



# GRASSOLINE

**FAST GROWING GRASS FOR CELLULOSIC BIOFUELS  
AND ANIMAL FEED**

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# Company Background

- VIASPACE founded 1998 as spin-off from Caltech/NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- Became public company in 2005
- Traded on the U.S. OTC bulletin board with stock symbol VSPC

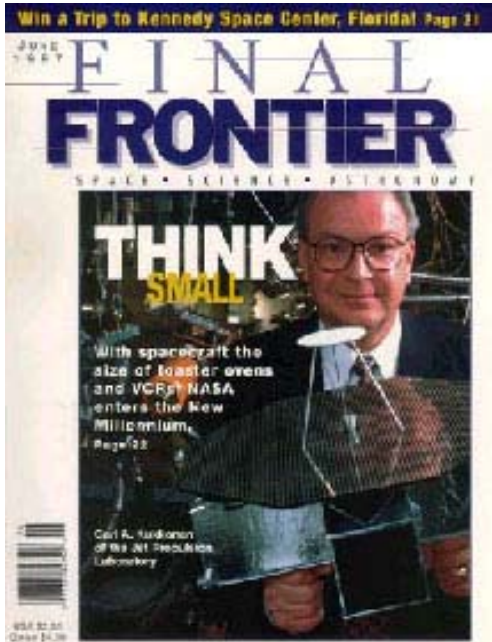
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# VIASPACE

## An Alternative Energy Company

- Renewable Energy—Giant King Grass
  - Feedstock for cellulosic, low-carbon liquid biofuels such as ethanol
  - Replacement for coal in electricity generating power plants
- Clean Energy—Fuel Cell Cartridges
  - Disposable methanol fuel cartridges for fuel cell powered portable electronics such as notebook computers and mobile phones

# CEO Background



Kukkonen with Al Gore

## Dr. Carl Kukkonen

- 2005 – present**      **VIASPACE Inc. CEO**
  - Publicly traded on the OTC BB symbol VSPC
- 1998-2005**      **ViaSpace Technologies (incubator)**
  - Founded and led 7 startup companies
- 1984-1998**      **NASA/Caltech Jet Propulsion Laboratory**
  - Director, Center for Space Microelectronics & Manager of Supercomputing
  - Led staff of 250 with annual budget of \$70M
  - On review boards of 14 leading universities
- 1977-1984**      **Ford Motor Company,**
  - Principal Research Scientist and Engineer
  - Ford's expert on hydrogen as an alternative motor fuel
  - Developed new direct injection diesel engine
- 1975-1977**      **Purdue University**
  - Postdoctoral Research Fellow
- 1975**      **Cornell University**
  - PhD, Physics

