





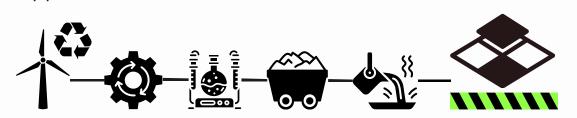
Microwave-Assisted Green Solvolysis of Wind Turbine Blades for Upcycling into Photoluminescent Safety Tiles

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Concept

Microwave-assisted green solvolysis is used to break down the thermoset matrix of end-of-life wind turbine blades. This method enables the recovery of glass fibers for upcycling into valuable safety products.



End-of-Life Blades

Green Solvolysis

Drinking Water

Storage

Air Buffer

Drying

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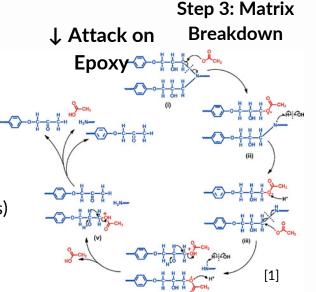
High-Value Safety Products

Reaction

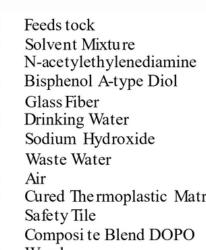
Step 1: Reagent Formation $H_2O_2 + CH_3COOH \rightleftharpoons CH_3COOOH$ ^[1] (Peracetic Acid)

Step 2: Radical Generation CH₃COOOH → •OH + CH₃COO• (Peracetic Acid → Hydroxyl & Acyloxy Radicals)

> 90 °C 11 TEMPERATURE



Process

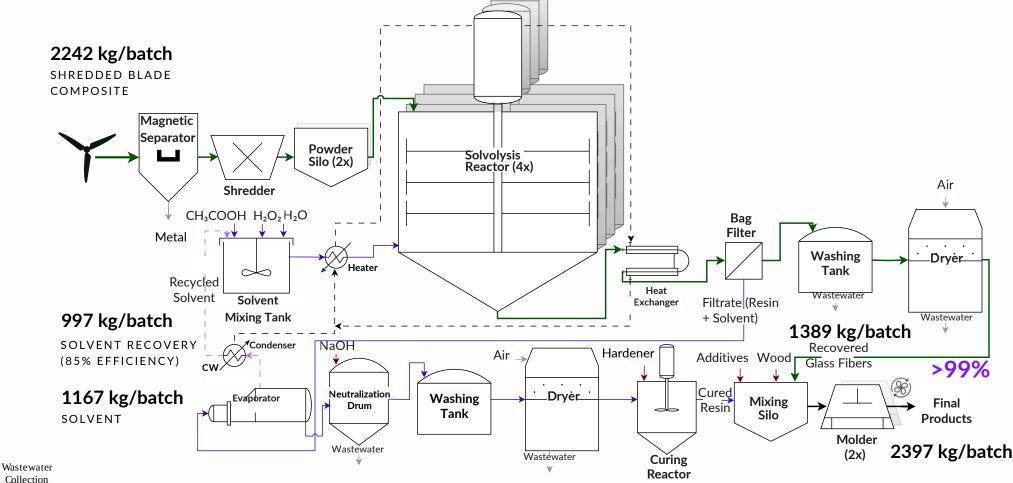


Cured Thermoplastic Matrix

Wood

Sodium Hydroxide

Magnetic Batch Reactor



4745 tonnes

ANNUAL PRODUCT OUTPUT

4438 tonnes GFRP ANNUAL FEEDSTOCK

Photoluminescent Safety Tiles

• Fire-rated [2]

• Glow-in-the-dark pigment [3]

• Flame retardants [2]

• UV and thermal stabilizers [4, 5, 6]

Rubber Floor Blocks

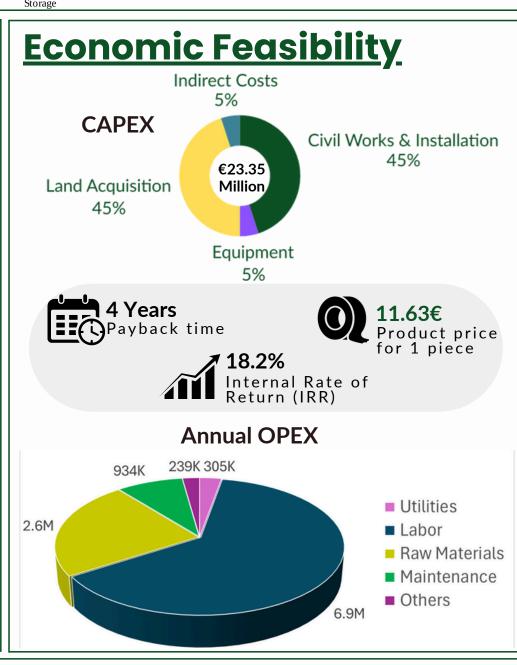
Slip-resistant

Made with recovered fibers and wood fillers

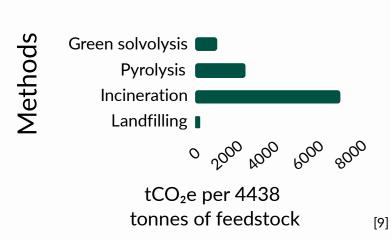
• Excellent load-bearing and weather resistance

60% recycled glass fiber content

Market & Application REGIONAL MARKET REACH % 50 40 N. Germany 30 20 10 Scandinavia **LOGISTICAL ADVANTAGE** Deep-Water^l Port Access FEEDSTOCK ACCESS >110 kt ANNUAL EOL BLADE MATERIAL



Environmental <u>Impact</u> Solvent Biodegradable Powered by and recyclable renewables **Greenhouse Gas Emissions** Green solvolysis



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