Studies to Evaluate Value-Added Market Opportunities for North Dakota

- Natural Gas Liquids (NGLs)
- Ethanol and Other Biochemical Derivatives

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The Study Approach and Status

**COMMERCIAL**
- Market Research
- Feedstock Type and Availability
- Supply & Demand Analysis & Forecasts
- Pricing Mechanisms & Forecasts
- Product Customer Demand
- Regulatory & Policy Considerations

**FINANCIAL / STRATEGIC**
- Purpose & Objectives
- Opportunity Options (Alignment with Vision)
- Preliminary Cash Flow Analysis
- Client Review and Scenario Development
- Financial Feasibility Model
- IHS/Client Reviewed Business Plan

**TECHNOLOGY/ ECONOMIC**
- Technology and Economic Evaluation
- Feedstock Driven Process Envelope
- Target Technology Diligence
- Technology/Capacity Selection
- Full Economic Assessment
- Product Destination
- Logistics
- State Business Investment Incentives

**Final Plan: Recommendations and Conclusions to ND Dept. of Commence et al.**
Who is IHS?

• We are a public company (founded in the 1950s) and have a current revenue of over US $ 2 billion

• We help companies make informed decisions by providing independent:
  – industry insight
  – knowledge
  – data & analysis
IHS Has Substantial Industry Integration

We have 9000 staff in 30 countries

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• IHS Chemical brings together over 60 years of insight through 3 world-class legacy brands

- CMAI
- SRI Consulting
- Chemical Week
We Think Value Chains: Vertically & Horizontally

Chemical industry development starts here

- Oil, Gas Production
- Hydrocarbon Feed
- Oil Refining and Gas Processing
- Separation, Conversion
- Monomer/Base Chemicals
- Conversion
- Derivatives & Intermediates
- Polymerization
- Plastics & Rubber
- Converters: Tires and Other Fabricated OEM Parts
- Manufactured Goods
- Retail
- Customers

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The Fabricated Products are Diverse and Familiar

- Ethylene
  - Polyethylene
    - PVC
    - Polystyrene/ABS
    - PET/Ethylene Glycol
    - LDPE
    - HDPE
    - LLDPE

- Polypropylene
- Acrylcs
- Synthetic Materials
  - Advil
  - Tylenol

- Butylenes & Butadiene
  - Sheetz
Petrochemical Building Block Chemicals

- Ethylene, propylene, butylenes, represent three of the seven basic “building blocks” in the global petrochemical industry
- NGLs (ethane, propane and butanes) are the raw material precursors to these building block chemicals

Most petrochemical derivatives can be traced back to one or more of these building blocks
The Feedstock-Product Value Chain

To be advantaged here, you need to be advantaged here.

Ethane, Propane, Butanes

Intermediate Chemicals

Commodities Specialties

End-Use & Fabricated Products

Gas Processor for (Y-cut) Pipeline Merchant

Flared unlikely recovered by Gas Processors

Gas Processor for (Y-cut) Contracted

Basic Bio Chemicals

Biomass

Ethanol

Butanol

NGLs

Bio-based Chemistry is More Complex
Fundamentally, the Industry Cost Curve Dictates Success

Have Advantages along the Value Chain:
- Low Cost Feedstock
- Competitive Production Costs
- Good Logistical Proximity to the Market

Need to be Here, to get Here

CUMULATIVE INDUSTRY CAPACITY

COST OF PRODUCTION

PRICE POINT

DEMAND

PRODUCTION PLANTS
To Be Successful, Project Development Must “Execute” all the Fundamental Aspects

EXECUTION
- Project Management
- State Alignment Policy/Regulations
- EPC Contractor

THE PROJECT(S)
- Technology Licensor and/or Developer
- Owners & Sponsors

FINANCING
- Strategic and/or Private Equity
- Debt
- Government Incentives

MANUFACTURING
- Feedstock Supply/Logistics
- Product Offtake
- Product Logistics

SUPPORT SERVICES
- Infrastructure
- Site Services
- Utilities

State Benefits Roadmap and Plan

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Adding Value to the Bakken NGLs
Why is there an Opportunity to Add Value to the Bakken’s Hydrocarbons

Global Gas Demand (2013) 120 TCF

Methane

Ethane (Fuel Gas)

Ethane, Propane, Butane, Light Naphtha (NGL)

