

Increasing the substitution of virgin plastics in products: the quest of SUEZ

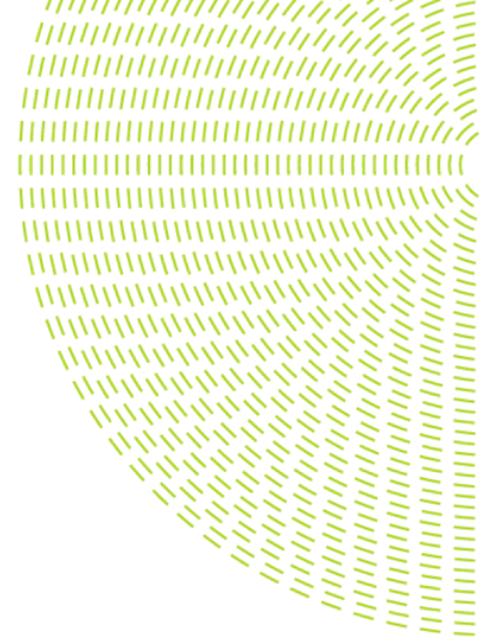
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ready for the resource revolution  **suez**

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Introduction to SUEZ

Key figures 2014

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, GLOBAL LEADER

Dedicated to the
Water and Waste
Management



TURNOVER WATER & WASTE: **14.3 Billion €**

29% OF TURNOVER GENERATED OUTSIDE EUROPE

MAJOR ACTOR IN WASTE AND MATERIAL MANAGEMENT
No. 1 IN FRANCE, **No. 2** IN EUROPE, **No. 3** WORLDWIDE

GLOBAL WASTE TURNOVER: **7.5 Billion €**

15 MILLION TONS RECOVERED WASTE

Waste plastic activities

Recycling

400 kt/y

Plastics waste, flakes and pellets sold and traded in Europe

130 kt/y

Plastics processed in own (or JV) material recycling plants

- PP, PE, PA flakes
- PE-LD pellets (granules) and bags from recycled PE-LD
- PP pellets and agglomerates
- PET food grade pellets and washed flakes
- PVC pellets and micronized

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Sorting of household packaging waste (>400 kt/y)

Plastic-to-oil in the UK, packaging licensing by BellandVision in Germany

Installation of **PLAST lab**[®], a laboratory dedicated to recovering plastics

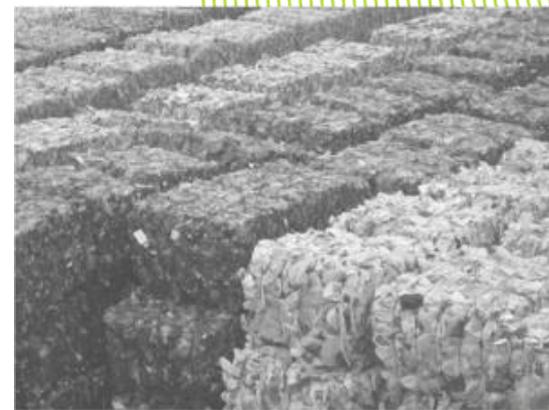
ONGOING INVESTMENTS :

Doubling of sorting capacity Rotterdam plant

Partner in a greenfield PP/PE compounds production plant
(<http://www.qcpolymers.com>)



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CURRENTLY YEARLY 19 MTONNE PLASTIC WASTE IS LANDFILLED/BURNED

EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S MEASURES*:

