

# Utilising By-products from Carbon Capture

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## **Background & Current Practice**

PUB's Target: To achieve net zero emissions by 2045 (in line with GreenGov.SG)

#### **Decarbonising PUB's Operations**

# **Replace**With Renewables

 Solar deployment on reservoirs and rooftops of PUB installations

# **Reduce** Emissions

- Reduce Desalination Energy
- Energy Self-Sufficiency for WRPs
- Reduce water demand

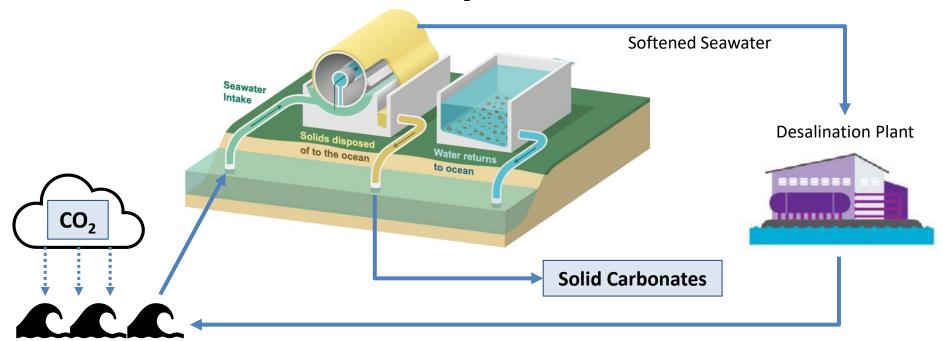
# **Remove** Emissions

- Carbon Capture, Utilisation & Storage Solutions
- Blue Carbon carbon capture by coastal ecosystem



# Project with UCLA on CO<sub>2</sub> Capture from Seawater

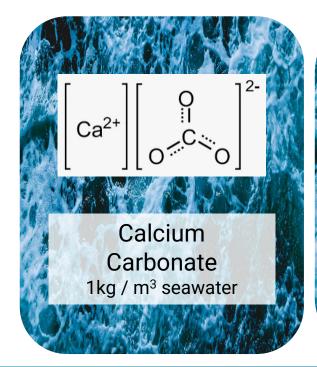
- Process produces calcium carbonate and magnesium hydroxide, which are used to capture CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Pilot trial with removal capacity of 50-100 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/day.

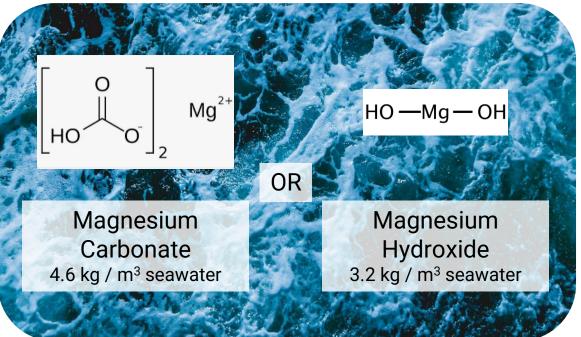




### **Areas of Opportunity**

#### Valuable resources that can be recovered for industrial and commercial use:





## Key Considerations and Challenges

#### **Treatment Considerations**

- By-products are recovered from the process by sedimentation
- In the form of slurry and may contain
  - 50 to 99% saline water content
  - Other minerals and precipitates
- Additional treatment processes may be required to achieve the necessary purity for the proposed application
- Treatment of the slurry may be required to facilitate transportation to the point of use



## Key Considerations and Challenges

#### **Application Considerations**

- Regulatory requirements and standards related to the proposed application shall be complied with
- Applications for magnesium hydroxide shall enable the magnesium hydroxide to capture CO<sub>2</sub> permanently while it is used
- The proposed application shall not compromise the permanence of the CO<sub>2</sub> captured in the calcium and magnesium carbonates



#### Potential Applications of By-products

#### **Calcium Carbonate**

- Construction : *cement, plaster, sealants*
- Agriculture : fertilizer, animal dietary supplements
- Food: additive E170, deacidify
- Consumer goods: cosmetics, powders, toothpaste

#### **Magnesium Carbonate / Hydroxide**

- Construction: insulation, fireproofing
- Manufacturing: stabilizer, filler and reinforcement agent for plastics and rubber
- Food : desiccant
- Consumer goods: cosmetics, powders, toothpaste

New types of applications are desirable !!!



#### **Expected Outcomes**

A proof-of-concept in the form of a lab-scale or pilot trial within 18 months



Use PUB slurry (containing ~15-25 kg of calcium carbonate and 50-80 kg of magnesium hydroxide per day)



Demonstrate feasibility



Demonstrate techno-economics



### Details to Include in Your Application

- Technical merits of the proposed application
- How the calcium carbonate and magnesium hydroxide slurries might be utilised either directly or repurposed before they could be used
- An assessment of the quantity and purity of calcium carbonates and magnesium hydroxides/carbonates
- Total system techno-economics (inclusive of transportation to point of use, additional treatment processes and other considerations)





Thank You

