

# Profitable reduction of water utilities' carbon footprint

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# Cambi transforms sewage sludge into renewable resources

The Cambi THP process boosts biogas production, a sustainable fuel for road transport or convertible to green electricity

Cambi offers the thermal hydrolysis process (THP) as part of any sludge line with anaerobic digestion.

In the wastewater treatment process, the solid fraction is separated from the sewage to undergo further treatment.

Municipal sewage is collected by the wastewater infrastructure from urban areas into a wastewater treatment plant.

Municipalities

Wastewater treatment plant

Sludge line

Biogas

Incineration

Biosolids

Cambi THP treatment halves biosolids volumes and produces high-quality soil improvers

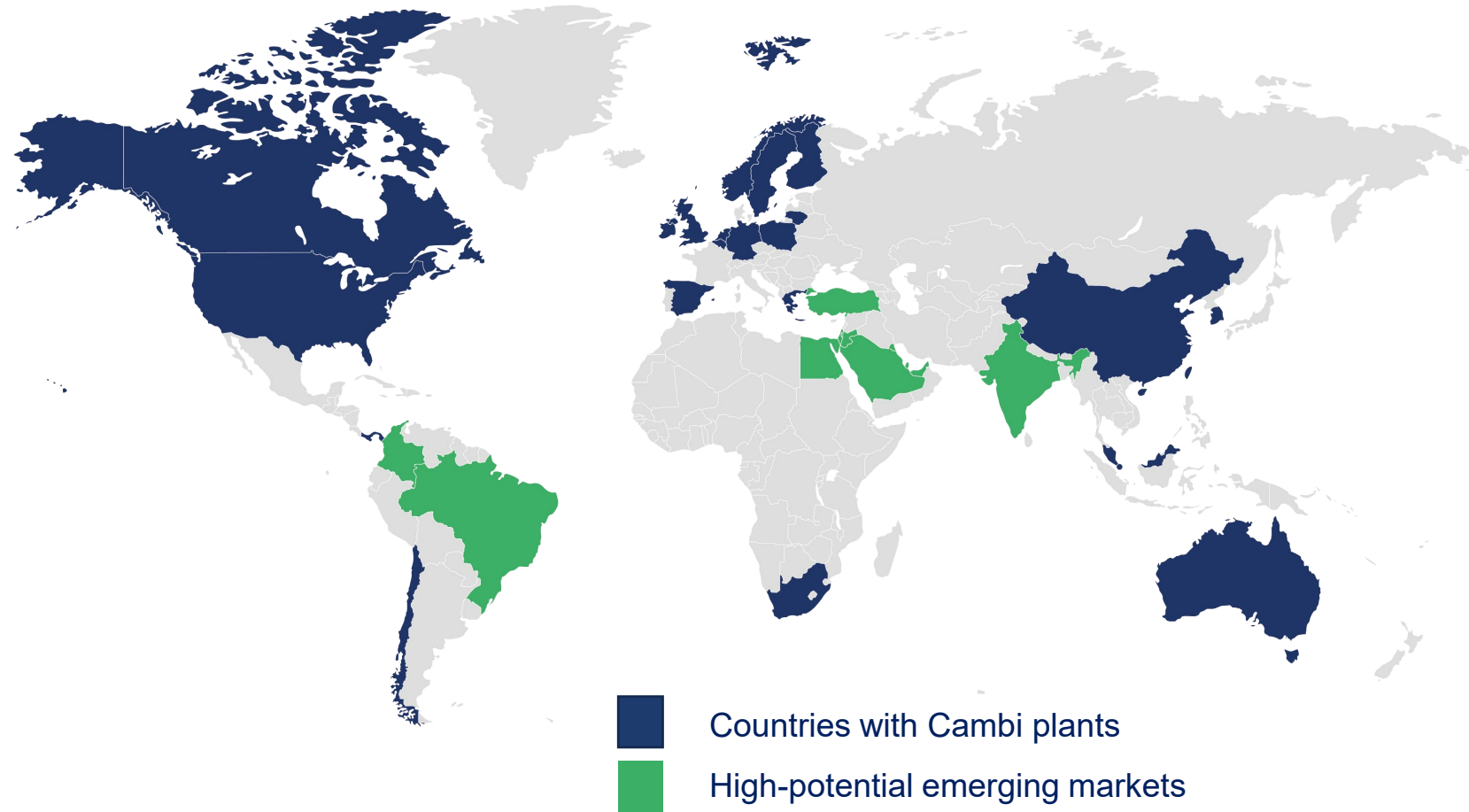
Gardening, agriculture, forestry, landscaping