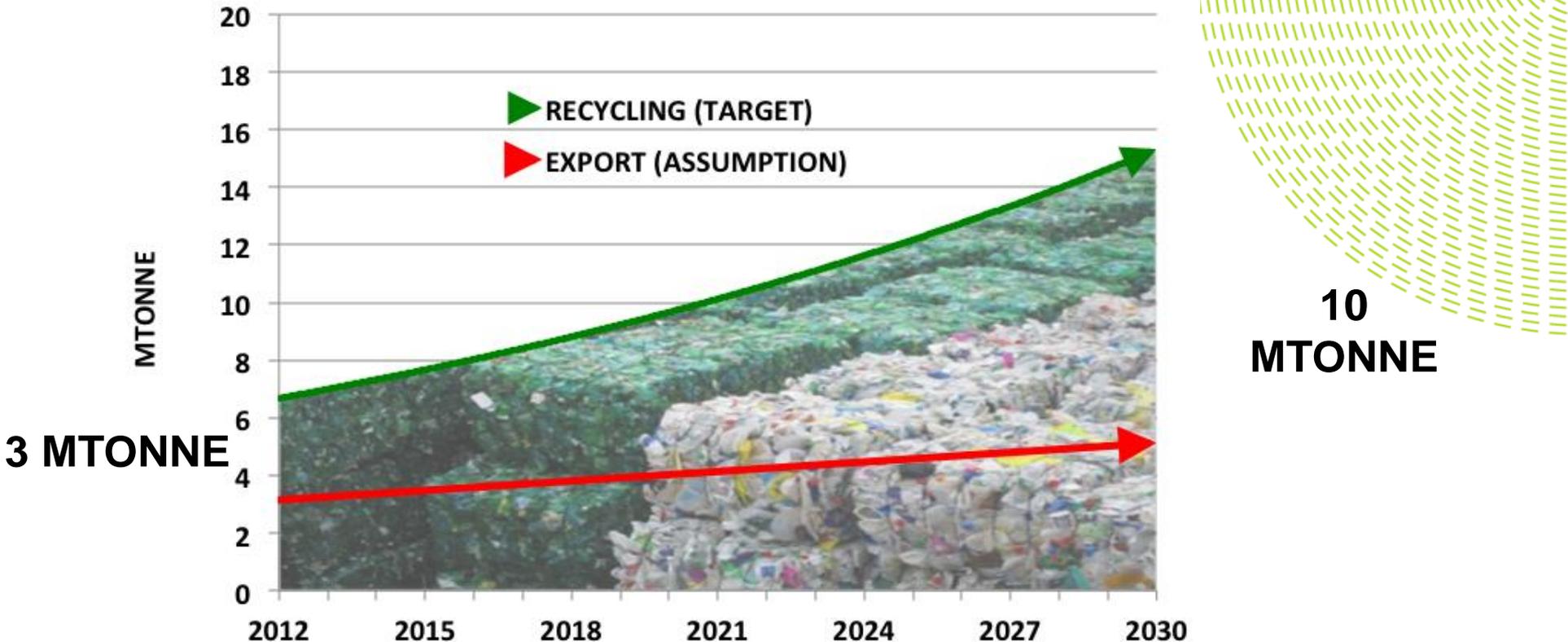
BAN ON LANDFILLING RECYCLABLE PLASTICS BY 2025

OBJECTIVE TO LIMIT INCINERATION TO NON-RECYCABLE MATERIALS

RECYCLING TARGET OF 60% FOR PLASTICS BY 2030

***) THE NEW EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S (EC) CIRCULAR ECONOMY PACKAGE
WILL BE RELEASED ON DECEMBER 2, 2015**

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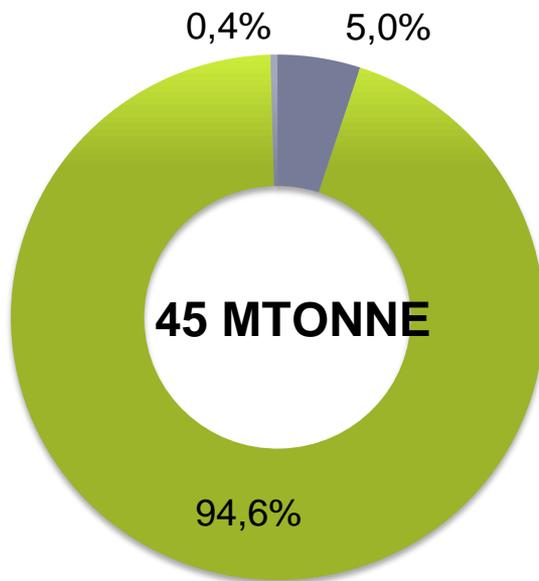
RECYCLING PERCENTAGE SHOULD GROW FROM 26% IN 2012 TO 60% IN 2030

