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## The RNG Opportunity

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Verbio's RNG Innovation: A Technological Advantage

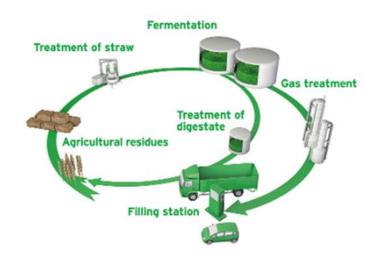
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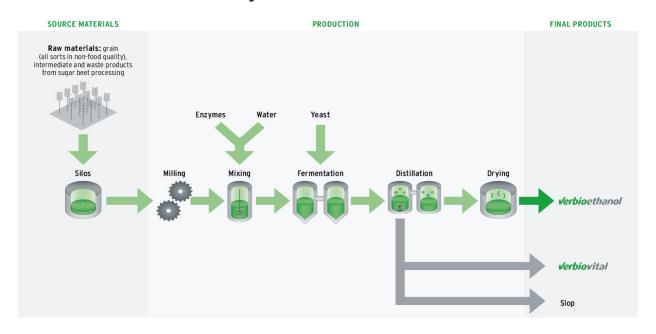
#### **Straw to RNG as Monofermentation**







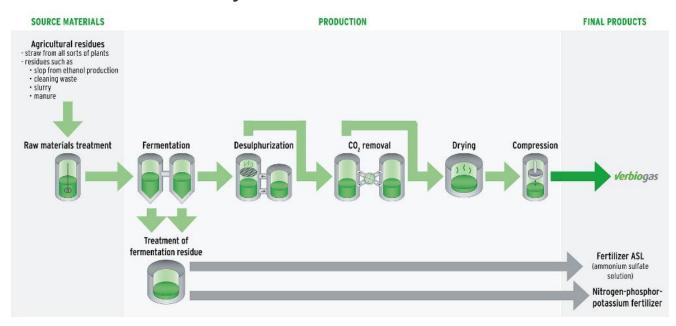
#### **Ethanol & RNG Biorefinery (I)**





## **RNG – Our Leading Technology (3)**

#### **Ethanol & RNG Biorefinery (II)**



## RNG – Our Leading Technology (4)

#### **Areas of our technology:**

- I. Raw material pretreatment
- II. Fermentation
- III. Gas Purification to RNG
- IV. Residual treatment

V. + for Straw & for Biorefinery / rawmaterial supply in our hands

Operation Excellence team is globally optimizing the supply chain

For example:

We have developed an APP to control & organize the full supply chain, from moisture measurement on the field over baler to transport and storage on satellites







#### We have all technology success factors in our hand:

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I. IP + R&D = Research and Development teams
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II. EPC = Engineering / Procurement & Construction teams

III. OE = Operational Excellence teams

IV. Plant = Plant teams

#### **Examples:**

✓ OE designs plant on latest developments & EPC builds it based on this design;

✓ global sourcing by own EPC (Vietnam/EU/India/China/US) & no third party EPC - 15 - 25 % of Capex

✓ Operational Excellence teams globally control & support our local plant teams.

✓ High speed identify & multiply best practice in our global plants lowest Opex

## **Our Competitive Advantage (2)**



#### Multiple feedstock:

- All straw types (all lignocellulose types)
- All animal waste streams (manure)
- All industrial waste streams consisting mainly of organic matter

#### We focus on industrial scale & industrial design:

- I. First plant 25 MW in 2011/12 (world largest plant at that time)
- II. 100 MW plant in Schwedt in 2020 (currently world largest RNG Plant)
- III. Next generation in US 200 MW plant / Start in 2026