Organic waste








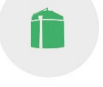

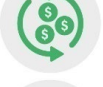

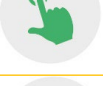



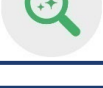


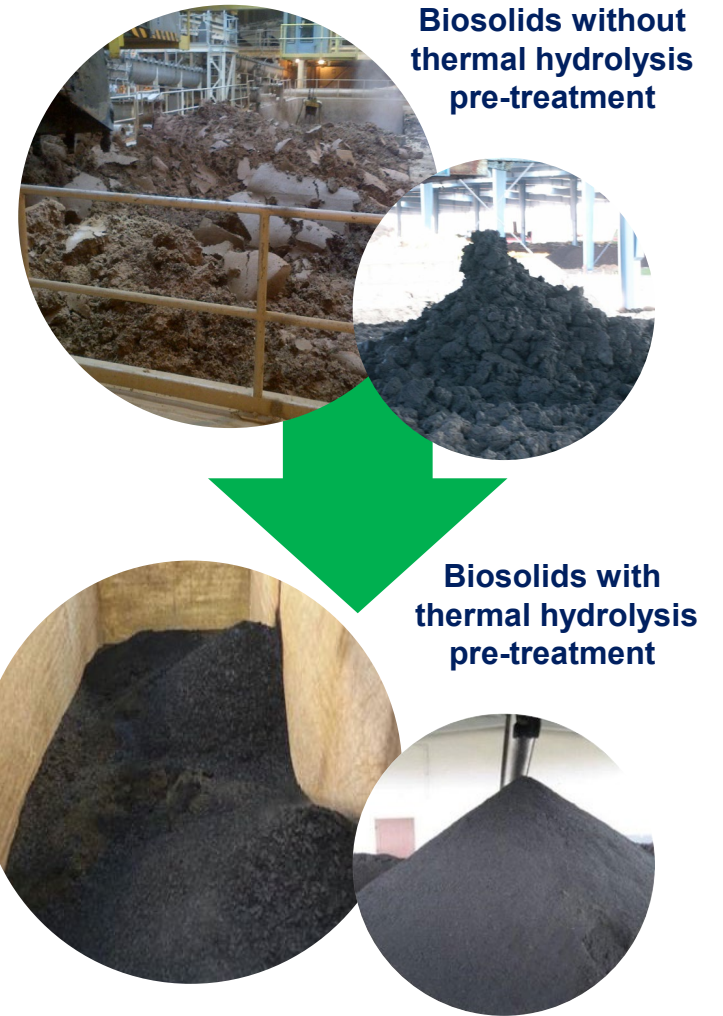
# World leader in thermal hydrolysis solutions

- 77 reference plants
- 24 countries
- 110 million people can be served by Cambi's thermal hydrolysis
- 1.1 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> mitigated annually



# Cambi THP offers a highly attractive value proposition

|               | Conventional  | Cambi thermal hydrolysis for sludge treatment  |
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| Environmental |    |  <b>Low carbon footprint</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent studies show lowest carbon footprint for all biosolids outlets<sup>[1]</sup></li> </ul>   |
|               |    |  <b>Energy efficient process</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy efficient process: heat is recycled to pre-heat feedstock<sup>[2]</sup></li> </ul>   |
|               |    |  <b>Increased biogas production</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typically, 30-40% more biogas<sup>[2]</sup></li> </ul>   |
| Economic      |    |  <b>Digestion efficiency</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typically, 3 times higher digester throughput, reducing need for investment in new digesters and subsequently new land<sup>[2]</sup></li> </ul> |
|               |    |  <b>Lowest lifetime costs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational benefits offset (occasionally) higher capex<sup>[2]</sup></li> </ul>   |
|               |   |  <b>Easy to maintain</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reliable, high uptime and low maintenance costs<sup>[2]</sup></li> </ul>   |
| Quality       |  |  <b>Low residual volume</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reducing the final volume by 50%, significantly reducing disposal costs<sup>[2]</sup></li> </ul>   |
|               |  |  <b>High biosolids quality</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low odour, with guaranteed pathogen kill (all viruses, bacteria, fungi, protozoa, and worms)<sup>[2]</sup></li> </ul>                       |



