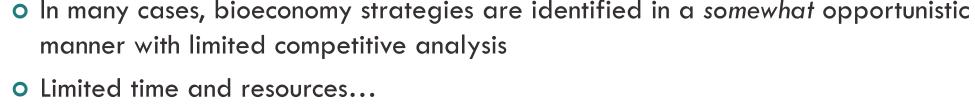
- Recognizing that bioproduct performance for specific applications will drive the definition of the value proposal
- What does it cost to produce and deliver the bioproduct?
- What is the bioproduct value to the off-taker –
   considering sometimes required switching costs?
- What is the perceived value of the bioproduct for the end-customer?
- O How should the difference be shared between value chain partners towards establishing a winwin business model?



> One application at a time, one customer at a time...



## FACING THE REALITY AND COMPLEXITY OF DEVELOPING NEW BUSINESS MODELS...





- Often a core-business focus and commodity-oriented culture
- Risk averse strategies
- Limited investment in product development

**o** ...

How can we systematically and efficiently explore new bioproduct opportunities and define the associated value proposals working in collaboration with companies which may or may not become strategic partners, but which are close to the final customer and at the same time not be diverted from the core business...?



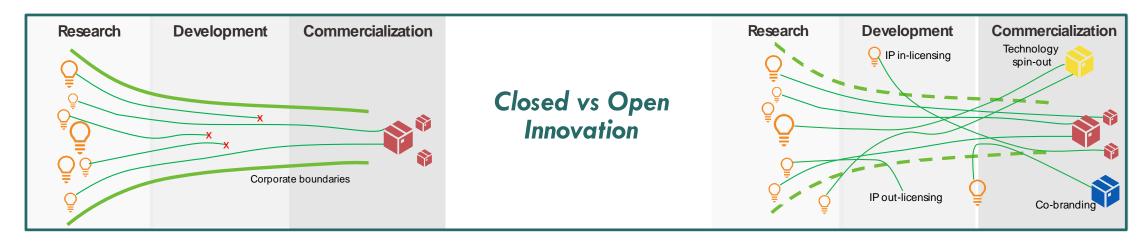


## OPEN INNOVATION — AN EFFECTIVE AND POWERFUL TOOL

✓ Many definitions...



Use of purposive *inflows and outflows of knowledge* to accelerate *internal* innovation, and expand the markets for **external** use of innovation — *Chesbrough*, 2006



√ Many purposes...



R&D for new product developmentMarket intelligence for valuable informationMarket plan for securing a competitive advantageTalent for scouting new collaborators

✓ Many applications...



Innovation Ecosystem at the value chain level
Open Innovation Portfolios at the product/project level
Innovation challenges at the strategy level



## OPEN INNOVATION — AN EFFECTIVE AND POWERFUL TOOL

• An Open Innovation process can ensure effective results by integrating the *Voice of the Customer* at the early stage of strategy development while *creating a collaborative environment* to develop win-win partnerships through a transparent process.



## Some Examples of Open Innovation in the Industry





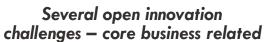


2 open innovations challenges in 2019

Open innovation initiatives to prospect partners and boost ideas

6 open innovation challenges launched to date







Inno360 Engine since 2010



Open innovation ecosystem on Montegancedo Campus



Open source innovation platform since 2017

How can the
Open Innovation
concept be used
as a tool for
identifying value
proposals?



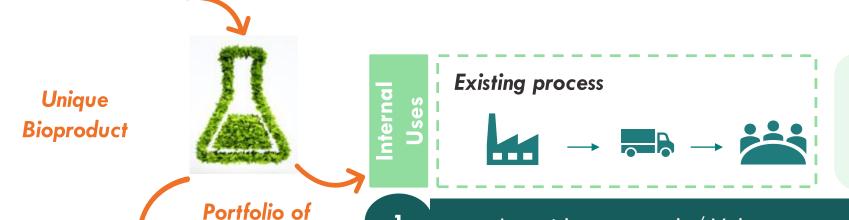
## CASE STUDY - VALUE PROPOSAL DEFINITION THROUGH OI

Traditional Value Chain

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#### **Benefits**

- Meet internal process/env. issues
- Meet specs on pulp and paper
- Product portfolio diversification



#### **Benefits**

- Business model flexibility
- Operational effectiveness

applications

Less risky approach / Value proposal to be defined internally

#### **Benefits**

- Replacement/substitution of existing inputs
  - enhanced value proposal
- Development of new products/VC

# CASE STUDY - VALUE PROPOSAL DEFINITION THROUGH OI



- Unknown bioproduct performance relative to market applications
- Unknown functionalization requirements/opportunities
- Unknown market certifications/standards
- Unknown value chains and market penetration potential
- Unknown best practices for business model development
- O ... an imperative to demonstrate short-term return on initial investment

## CASE STUDY - VALUE PROPOSAL DEFINITION THROUGH OI

#### **Forest**

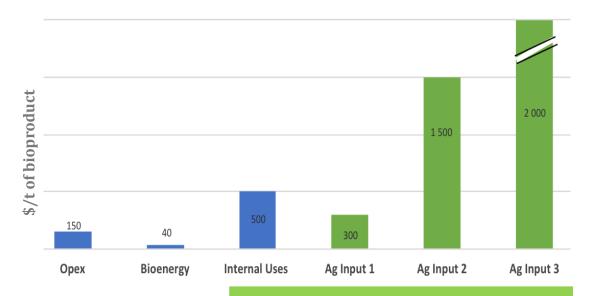
### After 6-8 months of OI Process

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- Product characteristics and properties
- ✓ Network of major players in the field
- Optimization of operating conditions to meet product specification

- ✓ Testing performance for different applications
- Market penetration potential estimation
- ✓ Elaboration of business model basis

- Value proposal for different applications
- Drivers for value creation/negotiation
- Opportunities to enhance value proposal through purification/functionalization
- Certification and other market barriers
- Prioritization towards next PDP
- Value proposal in hand to target a broader pool of stakeholders





**Potential for Value Proposals** 

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# Some Challenges associated with the OI Process

- Objectives of the Open Innovation (OI) are not well-understood by respondents and/or wellcommunicated by proponents
- Targeted group of collaborators is not representative too limited
- Lack of implication of stakeholders within the Ol project
- o Intellectual property rights are disputed impacting the timeframe of the OI project
- Terms and conditions related to confidentiality and *property of testing results*, or to exclusivity for future commercialization are challenged

## A well-defined approach can be used to mitigate these challenges:

- > invest (\$) in the OI process: ensures stronger commitment and better guarantees access to results
- > negotiate specific agreements with collaborators beforehand
- > do not commit to any pre-commercial deals before the OI process is completed
- > maximize the value of the OI by leveraging access to knowledge (tech and market) throughout the process

## **KEY MESSAGES**

- Product development and market penetration is a long process which can be accelerated by teaming-up along the value chain in order to ensure value proposal definition and a robust business model.
- The value proposal should be defined one application and one customer at a time.
- To ensure time-to-market and minimize deviation from core business, OI can be used as a efficient tool to add value to an existing process (or not!) through a systematic approach.
- However to be effective and leverage the value of OI, you need:

**Active Engagement** 

**Trust and Openness** 

**Innovation Culture** 



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