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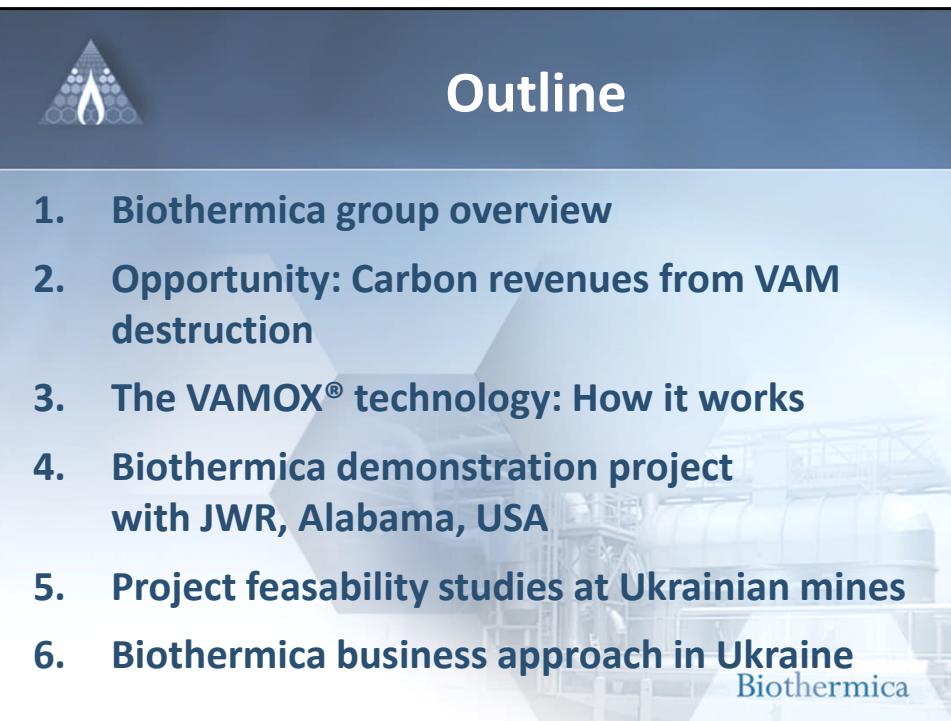


**BIOTHERMICA VAMOX® TECHNOLOGY**  
**AN INNOVATIVE WAY TO MONETIZE**  
**CARBON CREDITS FROM VENTLATION AIR**  
**METHANE**

by

**Biothermica Coal Carbon Inc**  
**in cooperation with Eco-Alliance**

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## Outline

1. Biothermica group overview
2. Opportunity: Carbon revenues from VAM destruction
3. The VAMOX® technology: How it works
4. Biothermica demonstration project with JWR, Alabama, USA
5. Project feasibility studies at Ukrainian mines
6. Biothermica business approach in Ukraine

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The slide features a blue header with a white circular logo containing a stylized flame or dots. Below the header is a large, semi-transparent background image of an industrial facility with pipes and structures. Overlaid on this image is a white rectangular box containing the text "BIOTERMICA GROUP" and "OVERVIEW" in bold, dark blue capital letters. In the bottom right corner of the main image, the word "Biothermica" is written in a smaller blue font.

## BIOTERMICA GROUP OVERVIEW

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The slide has a blue header with the Biothermica logo. The main title "Biothermica mission" is centered in white text. Below the title, a paragraph describes the company's mission: "Founded in 1987, Biothermica's **mission** is to develop, finance, build and operate projects which capture and valorize methane emitted by **landfill sites** and **underground coal mines**, and monetize the associated carbon credits, thermal energy and/or electricity on the national and international markets". To the right of the text are three small images: a large industrial building with a chimney, a night view of industrial equipment, and a worker in a green hard hat working at a construction site.