**Cambi THP patented advanced sludge treatment offers the best available solution, both environmentally and economically**



1. Source: Barber, W. (2009). The carbon footprints of various biosolids treatment processes. WEF Biosolids Technical Bulletin, May-June.  
 2. Source: Cambi



# Thermal hydrolysis reduces the footprint of anaerobic digestion

Considerable value in having smaller or fewer digesters in space-constrained wastewater treatment plants





# Lowest CAPEX for greenfield digestion projects

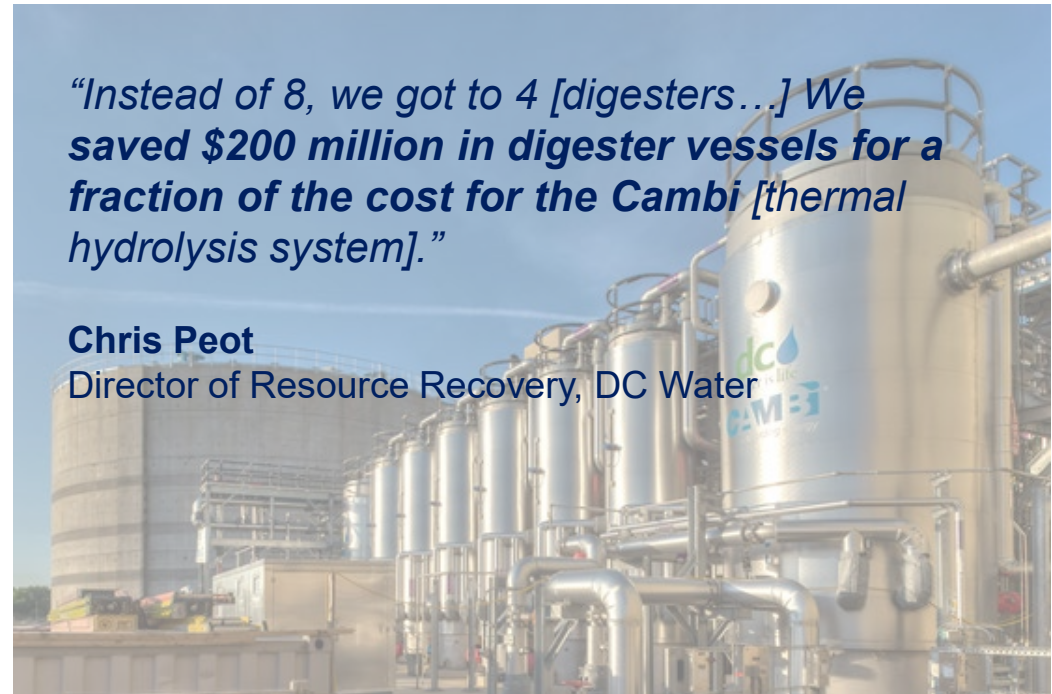
Much more efficient digestion reduces need for digester tank volume drastically

**With THP, DC Water achieved 35% overall CAPEX savings**

- THP a profitable investment from day one
  - ▶ Significant capital savings compared to traditional design with conventional digestion: 58 vs. 174 thousand m<sup>3</sup> total digestion capacity
- Saving \$20 million in annual operating costs

