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#### **The Energy Sustainability Conclave 2013**

#### **Techno Economic Feasibility of Fuel Cells**

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### **How a Fuel Cell Works**





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### Who We Are



- Ballard Power Systems, Inc. is a recognized global leader in clean energy PEM fuel cells
  - Design, manufacturing, distribution, support
  - Multi-market focus
  - Capture 80% of PEM Fuel Cell Market Worldwide.
  - Our list of Indian Customers includes: Indian Defense, Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra, Aditya Birla Group

**Operations:** Canada, Denmark, U.S.A. (Lowell, MA,

• Headquarters in Burnaby, BC, Canada



Burnaby HQ facility



### **Ballard Fuel Cell Products**





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### **Availability of Hydrogen**

#### Sources of hydrogen for Fuel Cell systems

- By-product hydrogen Industrial Waste
  - : Hydrogen created as a by-product of chlor-alkali production, at carbon monoxide plants & other chemical production

#### • Steam-reformation of Methanol

- : Methanol steam reforming is one of the most promising routes to produce high purity hydrogen for mobile fuel cell applications.
- Gasification of biomass
  - : Converts organic waste to a hydrogen-rich gas stream
- Electrolysis from "renewable" energy sources
  - : Large-scale energy storage using hydrogen produced during off-peak times





### Source of By-product Hydrogen





- Hydrogen infrastructure exists while not extensive
- Sources of By-product hydrogen
  - Chlor-alkali plants
  - Refineries
  - Captive plants for fertilizer, soap, glass plants, Sugar Industries
- Industrial waste Hydrogen available form these plants is sufficient to provide green power to more than 50,000 telecom towers in nearby vicinity.

#### **Existing Site Configuration**





### **ElectraGen<sup>™</sup>-ME** (Liquid-Methanol Fuel Cell)





### **Value Proposition**





### **ElectraGen<sup>™</sup>-ME Functionality**







#### H<sub>2</sub>O Dissipation Through Back Exhausts

Purification Stage Reformation Stage Vaporization Stage

Heating Stage



O<sub>2</sub> from Ambient Air

#### ElectraGen<sup>™</sup> ME 2.5kW System



Product No. 0017850 - ElectraGen<sup>™</sup> ME 2.5kW -48VDC System



• The design life of the Fuel Cell System is 10 Years.

• The expected stack life is 8,000 running hrs and expected reformer life is 10,000 running hrs for Vodafone sites in Bihar/Assam circles (Average 2 start/stop cycles every day).

#### Liquid-Methanol Fuel Cell Vs. Solar





- Liquid-Methanol Fuel Cell is the only practical, scalable, reliable & efficient Green backup power Solution at low solar-radiation regions or any roof-top cell site.
- Liquid-Methanol fuel cell solution enables "diesel free" sites with 100% uptime.
- Footprint of liquid-methanol fuel cell solution is very small compared to other backup power solutions.

### Fuel Cells are "Green"





#### **Telecom Backup Power Technology Comparison**

Methanol Fuel Cell System Vs. Diesel Generator

		Diesel Generator	<b>Emissios Savings</b>
	<b>ElectraGen ME System</b> Fuel Cell system with Methanol-Water Reformer		
Exhaust Emissions			
Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)	0.007 g/kWh	7.5 g/kWh	>95%
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	0.17 g/kWh	8.0 g/kWh	>95%
Sulfer Oxides (SOx)	0 g/kWh	12 g/kWh	100%
Particulate Matter	0 g/kWh	0.8 g/kWh	100%
Carbon Dioxide (CO2)	683-783 g/litre	2,830 - 2,930 g/litre	>75%
Exhaust Emissions			
Decibel rating	<b>Quiet</b> : 52 dB at 1 m 47 dB at 7 m	<b>Loud</b> : 68 dB at 7 m	Very Low Noise & Vibrations
System Efficiency			
System Efficiency (%)	33-35%	10-20%	High Efficiency
Operational Costs			
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### **Telecom Installations**





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5.0 kW ElectraGen™ME BTS (Vietnam)





2.5 kW ElectraGen™ME BTS (East Timor)



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2.5 kW ElectraGen™ME BTS (Indonesia)