# Renewable Low-Carbon Energy: Grassoline

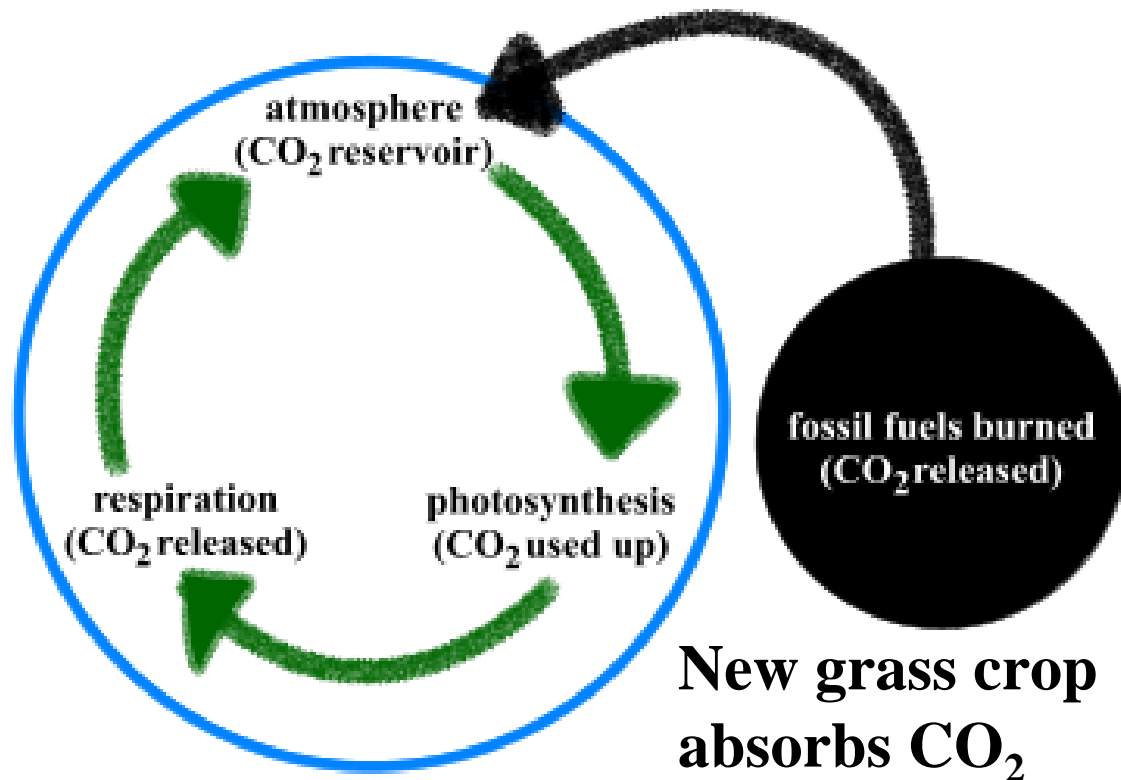
- Grassoline is a term for renewable, low-carbon liquid fuel made from grass
- Grassoline and other cellulosic biofuels do not use food crops such as corn for production
  - Does not cause high food prices and resulting world hunger
  - Cellulosic ethanol is a form of grassoline
- Grassoline emits carbon dioxide when it is burned, but the next grass crop 60 days later absorbs the carbon dioxide—a green alternative to oil and gas