TODAY 6.6 MTONNE OF PLASTIC WASTE COLLECTED FOR RECYCLING

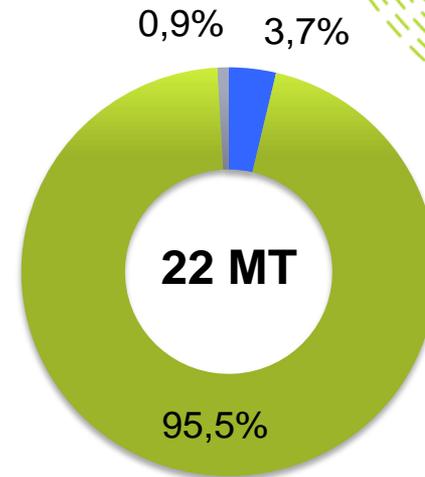
OF WHICH 3.2 MTONNE EXPORTED TO ASIA

⁶Source: European Plastics Recyclers/QCP

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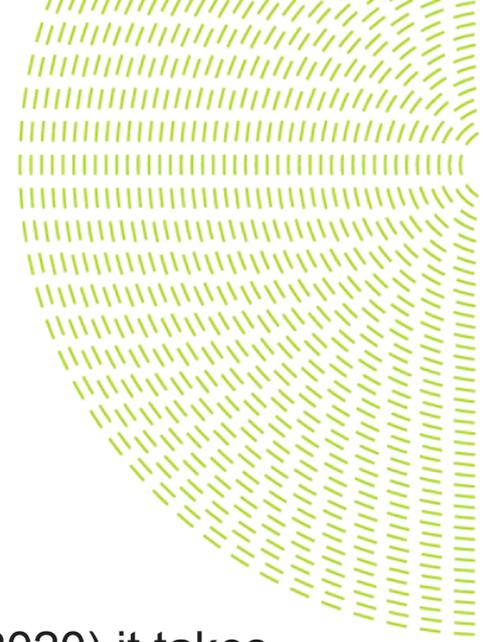
EUROPEAN POLYMER DEMAND



EUROPEAN POLYOLEFIN DEMAND

- 3.4 MTONNE OF PLASTIC WASTE INPUT RECYCLED IN EUROPE
- CURRENT RECYCLING YIELD IS AROUND 60%
- SALES OF POLYOLEFIN RECYCLATE LESS THAN 1 MTONNE

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Example Packaging Recycling

To bring the recycling quota in Europe from 26% (2012) to 60% (2020) it takes...

- ...**50** additional big plastic packaging sorting plants with 80 kt/y capacity
- ...**140** additional plastic recycling plants with 25 kt/y input capacity
- ...**50** new applications for recycled plastics with a demand of 50 kt/y

Collection

What works

- **Extended Producer Responsibility Systems (EPR) with long-term contracts, hampering long-term investments**
- **Next to EPR, free competition should be allowed on the market for collecting and owning recyclable flows**



Branch Collections

- Agricultural films
- PVC windows
- Pipes (construction)
- ...

Municipal Rigid Plastics Collections



Collection

Collect high volume plastics...



