

# Transitioning towards a more circular economy with chemical recycling

2021 Vinyl Recycling Summit



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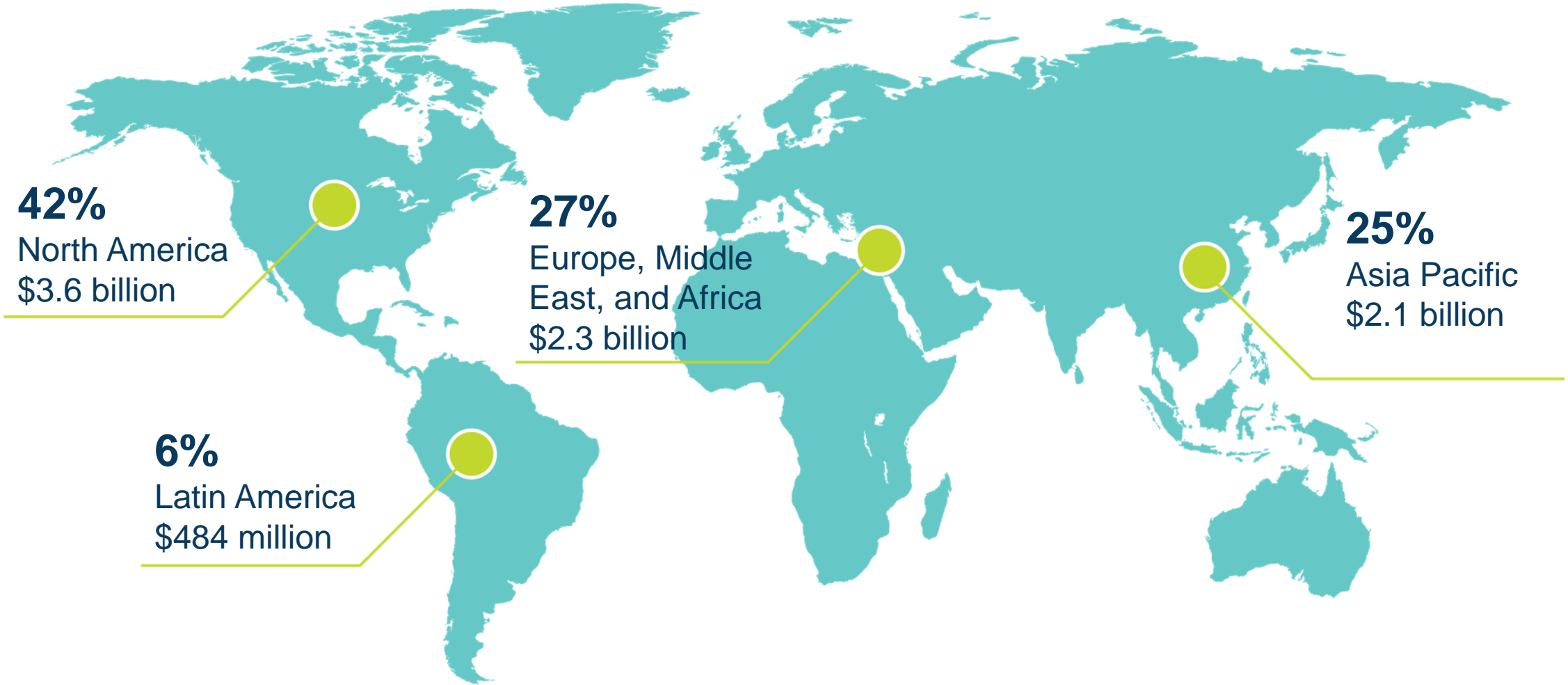


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# Globally integrated operations



**51** manufacturing sites  
in **14** countries

Approximately **14,500**  
employees around the world

Serving customers in  
more than **100** countries

Three simultaneous global crises need solutions



WASTE

CLIMATE

10 BILLION

CRISIS



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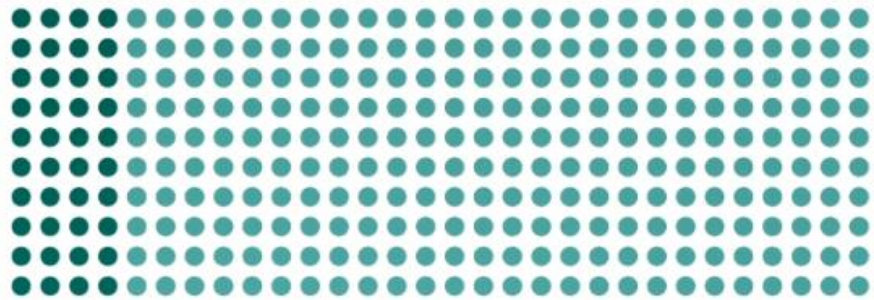


