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**BIOthermica VAMOX® TECHNOLOGY
AN INNOVATIVE WAY TO MONETIZE
CARBON CREDITS FROM VENTILATION AIR
METHANE**

by

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in cooperation with Eco-Alliance**

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BIOTHERMICA GROUP OVERVIEW

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Biothermica mission

Founded in 1987, Biothermica's **mission** is to develop, finance, build and operate projects which capture and valorize methane emitted by **landfill sites** and **underground coal mines**, and monetize the associated carbon credits, thermal energy and/or electricity on the national and international markets

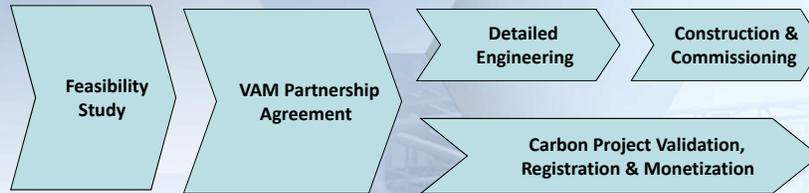


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Integrated Development

Full project cycle is covered by Biothermica internal resources (technical, legal & financial)



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First VAM project in North America with JWR, Alabama, USA

Based on Biothermica's proprietary **VAMOX[®]** technology



VAMOX[®] unit at JWR mine No.4, Alabama



Mine Ventilation shaft, JWR mine No.4

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OPPORTUNITY: CARBON REVENUES FROM VAM DESTRUCTION

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Ventilation Air Methane (VAM)

VAM is **methane** emitted by underground coal mine ventilation systems worldwide

VAM represents **more than 50%** of underground coal mine methane emissions

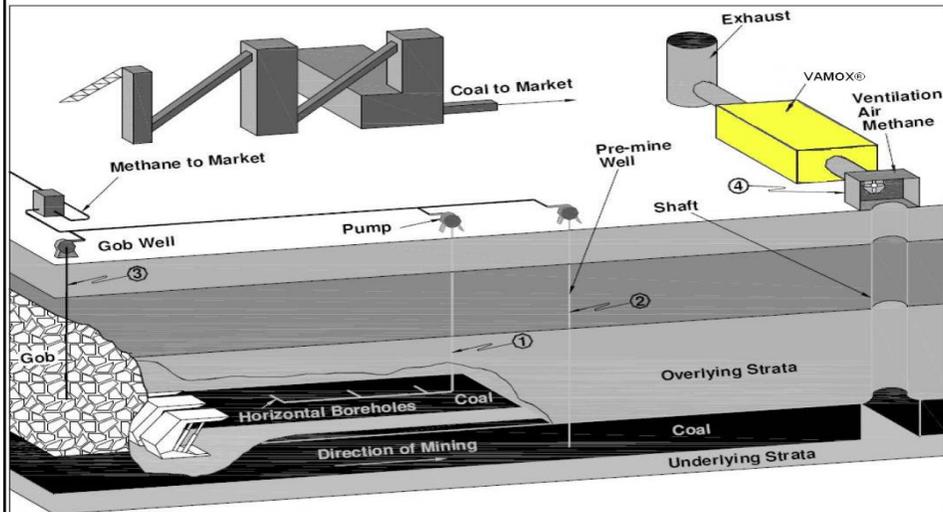


Mine Ventilation Shaft (USA)

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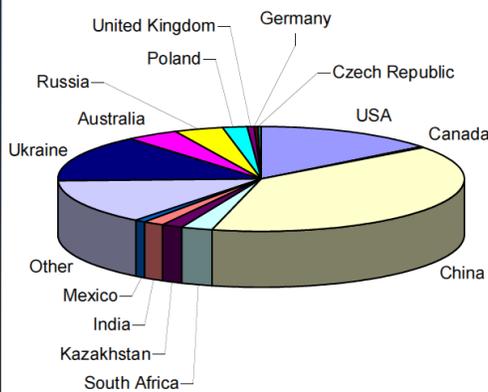
Schematic overview Coal Mine Methane Extraction



1) Horizontal Pre-Mining 2) Surface Pre-Mining 3) Post-Mining and 4) VAM



VAM emissions worldwide (2010)



Country	VAM emissions (MMtCO ₂ e)
China	111
Ukraine	41
USA	41
Australia	12
Russia	11
South Africa	7
Kazakhstan	5
India	5
Poland	5
Mexico	2
United Kingdom	2
Canada	1
Germany	1
Czech Republic	1
Other	39
World	283



THE VAMOX[®] TECHNOLOGY

HOW IT WORKS

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History and Origins

From BIOTOX[®] to VAMOX[®] (1991-2010)

- Biothermica has developed the VAMOX[®] System based on its expertise with the internally developed BIOTOX[®] RTO Technology (20+ Yr of R&D)
- BIOTOX[®] RTO **Patented Technology** is an **International Award Winner** from A&WMA (1999)
- The VAMOX[®] Technology Patent is underway...