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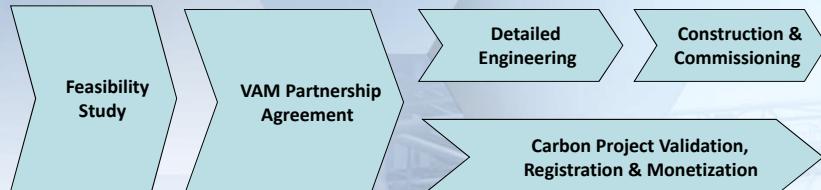


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## Integrated Development

**Full project cycle is covered by Biothermica internal resources (technical, legal & financial)**



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## First VAM project in North America with JWR, Alabama, USA

Based on Biothermica's proprietary  
**VAMOX®** technology



VAMOX® unit at JWR mine No.4, Alabama



Mine Ventilation shaft, JWR mine No.4



## OPPORTUNITY: CARBON REVENUES FROM VAM DESTRUCTION

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## Ventilation Air Methane (VAM)

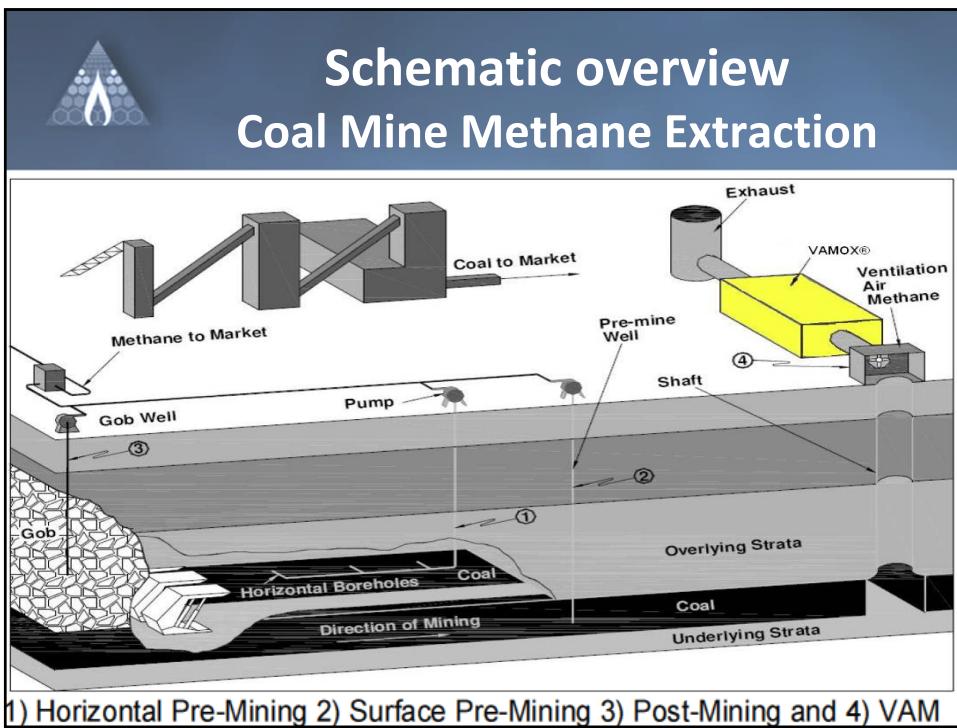
VAM is **methane** emitted by underground coal mine ventilation systems worldwide

