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## FULLY INTEGRATED CELLULOSIC ETHANOL PRODUCTION

## CLARIANT'S SUNLIQUID® STORY

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# Clariant at a Glance – A Globally Leading Company in Specialty Chemicals

**43999** Sales 2019 (CHF m) from continuing operations **692** EBITDA<sup>1</sup> 2019 (CHF m) after exceptional items from continuing operations

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**Core Business Areas** 

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Employees 2019 of total Group including discontinued operations

**36** Net result 2019 (CHF m) of total Group including discontinued operations **15**70/0 EBITDA margin<sup>1</sup> 2019 after exceptional items from continuing operations 118

Production sites worldwide of total Group including discontinued operations

excluding a CHF 231 million provision for an ongoing competition law investigation by the European Commission

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## Three Business Areas – the Right Portfolio for Future Growth



#### **CARE CHEMICALS**

Industrial & Consumer Specialties Consumer Care, Industrial Applications New Business Development Electronic Materials, Additive Manufacturing/3D Printing



#### CATALYSIS

Catalysts: Petrochemicals, Specialty Catalysts.. Biofuels & Derivatives Cellulosic EtOH & cellulose derived products



#### NATURAL RESOURCES

Additives Plastics, Coatings & Inks Functional Minerals Purification, Functional Additives Oil and Mining Services Oil Services, Mining Solutions

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## sunliquid® process: fully integrated cellulosic ethanol production



The **chemical-free** mechanical and thermal **pre-treatment** enables an optimal hydrolysis. Purification steps are unnecessary and makes for a safer and more environmentally friendly process.

Through the **process integrated enzyme production** costs can be reduced to a minimum. Enzymes are produced exactly when and where needed, there are no costs for logistics or formulation and no dependence on external suppliers. **Feedstock and process specific enzymes** achieves a more efficient hydrolysis with maximum yields and makes the process flexible for different boundary conditions.

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Excellent **by-product quality**. Low sulphur high dry-matter lignin. Vinasse as biogas substrate or organic fertilizer



## SUNLIQUID REFERENCES

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# NEWS: Clariant signs license agreement with Anhui Guozhen & Chemtex for commercial cellulosic ethanol project in East China

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Media Release

Clariant and Anhui Guozhen and Chemtex announce license agreement on sunliquid<sup>®</sup> cellulosic ethanol technology in China

- Agreement marks first license deal for Clariant's sunliquid<sup>®</sup> technology in China and its third signed license deal overall
- Anhui Guozhen and Chemtex agreed to form a joint venture to realize a full scale commercial plant for the production of cellulosic ethanol in Anhui province with Clariant's sunliquid<sup>®</sup> technology
- Planned annual plant production capacity of 50.000 tons cellulosic ethanol with an option to double capacity will be one of the largest second generation plants in China so far
- Intended project will be a major step toward fulfillment of Anhui province ethanol blending mandate

Muttenz, January 6, 2020 – Clariant, a focused and innovative specialty chemical company, and Anhui Guozhen Group, a Chinese green energy company, and Chemtex Chemical Engineering, a multinational engineering company, today signed a license agreement on sunliquid® cellulosic ethanol technology.



Signing of license agreement on 6th January 2020

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## Market introduction: sunliquid<sup>®</sup> commercial plant footprint in China



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# NEWS: Clariant and Orlen Poludnie announce commercial cellulosic ethanol project

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Media Release

Clariant and ORLEN Południe announce license agreement on sunliquid<sup>®</sup> cellulosic ethanol technology

- Agreement marks second signed license deal for Clariant's sunliquid technology
- ORLEN Południe, member of ORLEN Group, intends to realize a full scale commercial plant for the production of cellulosic ethanol at its Jedlicze site in Poland with Clariant's sunliquid technology
- Cooperation is another major step toward the commercialization
   of sunliquid technology for advanced biofuels in Europe

Muttenz, September 20, 2019 – Clariant, a focused and innovative specialty chemical company, and ORLEN Poludnie, a member of ORLEN Group, which is a leader in the fuels and energy markets and the largest player in Central and Eastern Europe, today signed a license agreement on sunliquid cellulosic ethanol technology.