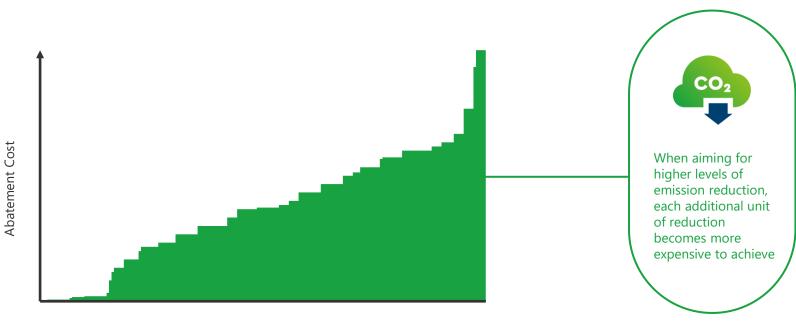
## **Mandated Markets and Regulatory Arbitrage**

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### **GHG Abatement Costs**





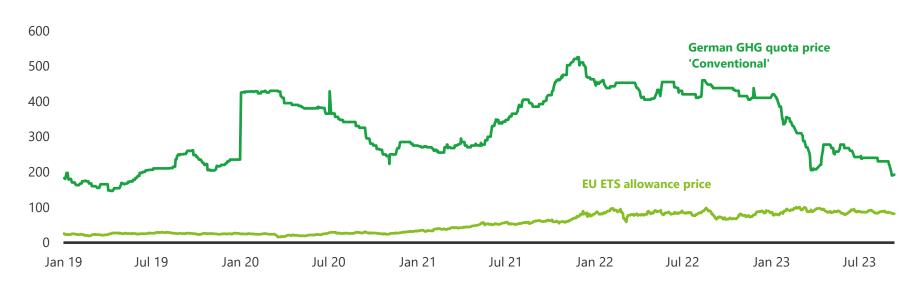
Source: Own Illustration

**GHG** Reduction Potential



## **German Regulatory Framework**

## Carbon Pricing in Different Sectors: EU Carbon Allowance vs. German GHG Quota Price in €/t CO₂-eq

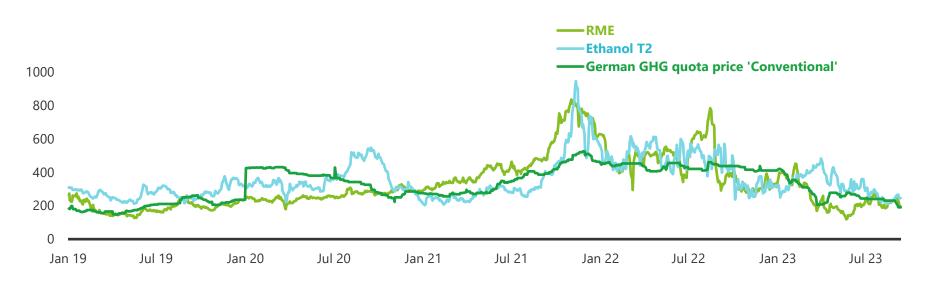


Source: SCB, Refinitiv



## **German Regulatory Framework**

## Carbon Pricing in Transport: GHG Reduction Costs of Biofuels vs. GHG Ticket Price in €/t CO<sub>2</sub>-eq



Source: SCB





#### **Feedstock Determines Value (CH**<sub>4</sub> ≠ CH<sub>4</sub>)



Fossil Natural Gas  $CH_4$  LNG/CNG



Corn
RNG
CH<sub>4</sub>
1. G Biofuel
Counted **1x** towards
GHG mandate



Straw/Stillage RNG CH<sub>4</sub> 2. G Biofuel Counted **2x** towards GHG mandate