# Grassoline Can Be Carbon Neutral

Burning  
grassoline  
releases CO<sub>2</sub>

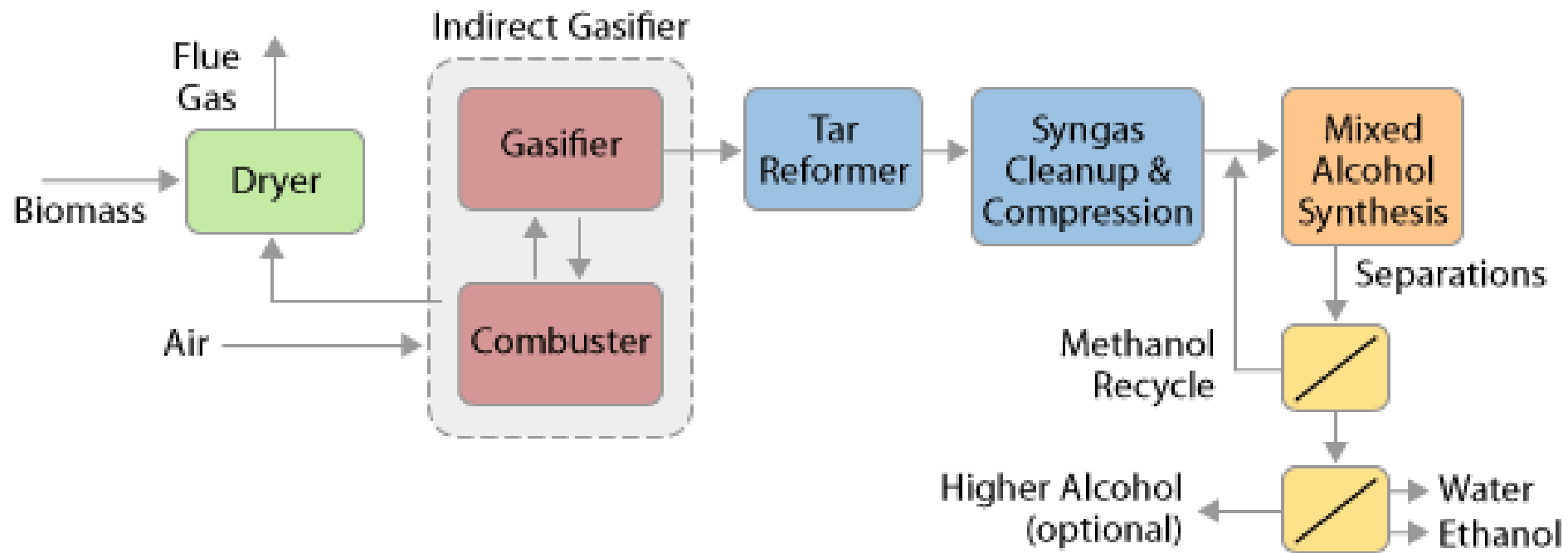
## The Carbon Cycle

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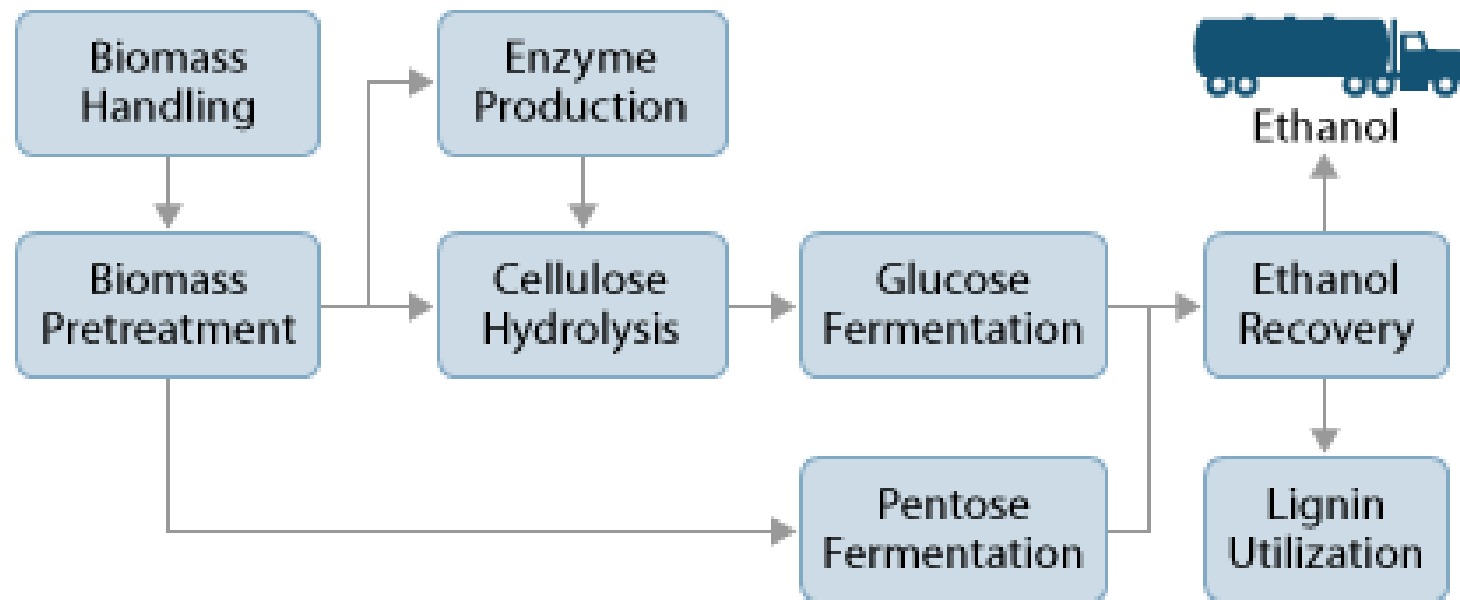
# Grass to Ethanol, Methanol & Green Gasoline by Gasification

## Schematic of a Thermochemical Cellulosic Ethanol Production Process



# Grass to Ethanol by Enzyme Fermentation

## Schematic of a Biochemical Cellulosic Ethanol Production Process





# Grass in a Coal-Fired Power Plant

- Substitute grass bricks/pellets for 10-30% of coal in existing power or heat plant (co-firing)
  - Co-firing grass with coal is cost-effective and fastest way to use bioenergy on a large scale
  - Use existing power plant with minor modifications
- FirstEnergy plans to convert a coal power plant in Ohio , USA to 100% biomass
- Dragon Power Cleantech & NBE have nineteen 100% biomass fueled power plants in China
  - Significant government incentives for biomass
  - Currently use agricultural waste as feedstock, but need dedicated energy crops such as grass
- Biomass power plants are a major opportunity in China