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## Market introduction: sunliquid<sup>®</sup> commercial plants footprint in the EU







- Clariant's own investment in cellulosic EtOH flagship plant
- Greenfield site in Podari, Romania (near Craiova)
- Plant capacity 50,000 tpa of EtOH
- Processing 250,000 tons of straw annually
- Investment value: over 100 million Euros
- Receives funding from the European Commission and the Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking\*

\* The project receives funding from the European Union's Seventh Framework Program for research, technological development and demonstration under Grant Agreement no. 322386 (FP7 SUNLIQUID) and from the Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking under the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation program under Grant Agreement no. 709606 (BBI LIGNOFLAG)



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## Your committed partner for commercialization: Group Biotechnology



#### **Munich R&D Center**

- Since 2006
- 118 employees
- Lab and office space: 6,500 m<sup>2</sup>
- Pilot plant since 2009
- Over 15 different feedstock tested on pilot-scale



#### Straubing pre-commercial plant

- Since 2012
- 22 employees
- Area: 2,500 m<sup>2</sup>
- Up to 1,000 t/a output of ethanol
- Wheat & barley straw, corn stover, sugarcane bagasse and straw, rice straw etc. converted to ethanol



## Successful path: >7 years pre-commercial testing, own commercial plant and 3 licenses sold





sunliquid<sup>®</sup> flagship plant progress: en route to commercialization







## sunliquid<sup>®</sup> flagship plant progress: construction update



Reinforcement finished, foundation plate started – hydrolysis & fermentation vessels

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Bio-based Industries Consortium



## ADVANCED CELLULOSIC ETHANOL OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIA

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# Reasons to choose Clariant's sunliquid<sup>®</sup> technology to enable profitable production in India

Clariant's sunliquid® starter cultures and process technology enables operators to:

## Use sunliquid® package adapted for the Indian market with significantly lower OPEX compared to other providers including localized energy generation package and ZLD concept

Eliminate acid and alkali consumption in pre-treatment

Pre-treatment chemical costs of approx. 30 Cr INR/year can be eliminated\*

#### Obtain cost competitiveness and supply security through integrated enzyme & yeast production

Integrated on-site enzyme production leads to lower transportation, purification & storage costs compared to finished enzyme packages and enables operator influence on enzyme costs (e.g. lower feedstock costs leads to lower enzyme production costs)

Benefit from higher lignin quality

Lower moisture (35-40%) leads to higher lignin calorific value and enables reduction/ elimination of secondary fuel

#### Benefit from higher vinasse quality

Direct co-combustion with lignin enables onsite power generation **enables reduction in electricity imports**, and future option for use as higher value organic fertilizer

\*Calculation for 100 KLPD plant



## Our offering: tailored customer services throughout the entire value chain from feedstock to operation





## sunliquid<sup>®</sup>: licenses, partners and footprint on a global scale



sunliquid®: eagerly looking forward to its footprints in India



## Thank you for your attention!

## **Questions?**

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## Backup

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## Opportunities & challenges for India: front-runner as a production country for 2G EtOH

#### **Opportunities**

- National Policy on Biofuels 2018 (E 20 by 2030)
- The JI VAN scheme provides a thrust to 2G EtOH
- Huge availability of surplus agricultural residue in India
- The cellulosic ethanol market brings economic, societal and environmentally friendly, sustainable benefits
- 2G EtOH initiative promotes "Make in India approach"
- Readiness of a few 2G EtOH technologies for global deployment

#### **Challenges**

- Biomass market and its supply chain not fully developed
- Too many simultaneous initiatives for different advanced biofuels within the industry stakeholders
- Absence of 2G ethanol pricing does not help to create a clear business case
- Non-delivery from a few technology providers for 2G ethanol resulting in a cautious approach by the industry