Petrochemical Industry 25%

Oil, coal and methane-based feedstocks make up the rest
The Likely Value-Add Opportunities for the Bakken

Currently to Pipeline and Fuels

- Ethane, Propane, Butanes
- Intermediate Chemicals
- Commodities Specialties
- End-Use & Fabricated Products

- Ethane C₂
- Propylene C₃
- n-butane C₄
- Isobutane C₄

- Ethylene
- HDPE Resin
- PP Resin
- PB Rubber
- PIB Rubber

For the Consumer, Automotive, Construction Industries
NGLs to Chemicals: Economic Screening Indicates Opportunity

- Ethane $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$ → Steam Cracking → Ethylene → HDPE Resin
  - MEG
- Propane $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8$ → Dehydrogenation → Propylene → PP Resin
- $\text{n-butane C}_4\text{H}_{10}$ → Dehydrogenation → Butadiene
  - Halogenation
- Isobutane $\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}$ → Dehydrogenation → Isobutylene
  - Halogenation

Shipping Logistics and Cost:
- Fabrication
- Merchant
- PB Rubber
- PIB Rubber
- Merchant
### NGLs to Chemicals: Capacity and Capital Costs – North Dakota - 2020 Basis

#### NGL - Feed Requirements

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Bakken NGL is Expected to Provide an Advantaged Feedstock Position

Even with IHS’ conservative estimates, the availability situation for competitive-scale petrochemical plant is promising.

NGL supply demand price outlook cases are forecast to give a Bakken-based NGLs a strong feedstock to derivative chemical plants.
- North Dakota netbacks based on Conway less transportation & separation costs.
- Prices are expected to gradually rise over the next 25 years.

Source: IHS CERA, Statistics Canada, OPIS

North Dakota Netback Prices
Product and Feedstock Prices Setting Mechanisms for North Dakota

Off-Shore (Export) Demand Market

Less Freight = ND Product Prices

ND New Chemical Potential Production

Less Freight = ND NGL Feedstock Prices

Merchant Market for NGLs

Price Setting: Merchant Market for Petrochemicals & Polymers

East North Central Product Demand Center

Less Freight = ND Petrochemical Product Prices

Plus Freight = E.N. Central End-Use Product Prices

Conventional Petrochemical Production Hub

Less Freight and Handling = ND Petrochemical Product Prices

Price Setting: Merchant Market for NGLs

Less Freight = E.N. Central End-Use Product Prices

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Proposed Plants Would be a Small Percentage of US Capacity

- The HDPE and PP plants represent a small percent of total capacity in the US in 2020 and of the required capacity addition required to satisfy US supply/demand dynamics.

- PBR and butadiene plants represent a larger portion of the existing capacity, especially with no forecast new capacity, but are expected to capture market share based on competitive cost.
More than half of the PE consumption in US is within reach of a North Dakota Plant

Most of the production is centered in the Gulf Coast
The Proximity Situation is the Same for Other Commodity Polymers

Polybutadiene Rubber

Polypropylene
The Value of Basic Feedstock Typically Increases Down the Supply Chain

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<td>Value ($/T)</td>
<td>197 (27c/gal)</td>
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<td>Value in product ($/T)</td>
<td>197</td>
<td>727</td>
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<td>Capacity (KT/YR)</td>
<td>27,500 bpd</td>
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<td>Investment (MM USD)</td>
<td>940</td>
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<td>Return IRR (%)</td>
<td>21%</td>
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Capital and operating cost at each step generate the value increase.

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Ethane, Propane, Butanes

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End-Use & Fabricated Products

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Advantages for the North Dakota Translate in Value-Add Opportunities

NGL: Returns (IRR, %) vs. Risk

- Developing Halogenation Technology for:
  - BDE
  - PBR
  - Propylene
  - PP & ISO Butylene
- Mature Technology
  - Ethylene & HDPE
  - Butadiene % PBR
- Mature Technology Single Product
  - Butadiene Merchant
  - Propylene & PP
- Mature Technology Multiple Products
  - Propylene Merchant
  - MTBE

Source: IHS

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Financial Model Results – for NGL Derivatives

Source: IHS © 2014 IHS

NGL: IRR, %

- Halogenation - Selling BDE
- Halogenation - PBR
- Ethylene - HDPE
- BDH - Selling BDE
- PDH - PP
- BDH - Selling Isobutylene
- Halogenation - MTBE
- Halogenation - PP
- Halogenation - Selling Isobutylene
- Halogenation - Selling Propylene
- BDH - PBR
- Ethylene - MEG
- PDH - Selling Propylene
- BDH - MTBE

Source: IHS
Conclusions

✓ Feasible opportunities for the development of NGL-based chemical derivative look promising.