Highly efficient **Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer (RTO)**

Inspired by **BIOTOX[®]** air pollution control technology





Principles of Operation Chemical Process

- Regenerative Thermal Oxidation (RTO) principle is to break down contaminants with high temperature
 - BIOTOX[®] process is to abate VOC, PAH & other pollutants...



- VAMOX[®] process is simply to abate methane...

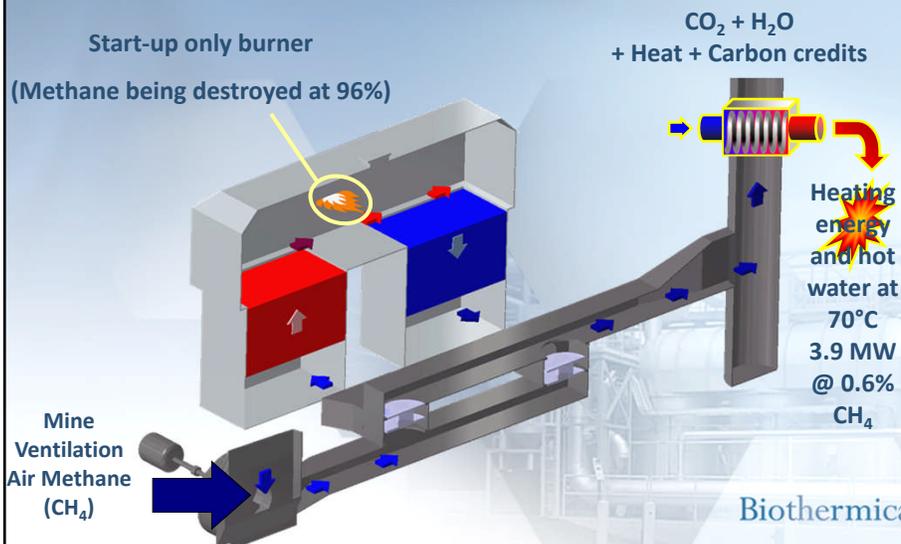


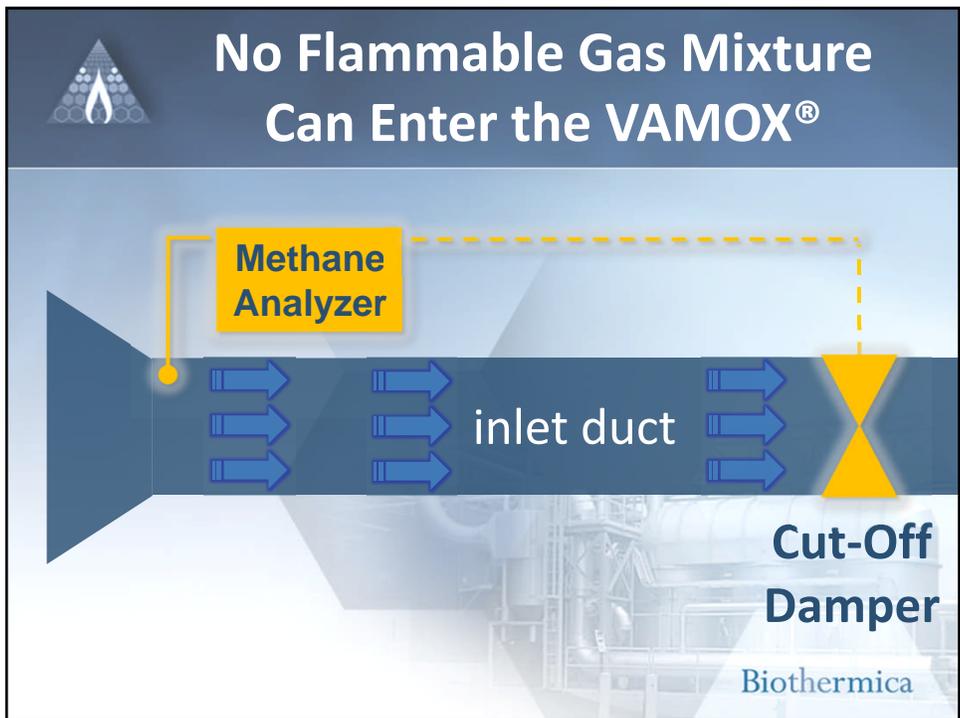
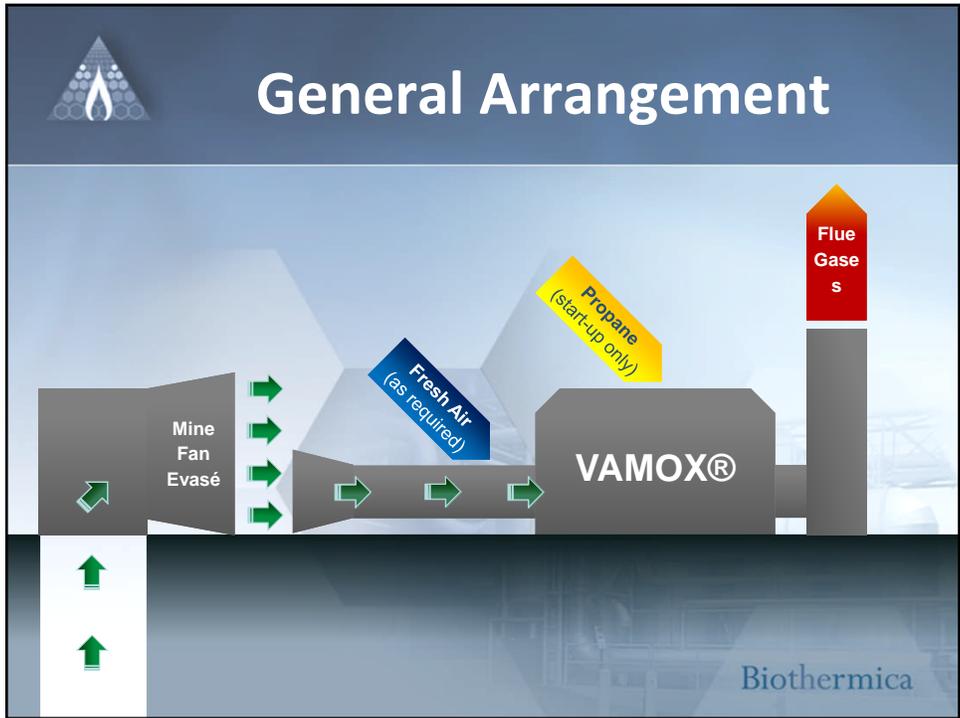
- VAMOX[®] minimizes energy consumption

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Principles of Operation Dynamic Overview







Highlights

- **No impact** on mine fan
- From **0.2% to 1.2%+ CH₄**
- Fully **automated** operation
- **Remotely** monitored/controlled