PET-bottles
Already collected in
most of the EU
countries



PE-HD (PP) blow moulds

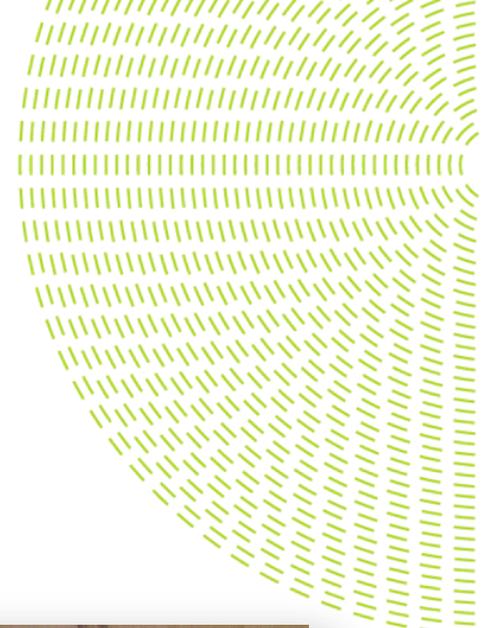
**Collect more
PP and PE!**



PE-LD films & bags



PP pots, tubs & trays

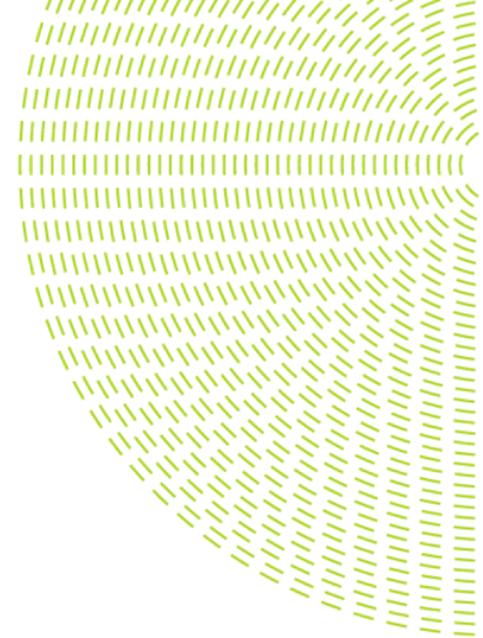


Sorting and recycling

A Modern Light-Weight-Packaging Sorting Plant still has:

- > 50 % Mixed Plastics & Residues
- The mix can be recycled but quality is low
- **For high quality recycling we need sorted plastics**
- Better sorting with sophisticated technologies is needed
=> Investments

Sorting comes with ECO-Design of Packaging

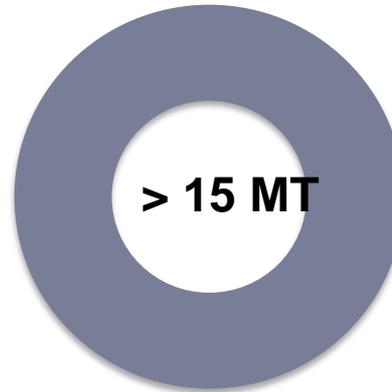
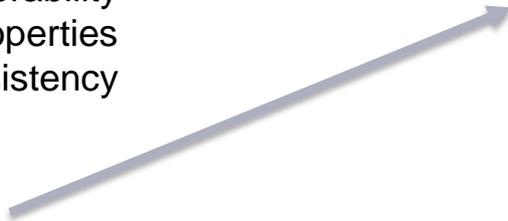


