

Waste to Wealth

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Avertana's technology converts industrial waste





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Avertana's technology addresses shared pain points





Environmental impact

Source: ERM Report June 2016 (CO2e

data supplied by ecoinvent.org)



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Sulphate Process,

rest of world

ecoinvent TiO₂

Chloride Process

rest of world

Red Gypsum Utilisation in China

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Sulphate Process

Europe

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Chloride Process.

Europe

6-10 tonnes of red gypsum produced per tonne of TiO₂ in Sulfate plants in China

- > 80% = landfill
- Limit for future sulfate expansion
- > Chloride process requires carbon for two process steps
- > Challenge for CO₂ reduction



Increasing TiO₂ demand

> Positively correlated to GDP
> Emerging middle class
> No substitute



Avertana solution

> Simple solution – technology that deconstructs slag
 > All components converted into marketable products
 > Nothing left – zero solid waste
 > Superior economics to current TiO₂ industry
 > First Quartile cost advantage

Our process is a **world-first**.



Multi-product, Multi-market





Global Resources

100's of millions of tonnes of unconventional titanium opportunities globally





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Avertana's Demonstration Plant: Operating



Pre-commercial plant testing scale-up of novel process steps using off-the-shelf equipment



Why is this valuable?





Introducing Our Team

Team of 33 Non-executive roles include

>4 PhD's

- > Process Scale Up Engineers
- > TiO₂ Crystal Morphologist
- > Analytical Chemists
- > Operations Managers
- > Process Engineers
- > Finance
- > Project Planning and Execution
- > In-house Patent Attorney





Awards & recognition





Process Design Basis

Avertana process development deliberately constrained within five parameters:

- 1. Zero solid waste co-products must be saleable (meet specifications)
- 2. Significant reduction in CO_2 emissions per tonne TiO_2 over incumbent options
- 3. Attractive manufacturing cost (CCOP) for TiO_2
- 4. Equivalent CAPEX on a like-for-like basis
- 5. Process at scale consentable under NZ RMA 1991 = international scalability



Why do LCA?

Internal Drivers

- Environmental performance fundamental to Avertana's value proposition and mission
- Very important to shareholders, stakeholders
- Understanding how we stack we are relative to incumbent technologies
- Guides further process development, improvement

External Drivers

- Product end-users (all markets) under increasing pressure to be more sustainable
- > 3rd party validation of environmentals essential
- Solid waste, water demand now showstopper permitting or closure risks for industry
- > CO_2 firmly on corporate risk registers
- > Tipping point in mining-metals-minerals space



LCA Approach

> Prepared by ThinkStep, based on ISO 14001 methodology

- Covers CO₂e, waste, water
- Not yet peer reviewed next step
- > Inputs
 - Avertana process mass/energy balance (based on design, lab/pilot/demo data)
 - GaBi datasets
 - Benchmarking and literature assumptions where required, as not yet at scale



Preliminary LCA Findings

	Avertana Process (NZ Case)	Avertana Process (China Case)
Indicative CO₂ Emissions Tonnes CO ₂ per tonne TiO ₂	1.8	2.0
CO₂ Emissions Reduction Basket of products vs. conventional	32%	26%

- > Industry average emissions (TDMA) 4.9 5.7 tonnes CO_2 per tonne Ti O_2
- > Process/regional emissions (Ecolnvent) 4.7 7.4 tonnes CO₂ per tonne TiO₂
- TDMA uses bespoke methodology (not publicly available), EcoInvent figures dated, so comparability an issue





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