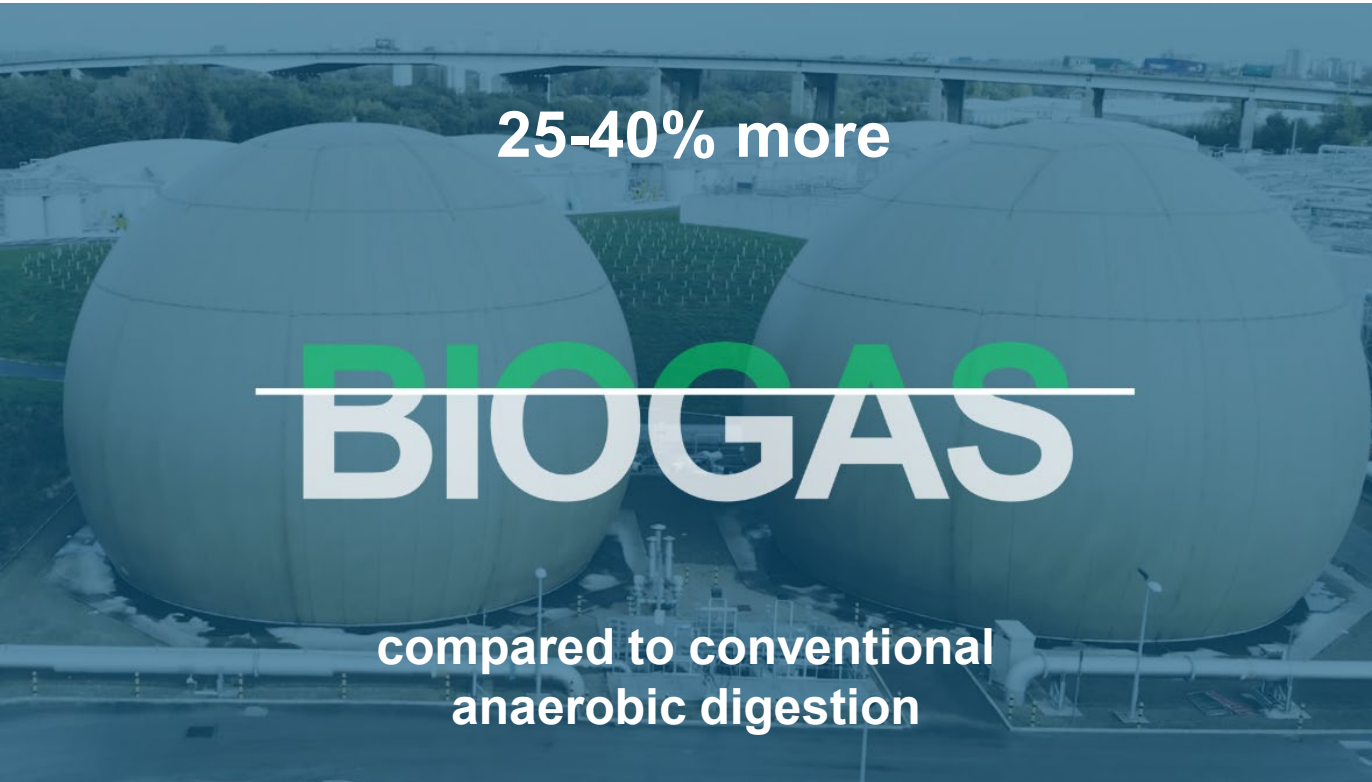
*“Instead of 8, we got to 4 [digesters...] We saved \$200 million in digester vessels for a fraction of the cost for the Cambi [thermal hydrolysis system].”*

**Chris Peot**  
Director of Resource Recovery, DC Water



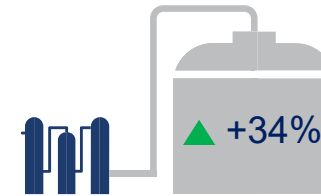
# Higher biogas production increases revenue, cutting net cost

Sell in the market (for renewable credits) or use to replace fossil fuels on site

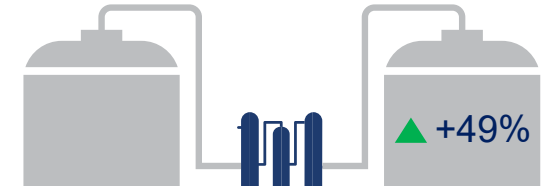


## Biogas performance

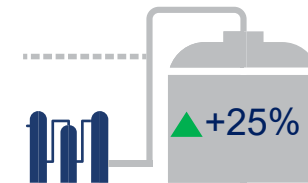
With different THP configurations at Thames Water sites



