



### The NetZero Biomethane for Transport Revolution in the Water Industry 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021



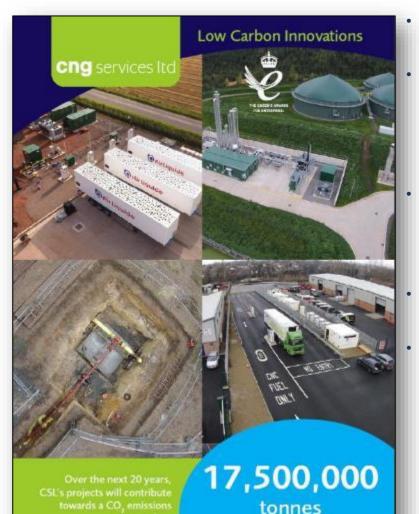
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# **CNG Services Ltd**



Celebrating over 16 years of innovation in gas

CNG Services Limited (CSL) provides consultancy, design and build services to the biomethane industry, all focused on reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions

In the past 10 years our efforts have produced a material impact with an estimated 20 year project life reduction in  $CO_2$  emissions of 17,500,000 tonnes through:

- Biomethane injection into the gas grid
- Running trucks on Bio-CNG
- Acting as developer and design and build contractor for the Highlands Bio-CNG Project

Part owner of CNG Fuels Ltd, a company set up to build a national network of Bio-CNG stations on the high pressure grid

- National network of CNG Stations
- 84% saving in GHG compared to diesel

Part owner of Barrow Shipping Ltd, GB's leading shipper of biomethane and a company that only buys and sells biomethane, no fossil gas

CSL is an ISO 9001, 14001 and 45001 approved company and has also achieved Achilles certification. CSL is GIRS accredited for design and project management and has been certified as a competent design authority by DNVGL



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# 1. What is Biomethane?

- Bio-gas from an anaerobic digester contains typically 65% methane, 35% CO2
  - Lager shandy
- Natural gas contains around 90% methane, with ethane, propane, butane, CO2 and nitrogen making up the rest
  - Blended whisky made from dinosaur poo in a prehistoric AD, contaminated over the millenia
- Biomethane is bio-gas without the CO2, containing around 98% methane
  - Malt whisky, the elixir of life, we all want to drink it
  - 110 biomethane plants in GB
- The XL extract on the right show biogas, electricity generation, biomethane and truck consumption to give an idea of the scale

And its very easy to capture the waste CO2 from making biomethane (its almost 100% pure) and use this in greenhouses or to make fertiliser (see Simon's presentation) ......so it becomes a carbon negative fuel

And, as the offshore CCS projects are completed there will be the option of CCS

Biogas and AD Data				
Biogas Composition (%CH4)	58%			
Biogas Production Rate (60% CH4, 40% CO2)	700	Nm3/h		
Biogas Production Rate	738	Sm3/h		
AD Operation	100%			
AD Annual Production Hours	8,760	hours		
Annual Biogas Production	6,468,923	Sm3/annum		
CHP Data				
CHP Efficiency (LCV to Electricity)	38%			
CHP Availability	95%			
Annual Electricity Generation	12,799,676	kWh/annum		
Biomethane Data				
CH4 Capture	99%			
Biomethane Methane Content	97%	%CH4		
Energy in 1m <sup>3</sup> of Biomethane (97% CH4, 2% CO2)	36.647	MJ/m3		
Density of Biomethane (97% CH4, 2% CO2)	0.709	Kg/m3		
Energy in 1 kg of Biomethane	51.688	MJ/Kg		
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kWh Energy in 1 kg of CBM	14.358	kWh/kg		
Biomethane Production	424	Sm3/h		
Annual Biomethane Production	3,603,022	Sm3/annum		
Annual Biomethane Production	2,554,543	kg/annum		
Annual Biomethane Production	36,678,122	kWh/annum		
6x2 Tractor Unit				
Typical 6 x 2 truck consumption	3.1	km/kg		
Typical annual km in GB	160,000	km/annum		

