

# **ECOSYNTHETIX INC**

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Certain statements contained in this annual information form constitute forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical fact may be forward-looking statements. These statements relate to, but are not limited to, future events or future performance, our expectations regarding the Company's growth, results of operations, estimated future revenues, and requirements for additional capital, production costs, future demand for latex-based products, business prospects and opportunities and our ability to successfully commercialize our products. Forward-looking statements are often, but not always, identified by use of words such as "may", "will", "should", "could", "seek", "anticipate", "contemplate", "continue", "expect", "intend", "plan", "potential", "budget", "target", "believe", "estimate" and similar expressions. Such statements reflect our current views and beliefs with respect to future events, are subject to risks and uncertainties, and are based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by us, are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties and contingencies. Many factors could cause actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance, or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.

We have made material assumptions regarding, among other things: that our intellectual property rights are adequately protected; our ability to obtain the materials necessary for the production of our products; our ability to convert prospects from the industrial trial phase into full commercial customers; our ability to market products successfully to our customers; that we will continue to possess unique intellectual property rights; changes in demand for and prices of our products or the materials required to produce those products; labour and material costs remaining consistent with our current expectations; the price and availability of substitute or competitive products; and that we do not and will not infringe third party intellectual property rights. Some of our assumptions are based upon internal estimates and analysis of current market conditions and trends, management plans and strategies, economic conditions and other factors and are necessarily subject to risks and uncertainties inherent in projecting future conditions and

Some of the risks that could affect our future results and could cause those results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements include, among other things: an inability to protect, defend, enforce or use our intellectual property and/or infringement of third-party intellectual property: dependence on certain customers and changes in customer demand; the availability and price of natural feedstocks used in the production of our products; the inability to effectively expand our production facilities; variations in our financial results; increase in industry competition; decrease in the price of substitute products; the risk of volatility in global financial conditions, as well as significant decline in general economic conditions; our ability to effectively commercially market and sell our products; our ability to protect our know-how and trade secrets: Company growth and the impact of significant operating and capital cost increases; changes in the current political and regulatory environment in which we operate: the inability to retain key personnel; changes to regulatory requirements, both regionally and internationally, governing development, production, exports, taxes, labour standards, waste disposal, and use, environmental protection, project safety and other matters; enforcement of intellectual property rights; a significant decrease in the market price of petroleum; a shortage of supplies, equipment and parts; the inability to secure additional government grants; a deterioration in our cash balances or liquidity; the inability to obtain equity or debt financing; the ability to acquire intellectual property; the risk of litigation; changes in government regulations and policies relating to our business: losses from hedging activities and changes in

hedging strategy; insufficient insurance coverage; the impact of issuance of additional equity securities on the trading price of the Common Shares (as defined herein); the impact of ethical, legal and social concerns relating to genetically modified organisms and the food versus fuel debate; the risk of business interruptions; the impact of changes in interest rates; the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange; and credit risk, as well as the factors identified in the "Risk Factors" section of this annual information form. Such factors are not intended to represent a complete list of the factors that could affect us. In addition to the risk factors identified in the Company's Annual Information Form, as of the date of this Press Release, the Company has identified additional risks associated with the COVID-19 global pandemic which are described below. These factors should be considered carefully, and readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information.

Beginning in December 2019, a new strain of the coronavirus (COVID-19) has spread rapidly through the world. During the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2020, COVID-19 has caused both the global demand for paper products to decrease and a decrease in the pricing of petroleum-related products with which the Company's products compete with. This has resulted in reduced sales volume, lower pricing and reduced gross profit for the Company, COVID-19 has also reduced the Company's ability to effectively market and trial its products with customers where on-site collaboration is preferred. During the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2020. the Company also applied for and received government assistance under the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) program. No other COVID-19 related risks identified below have materialized during the period and there has been no other impact on operating results. For the remainder of 2021, COVID-19 will likely continue to have negative material impacts on the global economy which present significant additional risk factors. For the Company, this outbreak might materially impact the Company's ability to manufacture, source (including the delivery of raw materials to its facilities) or distribute its products both domestically and internationally; reduce our ability to effectively market and sell our products; reduce demand for our products; cause a significant decrease in the market price for petroleum related feedstocks which our products are an alternative, and cause increased credit risk. Any of these additional risks factors could have a significant negative impact on the Company's financial results in 2021 and beyond. Given the dynamic nature of this outbreak, the extent to which the COVID-19 virus impacts the Company's results will depend on future developments, which remain highly uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted at this time.

Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should assumptions underlying those forward-looking statements prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements.

Although the forward-looking statements contained herein are based upon what we believe to be reasonable assumptions, there can be no assurance that such forward-looking information will prove to be accurate and we cannot assure that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The information contained in this document, including the information provided under the heading "Risk Factors", identifies additional factors that could affect the Company's operating results and performance.

Forward-looking information contained herein is made as of the date of this annual information form and we disclaim any obligation to update any forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or results, except as may be required by applicable securities laws. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information.



what we do: POLYMERS FROM GREEN CHEMISTRY





BIOPOLYMER PLATFORM

ESSENTIAL
BUILDING
BLOCK FOR
PROGRESS



COST STABLE

COMMERCIALLY VIABLE

NATURALLY DERIVED

SAFE

VERSATILE

**FULLY SCALED** 

LOW CARBON FOOTPRINT

PURPOSE DRIVEN INNOVATION

COSYNTHETIX INC.

# THE PACE OF CHANGE ACCELERATING

EXPLOSION
OF NET-ZERO
COMMITMENTS
IN 2020<sup>1</sup>



### Nestlé redoubles efforts to combat climate change

....taking measures to halve its emissions by 2030 and achieve net zero by 2050

December 3, 2020



# PepsiCo Doubles Down on Climate Goal and Pledges Net-Zero Emissions by 2040

...targeting a reduction of absolute GHG emissions across its value chain by more than 40% by 2030

January 14, 2021



# General Motors, the Largest U.S. Automaker, Plans to be Carbon Neutral by 2040

...implementing plans today to reduce the impact associated with its supply chain



# **OUR PLATFORM's** potential:

Essential Building Block for Progress

# ONE **INNOVATION:**



# **DOZENS OF SECTORS:**





**PACKAGING** 



PAPER





AGRICULTURE



CONSTRUCTION



FOOD



HEALTHCARE



MANAGMENT

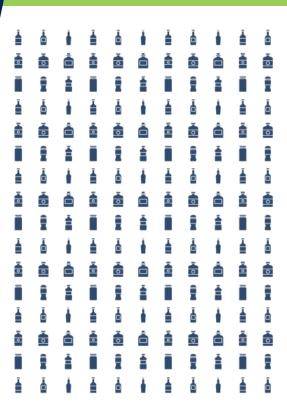


PERSONAL CARE



BUILDING MATERIALS

## 100's OF PRODUCTS:





TOTAL ADDRESSABLE MARKETS today's potential:





Urea formaldehyde

\$15B

wood resin market



**SB Latex** 

\$4B

styrene-butadiene latex market



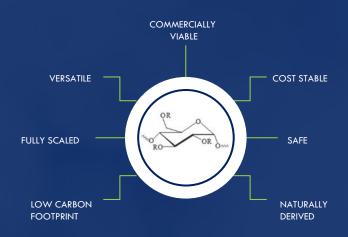
Polyvinylpyrrolidone

\$350M

hair fixative binder market

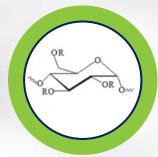
# PRODUCTS resonating:

**Essential Building Block for Progress** 





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to make the biggest impact. UREA FORMALDEHYDE:
A HAZARDOUS INGREDIENT IN
WOOD COMPOSITE BINDERS





THE SEARCH FOR A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE WITHOUT FORMALDEHYDE (PERFORMANCE + PRICE)

# FORMALDEHYDE RECOGNIZED AS A HUMAN CARCINOGEN

An industry poised for change

### **Expert Agencies Have Spoken**



Formaldehyde listed as "known to be a human carcinogen"

Classified formaldehyde as a "probable human carcinogen"

"Exposure to formaldehyde may cause leukemia, particularly myeloid leukemia, in humans" Governments Restricting
Usage & Introducing
Tougher Regulation



Industry is Creating Standards













The overall goal is, by 2030, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than the IKEA value chain emits, while growing the IKEA business. This will be achieved without relying on carbon offsetting.

#### Materials

The main identified movements needed are in bio-based glues for our wood-based products (fossil-based glue represents 6% of the total IKEA climate footprint), renewable energy at board factories, and significantly increasing recycled content for our main metals – steel and aluminium. Our focus is now on updating all material directions to secure that we have a full portfolio of actions to reach the required reductions.