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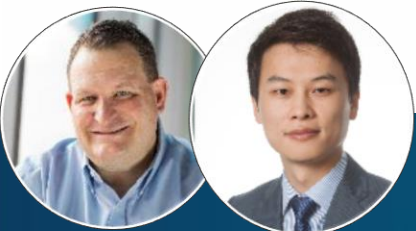
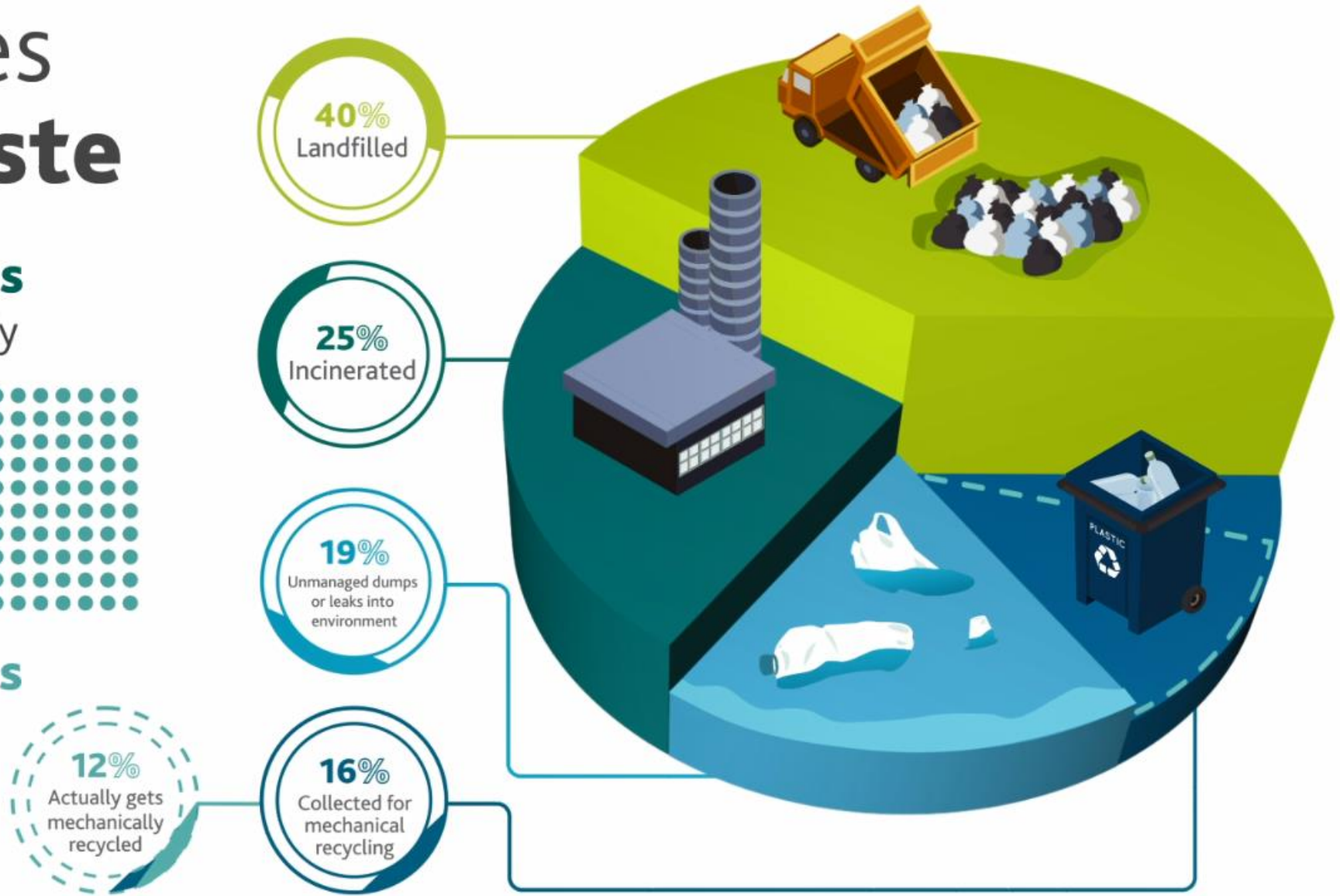
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# Opportunities going to waste

