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#### GreenWood Renewable Energy Opportunities for Short Rotation Woody Crops



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#### About GreenWood Resources Global Investment and Asset Management Company for Plantation Forestry

- Founded in 1998 and "dedicated to the innovative development and management of sustainable short rotation high yield tree farms and their products".
- Employs approximately 70 professionals and office staff.
- US \$410 million under management; Organizing \$500 million global tree farm fund-GreenWood Global Tree Farm Fund (GGTFF).
- Vertically integrated company executing on a global platform.









### Short Rotation Woody Crop (SRWC) Management









Product	Sawlog	Pulp	<b>Bio-energy</b>
Tree per acre	160-220	400-600	1200-2400
Rotation (yrs)	12-15	6-8	2-5
Regeneration	Nursery Cutting	Nursery Cutting	Coppice
Harvest Technology	Feller-buncher	Feller-buncher	Forage Harvester



#### R&D Focus: Bio-energy Feedstock Yields and Production Efficiencies









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### Wood Traits for Energy Production





#### **Direct Combustion**

- High specific gravity
- High calorific value
- High lignin & extractives contents

#### **Conversion into Biofuel**

- High C6 sugar content (glucose, galactose, and mannose)
- Low extractives and ash content
- High S/G lignin ratios



### Evaluation Criteria – Wood Quality





Specific gravity: .265 to .373

Lignin: 21.9 to 26.0 percent

**<u>Glucan</u>**: 41.1 to 48.0 percent

S/G Lignin Ratio: 1.1 to 2.5

Fiber wall thickness: 5.1 to 7.2 µm

Microfibril angle: 9 to 21 degrees



### Select US GWR Bio-energy Trials











### Near Infrared Spectroscopy: Rapid **Assessment of Chemical Properties**

Develop near infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) models for predicting:

Arabinan 1% • Specific gravity and calorific value Mannan 2% Extractives 3% Chemical composition Xylan 15% Lignin 26%

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# Principle of NIR Modeling









#### Validation





Driving Economics with Focused R&D: Varietal Selection for Increased Glucose

#### Impacts of Higher Glucose Content

•Drives revenue on a per ton basis

•In combination with projected yields will have a material impact on investment returns

•Potentially lower conversion costs for the end user



% Glucose Increase







#### Increasing Water Use Efficiency- Breeding Poplar Genetics from Inner Mongolia

**Populus simonii** was indentified during an acquisition due diligence project in Inner Mongolia.

Varietal offspring screened for the ratio of C12 and C13 isotopes to determine water use efficiency.

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Site Adaptability-Feedstock Sustainability









# **Case NewHolland Harvester Trials**



•Timing of harvest: copppice response, moisture & chemical content

•Chip quality: reducing dirt content is key for bio-energy and biofuel converters











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