- No **catalyst**
- **Possibility of heating energy**

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Biothermica – JWR Demonstration Project in Alabama, USA

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Achievement

1st VAM Project in North-America

- Partnership with  **Jim Walter resources, inc.**
BLUE CREEK COAL - BROOKWOOD, ALABAMA
- **1st & Only** VAM Project in America - commissioned on January 26th, 2009
- **Approved** by U.S. Mine Safety & Health Administration
- Project **Registered** in June 2010 with the Climate Action Reserve



System Characteristics

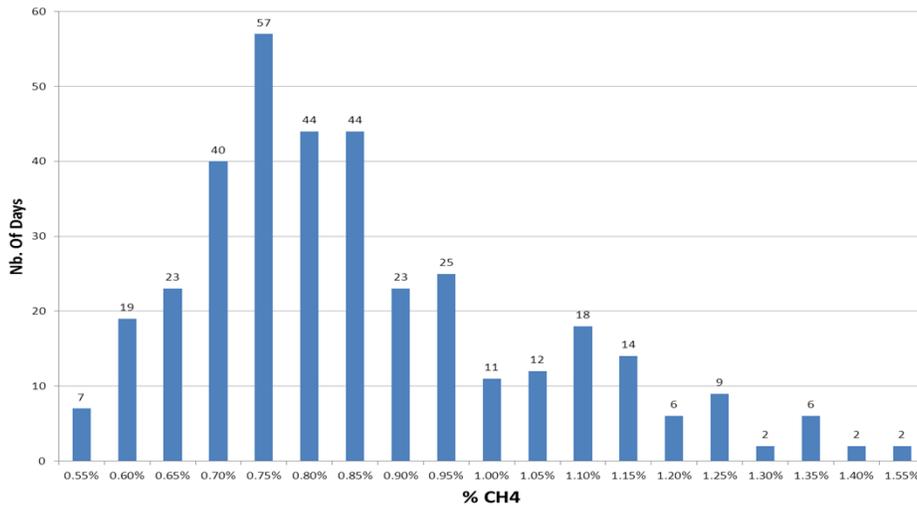
- **850 m³/min** capacity
(10% of available VAM flow)
- **13 m x 8 m** footprint
- **93 kW** dedicated fan
- Up to **98% destruction**
- **0.8% CH₄** average at fan

