

# Brandon Sodium Chlorate Plant PUB Presentation

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#### Who are we?



- Canexus is a Canadian chemical manufacturing and handling company serving customers for more than half a century. We pride ourselves on efficient low-cost operations, strategic growth, quality service and a commitment to <u>Responsible Care®</u> through safe, sustainable operating practices.
- The Brandon Sodium Chlorate Plant is the flagship of Canexus and is the largest, low cost sodium chlorate plant in North America.

### **Responsible Care**



#### **Our Values and Ethics**

Responsible Care® has been a cornerstone of our reputation since 1994 when we became one of the first chemical companies to be verified. We continue to be a leader and seek to improve in all areas of safety and environmental performance.

Responsible Care is the basis for the values and ethics under which we conduct our business.

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#### **Brandon Plant**





## **Our Community**

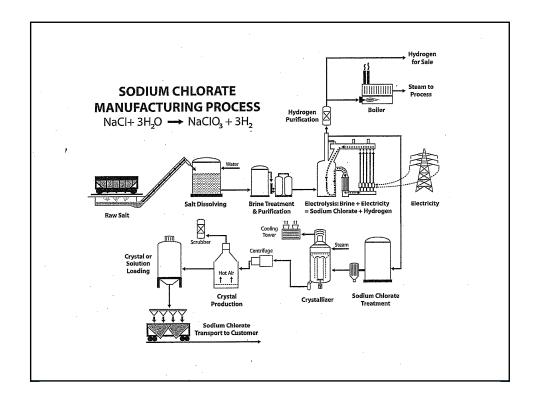


- Canexus continues to enjoy a strong relationship with the City of Brandon.
- \$7,400,000 employee payroll.
- Spending of over \$60,000,000 to Manitoba businesses for materials and services.
- Contribution of over \$2,000,000 in taxes.
- Donations and sponsorships of local organization in excess of \$150,000

#### **Our Business**



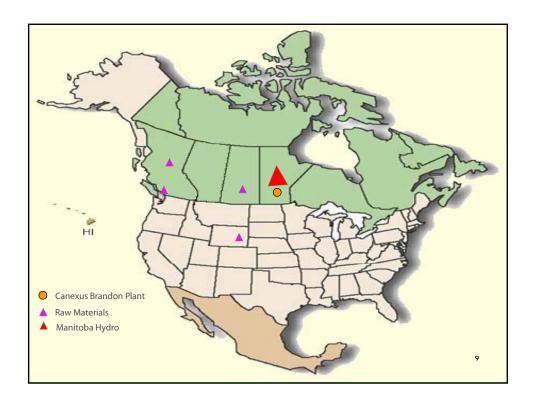
- Canexus, as well as all other Chlorate producers utilize an electrolytic process.
- Electricity accounts for approximately 65-70% of variable costs.
- Salt is the next most costly raw material and accounts for approximately 18% of our variable costs.
- The balance of our raw materials make up the remainder of the variable costs.



#### **Raw Materials**



- Salt Residue of the Potash Industry
  - Approx. 1800 railcars/year
- Caustic Manufactured at our Vancouver Facility
  - Approx. 160 railcars/year
- Chlorine Manufactured at our Vancouver Facility
  - Approx. 75 railcars/year
- Hydrogen Peroxide Manufactured in British Columbia
  - Approx. 45 trucks/year
- Soda Ash Manufactured in Wyoming
  - Approx. 20 trucks/year



# Transportation



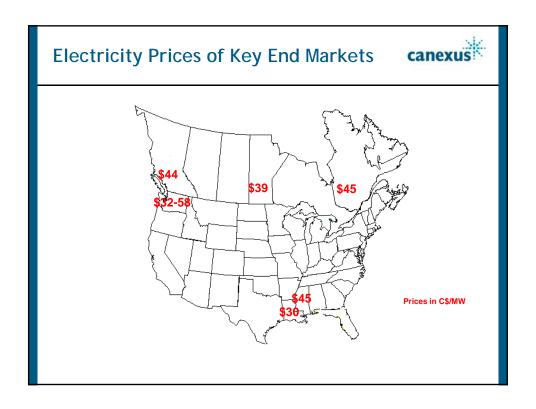
- All Brandon Chlorate product is shipped by rail
  - Approx. 3300 railcars/year
  - All product is shipped out of province.
  - 50% of our customers are an average of 3100 kms away.
- Salt supply is transported by rail from out of province.

Large distances to market create a significant disadvantage for us!

## Competitiveness



- Chlorate Competitiveness is determined by three key considerations:
  - Power price, stability and availability
  - Salt price and availability
  - Transportation to markets
- Of the three, power is the most important due to the large volumes required for electrolysis.
- In the past, decision making regarding investment and growth has been supported by Manitoba power pricing.



# Comparison



End Markets	Power Prices (C\$/MW)	Manitoba Power Price Advantage (+) / Disadvantage (-) (C\$/MT)	Manitoba Freight Disadvantage (C\$/MT)
Manitoba	39	n/a	n/a
Louisiana	30	- 48	-60
Georgia	45	32	-60
British Columbia	44	27	-50
Quebec	45	32	-50

# **Importance of Power Pricing**



- A 3.5% price increase is a \$2,000,000 increase to our annual cost.
- Annual price increase of 3.5% equates to over a \$24,000,000 cost over the next 5 years.
- Has a significant impact on decision making regarding future growth.

## **Partnerships**



- Canexus is one of Hydro's largest DSM customers:
  - Can supply Manitoba Hydro with 168 MW's of short notice curtailment
  - Canexus and Manitoba Hydro have worked well together to make this a win/win program for both parties.

# **Partnerships**



- Canexus has strong history of working closely and cocooperatively with Manitoba Hydro and values our positive relationship.
- Appreciate the opportunity to present our concerns in regards to changes to the rate structure.