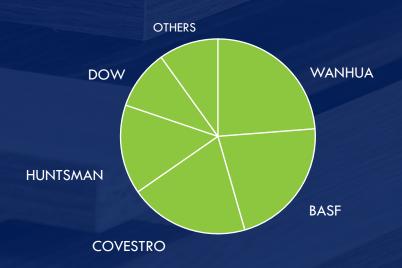
DURABIND: A CO-BINDER
REPLACING FORMALDEHYDE BINDERS



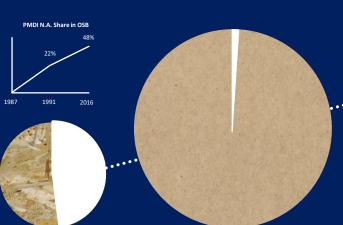
MDI MANUFACTURERS
SEARCHING FOR NEW
ADDRESSABLE MARKETS

## **MDI: A HIGHLY CONCENTRATED MARKET**

\$22B Global MDI Market (~\$1B wood composites resins)
MDI MARKET SHARE (%)



# MASSIVE MARKET POTENTIAL FOR A **NO ADDED FORMALDEHYDE LEADER**









Oriented Strand Board

Source: Transparency Market Research Report

**Medium Density Fiberboard** 



Particle Board



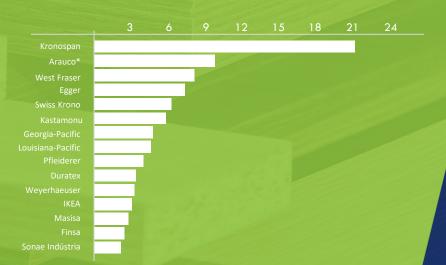
No Added Formaldehyde Market Share by Application



# DURABIND: PERFORMANCE FOR MASS ADOPTION

### **TOP 15 GLOBAL WOOD-BASED PANEL MANUFACTURERS**

(Based on production capacity<sup>1</sup> (million m<sup>3</sup>)



1,000+

serviceable addressable wood-panel lines globally





\$0.5M to \$3.0M

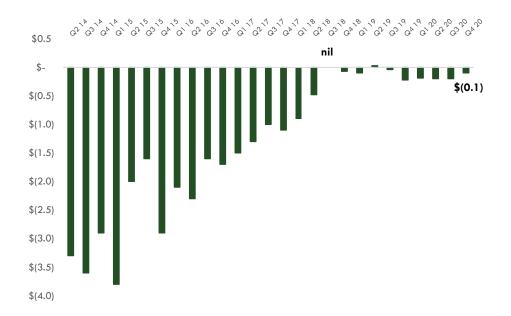
annual revenue opportunity per line

<sup>1)</sup> Source: Arauco, including Hawkins Wright, public company filings and management estimates

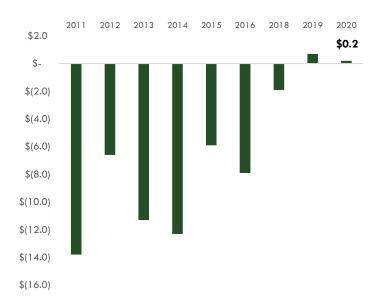
<sup>\*</sup> Arauco capacity includes 50% of Montes del Plato, Sonae Arauco and MAP.

# MAINTAINED POSITIVE CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS IN FY 2020 & FY 2019

Quarterly Adj EBITDA loss (USD millions)



Annual Cash Flows from (used in) Operations (USD millions)



US\$42.0 MILLION IN CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (12/31/20)



RETAILERS
PULLING SUPPLY CHAIN
TOWARD GREEN INGREDIENTS



**GREAT PARTNERS ENGAGED** 



MULTIPLE SHOTS ON GOAL TO SUPPORT COMMERCIAL SUCCESS



**#1 PRIORITY:** 

STRATEGIC WINS IN WOOD COMPOSITES & PERSONAL CARE

Ordinary.

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# **CORPORATE OVERVIEW**

TSX Symbol ECO **Shares Outstanding** 57.2M CDN \$252M Market Capitalization (as at Mar 17, 2021) Net Debt Nil USD \$42.0M / CDN \$53.8M Cash Balance (as at Dec 31, 2020)