VAM represents **more than 50%** of underground coal mine methane emissions

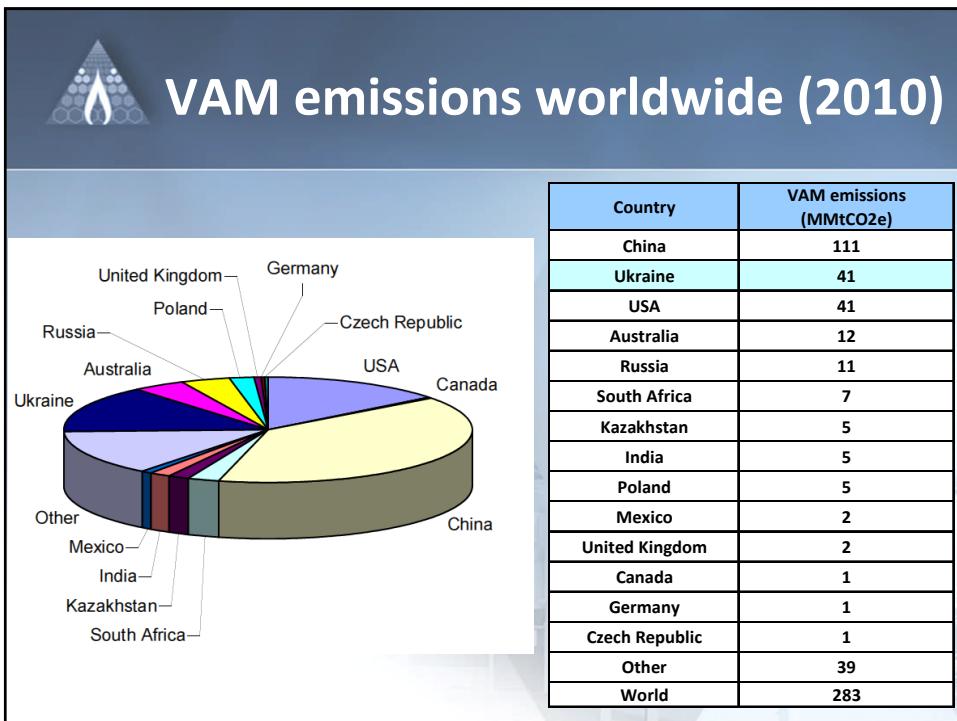


Mine Ventilation Shaft (USA)

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1) Horizontal Pre-Mining 2) Surface Pre-Mining 3) Post-Mining and 4) VAM





## THE VAMOX® TECHNOLOGY HOW IT WORKS



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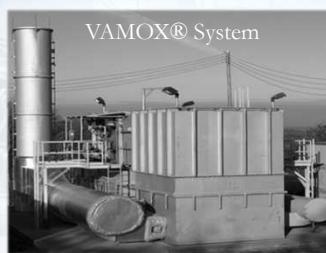


### History and Origins From BIOTOX® to VAMOX® (1991-2010)

- Biothermica has developed the VAMOX® System based on its expertise with the internally developed BIOTOX® RTO Technology (**20+ Yr of R&D**)
- BIOTOX® RTO Patented Technology is an **International Award Winner** from A&WMA (1999) 
- The VAMOX® Technology Patent is underway...

Highly efficient Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer (RTO)

Inspired by BIOTOX® air pollution control technology





## Principles of Operation Chemical Process

- Regenerative Thermal Oxidation (RTO) principle is to break down contaminants with high temperature
  - BIOTOX® process is to abate VOC, PAH & other pollutants...



- VAMOX® process is simply to abate methane...



- VAMOX® minimizes energy consumption

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## Principles of Operation Dynamic Overview

