



The **Biorenewable Insights (BI)** program provides in-depth evaluations and reliable data on the technology, cost competitiveness and business developments of biorenewable feedstocks, chemicals, polymers, and fuels.

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## Biorenewable Insights

**BI** was created in response to the increasing activity in this industry segment in recent years, including entrances and exits of players, emergence and commercialization of new technologies, feedstocks, product types, as well as growing interest from companies in the energy, chemical, agricultural, forestry, financial and other sectors. The comprehensive studies include detailed technology analyses, process economics, capacity analysis, as well as evaluations of impacts on the existing industry and industry trends.

### BI Program Scope

BI issues ten reports per program year, including reports on biofeedstocks, biopolymers, biofuels, biobased chemical intermediates, and conversion technologies.

BI reports involve detailed reviews of the available literature (patents, scientific and trade journals, etc.), as well as extensive liaison with industry (technology licensors, producers, developers), and NexantECA know-how. Reports cover:

- Trends in renewable chemicals and fuels technologies
- Strategy/business overview
- Process Technology
  - Chemistry
  - Process flow diagrams and descriptions of established conventional and new/emerging processes
  - Company profiles of key developers
- Process economics – comparative cost of production estimates for different technologies/process routes across different geographic regions.
- Capacity analysis including project capacities as announced, project-by-project analysis, and risk-adjusted project capacities
- Impacts on the existing industry, as well as strategic and technical implications. These include upstream and downstream implications, scales and market sizes, and discussions about the cost, price, margins, and return



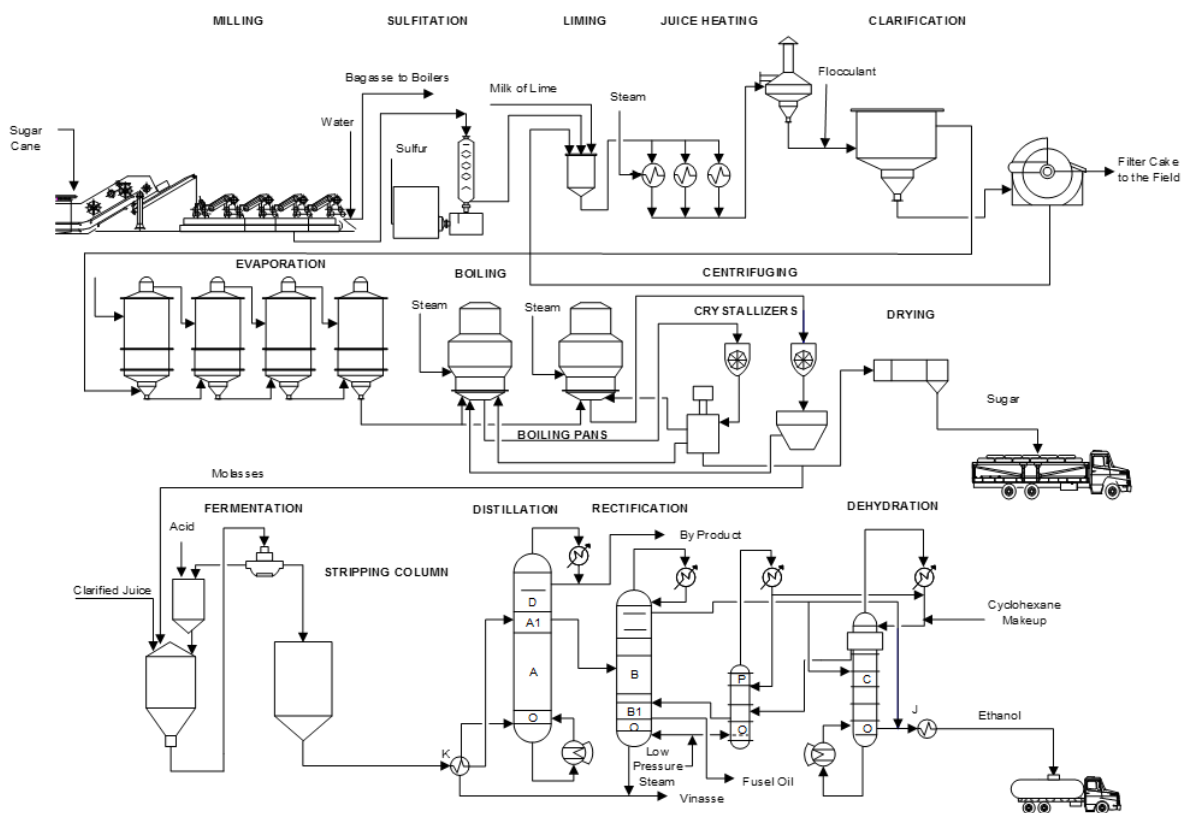
## Biorenewable Insights

The BI program is committed to delivering reliable and commercially grounded analysis.

