

#### **Dilute Source CO<sub>2</sub> Capture:** Management of Atmospheric Coal-Produced Legacy Emissions

**2018 NETL CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Technology Project Review Meeting** Pittsburgh, PA, 08/15/2018 FE0026861



### **Management, Partners and Shareholders**

#### Investors

CE has received and been awarded ~\$30 million in funding from private investors and government partners.









Current largest investors are Bill Gates & Murray Edwards.





#### **Key Management**

Steve Oldham – CEO, B. Sc.

- 20+ years executive experience in commercializing major technology projects
- Executive positions in general management, business and strategy at MDA, one of Canada's largest technology companies

#### Susan Koch – CFO, CPA, CA

- Energy technology development finance veteran
- Previously CFO at General Fusion, Vaperma, and Cellex Power, where she helped raise \$130M from global investors

#### David St. Angelo – CTO, M.Sc.

- 25 years in technology leadership spanning photovoltaics, batteries, carbon capture and biofuels
- Previous positions include SVP at Joule Unlimited, VP Skyonic Corporation and VP Valence Technology

David Keith – Founder, Acting Chief Scientist

- 25 years working at the interface of climate science, technology, and public policy Professor at Harvard University
- Listed as one of TIME magazine's Heroes of the Environment 2009

#### **Government Partners**









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# **Project Overview**

Funding, Participants, and Performance Dates



Total Project Budget: \$1.875 M USD Federal Cost Share: 80% (\$1.5 M USD) Non-Federal Cost Share: 20% (\$375 k USD)



Project Participants: Carbon Engineering Ltd.

**Project Performance Periods:** 

BP1: 2016-09-19 to 2017-09-18 BP2: 2017-09-19 to 2019-03-31



# **Project Overview**

### **Overall Project Objectives**



Cultivate a dilute source  $CO_2$  DAC technology that can be applied to re-capture legacy coal-based emissions directly from the atmosphere.



Develop a better understanding of DAC performance through lab and pilot study, and codifying these results in TEA format.



# **Technology Background**

DAC: Direct Air Capture of CO<sub>2</sub>



#### Strategic and Transformative Technology:

- Negative Emission Technology
- Can locate anywhere
- Manages emissions from any source
- Highly scaleable

#### **Complimentary to CCS:**

- Higher thermodynamic barrier
- Larger air volume to be processed

# **Technology Background**

### **CE's DAC Process**





# **Technology Background**

### Pilot Plant in Squamish, British Columbia



- Broke ground in 2015
- 1 t/day CO<sub>2</sub> capture capacity
- ~10,000 total hours operated
- Patented technology
- End-to-end demonstration



# **Project Scope**

### **Work Plan and Milestones**

Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	Task 5
Project Management and Planning	Pilot Operation, Sensitivity Analysis, and Component Optimization	Testing, Performance Analysis, and Technology Optimization	Engineering Input for Scale-up and Technology Cost Projections	Technology Cost Projections and Technical Assessment of Applicability to Coal Stream
<ul> <li>DMP Completed</li> <li>Year 1 Annual Report and Updated Project Management Plan</li> <li>Project Final Report</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Synthesis Data Showing &gt;3000 hours Pilot Operation</li> <li>Research results from lab and technology integration ready for input to prototype development</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identification of Feasible Alternative Technologies and Path Forward</li> <li>Pilot Operations – Completion of Long-term Effects Research</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Updated Process Flow Diagram and Vendor Request for Quote</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Major Equipment Specification and Component Cost Model</li> <li>Engineering Assessment, Full Plant Cost Model</li> </ul>



## **Project Scope**

#### **Progress and Current Status**

Data collected over the last 2 years

Performance of key pieces of equipment

Learnings of overall system and subsystems

Informs TEA and internal commercialization efforts



#### **Air Contactor Performance Data – Mass Transfer, Pressure Drop**

Time series pilot contactor operation data showing patented fluid flow cycles. Average air flow velocity of 1.17 m/s at 18 C ambient temperature.



#### **Air Contactor Performance Data – Drift**

Particle size distribution measured at contactor outflow showing contrast between drift with liquid flow on and off.





#### **Pellet Reactor**

Optimization efforts led to increased retention in pilot pellet reactor system of at least 20% above baseline





### Calciner

Processed 15,000 kg of  $CaCO_3$  in DAC pilot in a closed loop





### **Techno-Economic Analysis**

Carbon Engineering

**Baseline:** Dilute Source Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> – DAC Plant

**Case 1:** Dilute Source CCS exhaust – Polishing Unit





Source: NETL

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# **Future Work**

Carbon

### **AIR TO FUELS™ Technology**

Enables progressive de-carbonization of transport by gradual fuel switching





## **Future Work**

### First Commercial AIR TO FUELS<sup>™</sup> Facility



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