THP (before digester)



THP (between digesters)



WAS-only THP

Beijing Drainage Group:  
+43% with THP



# Lower biosolids handling costs

Significant reduction in operational budgets

50% less biosolids

- Higher conversion of the organic matter into biogas
- Better dewatering

High quality biosolids may open new outlets, such as recycling to land

- Lower cost per tonne
- In some cases turned into a product

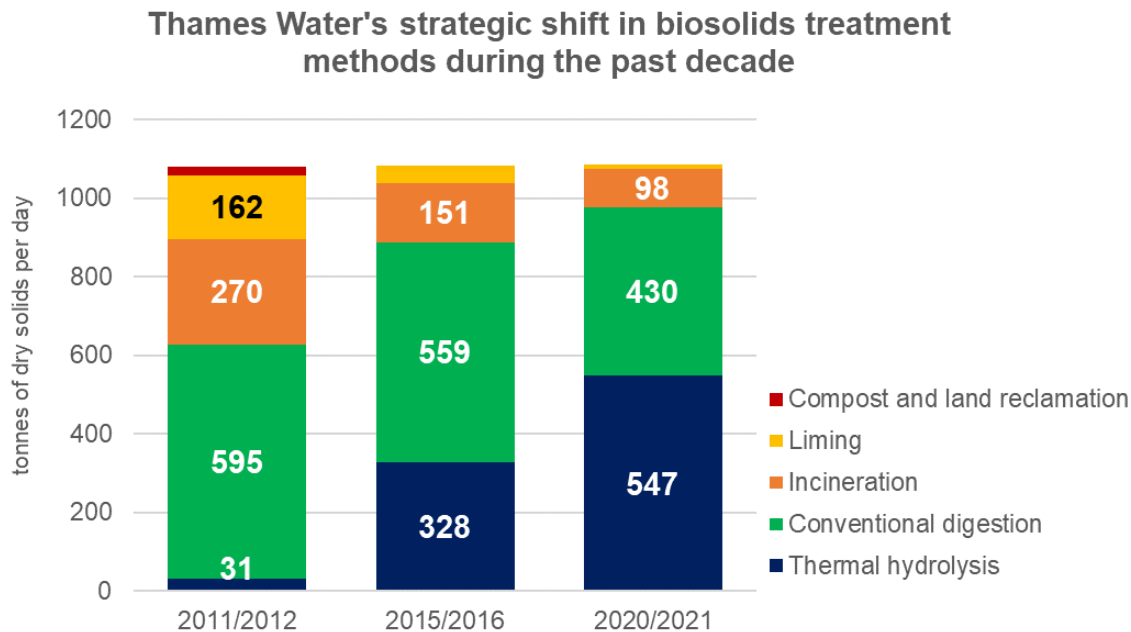




# Lowest OPEX option among biosolids management alternatives

Better digestion, dewatering and biosolids quality significantly reduce cost of biosolids handling

## Thames Water optimises biosolids management with THP



*“We have 30 different sludge centres, so we have a lot of different experiences [with different technologies]. We found the most overall benefit from THP.*”