A typical BI report includes an introduction, where an overview of the business is given and a summary of the key drivers and industry trends. Most BI reports also give an overview of strategic considerations from the perspective of a new entrant to the business.

The core of a BI report is focused on discussion of the chemistry, process design and economics of developing/emerging biorenewable technologies compared with the commercially dominant (usually petrochemical) technologies against which they will compete; coupled with an overview of impacts on the existing industry and analysis of planned and existing capacity.

### Sample Process Flow Diagram



## Process Economics

In close liaison with the industry (producers, licensors, developers), NexantECA know-how/industry experience, review and analysis of the available literature (e.g., patents, scientific journals), as well as product specifications, NexantECA develops reliable and dependable assessments of the process economics for commercially established and pertinent emerging/developing biorenewable technologies.

BI Reports provide multi-regional cost of production estimates in metric units. Main regions of focus, based upon relevant activity, generally include:

- North America (with special focus on the US)
- South America (with special focus on Brazil)
- Asia (with special focus on China)
- Western Europe



## Biorenewable Insights

### Sample Cost of Production Table

				CAPITAL COST		MILLION U.S. \$			
Plant Start-up	2014Q3			ISBL		77.3			
Analysis Date	2014Q3			OSBL		80.6			
Location	Midwest US			<b>Total Plant Capital</b>		<b>157.9</b>			
Capacity	300.4 Thousand Tons/Yr			Other Project Costs		55.3			
	100.0 Million Gallons/Yr			<b>Total Project Investment</b>		<b>213.2</b>			
Operating Rate	100 Percent			Working Capital		22.1			
Throughput	300.4 Thousand Tons/Yr			<b>Total Capital Employed</b>		<b>235.3</b>			
				UNITS	PRICE	ANNUAL			
				Per Ton	U.S. \$	U.S. \$	COST U.S.\$	U.S. \$	U.S. \$
				Product	/Unit	Per Ton	millions	Per Gal	Per Liter
<b>PRODUCTION COST SUMMARY</b>									
<b>RAW MATERIALS</b>	Corn, No. 2 Yellow Dent, 15% Moisture	Bushel		119.000	3.46	412.14	123.81		
	Catalysts & Chemicals			1.000	45.82	45.82	13.77		
				<b>TOTAL RAW MATERIALS</b>		<b>457.96</b>	<b>137.57</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>0.36</b>
<b>BYPRODUCT CREDITS</b>	DDGS	ton		0.920	111.00	-102.15	-30.68		
	Distiller's Corn Oil	ton		0.043	750.00	-32.39	-9.73		
				<b>TOTAL BYPRODUCT CREDITS</b>		<b>-134.53</b>	<b>-40.41</b>	<b>-0.40</b>	<b>-0.11</b>
	<b>NET RAW MATERIALS</b>					<b>323.43</b>	<b>97.16</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>0.26</b>
<b>UTILITIES</b>	Power	MWh		0.348	53.62	18.66	5.61		
	Process Water	ton		4.440	0.33	1.47	0.44		
	Natural Gas	MMBtu		8.255	4.02	33.17	9.97		
	<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>					<b>53.30</b>	<b>16.01</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.04</b>
	<b>NET RAW MATERIALS &amp; UTILITIES</b>					<b>376.73</b>	<b>113.17</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>0.30</b>
	<b>VARIABLE COST</b>					<b>376.73</b>	<b>113.17</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>0.30</b>
<b>DIRECT FIXED COSTS</b>	Labor	30 employees		54.04 Thousand	U.S. \$	5.40	1.62		
	Foremen	4 employees		61.34 Thousand	U.S. \$	0.82	0.25		
	Supervisor	1 employees		74.02 Thousand	U.S. \$	0.25	0.07		
	Maintenance, Material & Labor			4 % of ISBL		10.30	3.09		
	Direct Overhead			45 % Labor & Supervision		2.91	0.87		
	<b>TOTAL DIRECT FIXED COSTS</b>					<b>19.67</b>	<b>5.91</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.02</b>
<b>ALLOCATED FIXED COSTS</b>	General Plant Overhead			60 % Labor & Maintenance		10.06	3.02		
	Insurance & Property Tax			1 % Total Plant Capital		5.26	1.58		
	<b>TOTAL ALLOCATED FIXED COSTS</b>					<b>15.31</b>	<b>4.60</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.01</b>
	<b>TOTAL CASH COST</b>					<b>411.71</b>	<b>123.68</b>	<b>1.24</b>	<b>0.33</b>
	Depreciation @	10 % for ISBL & OPC			5 % for OSBL	57.55	17.29	0.17	0.05
	<b>COST OF PRODUCTION</b>					<b>469.26</b>	<b>140.97</b>	<b>1.41</b>	<b>0.37</b>
	Return on Capital Employed (Incl. WC) @			10 Percent		70.96	21.32	0.21	0.06
	<b>COST OF PRODUCTION + ROCE</b>					<b>540.22</b>	<b>162.28</b>	<b>1.62</b>	<b>0.43</b>