# Renewable Energy Feedstock: Giant King Grass

Fast-growing natural hybrid grass suitable for cellulosic low carbon biofuels including ethanol, methanol and green gasoline

Four harvests per year in tropical and subtropical regions

- Grows to 4m high in 60 days
- Up to 350 tonnes per hectare

Developed originally as animal feed



# Advantages of Giant King Grass

- Supports national priorities in China
  - Alternative renewable energy
  - Agriculture to feed population
  - Cleaner environment with low-carbon emissions
- Fast growth produces much higher crop yields per hectare of land
  - Land can support both food and fuel
  - Higher productivity than switchgrass or miscanthus
- Can be used as feedstock for liquid grassoline for transportation, replacement for coal in electricity generation, and as animal feed

# Giant King Grass





# Giant King Grass: Update

- 1.2 million seedlings planted in China
- Land leased in Guangdong Province, China
- Additional planting underway
- Discussions to grow grass in other regions and countries
  - Tropical or subtropical with water availability





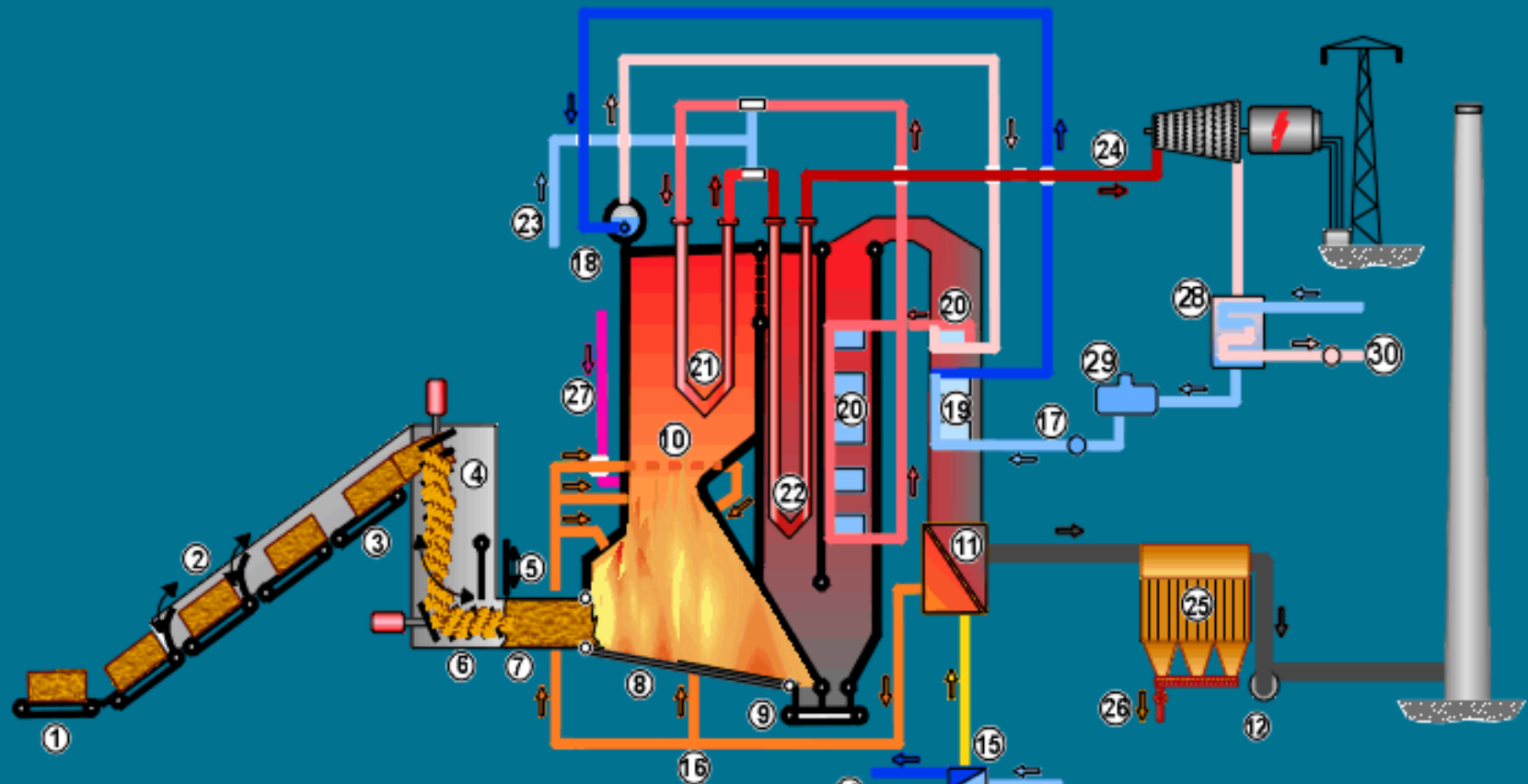
# Preparing for New Planting



# Worldwide Trend to Cellulosic Biofuels

- BP (formerly British Petroleum) announced plans to build a cellulosic ethanol plant in Florida using grass as feedstock
- Toyota says that its new hybrid vehicles can be even greener using cellulosic biofuels
- Obama administration calling for national low-carbon fuel standard
- State of California pursuing legislation to promote low-carbon biofuels made from switchgrass and other nonfood plants

# Straw fired boiler



- 30 District heating
- 29 Feedwater tank
- 28 Condenser
- 27 Natural gas
- 26 Ash handling
- 25 Fabric filter
- 24 High pressure steam to turbine
- 23 Water for atemperators
- 22 Superheater 3

- 21 Superheater 2
- 20 Superheater 1
- 19 Economiser
- 18 Steam drum
- 17 Feedwater
- 16 Preheated combustion air
- 15 Air preheater

- 14 Combustion air intake