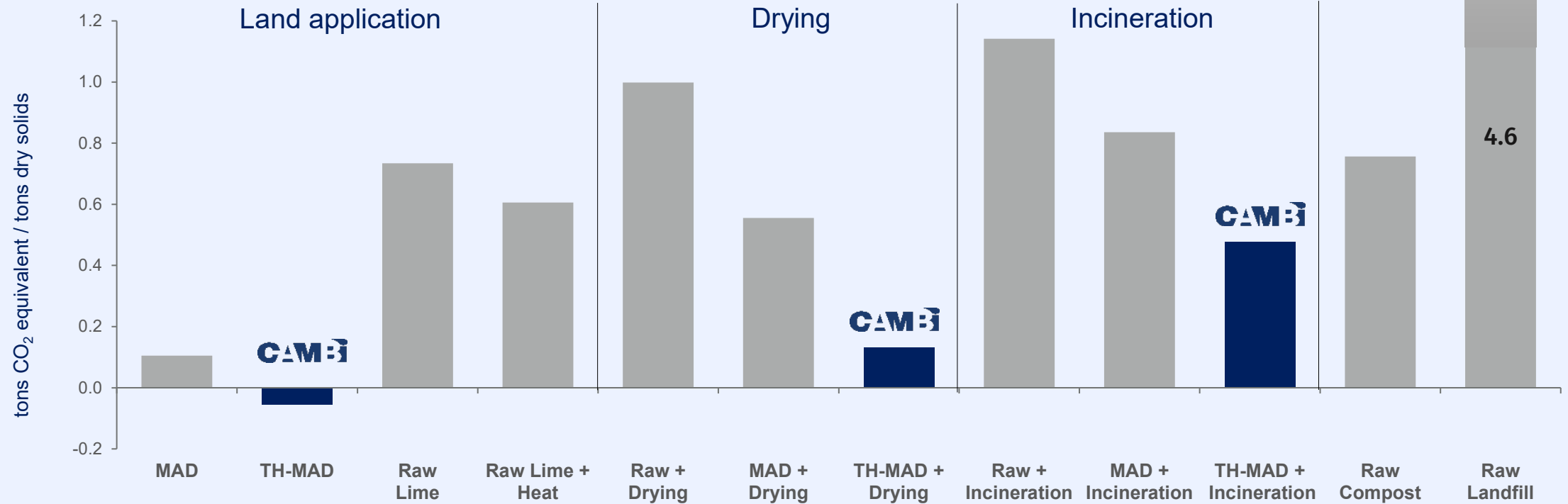
*[We got here because,] fundamentally, [...] it needs to be robust, it needs to be reliable and it needs to give me a cost effective treatment.”*

**Paul Fountain**

Senior Consultant Biosolids, Thames Water

# Lowest carbon footprint

Irrespective of biosolids reuse outlet



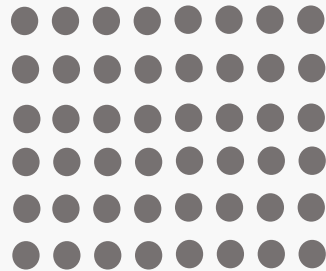
# Cambi THP reduced carbon emissions in Beijing by 400 ktCO<sub>2</sub>e

...compared to the second best considered alternative, incineration

## Emissions related to sludge management in Beijing

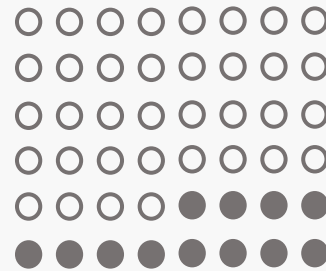


Baseline  
Landfill



High methane  
emissions

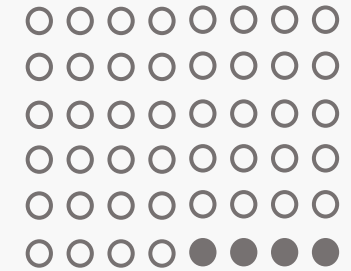
Alternative  
Incineration



1.8 million  
tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent reduction

Solution  
Cambi THP

with biosolids recycled to land



2.2 million  
tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent reduction



# Cambi serves customers through various delivery models

## Technology sales

- Core equipment to end customers and contractors
- Ancillary equipment
- Complete sludge treatment solutions
- Engineering support

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## Services

- Spare parts, remote monitoring and maintenance support
- Upgrades

- Recycling of sludge through Grønn Vekst

## DBO projects

- Long term ownership/ operations of sludge projects including THP
- Open to different types of projects, depending on customer preference (e.g. PPP, DBFO, BOT)

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# Cambi well positioned to enter into ownership and operations

Strong growth outlook for private financing

## DBO projects allow for complete solutions offering

- Design and Build: Cambi expertise allows **minimising of investment** through optimal integration of the THP with surrounding equipment
- Operations: Experience and data from plants allow Cambi to **optimise plant performance and improve operational economics**
- Disposal: Develop the local market to **reduce the unit cost of sludge handling** (building on Grønn Vekst expertise)