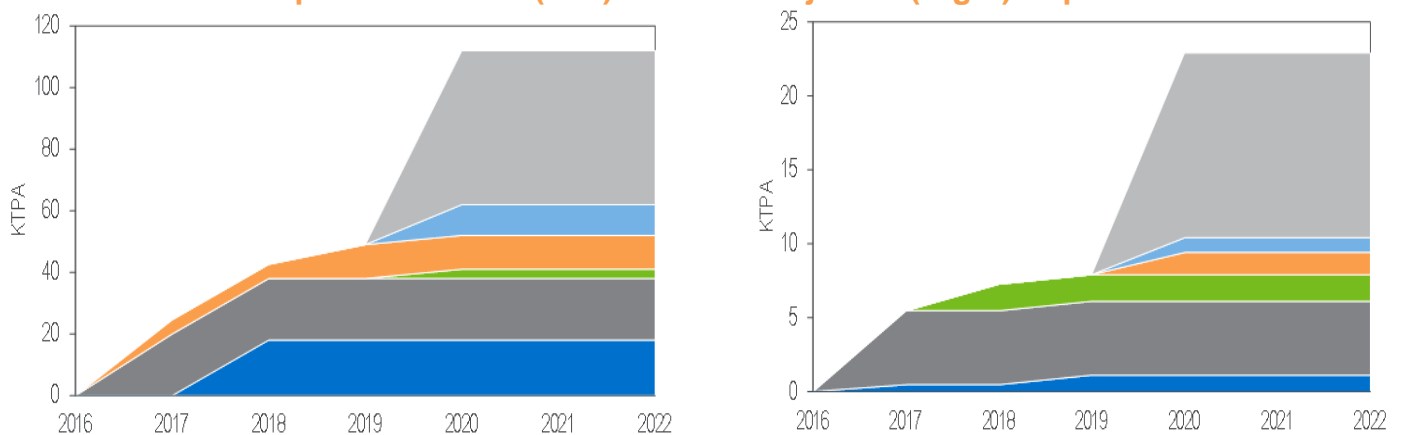


## Biorenewable Insights

### Capacity Analysis

Each BI report also contains an analysis of existing, announced, and a risk adjusted capacity listing. Detailed plant capacity tables are provided detailing owning company, location, feedstock and nameplate capacities for all plants in the regions analyzed. On a project by project basis NexantECA scores announced capacities in a number of categories including partnerships, funding, technical complexity, and construction status—and then discounts lower scoring projects based upon this analysis.

Sample Announced (Left) and Risk Adjusted (Right) Capacities



### Why Subscribe?

Clients can benefit from these analyses and insights in several ways:

- Realistic, commercially-oriented evaluations of biorenewable technologies and economics
- Independent comparison of various processes and competitiveness among the options
- Understanding obstacles or advantages of a particular technology or technology type
- Determination of potential impact of new technology and business opportunities on conventional industry and societal practices

### A Subscription to BI includes:

- PDF reports including detailed technology analyses, process economics, as well as capacity analysis and industry trends.
- Support from our industry experts

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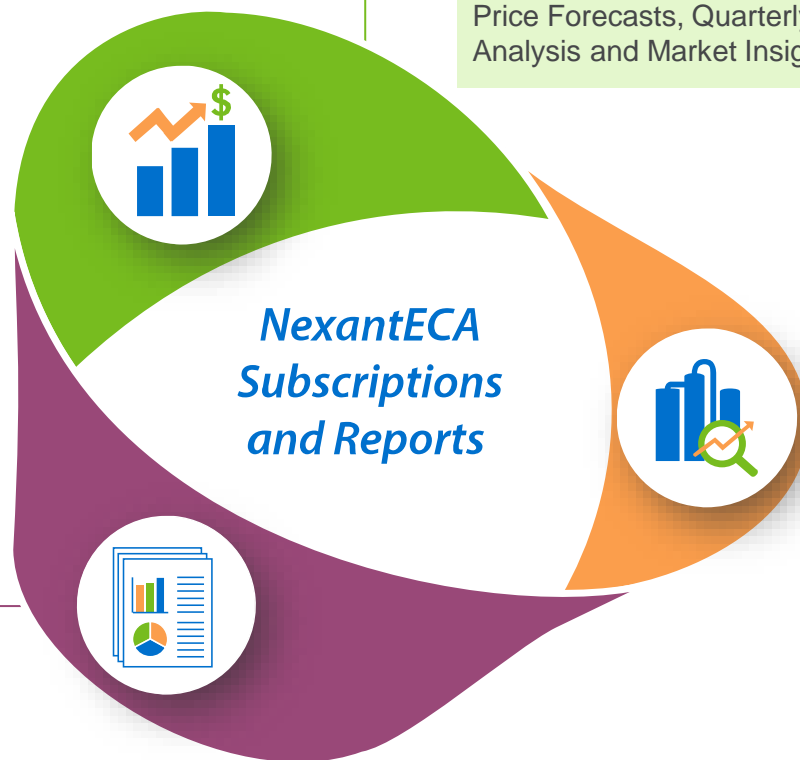
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### Technology and Costs