**300 million metric tons** of plastics are produced globally



**260 million metric tons** of plastics are disposed



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# Plastics are essential ... but the waste issue must be solved

## HYDRATE



Plastics help to deliver hydration to those who need it

## FEED



Advanced packaging technologies preserve fruits, vegetables, & meats

## CARE



Plastics improve sterility, patient safety, and comfort in therapies



**REDUCE**
















**REUSE**



**RECYCLE**

# Mechanical recycling is not enough to solve the plastic waste problem.

	Common Uses	Share of Plastic Waste Generated	Mechanically Recycled?	
 1 PETE	Bottles	14%	Yes (clear) ~ 30% recycle rate	
	Films, Forms, Other		X	
	Textiles	N/A	Very Little	
	Carpet	N/A	Very Little	
 2 HDPE		17%	Yes ~ 9% recycle rate Natural HDPE ~ 31%	
 3 PVC		3%	Very Little, Specialized	
 4 LDPE		23%	Very Little	
 5 PP		23%	Very Little	
 6 PS		7%	X	
 7 OTHER	Other (acrylic, polycarbonate, PETG, mixed plastics)		13%	Very Little Diversity of materials risks contamination

Most mechanical recycling results in **downcycling** into lower value products that eventually are landfilled.

Generated share & recycled share of material sent to US Municipal Solid Waste in 2017 reported as recycled by US EPA. "Combusted" materials not considered recycled. Total of 32,120,000 MT discarded. Recyclability from OurWorldinData.org

