Production of Renewable Fuels from Biomass by FCC Co-processing

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Presentation Outline



- Background on UOP
- Overview of FCC Co-processing
- Implementation and Future Plans
- Q&A



Who is UOP?



Honeywell UOP creates knowledge via invention and innovation and applies it to the energy industry

- 1,570 scientists and engineers
 - 3,000 employees worldwide
 - 2,600 active patents
 - Expertise
 - Experience

- Process technology
 - Catalysts
 - Adsorbents
 - Equipment
 - Services



More than 60% of the World's Gasoline & 85% of Biodegradable detergents are made using UOP Technology

UOP Renewables Vision



- Building on UOP technology and expertise
- Produce <u>real</u> "drop-in" fuels instead of fuel additives/blends
- Leverage existing refining, transportation, energy, biomass handling infrastructure to lower capital costs, minimize value chain disruptions, and reduce investment risk
- Focus on path toward second generation feedstocks & chemicals





- Renewable Fuel Oil (RFO) Refinery Co-processing
 - Co-processing of Renewable Fuel Oil (RFO) with vacuum gas oil (VGO) in a Fluid Catalytic Cracking Unit (FCCU) to produce fully fungible, renewable gasoline and diesel
 - RFO is produced from biomass by a technology known as Rapid Thermal Processing (RTP[™])
 - Strong value proposition for refiner small incremental capital cost and strong potential upside from regulatory credits
- RFS2 value generation
 - RFS2 credits generated at the refinery
- UOP technical support

Advantages of Co-Processing



- RFO is a cost-effective renewable refinery feedstock
 - Produces gasoline and diesel no blending/blendwall issues, no dedicated downstream infrastructure
 - Reduces compliance cost volatility with biofuel price linked to biomass cost
- RFS2 credits generated at the refinery
 - Reduces cost of compliance due to RIN validation tracking
 - Potential to convert regulatory exposure to profit generator
- Easy to implement minor capital costs related to RFO storage and feed injection equipment
- UOP can provide equipment and operations expertise

Roles



UOP

- Engineering & Supply of RTP[™] Equipment to RFO production projects, with performance guarantees
- Specification of RFO delivery equipment & supply of key equipment to refiners
- FCC Technical Service

Ensyn Corporation

- Developer of RTP[™] technology
- Developer of projects producing RFO
- Contracts with refiner for RFO supply





Biomass to Fuels via RTPTM and FCC Processing^{A Honeywell Company}

Key Supply Chain Steps

- 1) Use locally available woody biomass
- 2) Convert it to RFO at nearby RTP[™] unit
- 3) Ship RFO to Refiner who has an FCC unit
- 4) Refiner injects RFO into FCC to make transport fuels



Envergent Sells RTP[™] units for production of RFO UOP Sells Service, License, Equipment, & Engineering into FCC Markets

RFO Properties



- RFO is a liquid product made from non-food, woody biomass using a fast thermal conversion process known as Rapid Thermal Processing or RTP[™]
 - RFO is essentially "liquid wood"
 - Complex mixture of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen containing compounds (aldehydes, phenolics, acids, alcohols, etc.)
 - Typically contains ~20-30% soluble water
 - Specific gravity ~1.1-1.2
 - pH typically ~2-3
 - Single phase liquid, susceptible to solidification or phase separation if exposed to temperatures above ~200°F
 - Viscosity of RFO is more temperature dependent than petroleum oils; typically fluid at 70°F but tends to get very viscous below ~50°F





- Refiner can inject RFO at low concentration (typically < 5 vol% of total feed) in FCC riser
- Ensyn can supply RFO for short-term trials via truck and can also supply a skid-mounted pumping system to transfer to the FCC unit
- UOP can supply injection equipment
- Refiner can make connections for meter flows, etc.
- Long-term RFO can be supplied initially from existing Ensyn facilities and later from newly-built RTP[™] units owned by project developers (large forest products companies, etc.)

Desirable FCCU Characteristics For Co-Processing



- **1.** Unit operating under capacity (room to add more feed)
- 2. Unit with excess regenerator capacity (capacity to burn additional coke) or in partial burn operation, excess CO boiler capacity (ability to combust additional CO)
- 3. Smaller units (~20,000 BPD or less) can facilitate initial RFO supply, but this is not limiting
- 4. Long term supply of RFO is not an issue, as dedicated RTP[™] capacity will be constructed per the off-take agreement between Ensyn and the refiner
- 5. Increased coke production can be accommodated in one of two ways:
 - In high delta coke units, the incremental coke from RFO is not significant; more heat can likely be handled by existence of a cat cooler
 - In low coke yield units, where main column bottoms (MCB) recycle or torch oil are being used to generate heat, RFO could produce heat instead
- 6. Well mass-balanced gas concentrator so small flow changes due to yield from the RFO addition can be determined
- 7. Units targeting max distillate with no petrochemical propylene production or alky unit

Future Plans



- Multiple independent trials
 - Lab scale tests
 - Circulating Riser/Regenerator Pilot Plant trials
 - Commercial refinery demonstrations
- Performance may vary depending on the FCC unit operation
 - Catalyst type
 - Feedstock
 - Heat balance



Questions?