# **Sustainability** BASF's strategic approach and its implementation.



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# **BASF Sustainability Management**





"For us, sustainable enterprise means combining economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility, thus contributing to a high quality of life for coming generations."

CEO, Jürgen Hambrecht

# To the man in the street...

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- Sustaina'what'
- Fairness
  - Yes you must
- Social conscience
  - Having looked after No 1 of course
- Do the right
  - but don't tell me what to do



# Education is still needed

## **First thoughts**





# **Challenges of Sustainable Development**



- Growing world population
- Limited natural resources
- Limited capacity of 'understood' ecosystems
- Economic and social differences



# What the 'process' of sustainability should not be...



- Inflexible and not responsive to requests or direction changes
- Have poor governance with little interest in being accountable
- No measures or performance standards that can be duplicated
- Have many measures but unclear and unagreed definitions

# Megatrends – BASF addresses the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**Globalization &** 

**Developing Markets** 

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Growing & Aging World Population

**MEGATRENDS** 

Health & Nutrition

# Construction & Housing

**Urbanization** 

Energy & Resources

**Energy Demand &** 

**Climate Protection** 

Mobility & Communication

# Some general sustainability targets



### • Fossil fuel usage

- Water consumption
- Transport
- Excess packaging
- Disposable items
- Hazardous materials

LESS

Sweatshop labour

## MORE

- Energy & resource efficiency
- Renewable energy
- Recycled & reusable items
- Local supply
- Sustainably managed resources

# **BASF's products for climate protection**





6 billion € in 2008 (10% of total sales)

**R&D expenditures** for energy efficiency and climate protection innovations: 450 million € in 2009 (about one third of total R&D expenditures)

\*Source: IPCC (2004 data)





Quantitative analysis of how much GHG emissions are caused by production and disposal of all chemical products produced by BASF in 2008 and of how much GHG emissions are saved through the use of the products for climate protection produced by BASF in 2008.



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# Sustainable Development – Not only a response but also an opportunity



#### Sustainability areas of action Contribution to a company's success Generating Access new target groups and markets business – Increase market-differentiation Differentiating Increase customer retention Enhancing Strengthen brand image Optimally leverage resources business -Generate beneficial business environment Essential Managing Risk -Ensure that laws are respected Minimize material risk Mandatory Reduce reputational risk

# **Types of Analyses**

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### "cradle-to-grave, costs and social aspects" ... including social metrics

"cradle-to-grave and costs"

... including all life cycle costs

"cradle to grave" ... including use and recycling

"cradle to gate" ...from raw material to factory gate eco-efficiency

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eco-profile

# Sustainable Development is based on three pillars



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# SEEbalance<sup>®</sup> What is a Social Profile?

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# **Consequences of Eco-Efficiency Analyses**





# Analysis beats "green-washing": A scientific approach is needed to understand which technology is best

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### Eco-efficiency of bio-based materials vs conventional materials

Eco-Confusion – Bio-based are not always the most ecoefficient.

Need to do the analysis



# But are we all talking about the same thing in the same way?



- 'E-numbers and edible...' a recent BBC programme demonstrating many e-numbers are found in nature and are very good for you (against common misconception).
- So what is natural?
  - Can natural products be isolated?
  - Nature identical synthesis
  - Artificial production or use?
  - Free from artificial? Natural?
- Green technology you mean GM?
- Organic you mean free of what? Or?
- Nano?

# **Eco-efficiency Portfolio for Sausage** Packaging

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Compare the eco-efficiency of four packaging alternatives for hotdogs:

- Modified atmosphere packaging (MAP) multilayer film structure with PA6
- Glass jar with screw-lid top
- Tin-free steel can
- Butcher (coated paper)





# **Sausage Packaging** Energy loss due to spoiled food is most significant

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### Energy use for MAP packaged sausage

## **Catering service for outdoors**



**Costs (normalized)** 

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### **Catering service for the canteen (indoors)**

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# The BASF House – a Showcase for simple and cost-effective solutions





### **Selected other BASF Products :**

- •SmartBoard®
- •Luraskin® / Permaskin®
- •Wolmit® wood treatment
- •CPW Plasticisers in vinyl flooring and entrance-matting

•Various plastics materials from KTE, KTS and KSE in the bathroom suite, and in the Beko kitchen appliances

•A range of PCI products, including tile adhesive, wall and floor grouts, floor-leveller, adhesive for the vinyl floor, etc.

• and many more ...

# Sustainability benefits for pre cast concrete



### BASF Wins British Precast Sustainability Champion 2008 Title



- Reduces energy consumption;
- Eliminates vibration and associated noise;
- Increases productivity;
- Reduces production cycles;
- Increases durability;
- Improves the health and safety aspects of the production proces





# Business through sustainability: Shirts and blouses

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Customer benefit

Wearing a blue man's shirt, during 40 washing cycles.

### Alternative

**Cotton 100%** 



Other alternatives

Polyester 100%

Mixed tissue: 65% cotton, 35% polyester



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## **Transparency and reporting**



### Corporate report

- according to GRI
- KPMG externally verified
- Sustainability website up-to-date
- Regular sustainability communications
- Added value services and expertise

Sustainable Development NEWSLETTER



# **BASF's Participation in existing Sustainability Networks**

 Voluntary initiative by the chemical industry

Global initiatives



**Responsible Care** 





World Business Council for

Sustainable Development

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Business driven initiatives

Forum Nachhaltige Entwicklung der Deutschen Wirtschaft





EUROPE



Forum for the Future

# **Financial Markets**



# BASF is listed in the leading sustainability indexes and funds:



- Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (DJSI)
  - With the world's leading sustainability-driven companies that implement sustainability operationally.





- FTSE4Good Indexes
  - Include companies with good records in corporate social responsibility.
- STOREBRAND SRI Funds
  - Contain companies with good environmental and social performance.

## Some needs do not change...

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## The brand issue...



# **Questions?**