# MECHANICAL AND MOLECULAR RECYCLING

## MECHANICAL RECYCLING



PET BOTTLE



CHOPPED-UP BOTTLE



REMELTED INTO NEW APPLICATIONS



Extends useful life of material but eventually must be downcycled or landfilled



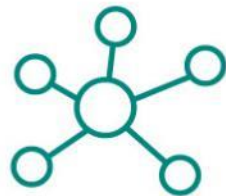
LANDFILL

PRODUCT DEGRADES WITH EACH CYCLE

## MOLECULAR RECYCLING



MIXED WASTE PLASTIC



BROKEN DOWN TO MOLECULAR LEVEL



MADE INTO NEW PRODUCTS USING EXISTING PROCESSES

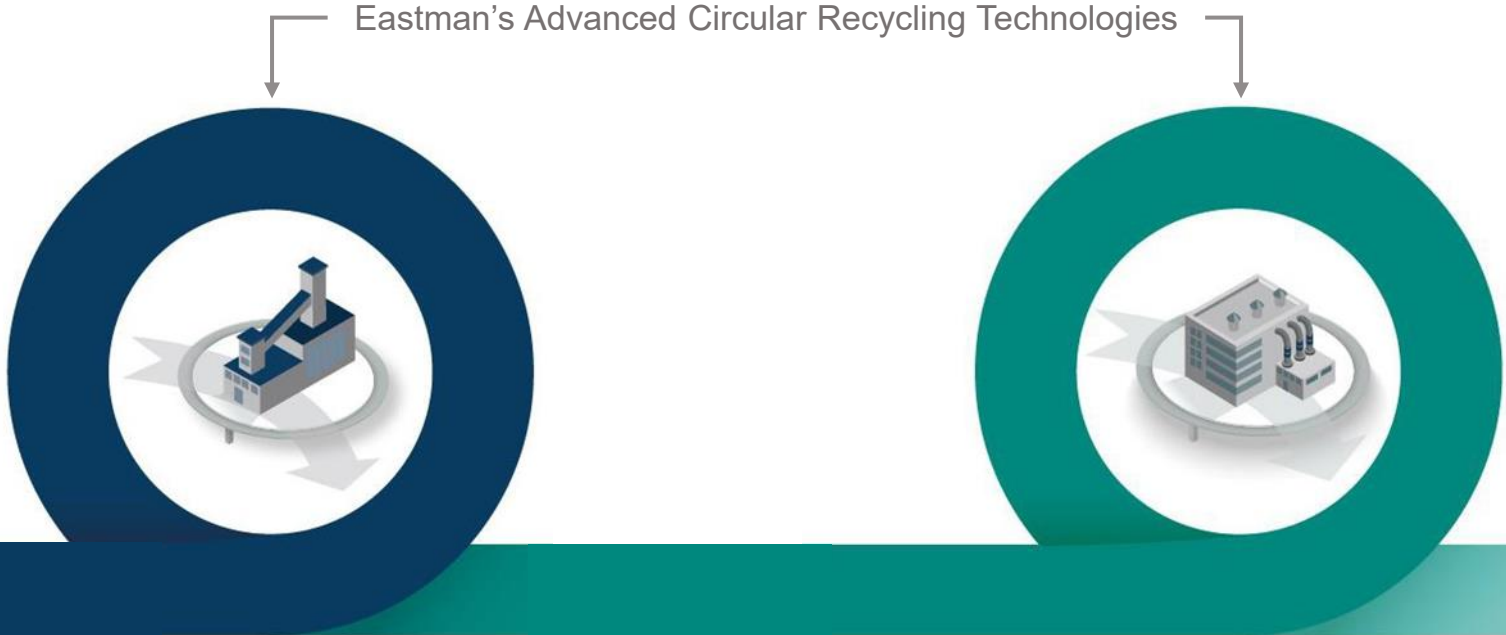


Equal or better end-use applications

INFINITE CYCLES

# Vision for a sustainable future...

Transforming our product portfolio to participate in the circular economy via **two loops**



Carbon renewal technology

**REFORMING**

Operational today

*20-50% less GHG emissions\**

Polyester renewal technology

**GLYCOLYSIS**

Operational today

*20-30% less GHG emissions\**

**METHANOLYSIS**

Operational by 2023

*20-30% less GHG emissions\**



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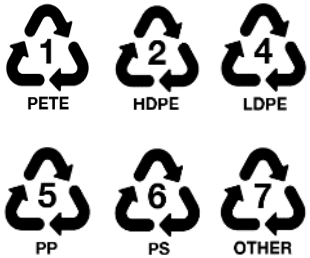
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\*Based on production of intermediates versus fossil feedstocks

# EASTMAN'S ADVANCED CIRCULAR RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES

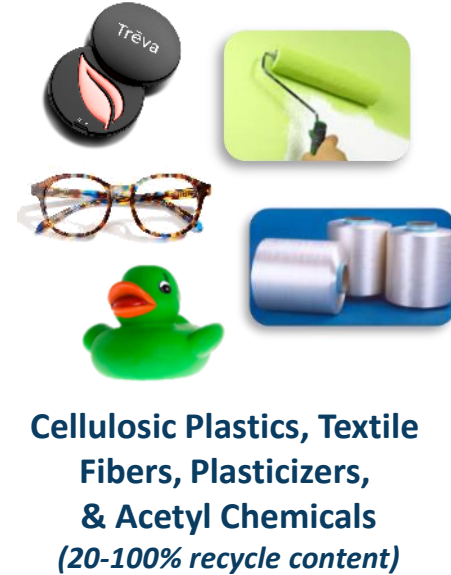
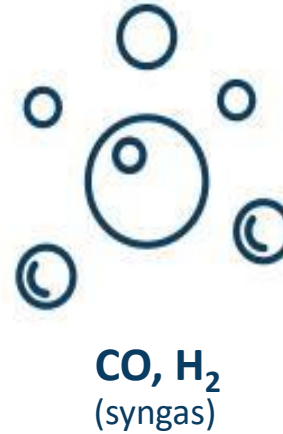
## Carbon renewal technology (CRT)



## MIXED PLASTIC WASTE



## MOLECULES



20-50%  
LOWER  
GHG  
(syngas)

## Polyester renewal technology (PRT)



## PET PLASTIC WASTE
















## MONOMERS



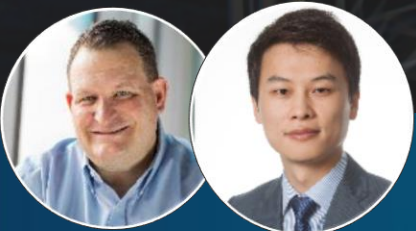
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(rDMT, rEG)