Consumption per truck per annum

Number of trucks based on kg

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Trucks

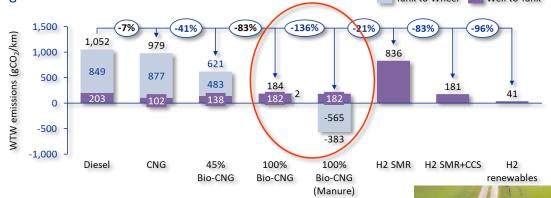
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# 2. Todays' Biomethane Trucks have CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Over 80% Lower than Diesel

Modelled Well-to-Wheel (WTW) emissions for CNG trucks<sup>1</sup> suggest that a 100% emissions saving is possible when using 100% biomethane, compared to diesel equivalents. This is comparable to real-world trial data<sup>2</sup> which estimated WTW emissions savings of 76-81% with pure biomethane

The CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with biomethane are primarily incurred during the production process, from the electricity consumption of the plant required to clean and compress the gas. This is largely dictated by the carbon intensity of the grid Tank to Wheel Well to Tank



1. Element Energy, *Development of a Well to Tank Emissions Model for Heavy Duty Vehicles*, 2018 and Element Energy for TSC and DfT, *Hydrogen to Smart Mobility: Review of Opportunities for Hydrogen for Heavy Vehicles*, 2019; 2. Cenex, An Innovative UK Research Project to Assess the Viability of Gas Vehicles, 2019; 3. Wet manure has an emission facture of -103 gCO<sub>2</sub>e/MJ under the Renewable Energy Directive

https://documents.cadentgas.com/view/957927673/

Moving from diesel is very hard – Bio-CNG is a great start

- HGVs are difficult to decarbonise with the most challenging requirements for driving range and carrying capacity
- There are alternatives to diesel:
  - Battery electric vehicles (BEVs) are commercially available and well-suited for light, short-range transport sectors (cars, vans and trucks up to 8t) but there are few or no options for long-haul freight and farm tractors
  - Hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs) are expected to provide a solution for HGVs in the long term but the technology readiness is low and its not an option at present
  - Methane in the form of bio-compressed natural gas (Bio-CNG) is currently the only proven, commercially available option for long haul vehicles

#### Comparison of range and availability of low carbon fuel technologies in UK/Europe

	Maximum range (km)			Vehicle availability					
	Cars	Vans	HGVs	Cars and vans	HG\ 3.5–8	/ sector (gro 8–18	ss vehicle w 18-26	eight in ton 26-38	nes) Over 38
BEV	600	200	300-885*						
Bio- CNG		600	700						
H <sub>2</sub> FCEV	660	350†	500-1200*						
	Vehicles commercially available			Vehi	cles in develo	pment/trial		Not currently	available

\*Theoretical – vehicles not currently in production  ${}^{+}\text{H}_2$  range extender

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The Future Role of Gas

in Transport

# 3. Consequences of NetZero for sewage treatment works design and operation

The direction of travel through the 2020's is clear....never burn biogas and never vent any CO2

This means no biogas CHP.....all biogas upgraded to biomethane and injected into the grid and 100% of CO2 captured. Not a single molecule of CH4 released to air

No diesel on waste water or clean water sites by 2025

- When ROCs run out, convert the biogas engines to natural gas from the grid and only operate these when there is low wind/low solar
- Invest in good insulation as heat will no longer be in abundance from CHP waste heat
- Heating of the digester should be from heat pumps or if you are lucky from an EfW plant nearby
- And yes, this includes steam for thermal hydrolysis.....this technology exists, just needs a bit of effort
- The tariffs for electricity will catch up to the carbon value, don't worry too much about that
- So, upgrade 100% of the biogas and inject biomethane into the gas grid
- Do not have any diesel on waste water or clean water sites by 2025
- Projects in the sewage biogas industry we have supported/instigated include:
  - Thames Water Didcot pilot
  - o Severn Trent Water Minworth, Derby, Stoke Bardolph, Strongford
  - Wessex Water Avonmouth, Trowbridge
  - United Utilities Davyhulme
  - Welsh Water Five Fords
  - Northumbrian Water Howdon, Bran Sands
- There are 2 options for biomethane HGVs inject into the grid and take it out where the trucks are or run trucks directly on compressed biomethane. Both can and do
  work, depends on individual circumstances. The key is the trucks they exist today