✓ There should not be any particular environmental or permitting issues for the process technologies selected if Good Engineering Design and HAZOP principles are followed. Note that the Halogenation technology will need to be designed with specific attention to bromine handling and processing.

✓ Growth in the United States demand and competitive cost exports will drive significant production capacity (supply) additions of commodity chemicals and polymers.
Conclusions (continued)

- Ethane in the U.S. will remain in an oversupply situation due to the associated supply from shale-based oil and gas that will drive North Dakota post-2020 net back prices to historic low values.

- North Dakota is expected to have an ample supply of NGLs (ethane, propane and butane).

- North Dakota will have a long-term “Advantaged feedstock” position of NGLs the U.S. Gulf Coast and Asia/Europe.
Conclusions (continued)

Project and business development “success” can yield a variety of sustainable benefits to North Dakota State (residents) and 3rd party sponsors and developers

To be successful, North Dakota must aggressively solicit world-class private (chemical) industry participants/sponsors on a global basis who can bring proven project development expertise, financial strength, chemical process technology and access to customer marketing channels and customers
Conclusions (continued)

✓ Participants can be along the value chain e.g., from NGL processors considering value-add downstream investment to end-user part fabricators interested back integration to low cost secure feedstock supply

✓ Monitoring competitor actions in the U.S. and Western Canada is necessary as the rapid pace of shale-based project (global) interest and development continues
Cautions

- Investment (cost and labor resources) are very significant to construct downstream chemical production plants (and build their associated businesses)
- Project development and implementation (including market entry) will have challenges
- This Project will be forging new ground in North Dakota, thus project development and implementation must be done according to a well-defined and very robust roadmap, with an iterative loop for lessons learned along the way.
Value Add via Ethanol Derivatives and other Biochemicals
There are Several Industry Drivers for Bio-Chemicals

- Sustainability pressures throughout the supply chain from end to end
- Ultimate consumers and retail need to serve a more green-aware purchasing generation
- Site-related factors for CO2 reduction
- Provide Supply Gap options
- Potential for Cost Reduction
- New Materials Available
### Major Consumers of Chemicals are Looking to Enhance Sustainability

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<th>Sustainability Goal</th>
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<td><strong>Coca-Cola</strong></td>
<td>Full conversion to PlantBottle™ Packaging by 2020 to diversify away from fossil fuels and reduce the Coca Cola System carbon footprint.</td>
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<td><strong>Heinz</strong></td>
<td>Use packaging materials derived from renewable sources to reduce carbon footprint</td>
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<td><strong>Nestle</strong></td>
<td>Develop and use packaging materials made from sustainably managed renewable resources such as bioplastics</td>
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<td><strong>PepsiCo</strong></td>
<td>Reduce packaging footprint through the use of renewable sources (such as a 100% plant-based PET bottle)</td>
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<td><strong>P&amp;G</strong></td>
<td>Use 100% renewable or recyclable materials in all products and packaging</td>
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<td><strong>Target</strong></td>
<td>Expand selection of sustainable product choices such as household cleaning products made from natural ingredients</td>
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Basis and Assumptions for Alternative (to Corn) Biomass Analysis

- The fermentable sugars in biomass are the cellulose (glucans, C6 sugars) and hemicellulose (xylans, C5 sugars) portions, extracted from the biomass through a high pressure high temperature hydrolysis pretreatment.
- 9 cents per pound (dry) is the price that IHS believes the fermentable sugar-containing stream must be going into the fermenter (after a pretreatment step) to achieve feasible economics for the production of derivative chemicals (e.g. netback fermentable sugar price).
Basis and Assumptions for Alternative (to Corn) Biomass Analysis (continued)

- Biomass netback pricing is based on a price for fermentable sugars of 9 cents per pound, after a pretreatment step, which further reduces the viable price of the raw biomass source as shown in a proxy bio butadiene production facility.