- 13 Forced draught fan
- 12 Induced draught fan
- 11 Air preheater
- 10 Combustion chamber
- 9 Slag conveyor
- 8 Vibrating grate

- 7 Water cooled duct
- 6 Stoker
- 5 Fire dampers
- 4 Scarifier
- 3 Dosing unit
- 2 Seal gates
- 1 Chain conveyor



# Giant King Grass as Dedicated Energy Crop

- 30 MW grass-fired electricity generating plant needs 460 tonnes of biomass every day
- Requires 960 hectares of land (Giant King grass at 350 tonnes/hectare wet/175 mt/ha dry)
- Average household in Shanghai uses 1200 kWh/year or average power of 0.14 kW
  - Average household in US uses 11,200 kWh/year—1.3 kW
- 30 MW plant can supply 214,000 Chinese households
- 1 hectare (100m x 100m) of Giant King Grass can support average electricity needs of 220 households in China

# Clean Energy: Fuel Cells

- VIASPACE subsidiary Direct Methanol Fuel Cell Corporation produces disposable fuel cartridges for portable electronics powered by fuel cells.
- VIASPACE is cartridge provider to Samsung & other companies



# VIASPACE Business Strategy

- Renewable Energy: Cellulosic Low Carbon Biofuels
  - VIASPACE focused on growing and supplying the feedstock for producing biofuels
  - Expand land under cultivation
  - Initial sales as animal feed
    - Build up capacity and capability
    - Immediate opportunity for revenue
  - Target is feedstock for cellulosic biofuels
    - Set up strategic partnerships with biofuel producers
- Clean Energy: direct methanol fuel cell cartridges
  - Expand partnerships with major OEMS

# Financial Opportunities with VIASPACE

- Investment in future of alternative energy
  - Purchase stock in open-market transaction
  - Direct investment in the company to receive stock
  - 2008 VIASPACE annual report on Form 10K available at [http://www.viaspace.com/sec\\_filings.php](http://www.viaspace.com/sec_filings.php)
- Business partnerships
  - Grass cultivation in other regions or countries
  - Grass supply contract for biofuels or animal feed







# GIANT KING GRASS FOR FISH FOOD

