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- Introduction to Eco-efficiency
- Eco-efficiency Decision Tool Case Studies:
  - Textile dyeing
  - Logistics
  - Refrigerators



#### Sustainable Development is based on three Pillars





#### What is Eco-Efficiency Analysis?

- → A comprehensive assessment of products and processes.
- → Ecological and economic aspects are equally weighted.
- → The products are analyzed from the end customers' perspective.
- → Potential scenarios and their effects are evaluated.
- Eco-efficiency analysis is a standard tool in the BASF Group: more than 150 analyses have been carried out.



**Costs Analysis** 



low

Alternative

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costs

#### **Development of Ecological Value**



- 1 = greatest effect on the environment
- 0 = smallest effect on the environment

#### **Social Assessment Factors**





**BASF Eco-Efficiency** 

#### Ecoefficiency Portfolio: Links Costs and Environmental Impact



## **Dyeing Eco-efficiently:**

Helping small and medium enterprises make the best decisions



- Pilot project with UNIDO and UNEP as part of the United Nations - Global Compact initiative
- A software tool which allows the user to assess the ecoefficiency of various processing methods







## **Dyeing Eco-efficiently: System Boundaries**





# **Dyeing Eco-efficiently: Inputs and Outputs**

#### • User Inputs:

- Fabric quantity, number of processing steps, processing time
- Chemicals
- Utility consumption
- Process emissions
- Costs

#### • Eco-efficiency Manager Outputs:

- Portfolio: which alternative is the most eco-efficient?
- Environmental Fingerprint: what are the impacts of each?
- Relative comparisons for each of the categories: Emissions, Energy and Raw Material Consumption, Land Use, Toxicity and Risk Potential



## **Process Improvements**

 A two-step dyeing process for mixed fabric was changed to a one-step process, by using a new chemical.



• Decreased energy and water consumption resulted in improvements in almost all environmental categories.

## **Process Improvements**



• The new chemical provided environmental benefits at the same overall costs, even though the chemical price was more expensive.

## Getting from here to there eco-efficiently



The goal of this software is:

to compare economics, environmental impact and responsible care for transporting products

 to offer innovative and responsible solutions to our customers



# Getting from here to there eco-efficiently

#### • User Inputs:

- Payload
- Chemical hazard class
- Shipping fees
- Distances for land, sea
- Number of transfers
- Open/closed filling systems

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- CO<sub>2</sub> savings potential









#### Getting from here to there eco-efficiently





# **Cooling Eco-efficiently: Refrigerators**

- A project done by BASF for the German Green Party and the Wuppertal Institute
- Helps the consumer decide: "Should I buy a new refrigerator or continue to use my old one?"
- Considers production and disposal of the appliance itself, as well as energy consumption



### **Refrigerators: the Customer Benefit**









## **Cooling Eco-efficiently: Refrigerators**

- Buying a new more energy-efficient appliance brings the greatest environmental benefit...
- ...at only slightly higher cost
- Energy efficiency is key!!!



#### **BASF** Corporation

#### Eco-Efficiency Analysis: Our Innovative Instrument for better Products

Annual Report 2001





Adding value through



growth and innovation.

With an eye to the markets of the future, we believe that it is prudent to consider the environmental friendliness of one's own products. That is why we felt it was important to develop an effective means of monitoring ecological and economic performance.

Eco-efficient products and processes give BASF and our customers a competitive edge.

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