## Lowering the threshold for customers to implement THP

- Access the environmental benefits **without the (perceived) complexity and risks** of advanced treatment solutions
- **No capex required**, instead pay-for-service model at competitive rates
- Avoid lengthy projects, with heavy involvement from consultants
- Allows **focus on core operations**: water and wastewater treatment

## Several approaches to DBO project development



### Private operators

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Introduce THP as part of existing concessions



### Merchant facilities

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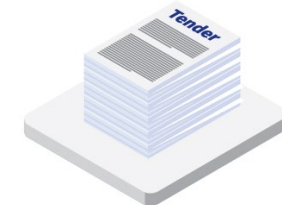
Identify merchant plant possibilities serving several (smaller) customers



### Municipalities

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Proposing solutions to cities, aiming for negotiated contract



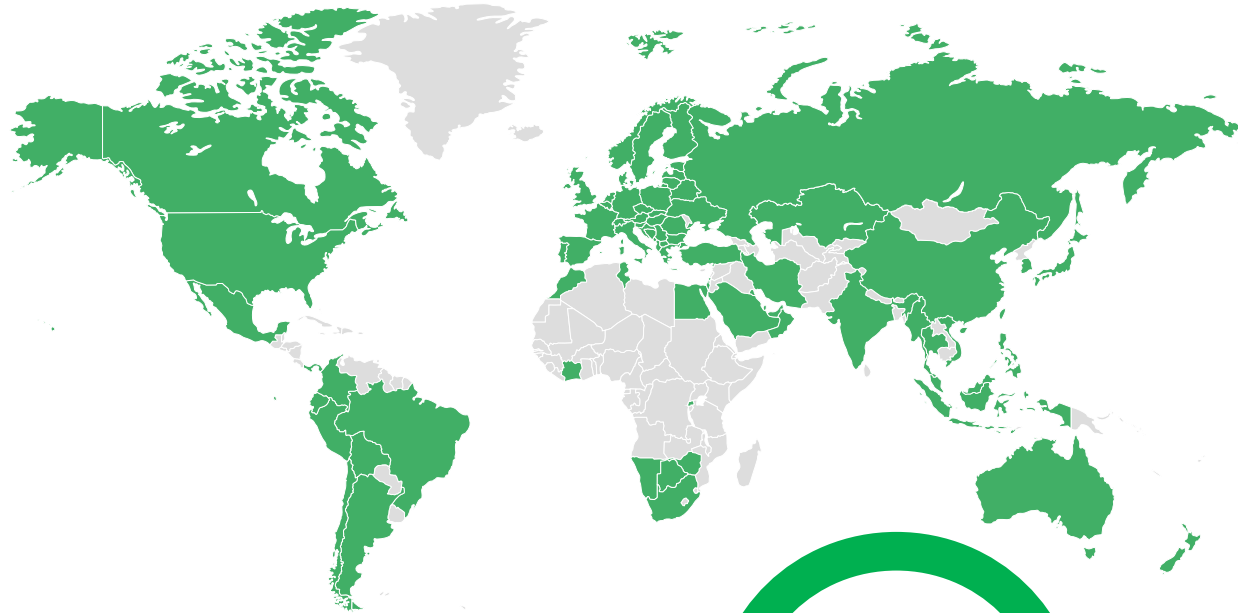
### Public tenders

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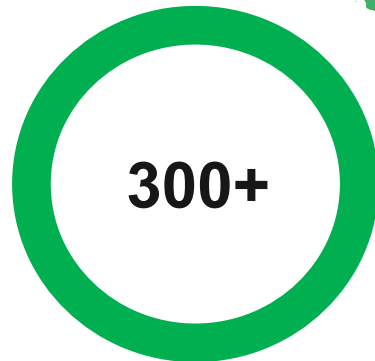
Responding to relevant DBO/ BOT/ PPP tenders