## Chemical-free pre-treatment: 6x times lower chemical costs

- **Challenge:** Use of chemicals impacts supply cost and by-product quality
- **Solution:** Steam pre-treatment & tailored enzymes



6x lower chemical costs/y\*



High quality co-products lignin and vinasse, no de-sulfurization of lignin required



Less chemicals, less risks. Lower requirements to the equipment



Proven pre-treatment technology

#### Annual cost benefit through chemical-free pre-treatment\*





## Integrated enzyme-production: provide economic enzyme supply

Challenge: Supply of low cost & high performance enzymes

**Solution:** Integrated enzyme production of process and feedstock specific enzymes



Most economic solution with integrated enzyme production on cellulosic feedstock



High quality and adapted to feedstock and process requirements



No enzyme stabilization or formulation

Less logistics (starter cultures vs. big ton/a enzymes volumes)







## Integrated enzyme-production: provides feedstock flexibility

- Challenge: Fragmented agricultural sector with small feedstock producers and multiple crops
- **Solution:** Integrated enzyme production of feedstock specific enzymes



Economic production on cellulosic material as carbon source



Feedstock flexibility: hardware (equipment) always identical, software (starter cultures for enzyme production and yeast) change with feedstock campaigns

Examples of demonstrated feedstocks see right hand side



Rice straw



#### Sugarcane tops & leaves



Corn stover



#### Wheat straw





## High quality lignin with low impurities and high heating value

- Challenge: Good lignin quality essential for optimizing boiler CAPEX and OPEX
- **Solution:** Chemical free pre-treatment & solid-liquid separation after hydrolysis



Lower impurities → lower sulfur and alkali metals by steam pre-treatment reduces SOx emission and flue gas treatment and improves operability and availability of boiler



**High dry matter** (60% dry matter) → improves energy recovery and combustion performance. No co-firing of fossil fuels required

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**Optimized lignin properties** → impacts boiler CAPEX



Lignin samples

Lignin burning test

#### **CLARIANT** experience:

- Lignin recovery at high dry matter content
- Understands lignin quality to optimize process and project economics
- Demonstrated with market leading vendors



## High quality vinasse: demonstrated as organic fertilizer or fuel

- Challenge: Chemical pre-treatment a waste water problem into an opportunity
- **Solution:** Chemical free pre-treatment & early separation after fermentation. Good vinasse quality enables application as organic fertilizer (preferred), or as biogas or combustion feedstock.



Lower impurities  $\rightarrow$  reducing sulfate

Dramatically reduces water treatment

**Rich in nutrients**  $\rightarrow$  directly usable as valuable organic fertilizer

Share EU practice → CLARIANT experience certifying vinasse in Germany

#### Tests performed on the field & at industrial scale



As bio-fertilizer field test

#### **CLARIANT** experience vinasse as

- Organic fertilizer field-tested over 4years and qualified in Germany
- Biogas feedstock tested & technical assessment for projects
- Boiler fuel with analysis on proof as suitable fuel



## Backup 2

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# Climate change can't wait: immediate action necessary in the transport sector to reduce GHG emission & comply with 1.5 °C global warming goal



<sup>1</sup> Source: International Energy Agency: <u>https://www.iea.org/etp/tracking2017/transport/</u> and European Environment Agency: <u>https://www.eea.europa.eu/data-and-maps/indicators/transport-emissions-of-greenhouse-gases/transport-emissions-of-greenho</u>

<sup>2</sup> Source: NASA: <u>https://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/</u>



# Advanced ethanol: numerous benefits to make an immediate impact on private mobility & beyond

Made from agricultural residues such as straw, non-food lignocellulosic materials & waste



Among the highest total life cycle GHG emissions 95% GHG<sup>1</sup> - 15 CO<sub>2</sub>eq/MJ<sup>2</sup>