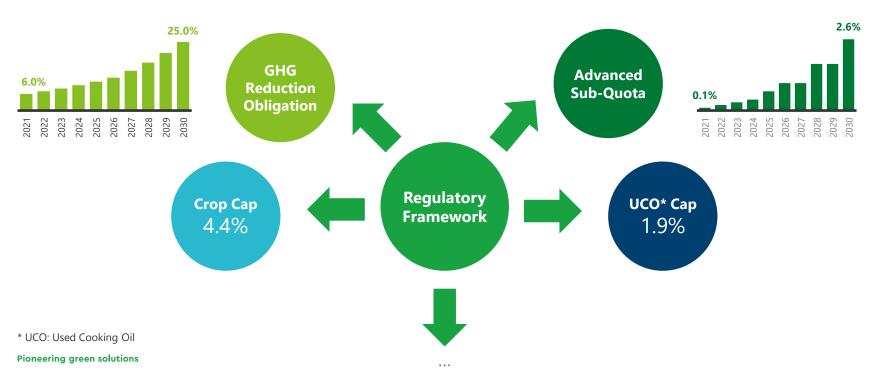


Electricity + CO<sub>2</sub>
RNG
CH<sub>4</sub>
SynGas
Counted **2x** towards
GHG mandate



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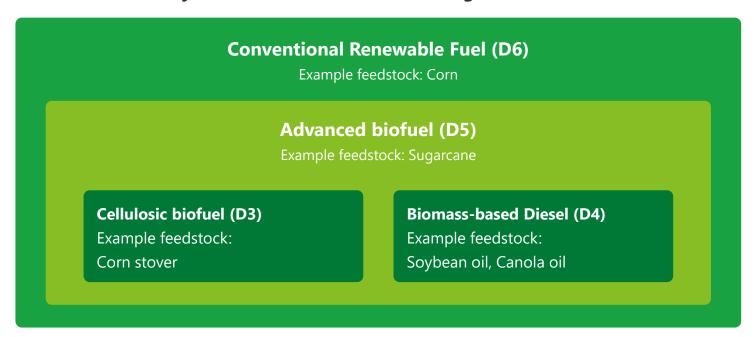
#### Competitive Advantage of Verbio's Broad Product Portfolio in GHG Mandate World







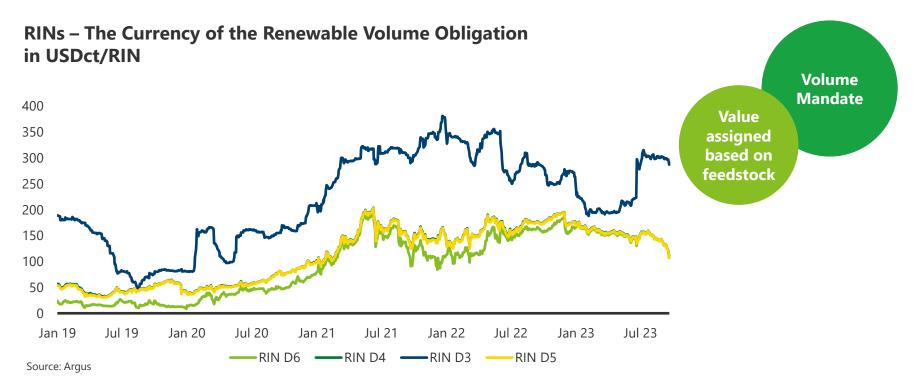
#### RINs – The Currency of the Renewable Volume Obligation



Source: EPA

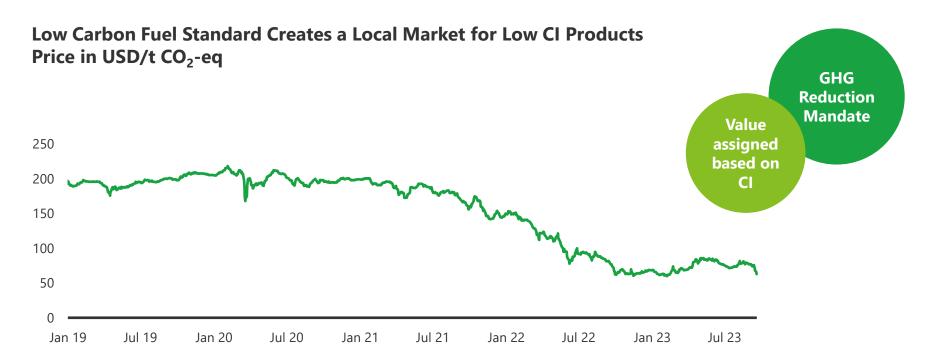
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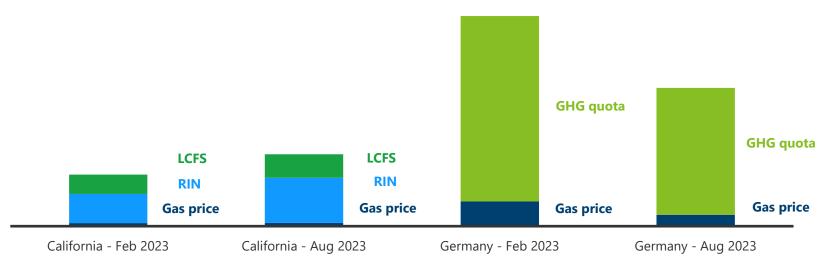