# 4. Iveco Bio-CNG 6 x 2

#### Whisky Industry in Scotland (pre livery) Launch April 2021

New fleet runs direct on compressed biomethane made from whisky waste

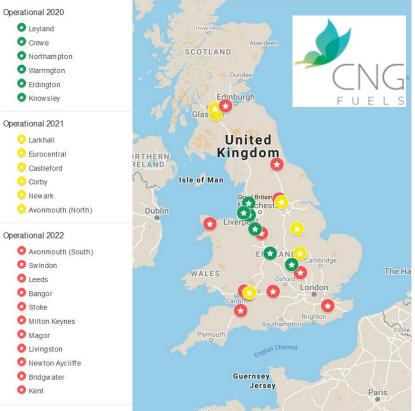


#### **CNG Fuels**

Taken from network on Bio-CNG stations, mass balanced from the AD plant to the filling station



### Bio-CNG Station Roll-Out Plan - UK Network



## 5. Scania 6 x 2 Bio-CNG





- 640 Litres CNG @ 200Bar giving 350km range
- General £25k premium over diesel tractor unit
- Currently available up to 410hp, 2000Nm Torque

#### Ideal for the Following Applications:

- Specialized Tanker Haulage Pharmaceutical/Chemical, Food and Beverage, Bitumen, Water treatment and Waste/Recycling industries
- AD/Biomass Haulage Feedstock, Digestate and Compressed Upgraded Biogas haulage

#### Hythane (12% H2, 88% Bio-CNG)

- The Scania truck can run on 12% Hydrogen (by volume) with no modifications
- Make H2 direct from solar/wind/hydro and earn a premium of £6.87 per kg of H2 as a Development fuel under the RTFC
  - Floating solar + batteries + hythane/Bio-CNG
  - How lovely is that?
  - Do it today

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CNG Storage cylinders between the front 2 axles

# 6. Conclusions for the Sewage AD industry

- 1. Do not burn biogas, do not have base load biogas CHP
  - Convert engines to grid gas and only run when its not windy/sunny
  - o NWL, STW all have done this
- 2. Electricity grid and heat pumps for all heating
  - Including steam (with a bit of effort)
  - o Insulate digesters to reduce heat requirement
- 3. All biogas upgraded to biomethane and injected into grid or used directly into trucks
  - No CO2 venting
  - $\circ$  No CH4 venting
- 4. Hythane
  - o 12% H2 made by renewable electricity is valuable addition to 88% Bio-CNG
  - o Interruptible H2 as truck runs on 100% Bio-CNG
  - Do it now, no technology issues
- 5. The technology and vehicles are available today and the RTFC fiscal regime is attractive
- 6. Implement from 2021, no need to wait, nothing better is turning up for biogas
  - Making electricity from biogas then making H2 or having EV trucks is not as efficient as direct biomethane
- 7. No diesel used at all by 2025 in the whisky, dairy and sewage industries
  - o This is deliverable today, no need to wait

There are relatively minor technology challenges but its all deliverable, most by 2025 but all by 2028

Maximise biogas production (eg with Thermal Hydrolysis)

Minimise heat losses and recover heat

No burning of biogas

No CH4 vented to air on site

No venting of any CO2 from biogas

No diesel on site

Make H2 from solar/hydro/wind with batteries and create hythane

Run all trucks on Bio-CNG