Readiness Technology already deployed at commercial level: immediate low emission traffic



Unrivalled for use Superior energy density also for long haul heavy duty road transport, aviation & marine



Low carbon-abatement costs No need for large investments into infrastructure or engine adaption; immediate blend into gasoline



Contributes significantly to energy security Domestically produced, increased energy independence & security; backbone for a long term fuel supply



Local sources & green jobs Use of locally sourced feedstock & new revenue stream for farmers



New business opportunities from by-products e.g. as energy source or fertilizer

<sup>1</sup> cellulosic EtOH produced with sunliquid, % compared to gasoline without CO<sub>2</sub> CCU/S <sup>2</sup> https://www.biofuelsdigest.com/bdigest/2018/11/06/results-are-in-clariants-sunliquid-delivers-6x-lower-carbon-intensity-than-fossil-gasoline/ without CO<sub>2</sub> CCU/S

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# Gearing up for growth: global regulatory environment<sup>1</sup> is tail winding advanced biofuels demand



<sup>1</sup>World Bioenergy Association Majority of renewables in transport is policy driven (92%) Biofuels mandates are established in more than 70 countries



## The potential of agricultural residues

What is inside one hectare of cropland?



Key message: agricultural by-products are an abundant and underutilized resource

#### FEASIBLE BIOMASS FEEDSTOCK TYPE



# sunliquid<sup>®</sup> technology platform: full integrated process from feedstock to cellulosic sugars/ethanol from one vendor



- Chemical free pre-treatment
- Integrated enzyme production: reduces costs to a minimum; eliminates transport & storage costs
- Optimized tailor-made enzymes
- Efficient co-fermentation of C5 and C6 sugars
- Energy self-sufficient
- Carbon footprint: carbon neutral



## Clariant sunliquid® Integrated Solution



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## sunliquid<sup>®</sup>: a prime example for the circular economy



Illustration of the circular economy of sunliquid® process; stated numbers are based on sunliquid® flagship plant in Romania

All components either **minimize resources**, ensure their **optimal use**, or generate **new resources** that can be **sustainably used**:

- Agricultural waste is utilized instead of being discarded
- No fossil resources are required in the entire process
- Energy self-sufficient process conserves energy
- Cellulosic ethanol produced with sunliquid<sup>®</sup> saves around 95% GHG compared to gasoline
- Use of the by-product vinasse as fertilizer in agriculture saves cost- and energy-intensive cleaning or drying processes (organic fertilizer field-tested >4 years and qualified in Germany)
- Water extracted from the vinasse is fed back into the process cycle

Perfect circle in an extremely low-waste process with the comprehensive reuse & further use for renewable resources is created



# >7 years of reliable, stable & continued operations in sunliquid<sup>®</sup> plant in Germany & scaling up in flagship plant in Romania

#### **COMMERICAL OPERATIONS IN PODARI, ROMANIA**



**Investment:** Clariant invests in own greenfield 2G flagship plant in SE Romania (>100 million Euros)



**Job creation:** approx. 1.200 (~100 inside the plant/ ~300 outside the plant/~800 construction of the plant)



**Training facility:** plant serves as training facility for own & client staff



Capacity: 50,000 tpa EtOH; ~250,000 t/a feedstock (e.g. wheat & barley straw)



**Economic growth:** additional business opportunities for all actors along the value chain (e.g. provides farmers additional source of income)

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## The sunliquid<sup>®</sup> pre-commercial plant

#### A FULLY INTEGRATED AND PROVEN PROCESS



2012 Start of operation at pre-commercial plant



t/a output of ethanol

~ 4,500

t/a feedstock \*
\* (cereal straw, corn stover, sugarcane
bagasse and others incl. customer's feedstock)

~ 7

years confirmation of commercial-scale design



## sunliquid<sup>®</sup> flagship plant progress: aerial map