Source: OPIS

## **Regulatory Arbitrage**



## Illustrative Value Components of RNG in Different Markets at Different Times in USD/MMBtu



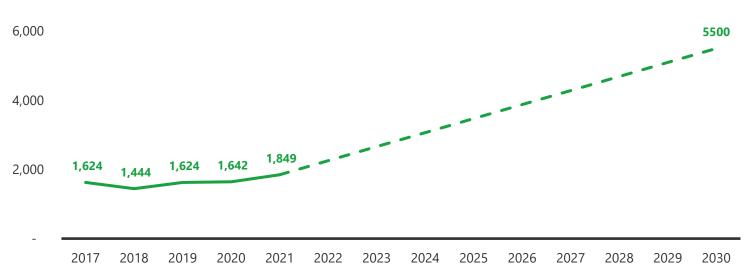
Source: Own calculation based on Refinitiv, Argus, OPIS and default emission/ CI manure gas of -100 gCO<sub>2</sub>/GJ (GE) and -150 gCO<sub>2</sub>/GJ (CA);

Conversion: 1 USD/MMBTU = 3,4 USD/MWh

## **RNG Demand in German Transport**



#### RNG Demand Projected to Grow until 2030 in GWh

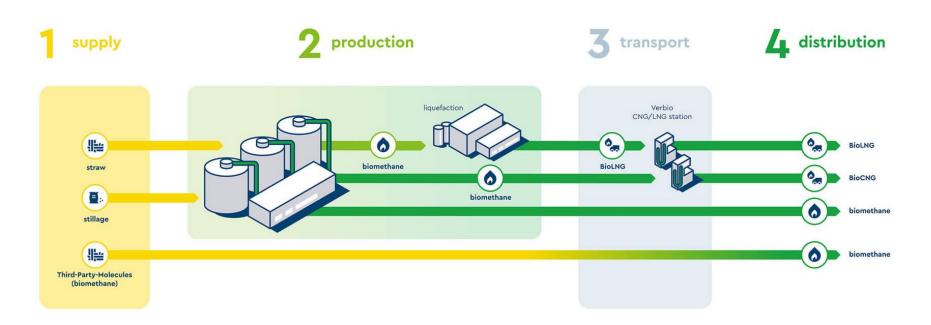


Source: AGEB (2017-2021), VERBIO forecast (2030)



## **Bio-CNG/ LNG in Germany**

#### **Positioning Verbio along the RNG Value Chain**





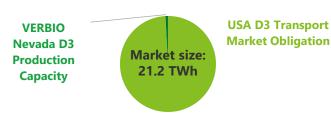
**Voluntary Market in North America**Market Size and Growth Projection

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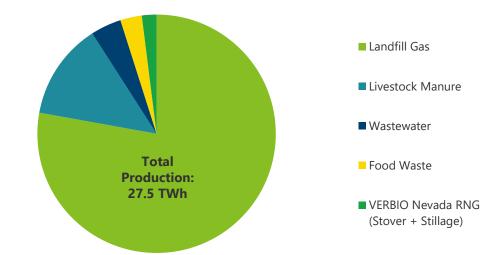


