



Carbon Footprints:

Optimising supply chain emissions for chemicals and plastics

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## Greenhouse Gas Emissions – Scope 1, 2 and 3



Source – Greenhouse Gas Protocol



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## Achieving climate targets – what's at stake and what's needed?

### What is the problem?

- Mounting pressure to report, monitor and reduce environmental impact
- For chemicals and plastics companies, a large portion of carbon emissions occur in the supply chain. But obtaining *primary emissions data at a supplier level*, using a consistent methodology is impractical
- Many companies are setting targets and reporting annually using generic, aggregated secondary data that does not allow them to demonstrate progress

#### When is it a problem?

- When trying to set *realistic targets* for Scope 3 reduction
- When disclosing annual Scope 3 emissions and *measuring changes to prior years*
- When trying to choose the lowest carbon intensity suppliers, or challenge suppliers to reduce
- When trying to benchmark your carbon emissions position against peers and industry norms

# Understanding Raw Material Attributes

- What differences exist among prime, neat resin pellets?
- Going forward, the range of carbon footprints associated with making those pellets will matter increasingly
- How can you tell if the pellets on the right have a high carbon footprint or a low one?
- Most polymers and chemicals are not equal in terms of their accumulated carbon footprints, but accumulating the data surrounding can be a cumbersome challenge

From an HDPE plant in Brazil with a the lowest carbon footprint in the world HDPE produced in China with **11 times** the carbon footprint of the Brazil pellet

HDPE produced in Louisiana with a 77% greater carbon footprint than the Brazilmade pellet



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# External factors driving the need for clarity on Scope 3 emissions

- Increased demands from customers for more sustainable products with lower environmental impacts
- Environmental and ethical demands from investors in choosing where to they want to invest and to what level
- Profit and reliability demands amid push to reduce carbon footprint
- Increased regulatory pressure and the prospect of additional mandated reporting
- Competitive pressure from peer companies setting climate targets and the need to keep pace







## Summary

- Major manufacturers including chemical producers and plastics converters are committing billions of dollars to reach their climate targets
- These companies can have worldwide emissions of more than 20m tonnes of CO2 equivalents
- New emissions reductions targets for these organizations require them with cut millions more tonnes of CO2
- These ambitious targets require a robust solution that provides visibility into supplier-specific upstream Scope 3 emissions
- Such information will bridge the gap between generic secondary data and primary carbon footprint data which through suppliers in the future

# **20m**

Tonnes of CO2 equivalent emissions at present from a major global chemical producer

# **920m**

Estimated tonnes of CO2 equivalent emissions per year globally from the chemical industry





#### A shared mission

Accelerate the measurement and reduction of chemical supply chain emissions.



#### Unique combinations

We combine ICIS' deep understanding of chemical markets with ground-breaking carbon footprint data from Carbon Minds.

#### Our solution

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Comprehensive and reliable carbon emission data for chemicals by region, plant and supplier.







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## **Supplier Carbon Footprints**

- Measure, report and <u>reduce</u> supplychain emissions for chemicals and plastics with independent, reliable, emissions data by supplier, plant
- Data covers 71 bulk chemicals and plastics present in around 95% of manufactured goods
- Third party certified ISO14040/14044
  compliant methodology
- Interactive visualisation on the ICIS digital platform
- Full LCA methodology provided for all products



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Example: National average climate impacts of polypropylene production







## ...suppliers' emissions vary, even within a single nation





# Supplier emissions vary for every chemical because of differences in the production process







# Supplier Carbon Footprints reveal climate impacts by accounting for each suppliers' precise production process

#### 12 Supplier 1 Carbon feedstock: Coal Propylene: Methanol to Propylene Carbon footprint in kg CO2 eq per kg polypropylene Polypropylene: Suspension process Supplier 2 8 Carbon feedstock: Natural gas Propylene: Dehydrogenation of propene Polypropylene: Gas-phase polymerization Supplier 3 Carbon feedstock: Crude oil Propylene: Steam cracking of naphtha 4 Polypropylene: Gas-phase polymerization 0

#### Supplier impacts in China





## What values does supplier-specific data provide?







# Discover the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions across your supply chain



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