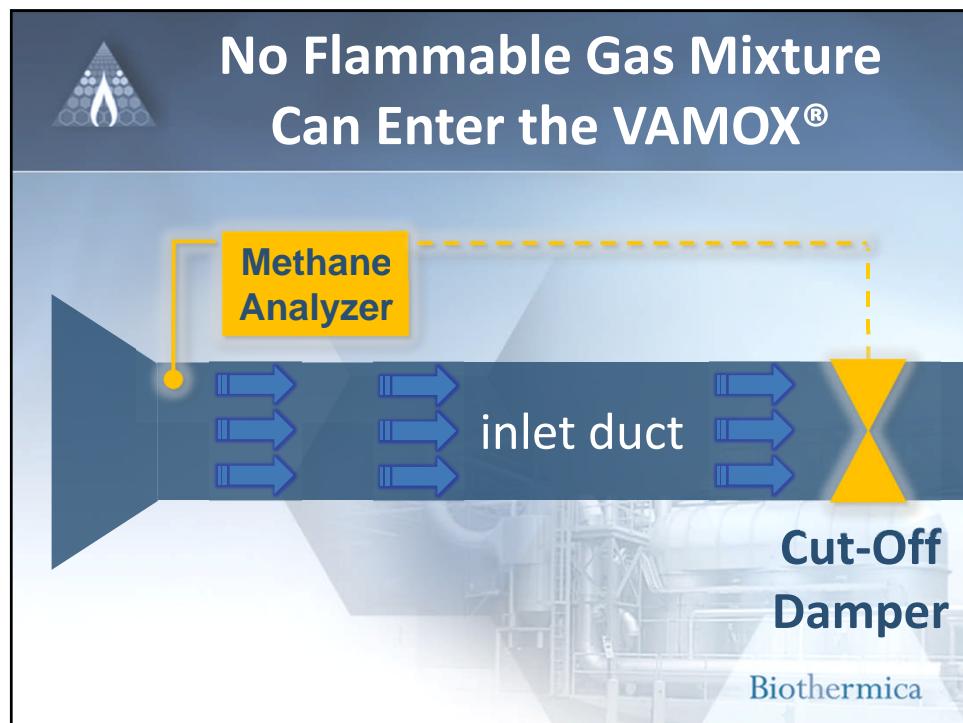
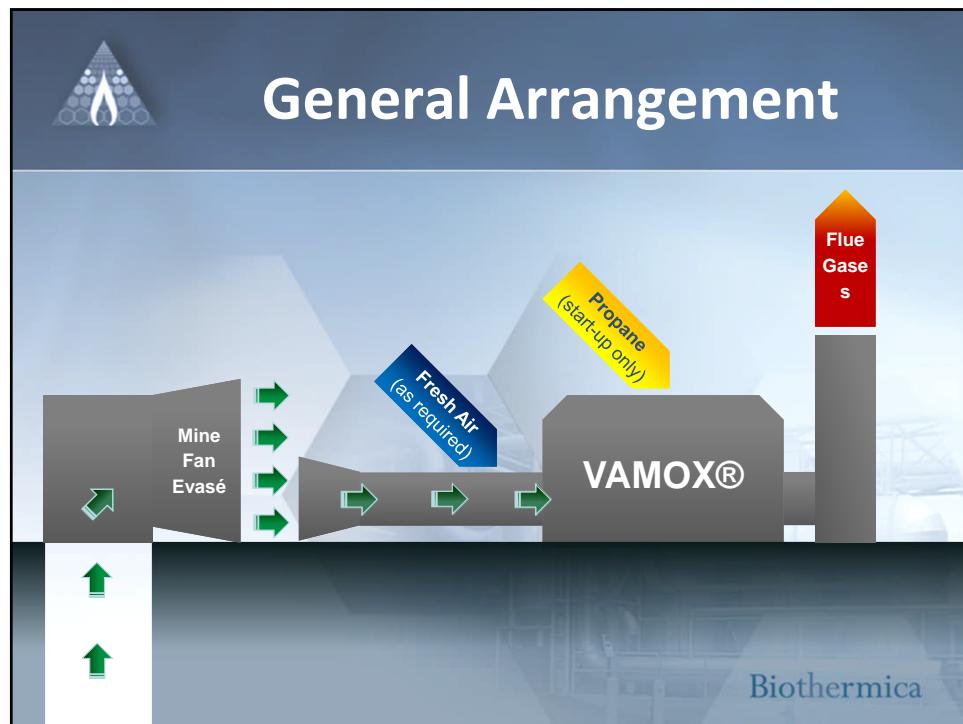
Start-up only burner  
(Methane being destroyed at 96%)

Mine  
Ventilation  
Air Methane  
(CH<sub>4</sub>)

CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O  
+ Heat + Carbon credits