#### **Current Market Size US: Ample Growth Opportunities for Verbio**

#### **US D3 RIN Obligated Transport Market**



#### **RNG Production by Feedstock in TWh**



#### **NA RNG Voluntary Market**



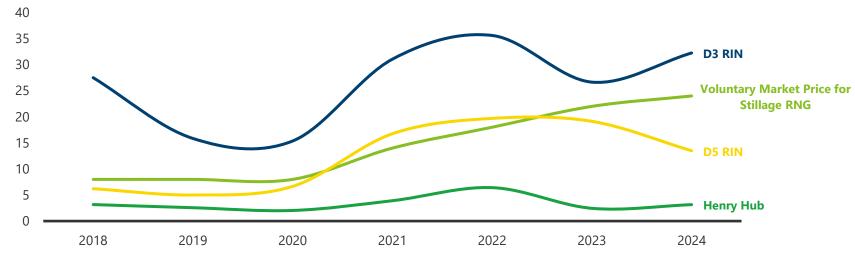
NA Current Estimated Voluntary Market Consumption

Source: Verbio Analysis, EPA



#### **RNG Demand Projected to Grow until 2030 in GWh**

Voluntary Price (USD/MMBtu) Against Henry Hub and RINs is Growing

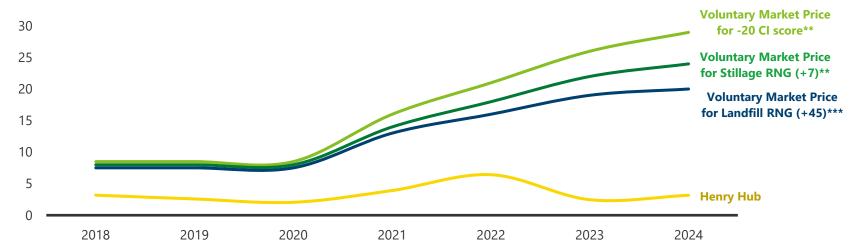


Source: Verbio Analysis // Conversion: 1 US\$/MMBTU = 3,4 US\$/MWh)



#### **Voluntary RNG price based on Carbon Intensity** (RED II methodology)

Voluntary Price is Growing and Diverging based on Carbon Intensity Score\*

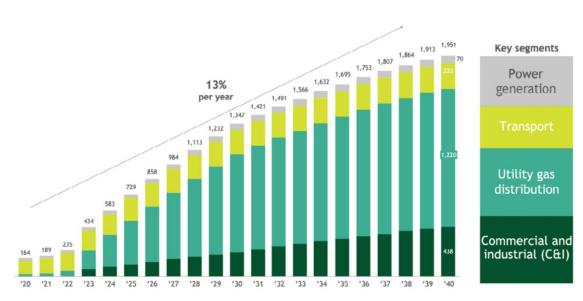


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<sup>\*</sup>Carbon Intensity Score is a function of Feedstock; \*\*Scores based on ISCC/ REDII methodology as this is becoming standard methodology even in NA voluntary markets; \*\*\* Landfill gas based in CARB standard value as no value under RED II



#### **Future Market Size, KMMBTU/d (includes IRA)**



2023: 434 kMMBTU/d = 46,4 TWh p.a.\* 2040: 1,951 kMMBTU/d = 208,6 TWh p.a.

Source: BCG, June 2023; \*more ambitious than Verbio Analysis with 35,7 TWh p.a. (see Slide 24)



#### **Growth Drivers for Voluntary RNG**

- Corporate sustainability goals / ESG targets best avenue for decarbonizing thermal demand and difficult industries (e.g. steel)
- Government, non-profit, and university sustainability goals
   / ESG targets same as corporates but can be less cost sensitive
- Use as a low-CI feedstock for producing others renewable products (e.g. SAF, methanol, fertilizers, plastics)
- Public gas utility targets or government mandates for sourcing and blending RNG into overall supply portfolio

- Matching RNG Supply with LNG Export Capacity to open new markets for RLNG
- The increasing value of biogenic CO2 is increasing demand; it is a byproduct of RNG production
- Bio-Hydrogen production from RNG