# Cambi has tremendous growth potential

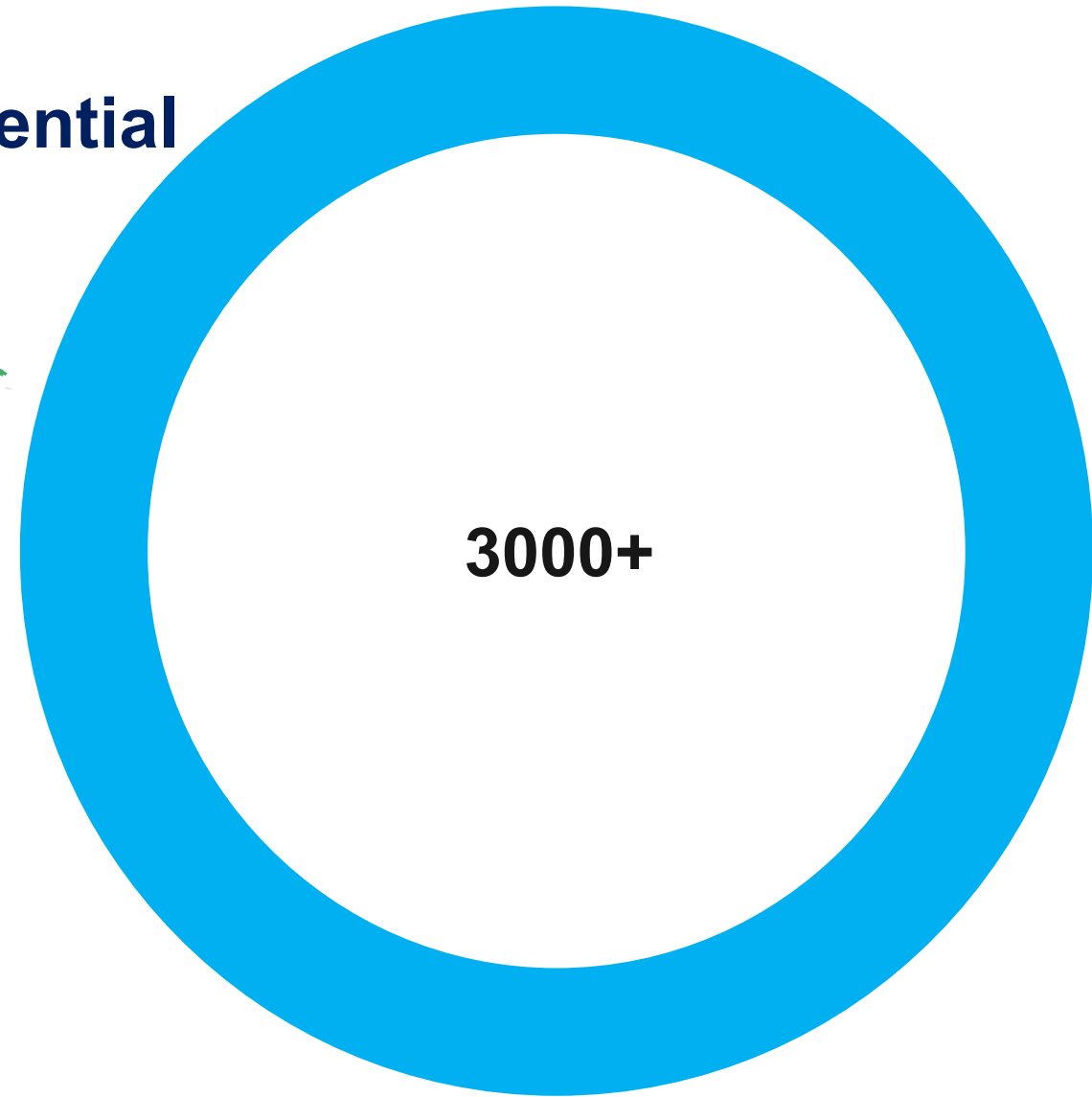
Capitalising on macrotrends and successful references



Reference plants



Sales pipeline



Identified targets



# Cambi is a trusted partner for many leading water utilities

Many of them have already pledged target dates for becoming carbon neutral



**Cambi's equipment sales and DBO pipeline already includes most of the remaining water utilities that target reaching for net-zero emissions**



# Thank you

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