Heating  
energy  
and hot  
water at  
70°C  
3.9 MW  
@ 0.6%  
CH<sub>4</sub>

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## Highlights

- **No impact** on mine fan
- From 0.2% to 1.2%+ CH<sub>4</sub>
- **Fully automated** operation
- **Remotely monitored/controlled**
- **No catalyst**
- **Possibility of heating energy**

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## Biothermica – JWR Demonstration Project in Alabama, USA

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## Achievement

### 1<sup>st</sup> VAM Project in North-America

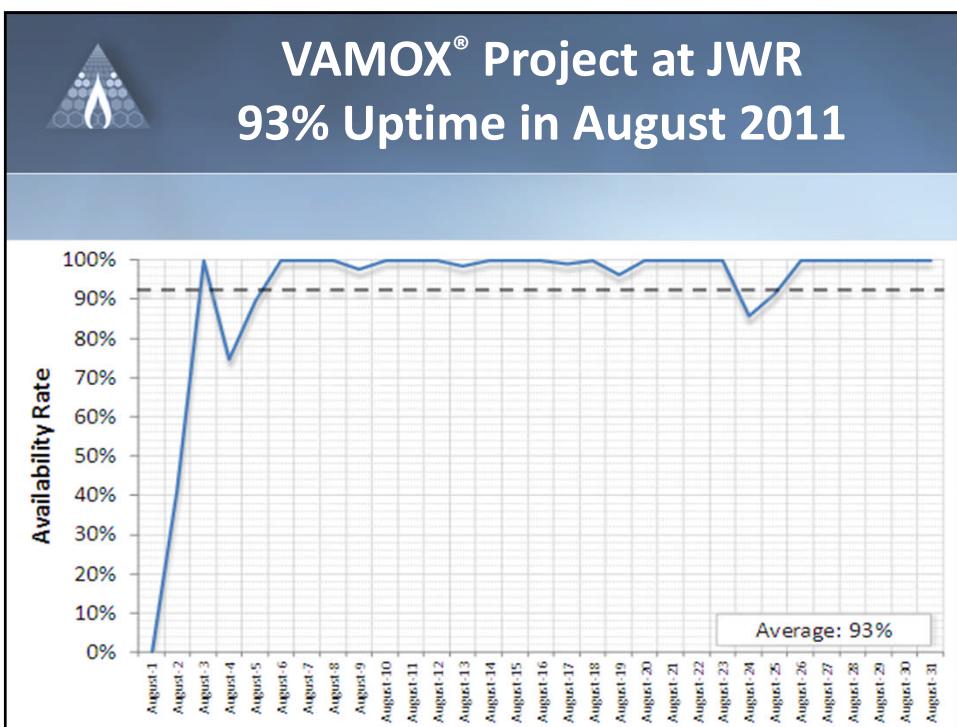
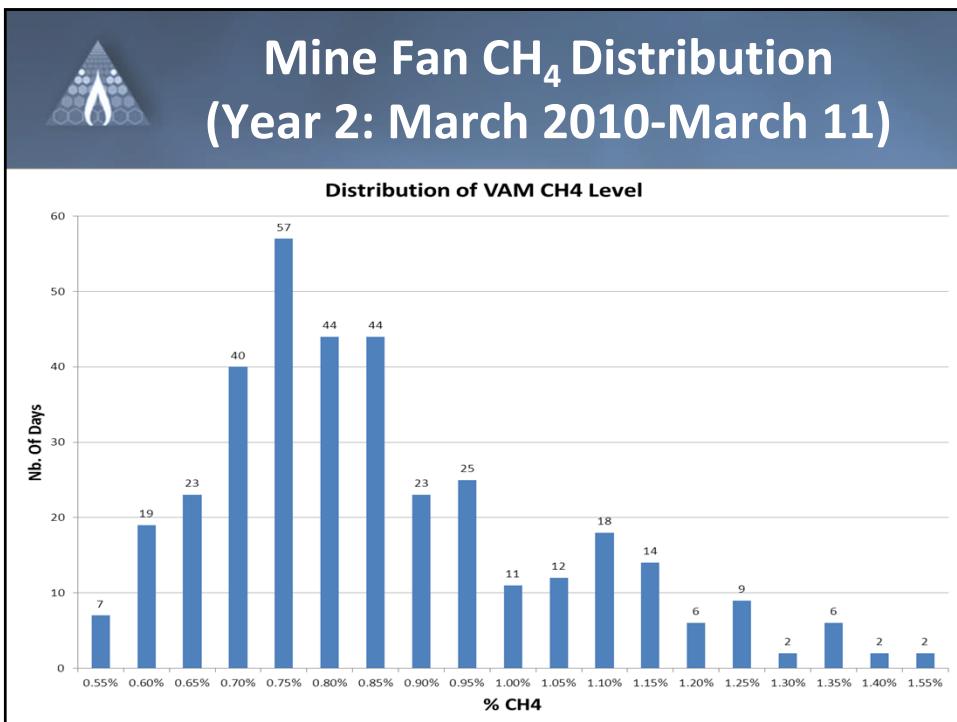
- Partnership with **JIM WALTER RESOURCES, INC.**  
BLUE CREEK COAL - BROOKWOOD, ALABAMA
- **1<sup>st</sup> & Only** VAM Project in America - commissioned on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- **Approved** by U.S. Mine Safety & Health Administration
- Project **Registered** in June 2010 with the Climate Action Reserve



