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# **Integrated Process Optimization in Green Crude Production** using OSIsoft's **PI System**

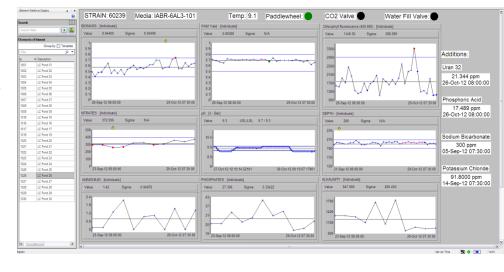
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#### Sapphire Energy: Integrated Process Optimization in Green Crude Production using OSIsoft's PI System

"OSIsoft's PI System enables Sapphire Energy to quickly gather, process, and evaluate data, and in turn, make better, more intuitive decisions as we move our business forward.".... Dean Venardos, VP of Operations





#### **Business Challenge**

- Having operational data readily accessible from the first day of production
- Comparing results between our Demonstration and Test Facilities
- Having real time visibility to our operations at all locations

#### Solution

- Load operational history from test site into the PI System using ODBC
- Set up Excel upload sheets to capture operator round information using PI DataLink
- Establish interfaces to PLC and weather stations to capture critical operations data
- Develop PI ProcessBook reports and graphics and Excel workbooks for ongoing analysis

#### Results and Benefits

- Operations data from day one in our company's history is in one place for analysis and troubleshooting
- Ability to identify and respond to issue within hours instead of day or more after the fact
- Use of data to build variable cost models to help identify operational improvement areas

#### **Introducing Sapphire Energy:**

#### Sapphire creates crude oil from CO<sub>2</sub> and sunlight

- Enormous market opportunity
   Addressable markets are over \$3 trillion and span multiple product segments (oil, chemicals, agriculture)
- Strong market pull
   Sapphire's process is economically competitive, low carbon, and sustainable
- Sapphire's process commands the full oil production margin and is low cost
   Sapphire has demonstrated a fully-integrated, high-yield, scalable, outdoor, open pond algae oil production system
- Sapphire is an attractive investment with strong and sophisticated backers Sapphire has raised over \$340 million from private investors and non-dilutive U.S. Government funding



San Diego R&D facility



Las Cruces pilot facility

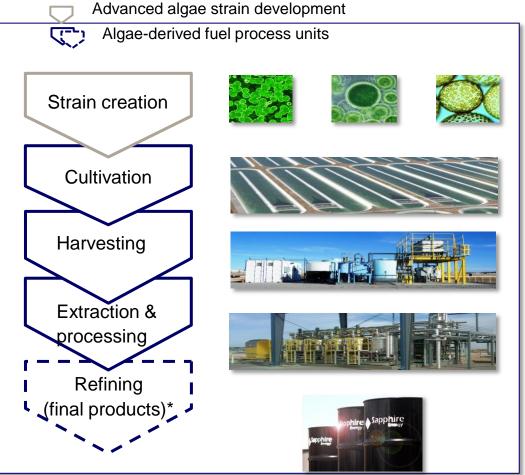


Commercial demonstration facility

### What is Sapphire

#### Algae facility





\* Upgraded in a refinery or by a stand-alone processor;
Sapphire's oil quality enables processing in today's refineries with no modifications

## **Sapphire Operations Data: Late 2011**

- Test Facility:
  - Set of Excel spreadsheets / Access DB
  - Difficult to access PLC data
  - Manually created graphics / reports for review
- Demonstration Facility:
  - Understanding that we wanted something to start up in Spring 2012

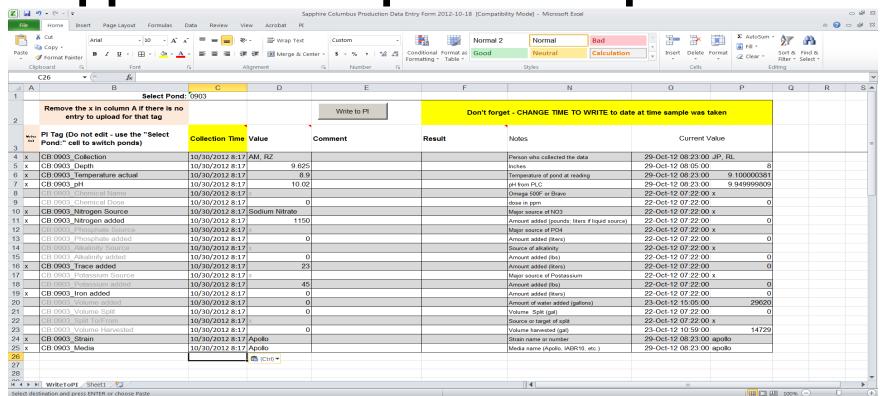
## Sapphire Operations Data: Why PI System?