# Mechanical recycling is not enough to solve the plastic waste problem.

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				PRT	CRT
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	Films, Forms, Other		✗	✓	✓
	Textiles	N/A	Very Little	✓	✓
	Carpet	N/A	Very Little	✓	✓
 HDPE		17%	Yes ~ 9% recycle rate Natural HDPE ~ 31%	✗	✓
 PVC		3%	✗	✗	Not Yet (2 <sup>nd</sup> generation)
 LDPE		23%	Very Little	✗	✓
 PP		23%	Very Little	✗	✓
 PS		7%	✗	✗	✓
 OTHER		13%	Very Little Diversity of materials risks contamination	✗	✓

**Eastman Advanced  
Circular Recycling Technologies:**  
carbon renewal & polyester renewal  
will process over

**250 million**  
**pounds of waste annually by 2025**  
**and 500 million pounds by 2030**

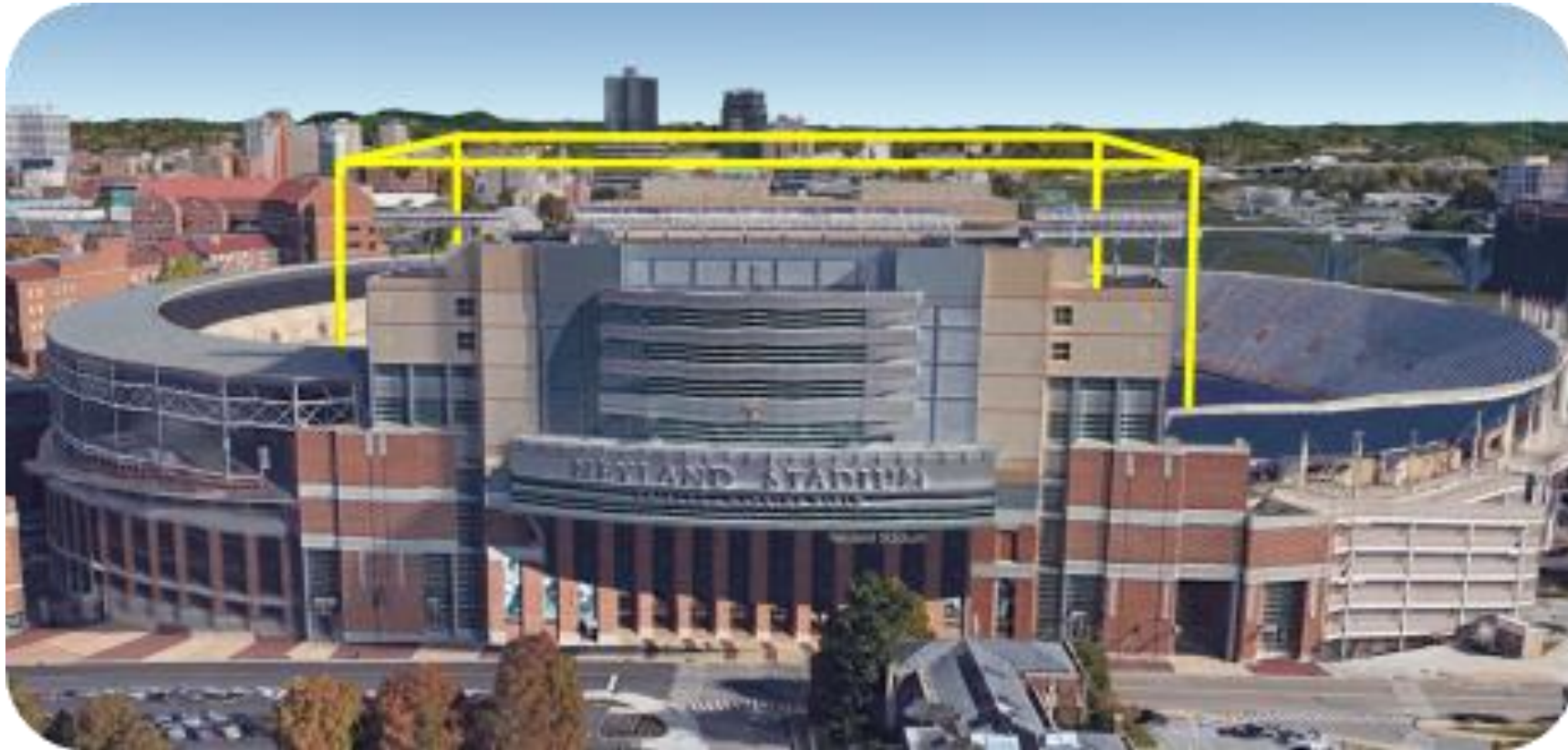


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# What does 250,000,000 pounds of waste plastic look like?



Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, Tennessee is one of the largest stadiums in the world (Top 10). 250,000,000 pounds of ground waste plastic would fill this yellow box inside of Neyland Stadium. **We will be processing this volume of plastic waste each year starting in 2023.**



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# Delivering world-class products and solutions



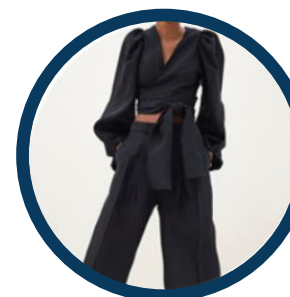
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Renew



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Eastman CDA  
Renew



Eastman Naia™  
Renew



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plasticizers

# INTRODUCING A NO-CHANGE SOLUTION THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

**Committed to your sustainable future**  
 Eastman is committed to creating solutions with higher sustainable content and a lower carbon footprint.



**Sustainability without compromise**  
 Our sustainable plasticizers are identical in chemical makeup, performance, and regulatory certifications to our legacy products.



**Sustainability without greenwashing**  
 Our plasticizers have ISCC-certified renewable content, offering a credible, certified, and transparent solution to address the global waste problem.



**Sustainability without waiting**  
 Powered by Eastman Advanced Circular Recycling technologies, these solutions are available at scale right now!

Eastman Renew plasticizers	Certified recycled content*
Eastman 168™ Renew 20 non-phthalate plasticizer	20%
Eastman DOA Renew 20 plasticizer	20%
Eastman Triacetin Renew 59	59%

*\*Certified recycled content is achieved using mass balance allocation.*



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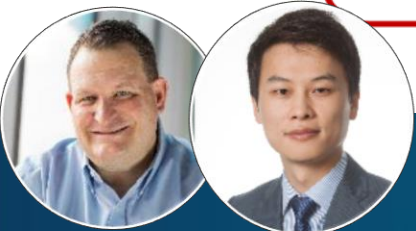
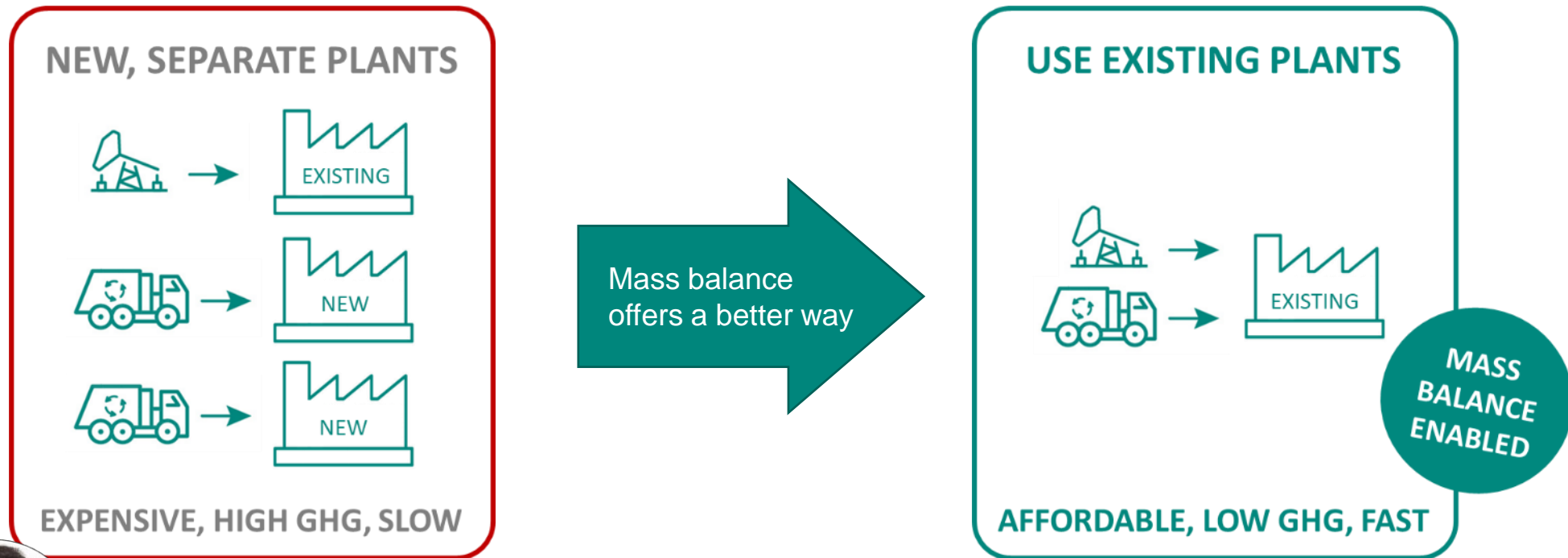
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# Mass balance accounting is necessary to achieve scale NOW