Sugar portion in biomass: 4.5 c/lb – Fermentable sugar extracted from biomass: 9 c/lb

Pretreatment Cost

- Pretreatment to Fermentable Sugars
- Fermentation to N-Butanol
- Dehydrogenation to 1-Butene
- Dehydrogenation to 1,3-Butadiene
Basis and Assumptions for Alternative (to Corn) Biomass Analysis (continued)

- Biomass crop market pricing and harvest yields are based on a 5 year average of the most recent market metrics in North Dakota, according to the USDA.
- Sugar beets have a high starch content, which can be extracted with a pretreatment step that is less intensive and less costly than the hydrolysis for other biomass sources.
- For wheat and switchgrass, we assumed a more costly pretreatment process of about 4.5 cents per dry pound of fermentable sugar, driving the viable price of fermentable sugars down to 4.5 c/lb.
Feedstock Requirements and Estimated Required Netback Price (100 KMT BD Plant)

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<td>Yield (lb/acre)</td>
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Netback Pricing vs. Market Prices

- Alternative biomass types are expected not to be viable alternatives to corn and corn-based biomass as biochemical feedstock.
Potential for Ethanol as a Petrochemical Feedstock

- Ethanol production has the potential for higher value as a petrochemical intermediate vs. fuel value
- Additionally, existing ethanol plants can be retrofit to butanol production at a lower than grass-roots capital cost, opening the door for other derivative possibilities
- Bio-chemical production can be used to fill supply gaps in conventional petrochemical production
- Also, there may be logistical advantages (supply chain) to markets now being served by the US Gulf Coast petrochemical hub
There is a Wide Range of Industrial Bio-Chemical Development

Here is a small sample.....

C<sub>1</sub>s
- Methanol

C<sub>2</sub>s
- Ethanol, Glycolic Acid

C<sub>3</sub>s
- Propanol, Lactic Acid

C<sub>4</sub>s
- Succinic Acid, Butanol, BDO

C<sub>5</sub>s
- Isoprene

C<sub>6</sub>s
- Glutaric/Adipic Acid, Isosorbide

Aromatics
- PX, benzene

C<sub>8+</sub>
- Functional Chemicals

PMMA/POM
- PMMA: polymethylmethacrylate
- POM: polyoxymethylene or polyacetal resin
- PGA: polyglycolic acid
- PE: polyethylene
- EPDM: ethylene propylene diene monomer
- PS: polystyrene

PGA, PE, EPDM, PS, PET
- PP, EPDM, PLA
- Butadiene, PBT, TPU, PMMA, PBS
- SIS/SEPS, Elastomers
- PA 66, Green-PC
- PS, PET
- Specialty Chemicals

PMMA/POM
- SIS/SEPS: styrene block copolymers
- PA 6-6: nylon
- Green PC: renewable sourced polycarbonate
- PX: para-xylene
Bio-based Commodity Plastics Have a Limited Application at Premium Prices

- Bio-based monomers can be “drop-ins
- As any new or replacement material, bio-plastics will require a qualification procedure to ensure its equivalent performance
- IHS believes that at price parity, bio-plastics will have essentially unlimited opportunity
- However, a price premium will have to be absorbed by the resin producer, fabricator or final product owner; the consumer will not pay a higher price.
- At this time, IHS does not believe it is conservative to consider the production of bio-plastics based on a “green” price premium
The Likely Value-Add Opportunities for the Biomass

Corn, Corn Stover, or Wheat Straw

Intermediate Chemicals

Commodities Specialties

End-Use & Fabricated Products

Existing Ethanol

Ethylene

HDPE Resin

MEG

Retrofit Ethanol or Grassroots n-Butanol

Butadiene

PBR Rubber

Para-Xylene

n-Butanol

For the Consumer, Packaging, Automotive, Construction Industries

Succinic Acid

1,3-Butanediol

PBT Resin

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The Rust Belt is a Likely Destination for Products Produced in North Dakota

• This geographical sector also includes the center of the US automotive industry, as indicated in the map: Michigan, Ohio and Indiana

• The automotive industry uses products targeted in our study:
  – HDPE in Gas Tanks, Battery Boxes, Air Ducts, Splash Shields and Air Duct/channels which are part of the lower part of the dashboard.
  – PB Rubber in tires and hoses
Studies to Evaluate Value-Added Market Opportunities for North Dakota

More than half of the consumption in US is within reach of a North Dakota Plant, while most production is centered in the U.S. Gulf Coast