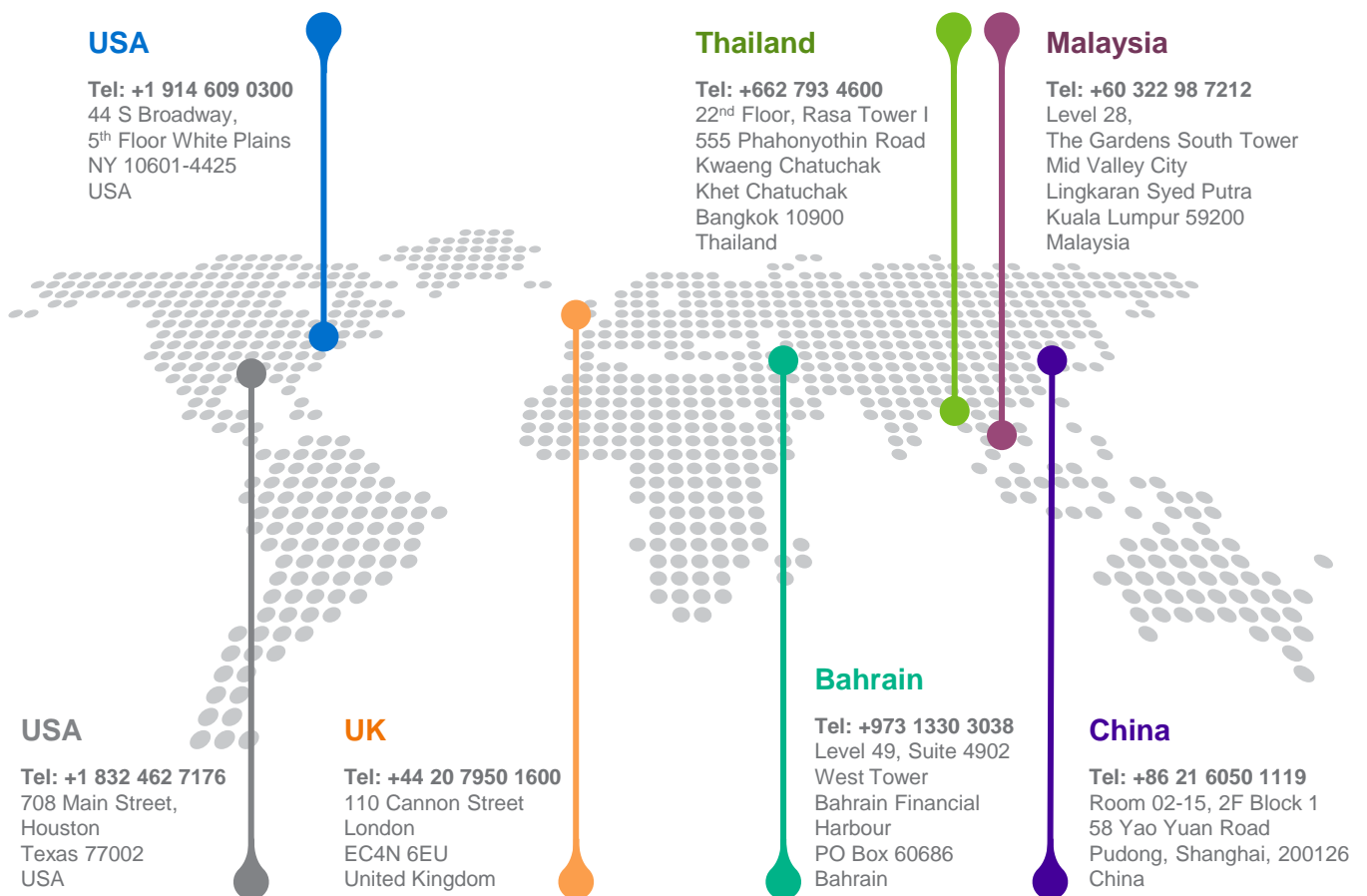
The **Technology and Costs** programs examine the impact of new, emerging and improved industrial technologies on the comparative economics of different process routes in various geographic regions, as well as the cost competitiveness of individual production plants.

The Technology and Costs programs include:

- Technoeconomics – Energy and Chemicals (TECH)
- Biorenewable Insights (BI)
- Cost Curves.



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