Sorting and recycling

SORTERS AND Recyclers need to innovate IN QUALITY

Product characteristics

Low odor
Colorability
Mechanical properties
Quality consistency



Virgin-like recycling market

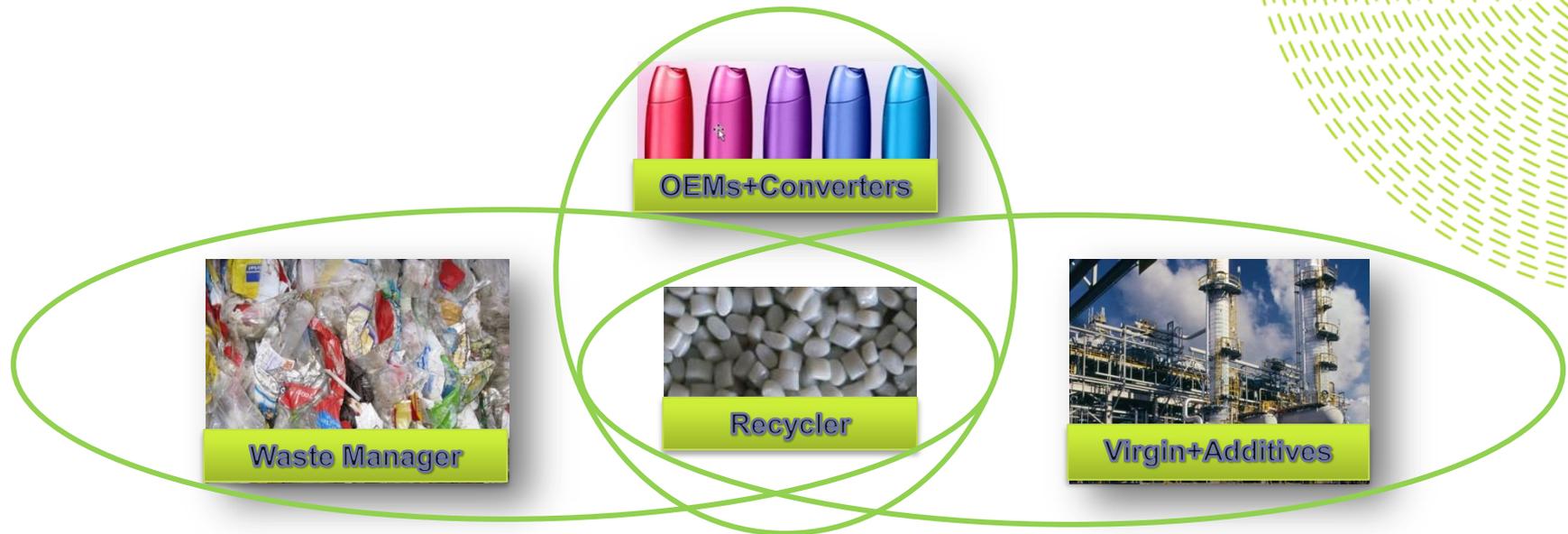
Classical recycling market



Technology & recipes

Sorting and recycling

Sorters AND Recyclers need to innovate IN PARTNERSHIPS



- Recyclers need to build alliances with OEMs, converters, chemical industry (virgin resins, additives) and waste management companies
- Recyclers need to increasingly think in terms of end applications (instead of waste treatment)
- Recyclers need to build up or improve virgin-customer-approach know-how

Converters & OEMs

Help the recyclers!



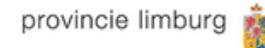
Converters & OEMs

- Eco-design your products!
- Widen your vision: there is more than price!
=> Imagine you would have to make all your products from wood because nobody wants to buy plastic products anymore...
- Design your products to be made from recycled plastics!
- Teach and help recyclers to meet quality requirements!

QCP - QUALITY CIRCULAR POLYMERS

- FOUNDED IN APRIL 2014
- COMBINATION OF STRATEGIC AND REGIONAL PARTNERS
- 100,000 TONNE PE AND PP COMPOUNDS
- FOCUS ON PACKAGING, HOUSEHOLD, E&E, BUILDING AND AUTOMOTIVE
- PARTNERSHIP WITH INNOVATIVE EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGY PROVIDERS
- COMPANY WITH ITS ROOTS IN THE VIRGIN POLYMER INDUSTRY
- STARTUP FIRST MODULE OF 35,000 TONNE IN Q4, 2015

Shareholders



Technology providers a.o.



Located in the LOGISTIC AND POLYMER HOTSPOT of Europe



An experienced team



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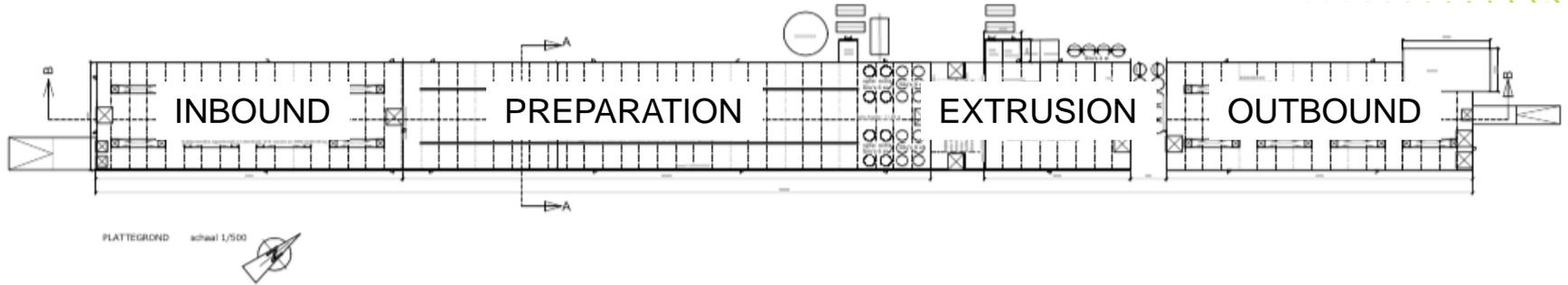