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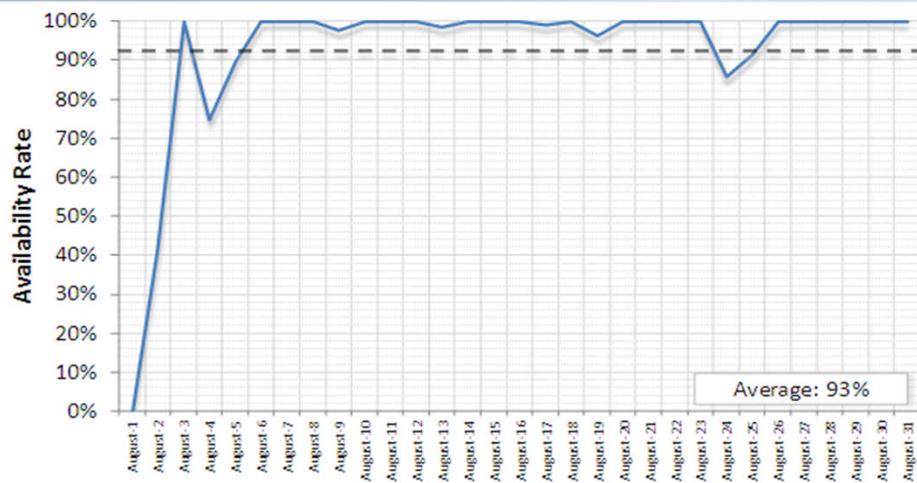


Mine Fan CH₄ Distribution (Year 2: March 2010-March 11)

Distribution of VAM CH₄ Level



VAMOX[®] Project at JWR 93% Uptime in August 2011





Achievements (As of August 31, 2011)

- Commissioned March 6, 2009
- **66,000 tCO₂e** since start of project
- 54,153 credits **verified by third-party**
- **88% availability**
- **17 344 hours**
- **Registered with California's**



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ACTION
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Future Systems

- **3,120 m³/min** capacity
- **Multiple units** in parallel
- Capture **>75 % + of mine fan airflow**
- \approx 36 m x 13 m footprint
- \approx 520 kW dedicated fan
- Thermal energy generation

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VAM PROJECT FEASIBILITY STUDY AT 3 UKRAINIAN COAL MINES

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Project 1 - Close up on VAM shaft



Project 1 - Technical details

Shaft Details

- Air Flow : average of 7,000 m³/min
- CH₄ concentration : 0.8 % (with CMM enrichment)

The VAM Project

- Install two (2) VAMOX® with total VAM capacity of 6 200 m³/min (85 % of total flow)
- Special considerations for dust
- Production of hot water for mine needs (80 °C)
- Total ERUs to be generated : up to 270 000 /Yr

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Study Financial Results

Key Results

- The ERU price should be greater than € 9 for the project to be profitable
- Post Kyoto framework should be defined for price stability
- VAM CH₄ concentration and unit availability rate (up-time) are the most important factors for achieving predicted profitability

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Framework for carbon credit generation in Ukraine

- Ukraine is eligible to generate carbon credits (ERUs) under Kyoto protocol JI mechanism **until 2012**
- Current price of ERUs: **€ 8-9/tCO₂e (Bluenext)**
- Potential post 2012 scenarios
 - Continuation of Kyoto Protocol JI mechanism post 2012
 - Recognition by EU ETS 2013-2020 of credits generated in Ukraine post 2012
 - No recognition of carbon credits generated in Ukraine post 2012



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Biothermica Business Approach in Ukraine

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Business Models

Shared Risks & Investment

- Biothermica **and mine** finance the project
- **Profits are shared** between the parties

No Risks For Mine

- Biothermica finances the project
- Biothermica pays a **royalty to mine**

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