**Without mass balance**, duplicate infrastructure is required (plants, storage, logistics, etc.), essentially making it cost prohibitive to get to large scale by **dramatically increasing** timelines, costs, and carbon footprints.

With mass balance, existing assets can be modified to start **scaling waste plastic as feedstock quickly**.



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# THIRD-PARTY CERTIFICATION

Eastman is using a highly credible, transparent, well-established, regularly audited standard for mass balance. Becoming certified is a *competitive advantage* for the circular economy.

## Who is ISCC?

- Global sustainability certification system
- Includes all types of sustainable feedstocks
- Developed by multi-stakeholder association
  - Corporations
  - Research institutions
  - NGOs
- Transparent, detailed, and publicly available standards
- Most popular certification for chemical recycling in circular economy
- ISCC conducts internal reviews, provides guidance, and supports system users

## Why ISCC?

- Highly regarded international standard for circular and bioeconomy
- Credible third party with detailed standards
- Multi-stakeholder perspective
- Leader and significant momentum for chemical recycling applications



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# Thank you! Questions?

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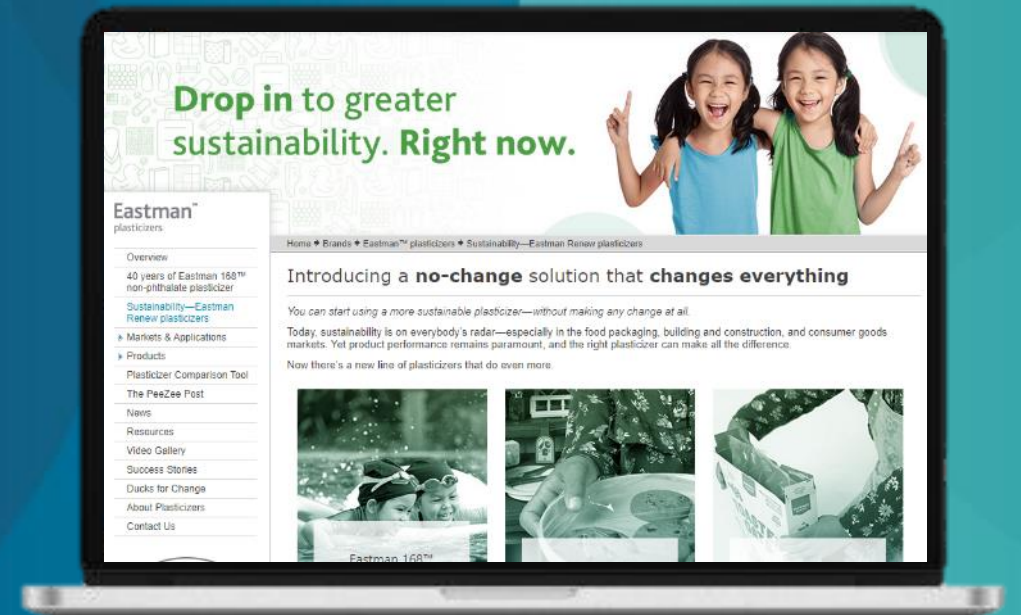
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