#### **Verbio's competitive advantage with biorefinery concept:**

Ethanol plus stillage gas

Ethanol Ebitda Margins - \$/gallon), avg per year	2	018	2019	2020		2021		2022	202	3 ytd
Average Iowa Plant with DDGS	\$ (0,	04)	\$ (0,01)	\$ 0,01	\$	0,20	\$	0,04	\$	0,13
Verbio Nevada Plant with RNG to D5	\$ (0,	01)	\$ 0,03	\$ 0,06	\$	0,54	\$	0,43	\$	0,36
Verbio Nevada Plant with RNG to Voluntary Markets	\$ 0,	18	\$ 0,17	\$ 0,12	\$	0,51	\$	0,43	\$	0,55
Ethanol Ebitda Margins - \$/mt, avg per year	20	018	2019	2020		2021		2022	202	3 ytd
Average Iowa Plant with DDGS	\$ (13,	32)	\$ (3,33)	\$ 3,33	\$	66,60	\$	13,32	\$	43,29
Verbio Nevada Plant with RNG to D5	\$ (3,	33)	\$ 9,99	\$ 19,98	\$ :	179,82	\$1	143,19	\$1	.19,88
Verbio Nevada Plant with RNG to Voluntary Markets	\$ 59,	28	\$ 56,94	\$ 40,14	\$:	169,16	\$1	144,35	\$1	.81,68

Source: Verbio analysis



## **Status IRA**Opportunities and Challenges

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## **Status Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)**



#### **IRA Provisions relevant for Verbio**

#### **Section 48: Investment Tax Credit (ITC)**

- Maximum credit equal to 50% of "qualified biogas property" expenditures
- Relevant for Verbio are 30% subject to meeting apprenticeship and prevailing wage requirements
- Nevada Phase 2 (Stillage gas) are exempt from above requirements (in 2023 finished)
- Construction must have began before the end of 2024
- Tax credit is not paid directly, but can be either used or creates a tax loss carry forward

#### Section 45 Q: Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) Credit

- The credit is available for a 12-year period starting when the equipment is placed in service.
- \$85/MT for CO2 captured and sequestered
- \$60/MT (from \$35) for CO2 captured and used in a permissible way
- The 45Q is fully refundable (direct pay in cash) to the taxpayer
- Apprenticeship and prevailing wage requirements apply

#### Section 45Z: Clean Fuel Production Credit (CFPC)

- Production Tax Credit for low-emissions fuels between 2025 and 2027
- Up to 1 \$/gal (or 1,75 for aviation fuels) multiplied with an emission factor
- Factor is 0%, if emissions equal or greater to 50 kg CO2 / MMBTU (approx. 47 grCO2/MJ)
- Apprenticeship and prevailing wage requirements apply after 2025
- Tax credit is not paid directly, but can be either used or creates a tax loss carry forward
- Not to be combined with 450

#### Section 45V: Clean Hydrogen Production Tax Credit

- 10-year production tax credit is available for the production of clean H2
- Construction needs to start until end 2032
- 3 \$/kg H2 multiplied by a percentage, which is 100%, if GHG emissions less than 0,45 kg CO2 / kg of H2
- · Credit is inflation adjusted
- PTC is directly paid in cash for first 5 years and can be combined with 45Q

## **IRA – Opportunities & Challenges**



#### **Completed Investments**

- Nevada Phase 2 (stillage gas) can apply for the ITC (30%) without being bound to other requirements
- We estimate the ITC to come in a range from 25-30 mln US\$
- The ITC generates either a tax loss carry forward, tax reductions or can be sold at about 90% of its value

#### **New Investments**

- The ITC remains an estimation because the IRS guidelines have not yet been published (what is eligible?)
- 45Z / 45V require a GHG-savings-calculation but methods and guidelines are equally missing
- New investment do require payment of prevailing wages and an accepted apprenticeship program for Verbio and also for sub-contractor and subsubcontractors (guidelines are missing)
- If one of the requirements is not met, the ITC reduces to 6%

#### **Presenters**



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