



**BizNGO Annual Meeting December 8, 2014** 

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**Desired Outcomes** 

- Understand the Chemical Footprint Project and its business value
- Increase engagement and participation in the Chemical Footprint Project





Mission:

to transform global chemical use by measuring and disclosing data on business progress to safer chemicals







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# the chemical footprint project Value Proposition

Public	<ul> <li>Reduced high hazard chemicals in commerce, improves health outcomes</li> </ul>	
Retailers	<ul> <li>Credible 3<sup>rd</sup> party approach for driving chemicals management into the value chain</li> </ul>	
Investors	<ul> <li>Provides key missing element for evaluating corporate sustainability efforts</li> </ul>	
Brands	<ul> <li>Assess chemicals management and benchmark progress; opportunity for public recognition of leadership</li> </ul>	
Purchasers	Identify chemical management leaders in product categories	





#### **CFP Assessment Framework**





**Chemical Footprint** *is the total mass* of chemicals of high concern in products sold by a company and used in its manufacturing operations

### Chemicals of High Concern (CoHCs)

carcinogen, mutagen, or reproductive toxicant (CMR)

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- persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic substance (PBT)
- any other chemical for which there is scientific evidence of probable serious effects to human health or the environment that give rise to an equivalent level of concern
- a chemical whose breakdown products result in a CoHC that meets any of the above criteria

#### **California Candidate Chemical List**





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#### **Chemical Footprint Project Dashboard**





#### **Overall Average Performance**



#### **Overall Performance by Company**



#### the chemical footprint project The Chemical Footprint Project





### December 8 & 9: Soft launch at BizNGO meeting in SF

# March 1 – May 31: Online questionnaire open for companies to upload data

September 2015: Release 1st annual CFP report





# Early adopters are essential to market transformation

# How can we grow participation in the CFP?





## **Questions for Panel**

- Describe your company and your role with regard to sustainability/chemicals management (2 min)
- What is the value proposition of the CFP to your organization?
- How you plan to use the CFP results?





# **Group Activity**

Please turn to the person next to you and introduce yourself. For 2 minutes each, discuss the following question:

Imagine we have a fully developed corporate chemical footprint metric much like we now have a corporate carbon footprint metric.

What value do you see such a metric having for your organization or your work?





#### **Chemical Footprint Project Founders**

- Clean Production Action
- Lowell Center for Sustainable Production, University of Massachusetts, Lowell
- Pure Strategies











Integration into business strategy Support of public policies and voluntary initiatives Accountability and rewarding employees







Supplier reporting - chemicals of high concern Actions to know chemicals in products Supplier reporting - all chemicals Managing chemicals data Ensuring conformance with reporting





Measure baseline chemical footprint Reduction of chemicals of high concern over 3 years Assess hazards of alternatives Encourage use of safer alternatives





Publicly disclose RSL Publicly disclose chemicals of high concern/all chemicals in products Disclose participation in CFP Disclose data provided to CFP Third party verification of data

