

### WHITE AND BIOCOAL PELLETS PRODUCTION WITH CARBONFX<sup>TM</sup> TECHNOLOGY



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**Airex Energy** is a technology provider of biomass torrefaction systems and a producer of high quality **biocoal** 

We are a **spin-off** of Airex Industries, a well established industrial equipment manufacturer

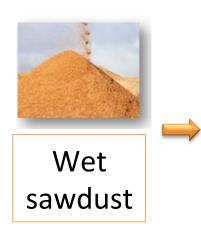


We are commercializing our proprietary **CarbonFX<sup>™</sup>** process, a **simple, reliable and cost competitive** technology platform

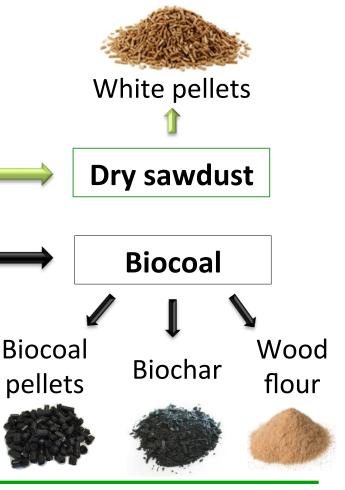


## CarbonFX<sup>™</sup> technology

# Upgrading biomass through thermal treatment









### **Products**

#### **Biocoal pellets**

Heating value 9K – 10.5K BTU/lb Durability Bulk density  $> 45 \text{ lb/ft}^3$ Moisture Ash

> 97 % < 4%

< 3%



#### **Torrefied Wood flour**

Particle size Bulk density Moisture Ash

40-80 mesh 10 - 13 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> < 1.5% < .5%



#### **Biochar**

Carbon content Particle size Bulk density Moisture Ash

60% to 75% 0.1 - 2 mm $10 \text{ lb/ft}^3$ < 2% < 15%

#### White pellets

Heating value Durability Bulk density Moisture Ash

8K BTU/lb > 97 %  $> 40 \text{ lb/ft}^{3}$ < 8% < 1%





## Technology roadmap

### Scaling up capacity







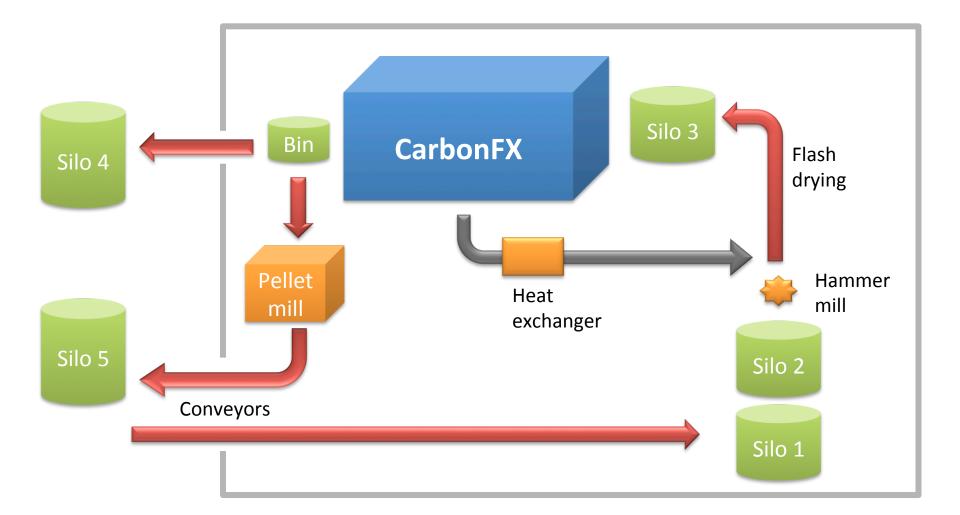
Capacity	10 kg/hr output	100 kg/hr output	2 tons/hr output
Status	Experimental	<b>Self-contained</b> 2 units sold	Commercial
	2010	2012	2015
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- Location : Becancour, Qc
- Capacity of 2 tons/hour
- Investment : CAD\$6.5M

- Feedstock : sawdust / recycled wood
- End-product : biocoal pellets, white pellets, biochar, torrefied wood flour







#### • Flexible plant :

- Feedstock : sawdust, woodchips or C&D wood
- End-products :

•	Capacity
White pellets	35K t/year
Biocoal pellets	15K t/year
Biochar	8K t/year
Torrefied wood flour	20K t/year

- **Cost competitive plant** : A biocoal plant for the price of a white wood pellet plant
- No market risk : white pellet production

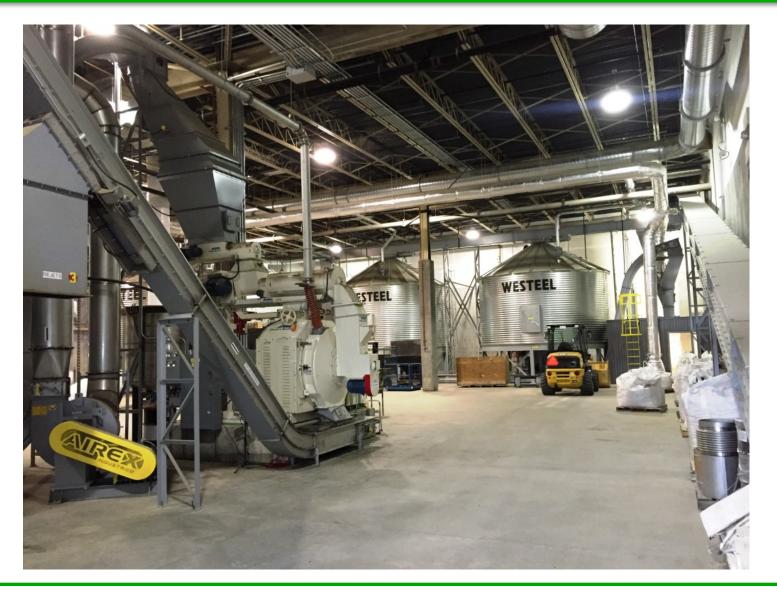


















#### Main features

- Built to run 24/7
- Staff of 2 operators/shift, 1 mechanic and 1 plant director
- <u>Safety features</u>: 2 dust collectors, enclosed conveyors and silos, magnets, sprinklers (building and inside silos), heat detection in silos, spark detection/suppression systems, explosion vents
- Propane/natural gas for start-up and pilot flame
- Automation : automated plant with minimal operator interventions
- Maintenance : rugged and proven equipment used in wood industry (sizing equipment, conveyors, extraction systems, pellet mill, instrumentation)



### Competitive edge

Cost competitive technology

- Smallest footprint of the industry : residence time of 3 seconds vs 30 min for other technology
- No biomass boiler required for process heat
- Integrated pre-drying system
- Perform as a **high-efficiency** biomass dryer

#### Scalable technology

• Proven multi-cyclone design



### Incremental technology development

From proof-of-concept to demonstration plant ⇒ risk management



### **Funding Partners**

### **R&D** Partners













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