There is a Significant Market in Reach of a North Dakota Project (ex., Butadiene Rubber)
Financial Model Results (Corn Based)
Conclusions

✓ Feasible opportunities for the development of bio-based (corn, corn stover, wheat straw) chemical derivative look promising

✓ There should not be any particular environmental or permitting issues for the process technologies selected if Good Engineering Design and HAZOP principles are followed

✓ Growth in the United States demand will drive significant production capacity (supply) additions of commodity chemicals and polymers
Conclusions (continued)

✓ North Dakota has an “Advantaged geographic” location relative the U.S. Gulf Coast for supplying commodity polymers and end-users e.g., for the fabrication of automotive and consumer-related parts and components

✓ Commodity chemical intermediates (butadiene, n-butanol) can be easily transported (railed) to the U.S. Gulf Coast

✓ Economics from corn, corn stover or wheat straw are relatively similar based on IHS price forecasts, permitting biomass flexibility going forward
Conclusions (continued)

- Project development and implementation will have challenges that must be defined and managed carefully.

- Investment (cost and resources) to construct the world-scale downstream chemical production plants and build their associated business, are very significant.

- By nature of bio-chemical production and feedstock collection issues, bio-chemical plant capacities are generally small in comparison to conventional petrochemical world scale plants and suffer from lack of economy of scale and cost competitiveness, limiting the options available and minimizing any product delivery logistics advantages.
Conclusions (continued)

- North Dakota has essentially no commodity chemical business and technical infrastructure (except ammonia and fertilizers); thus market entry into “new” commodity chemicals and polymers will have challenges on many levels, including availability of skilled and professional labor.

- Project and business development “success” can yield a variety of sustainable benefits to North Dakota State (residents) and 3rd party sponsors and developers.
Conclusions (continued)

✓ To be successful, North Dakota must aggressively solicit world-class private (chemical) industry participants/sponsors on a global basis who can bring proven project development expertise, financial strength, chemical process technology and access to customer marketing channels and customers.

✓ Participants can be along the value chain e.g., from the basic bio-commodity chemical producer considering value-add downstream investment to end-user part fabricators interested back integration to low cost secure feedstock supply.
This Project will be forging new ground in North Dakota, thus project development and implementation must be done according to a well-defined and very robust roadmap, with an iterative loop for lessons learned along the way.
State Incentive Programs
Economic Incentives are Dependent on Project Scope and Can Take Many Forms

• **Typical Economic Development Incentives by Type:**
  - Financial tax incentives: credits, deductions, abatements, payment in lieu of taxes (known as PILOTs)
  - Financial capital incentives: grants, low-interest loans, interest rate subsidies
  - **In-kind services:** site improvements, job training, permit assistance
  - Special districts: empowerment and enterprise zones
  - Miscellaneous incentives

• **Other Support**
  - Ease of permitting
  - Infrastructure Development
Examples of State Incentive Programs
Financial Tax Incentives in Ohio

• **Ohio Job Creation Tax Credit**
  - At least 10 full time equivalents and $660,000 in annual payroll over three years
    - Sector 325110 average annual wage in OH is $90,100 (all occupations)
• **Credit limited to 75% state personal income tax withholdings**
  - Can be taken against four OH taxes, including business franchise and corporate net income tax
  - Up to 15 years
  - Refundable
  - Sample calculation assuming 300 jobs - annual credit would be $801,800
Financial Tax Incentives in Ohio (continued)

- **Other Ohio Economic Development Incentives**
  - Business incentive and economic development grants
  - Ohio Bond Fund and low interest loans (Section 166, refers to applicable regulation)
  - Workforce grants and in-kind services
  - R&D tax credit
  - Special districts, such as enterprise and empowerment zones, reinvestment areas, and brownfields.
Financial Tax Incentives in Pennsylvania

- **Job Creation Tax Credits**
  - Based on number of jobs created in three years
    - At least 25 new jobs or 20% increase
  - Credit per job is $1,000 and $2,500 if unemployed worker used
    - Sector 325110 average annual wage in PA is $80,300 (all occupations)
  - Credit can be taken against seven PA business taxes
  - Example assuming 300 operating jobs - annual tax credit of $345,000
Financial Tax Incentives in Pennsylvania (continued)