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Finance Manager



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Operations Manager

Single integrated plant using leading technology



FULLY INTEGRATED AND AUTOMATED PLANT:

- PREPARATION INCLUDING COLD & HOT WASH
- COLOR SORTING TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE COLORABILITY
- INTENSIVE HOMOGENISATION OF INTERMEDIATE PRODUCT (FLAKES)
- COMPOUNDING IN LINE WITH MELT FILTRATION (CASCADE)

Hot-washed versus cold-washed



- USING A HOT-WASH REACTOR IMPROVES THE CLEANLINESS OF FLAKES
- IMPROVING MECHANICAL PROPERTIES, BASE COLOR AND SMELL

Improving Colorability

INPUT FRACTION



LIGHT FRACTION

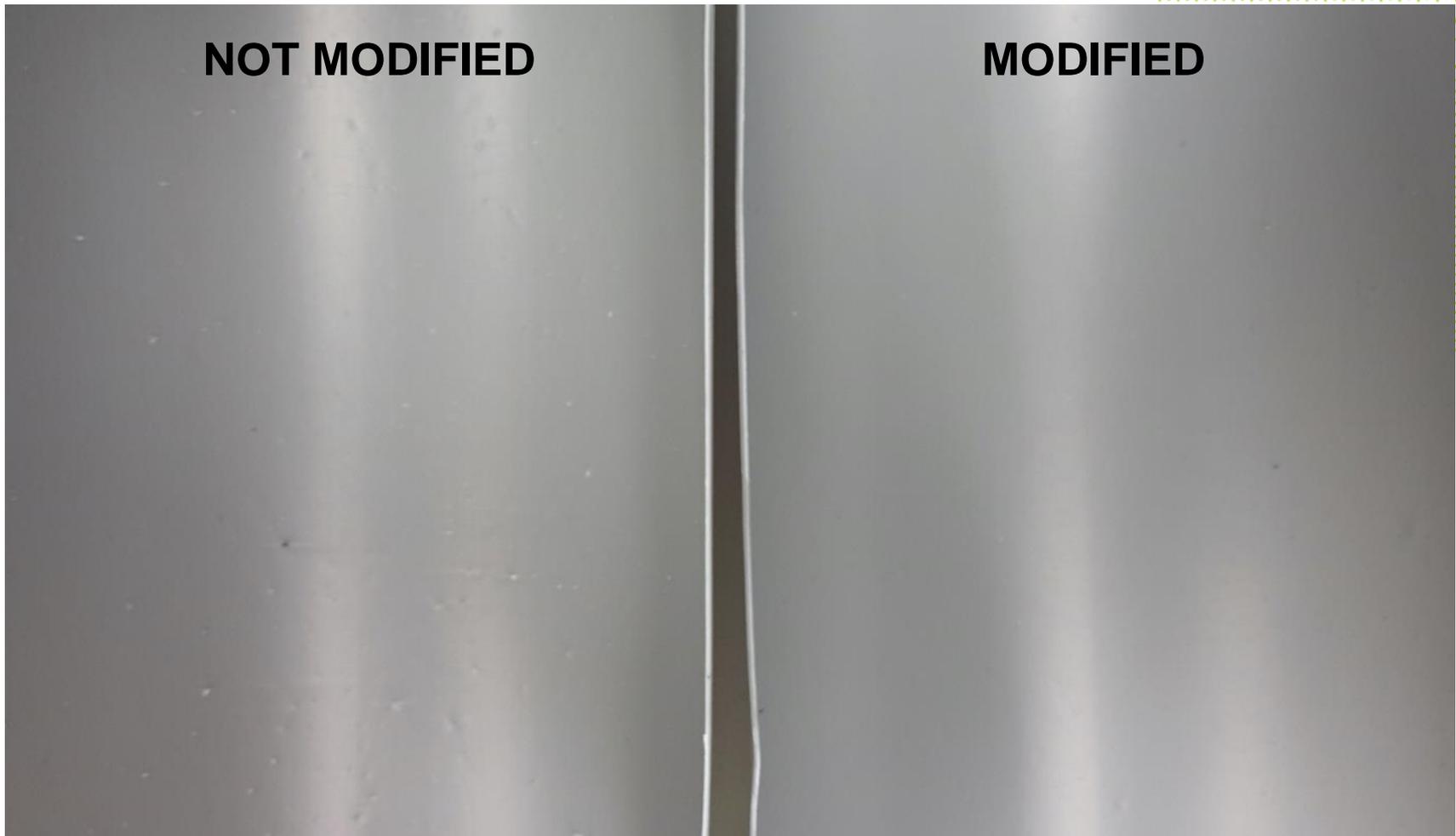


DARK FRACTION



- COLOR SORTING TO ENHANCE COLORABILITY
- LIGHT FRACTION FOR LIGHT COLORS AND DARK FRACTION FOR DARK COLORS

In-line compounding to improve properties



PHOTOS TAKEN OF THE INSIDE OF A 1 LITRE HDPE BOTTLE

Products to replace virgin resins

- DEVELOPMENT ON INPUT OF BRAND OWNERS AND MOLDERS