## System Characteristics

- **850 m<sup>3</sup>/min** capacity  
(10% of available VAM flow)
- **13 m x 8 m** footprint
- **93 kW** dedicated fan
- Up to **98% destruction**
- **0.8% CH<sub>4</sub>** average at fan

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## Achievements (As of August 31, 2011)

- Commissioned March 6, 2009
- **66,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>e since start of project**
- **54,153 credits verified by third-party**
- **88% availability**
- **17 344 hours**
- **Registered with California's**



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ACTION  
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## Future Systems

- **3,120 m<sup>3</sup>/min capacity**
- **Multiple units in parallel**
- **Capture >75 % + of mine fan airflow**
- **≈ 36 m x 13 m footprint**
- **≈ 520 kW dedicated fan**
- **Thermal energy generation**

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## VAM PROJECT FEASIBILITY STUDY AT 3 UKRAINIAN COAL MINES

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## Project 1 - Close up on VAM shaft



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## Project 1 - Technical details

### Shaft Details

- Air Flow : average of 7,000 m<sup>3</sup>/min
- CH<sub>4</sub> concentration : 0.8 % (**with CMM enrichment**)

### The VAM Project

- Install two (2) VAMOX® with total VAM capacity of 6 200 m<sup>3</sup>/min (85 % of total flow)
- Special considerations for dust
- Production of hot water for mine needs (80 °C)
- Total ERUs to be generated : up to 270 000 /Yr

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## Study Financial Results

### Key Results

- The ERU price should be greater than € 9 for the project to be profitable
- Post Kyoto framework should be defined for price stability
- VAM CH<sub>4</sub> concentration and unit availability rate (up-time) are the most important factors for achieving predicted profitability

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## Framework for carbon credit generation in Ukraine

- Ukraine is eligible to generate carbon credits (ERUs) under Kyoto protocol JI mechanism **until 2012**
- Current price of ERUs: **€ 8-9/tCO<sub>2</sub>e (Bluenext)**
- Potential post 2012 scenarios
  - Continuation of Kyoto Protocol JI mechanism post 2012
  - Recognition by EU ETS 2013-2020 of credits generated in Ukraine post 2012
  - No recognition of carbon credits generated in Ukraine post 2012



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## Biothermica Business Approach in Ukraine

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## Business Models

### Shared Risks & Investment

- Biothermica **and mine** finance the project
  - **Profits are shared** between the parties
- Biothermica **finances the project**
  - Biothermica **pays a royalty to mine**

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