- Knew it met our immediate / future business requirements
- Allowed us to grow into the software / capabilities
- Worked well with our infrastructure and allowed us a single database across the company

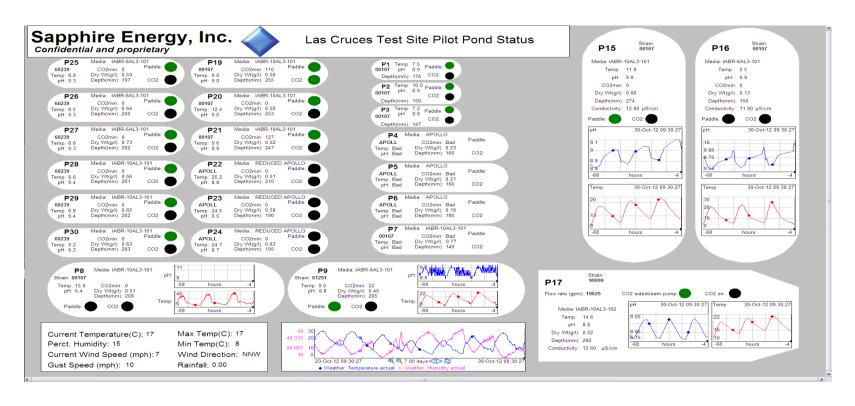
#### Sapphire's OSIsoft PI System Implementation:

- Implementation Partner: Rovisys
- Scope:
  - Test facility historical data load
  - Interface set-up with PLC and weather stations
  - Excel data entry sheets for operator round information
- Timing:
  - Planning: 1/2012
  - System Set-up Start: 2/2012
  - Demonstration Facility Begins Data Entry: 3/2012
  - Test Facility Transition to PI System: 5/2012
  - Demonstration Facility Set-up Complete: 6/2012
  - Project Close Out: 7/2012

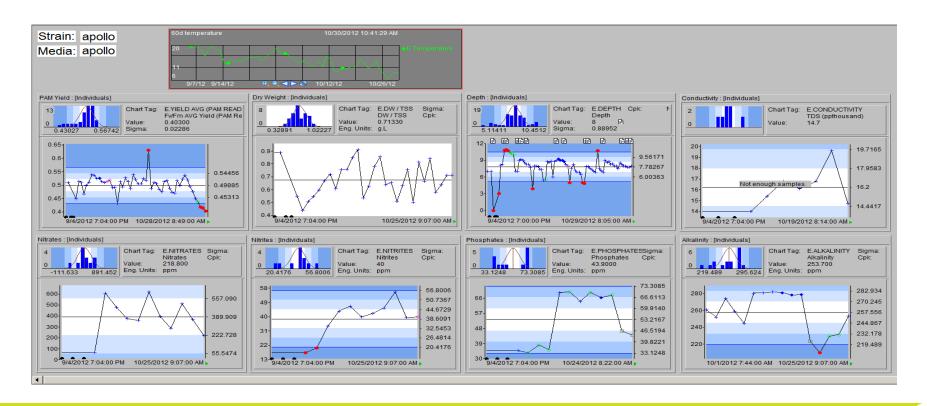
# Sapphire: Sample Data Input Sheets



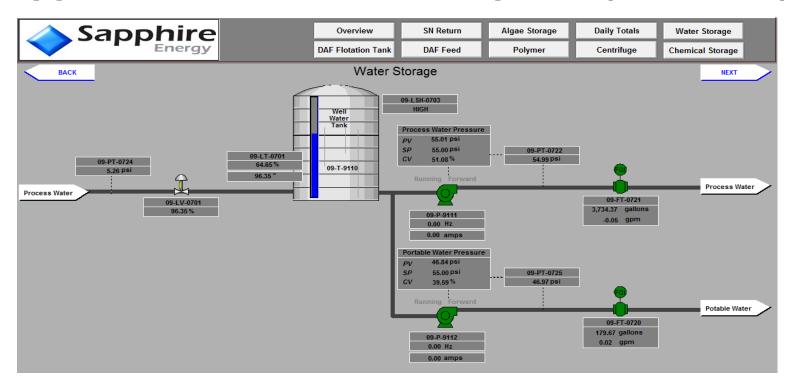
## Sapphire: Real Time Pond Monitoring (PLC Data)



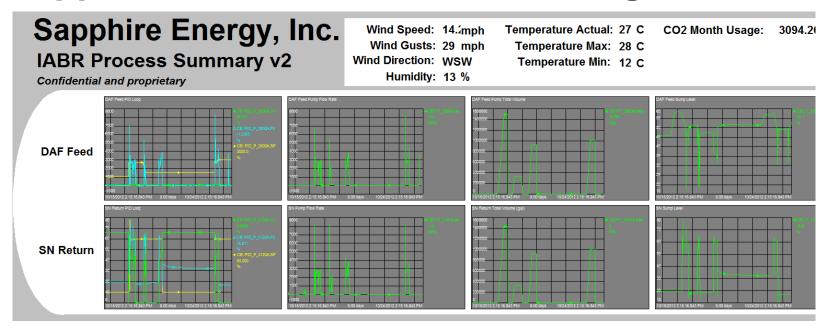
## Sapphire: 60 Day Pond Monitoring



## Sapphire: Harvest Area Graphics (PLC Data)



### Sapphire: Harvest Area Monitoring



# Sapphire: What Did We Learn

- Starting small worked for us
  - Staged deployment of the system to match the staged system ramp-up at our commercial demonstration facility
  - Matched existing reports at our Las Cruces reports before building new ones allowed people to trust the system
  - Did not try to "over-automate" data entry where processes weren't well defined
- Defining Data Elements is hard and took time to get consistent across our sites •
- Being able to see what is happening in the field real-time anywhere is invaluable •
  - Same data is available to everyone ~ we're removed multiple sources
  - More process dependent than people dependent for reports and graphics
  - Earlier identification and action around issues
  - Remote troubleshooting when we were doing activities for the first time at our commercial demonstration facility
- Continuing to rely on expertise from Rovisys for system improvements and changes as we build knowledge

## Sapphire: What's Next with OSIsoft's PI System?

- Expanding the user base at our test facility and continuing to remove dependency on Excel spreadsheets
- Evaluating next steps:
  - Lab Data into PI System
  - Handhelds and PI Manual Logger for daily data collection
  - Extraction data into the system so we can see from "green ponds through black oil"

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