- **Pennsylvania Resource Manufacturing Tax Credit**
  - Machinery and Equipment Loan Fund (MELF)
    - Availability of funds uncertain
  - Low Cost Capital through programs such as “PA First”, Pennsylvania Economic Development Authority taxable bond program, PA Industrial Development Authority
  - Infrastructure development (highly site specific)
  - Job Training
  - Special districts: Keystone Opportunity Zone/Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone, Keystone Special Development Zones, Industrial Sites Reuse, Tax Increment Financing
Financial Tax Incentives in West Virginia

• Economic Opportunity Tax Credits (EOTC)
  • Five types of EOTC credits – general, corporate HQ, small business, high tech, and job creation
  • Only one EOTC credit per investment, but can apportion
  • EOTC tax credits can be used with other WV incentives

• General EOTC Tax Credit
  • Qualifying invest. based on dollar value of initial investment, equipment life, and number of jobs
    • Qualifying investment can be up to 35% of initial investment for 520 or more jobs
    • Credit pro-rated over 10-year period
  • Credit taken against corporate net income tax
  • Credit is limited to state tax obligation
Financial Tax Incentives in West Virginia (continued)

• **General EOTC Tax Credit (continued)**
  - Not refundable or transferable, but three year carry forward after 10 years
  - If initial investment was $1.5 billion and 300 operating jobs, potential credit likely offsets virtually all of WV corporate income tax obligation

• **EOTC Job Creation Tax Credit**
  - At least twenty new full time jobs at $32,000 with health benefits
  - Tax credit of $3,000 per job for five year period
  - Credit against four state taxes, including corporate net income
  - Not refundable or transferable

If 300 new jobs – annual credit is $900,000
Financial Tax Incentives in West Virginia (continued)

• Five for Ten Program
  • Incentive: Abatement of 95% of real property taxes pro-rated for 10 years
  • Eligibility: facilities in NAICs 211112- Natural Gas Liquids Extraction, or that use products from such a facility and invest at least $2 billion
  • Sample calculation assuming:
    • Real property of $200 million
    • Assessment ratio of 60% (statewide figure for manufacturing real property)
    • Real property tax rate $2.50/$100 of assessed value
    • Annual reduction in real property taxes is $285,000
Financial Tax Incentives in West Virginia (continued)

- **Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit**
  - Incentive: avoid up to 60% of liability for the 3 state taxes, including the corporate net income tax
  - Credit is 5% of qualified investment, pro-rated over 10 years
    - Includes real property, tangible personal property (equipment), refurbishment
  - Not refundable or transferable, no carryover
  - With $1.5 billion in investment, 60% obligation would likely be offset
Financial Tax Incentives in West Virginia (continued)

• **Manufacturing Property Tax Adjustment Credit**
  - Credit against local personal property taxes paid on manufacturing inventory
  - Value of credit depends on local tax rate, value of inventory
  - Cannot be estimated at this time, likely small
  - Not refundable or transferable, no carryover

• **Other Economic Development Incentives in WV**
  - Special property tax valuation for air and water pollution control equipment
  - On the Job training services
  - Guaranteed Workforce Program
  - WV Economic Development Authority (WVEDA) loan program
  - Special districts: empowerment zones, Appalachian Regional Commission, TIFs
Types of Potentially Interested Sponsor Companies
There Should Be Several Companies Interested in Ethylene/HDPE

- **US ethylene producers who are currently integrated into HDPE**
  - Equistar
  - ExxonMobil
  - Dow
  - Chevron Phillips
  - Ineos
  - FPC USA
  - BASF/Total LLC

- **US ethylene producers**
  - Williams

- **International producers not yet with a US presence**
  - Vinmar (US)
  - Braskem (Brazil)
  - SABIC (Saudi Arabia)
  - Reliance (India)
  - Sinopec (China)
  - PTTGC (Thailand)
There is a Large Automotive Market Advantageously Located for a ND HDPE Plant

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IHS Believes There Would Be Several Companies Interested in Propylene/PP

- **US propylene producers who are currently integrated into PP**
  - ExxonMobil
  - Chevron Phillips
  - BASF/Total LLC
  - FPC USA
  - Ineos
  - Flint Hills Resources
  - Braskem

- **US propylene producers**
  - Enterprise Products

- **International producers not yet with a US presence**
  - Vinmar (US)
  - Mitsui Chemical (Japan)
  - Hyosung (Korea)
  - Reliance (India)
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KMT PP Used, 2013

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There Should Be Several Companies Interested in Butadiene