#### About HydroPlus<sup>™</sup> (62% Methanol & 38% DI Water)

- Methanol is a common liquid
  - Global production in 2012 90 billion liters
  - Methanol, also known as methyl alcohol or wood alcohol, is an ideal hydrogen carrier. With a chemical formula of CH3OH, has more hydrogen atoms in each gallon than any other liquid that is stable in normal conditions.
- Methanol applications
  - Windshield washer fluid (up to 50% methanol)
  - Fuel additive Over 3.5 billion liters in China 2007
  - Solvent
  - Manufacture of plastics and building products
- Benefits of methanol based fuel
  - Easily transported liquid fuel
  - Extremely low freezing point <  $-60^{\circ}$  C
  - May be stored for years without degradation
- Renewable sources of methanol
  - Produced by crude glycerol in mass production
  - Waste CO<sub>2</sub>, wood waste, and others are in development
  - Global production of bio-methanol now greater than 280 million liters annually





### **Other Methanol Applications**





### **Methanol is everywhere**





### **Current State of Methanol in India**



- India accounted for four percent of the overall Asia-Pacific methanol market demand share in the year 2011
- Methanol primarily produced in India from natural gas and naphtha.
- India is a large importer of Methanol. Current methanol consumption is 2.5 million tonnes and production capacity in the country is 0.585 million tonnes thereby creating gap of 1.915 million tonnes which would primarily met through imports from Middle East.
- The demand is growing at 10% and is expected to continue to be met through imports. The two major end-use segments for methanol are chemical and energy.
- In the chemical segment, methanol is used for production of formaldehyde, acetic acid, di-methyl terephthalate (DMT) and a range of solvents. The consumption of methanol in the energy segment is substantial as blending component for petrol and methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), tertiary amyl methyl ether (TAME) and dimethyl ether (DME).

### **Methanol Domestic Price Trend**





- Methanol- a bulk traded commodity and an Industrial chemical, is also known as synthesis gas and methyl alcohol or wood alcohol.
- More than 60% of Methanol domestic demand is being meeting by imports and the international market has a direct bearing on domestic prices.
- Methanol international prices (USD/MT) stays flat compared to diesel & petrol prices in last 3-5 Years.
- Latest methanol Price is 25 INR/kg.
- HydroPlus is a mixture of 62% Methanol & 38% DI Water.



- We propose to install 1000L external tank to increase the refueling time to 45-60 days instead of 10-15 days.
- 1000 Liters of HydroPlus is equivalent to ~900 kWh of available backup power without refueling.
- Upto 2500 Litres of HydroPlus can be stored at any telecom site.

#### HydroPlus Fuel Packaging at Warehouse in 200 Litres drums and 1000 litres tank











#### Packaged HydroPlus Storage in 200 Litre Drums





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#### HydroPlus Fuel Vendors established worldwide





55 Gallon/200 Liter Drum Manual Pump



Refueling Truck – For Large Fleet Automatic High Speed Pump

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#### **HydroPlus System Re-Fueling – Type I**

When re-fueling large deployments or sites that require extra efforts to re-fuel, Ballard's service partners offers an all-inclusive refueling solution to eliminate concerns with refueling. This re-fueling solution gives the technician the ability to safely and efficiently re-fuel system deployments with little effort at all possible locations.

#### **System Specifications:**

100 ft. Re-Fueling Hose
Automatic Shut-off Nozzle
Skid or Trailer Configurable
12 - 15 Minutes to Fill System
Compact Design
Fits Most Vehicles



#### **HydroPlus System Re-Fueling – Type II**



When re-fueling large deployments (500+ sites) or sites that require extra efforts to re-fuel, Ballard's service partners offers an all-inclusive refueling solution to eliminate concerns, if any, with refueling. This re-fueling solution gives the technician the ability to safely and efficiently re-fuel system deployments with little effort at all possible locations.

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### **Mobile Refueling Unit**





HydroPlus fuel vendors established worldwide

## **Remote Communication**



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#### **150KW Fuel Cell Backup Power Systems** inside Container



Close container of 150KW Systems

Open container of 150KW Systems



150KW, zero-emission fuel cell of deployed at Anglo American to provide power at one of its mining operations plant in South Africa.

#### **Case Study: Demonstration of MW Mobile Fuel Cell System**





- Megawatt-scale utility applications
- 5 year demonstration at large Ohio utility
- Provides generating capacity during peak usage periods in the months of May through September
- Zero GHG emissions
- Sufficient to power more than 600 homes
- Housed in a tractor-trailer for mobility

#### Tata Motors Bus built using Ballard Fuel Cell Technology

Tata Motors displayed the first fuel cell bus built in India at Auto Expo 2012 in New Delhi. Tata Motors have plan to deploy 12 Hydrogen fuel cell buses in India this year.



#### **Fuel Cell Integration into a Hybrid Drive System**





# Case Study: Fuel Cell powered underground mining locomotive in South Africa, on 09 May 2012.



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