# Hackathon: the circular diaper

Team 10 - ASAP



# "CONSIDERING THE WORLD'S APPETITE FOR ONE-WAY PRODUCTS, WE SIMPLY CAN'T AFFORD TO THROW AWAY ANY HIGH-QUALITY FIBRE [...]."

# ROY BROWN, PRESIDENT & CEO OF KNOWASTE

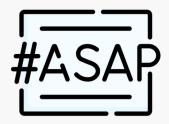






# ME TACKLE TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS....







# 500

## YEARS NEEDED FOR DEGRADATION ON LANDFILL





# \$82BN

### GLOBAL GDP IN FLOOD DAMAGES IN 2019











# A BRIEF INTERVIEW WITH MUMS AND DADS: THE FIRST DIAPER USERS

# ONE SOLUTION...

FOR TWO BIG ISSUES!

....TO IMPROVE

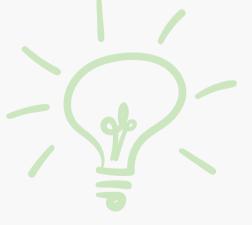


## SAP FROM DIAPERS...



# ...RE-USED AND RECYCLED...

# ... TO IMPROVE FLOOD MANAGEMENT





#### SELLING BAGS FOR FLOOD MANAGEMENT USE





#### **COLLECTING THE DIAPERS**











PUTTING SAP IN (SAND) BAGS





#### SEPARATING SAP FROM THE REST OF THE USED DIAPER





RE-SELLING OTHER COMPONENTS



# MHY FOCUS ON SAP?







# **INCREDIBLE PROPERTIES**





# A VALUABLE ASSET



# REVENUE MODEL

# SAP BAGS FOR FLOOD MANAGEMENT









# POLYPROPYLENE (PP) & POLYETHYLENE (PE)



**Keep Discovering** 



CHEMISTRY THAT MATTERS















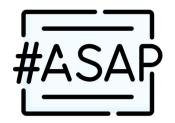
# SCALE THE IDEA



# PRESENT AND VALIDATE OUR IDEA

# PILOT WITH HOSPITALS IN THE NETHERLANDS

# READY FOR THE CHALLENGE?







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## **EMILIE ROLAND EXTERNAL RELATIONS**







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### **Key Partners**

Municipalities, governments

For collection. - Health centres, e.g. hospitals - For daycare centres

Recycling & chemical manufacturing companies

Research institutes (e.g. Flood Proof Holland)

### **Key Activities**

- 1. Collecting the old diapers (pickup)
- 2. Separating SAP from rest of diaper
- 3. Selling remaining components
- 4. Deactivating the SAP
- 5. Putting SAP in (sand) bags

#### **Key Resources**

- Used diapers (incl.SAP)
- Collection System
- Machinery
- Expertise to separate
- (e.h. chemists)

### **Unique Value Proposition**

Superior product qualities compared to (sand) bags without SAP: lighter, faster & less manpower needed

Both rejection and absorption of water

### **Sustainability Proposition**

Restoring value from the diapers' most valuable part (SAP).

Environmentally-friendly technology for flood management.

### **Cost Structure**

- C1: Separating SAP from the rest of the diaper
- C2: Cleaning and deactivating SAP
- C3: Manufacturing SAP bags

### **Revenue Streams**

R1: Sales of sandbags with SAP R2: Sales of PP & PE

## Customer **Relationships**

Pilot phase: Going to conferences like Flood Proof Holland

Afterwards: only a bi-weekly basis (or more frequently if there are currently floods)

### **Channels**

- experiment and showcase at Flood Proof Holland - showcase on package from diapers the process - via presentations

### Customer **Segments**



State actors: Cities, municipalities, governments

Sand bag companies: e.g. Indbag, Absorpent Specialty Products

For PP & PE: (Plastic) Recycling companies, OR potentially chemical manufacturing industries (Sabic & Borealis)



The absorptivity of **pulp** used to absorb urine is not affected by ozone.

# BENEFITS OF DEHYDRATING SAP THROUGH OXIDATION USING OZONE

Toxic materials (e.g. chlorine compounds) are not required to disinfect the pulp. Potentially toxic residues are not produced.

The dehydration of SAP by ozone oxidation can help decrease the volume of SAP that has absorbed urine



# **Water Absorption Capacity**

# **No Toxic Materials**

# **Separate SAP and Pulp**