- **US butadiene producers**
  - ExxonMobil
  - Equistar
  - Shell
  - TPC Group

- **US butadiene producers who are currently integrated into PBR or SBR**
  - BASF/Total

- **Foreign producers integrated into PBR and/or SBR not yet with a US presence**
  - Versalis S.p.A. (SBR) (Italy)
  - LG Chem (PBR and SBR) (Korea)
  - JSR (PBR and SBR) (Japan)
  - Petrochina (PBR and SBR) (China)
A Large Tire Market is Advantageously Located for a ND BD Plant (PBR and SBR)

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There Should Be Several Companies Interested in n-Butanol

**US butanol producers who are currently integrated into butanol derivatives**

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**Foreign producers not yet with a US presence**
- FPC
- LG Chem
- Mitsubishi Chem
This Study Next Steps

• *Deliverables*
  
  – Report to Legislative Management – Energy Development and Transmission Committee - due July 2014; IHS will present its May 2014 Final Report in a face-to-face meeting or teleconference
  
  – Report to appropriate committees at the beginning of the 2015 Legislative Assembly – due January 2015
Post Study Steps That Should be Initiated Prior to the Legislative Review/Presentation
Post-Study Steps

- **Develop Business Plans and Solicit Investors (sales and marketing)**
- **Development of Master Plan**
  - **Effect of investment on the state**
    - State project development benchmarking
    - Develop and 5, 10 and 15 year roadmap based on investor interest
    - Infrastructure and transportation logistics required and their funding
    - Resources (e.g., water and labor) required
    - Number of jobs (temporary and permanent) created
    - Businesses created to support the plant(s)
    - Potential for continued downstream (value chain) additions e.g., continued forward integration
    - Supporting, not directly related, social infrastructure business creation (e.g., housing construction, restaurants, entertainment, etc.)
- **Added state revenue for each option** (via current and future tax programs)
- **Assessment of current/future State polices and legislation on the social, fiscal and environmental impacts of various development projects**
A Task Force(s) Need to Manage the NGLs and Ethanol Value-Add Initiatives

Sales
- Targets: Reactive and Proactive (500)
- Probable Targets (30)
- Short List (10)

Marketing
- Screen for Interest (Brochure)
- Develop Business Case incl. doing business in ND
- Secure (Memorandum of Understanding)

Business Model & Road Map
- Analogies (Successful Petrochemical Development)
- Assessment (Similarities and Gaps)
- Action Plan (Framework)
To Be Successful, Project Development Must “Execute” all the Fundamental Aspects

- **EXECUTION**
  - Project Management
  - State Alignment Policy/Regulations
  - EPC Contractor

- **THE PROJECT(S)**
  - Technology Licensor and/or Developer
  - Owners & Sponsors

- **FINANCING**
  - Strategic and/or Private Equity
  - Debt
  - Government Incentives

- **MANUFACTURING**
  - Feedstock Supply/Logistics
  - Product Offtake
  - Product Logistics

- **SUPPORT SERVICES**
  - Infrastructure
  - Site Services
  - Utilities

- **State Benefits Roadmap and Plan**
Project Development Tracks Need to be Executed in Parallel with Specific Activities

Concept	Concepts & Inventions
Laboratory R&D
Pilot Development & Unit Testing
Scale-up Technology Due Diligence
Performance Operating & Capital Cost Estimates

DEVELOPING
COMMERCIAL

Project Development
Market Analysis & Pre-Feasibility & Cash Flow
Technology Procurement (Licensor) Selection
Front End Engineering Design (FEED) Bids
EPC Contractor Selection & Detailed Design
Execution of Technical Contracts

Engineering Design

Financing
MOU Execution of Commercial Contracts
“Bankable” Feasibility Study
Securing of Project Sponsors & Funding
Project Certification & Funding Closing
Performance & Completion Tests/ Funding Release

Construction & Business Formation
Environmental (National EPA Review & EIS)
Procurement and Construction
Construction Monitoring
Organization Formation and Product/Market Seeding
Mechanical Completion Training & Start-up

Commercial Operation

MILESTONE APPROVAL POINTS

Here We are Here

24- 60 months
9- 24 months
12- 24 months
24- 48 months

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Studies to Evaluate Value-Added Market Opportunities for North Dakota

- Natural Gas Liquids (NGLs)
- Ethanol and Other Biochemical Derivatives

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