- PRODUCTS BASED ON POST CONSUMER (AND POST INDUSTRIAL) WASTE
- NON-FOOD APPLICATIONS DUE TO USE OF POST CONSUMER WASTE
- SPECIFIED COMPOUNDS
- HDPE FOR BLOW MOULDING AND PIPE APPLICATION
- PP FOR INJECTION MOULDING APPLICATIONS (MFR 10 AND HIGHER)



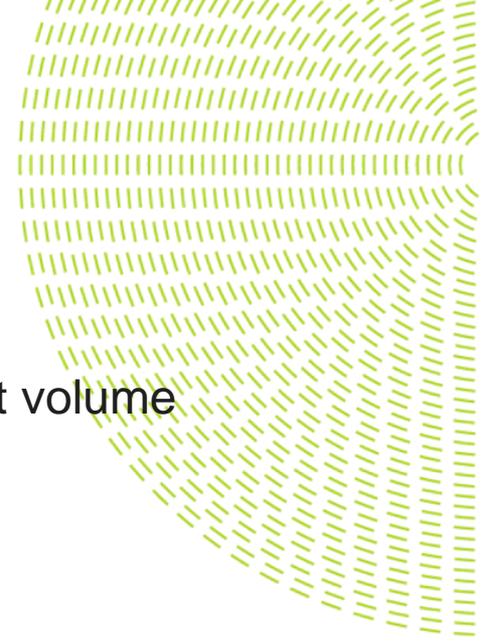
QCP - QUALITY CIRCULAR POLYMERS



- INTEGRATED/AUTOMATED PLANT
- CAPACITY OF 100,000 TONNE
- BACKWARD INTEGRATED (SUEZ)
- SPECIFIED PP/PE COMPOUNDS
- INTENSIVE CLEANING
- VACUUM DEGASSING
- COLOR SORTING

- ▶ COST COMPETITIVE
- ▶ CERTAINTY OF SUPPLY
- ▶ MEETING CUSTOMER REQUIREMENTS
- ▶ IMPROVED COLOR & SMELL
- ▶ IMPROVED COLORABILITY

Summary



- Focus on improving household packaging recycling => highest volume impact
- Extend separate collections of plastics
- Improve sorting quality => sort into material fractions (PP, HDPE,...)
- Adapt legislation to stimulate investments in sophisticated sorting and high-quality recycling technologies
- Recyclers to improve virgin-customer-approach know-how and quality
- Converters/OEMs to use more recycled plastics in their products