

# **Case Study of Rio de Janeiro Sustainable Waste Management**

**The search for environmental and economic  
sustainability with social responsibility**

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**and Sustainable Urbanisation**

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# 1. CARACTERÍSTICAS NACIONAIS



**Brasil - um país de dimensões continentais**

**Área – 8,5 milhões de km<sup>2</sup>  
186 milhões de habitantes**

**26 Estados e Distrito Federal  
5.565 municípios**

**Maior e menor municípios:  
São Paulo/SP – 11 milhões habitantes  
Borá/SP – 856 habitantes**

# **The City of Rio de Janeiro and COMLURB**

## **The Municipal Waste Management Company**

- Rio: territory and population:
- 1,100 km<sup>2</sup> and 6,2 million inhabitants
- COMLURB:
  - 22.000 employees; Annual budget: US\$ 600 million
  - Services under its responsibility:
    - Household collection and street cleansing (10,000t/day)
    - Collection on islands of the Jacarepagua lagoon
    - Free collection of bulk goods and household debris
    - Collection and street cleansing in low-income communities with special equipment
    - Transfer and final disposal of waste
    - Treatment: composting and RDF production

# The City of Rio de Janeiro and COMLURB

## The Municipal Waste Management Company

- Services under its responsibility, not related to regular waste management services:
  - Cleaning and disinfection of 5 main hospitals of the municipal network
  - Final disposal of hospital waste from the municipal public network (incineration and autoclave)
  - Internal and external cleaning of 1,051 municipal schools
  - Meal preparation for 350 municipal public schools
  - Cleaning of the water surface of lakes and lagoons
  - Cleaning of 58 km of beaches
  - Trimming of 600.000 public trees
  - Maintenance of the 1,200 public squares and parks
  - Cleaning of public buildings (City Hall)
  - Vectors Control (rodents and African snail)
  - Manufacture of sweepers, tools and urban equipment (toys, slides, seesaws, comfort station, etc.)



HOUSEHOLD COLLECTION



**STREET CLEANSING**



**WATER SURFACE CLEANING AND  
HOUSEHOLD COLLECTION ON ISLANDS**



**FREE COLLECTION FOR HOUSEHOLD DEBRIS AND  
BULK MATERIALS**



**BEACH CLEANING**



**STREET MARKET CLEANING**



**HILLSIDE CLEANING**



SPECIAL EVENTS (CARNIVAL AND NEW YEAR'S EVE)



**EMERGENCIES**



**TRIMMING AND  
STUMP REMOVAL**



## WASTE MANAGEMENT IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES



CURBSIDE COLLECTION



SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS CLEANING



Fabricação de ferramentas e mobiliário



MAINTENANCE OF URBAN FURNITURE

Fluxo do Lixo - CTR Rio (t/dia)  
Município do Rio de Janeiro





ETR – Santa Cruz



ETR – Marechal Hermes



ETR – Caju



ETR – Jacarepaguá



7 Transfer Stations

# **COMLURB'S SUSTAINABLE AGENDA**

- Legal Framework
- Studies
- Being Implemented
- Installed and in Operation

# **COMLURB's Sustainable Agenda**

- **Legal Framework**

- NACIONAL POLITICS OF WASTE MANAGEMENT
- MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE CITY
- INTEGRATED MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
- MUNICIPAL DECREE FOR C&D REGULATION
- MUNICIPAL DECREE CREATING THE CARIOCA GROUP FOR CLIMATE CHANGES
- JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN SMAC-COMLURB ABOUT COMPOST

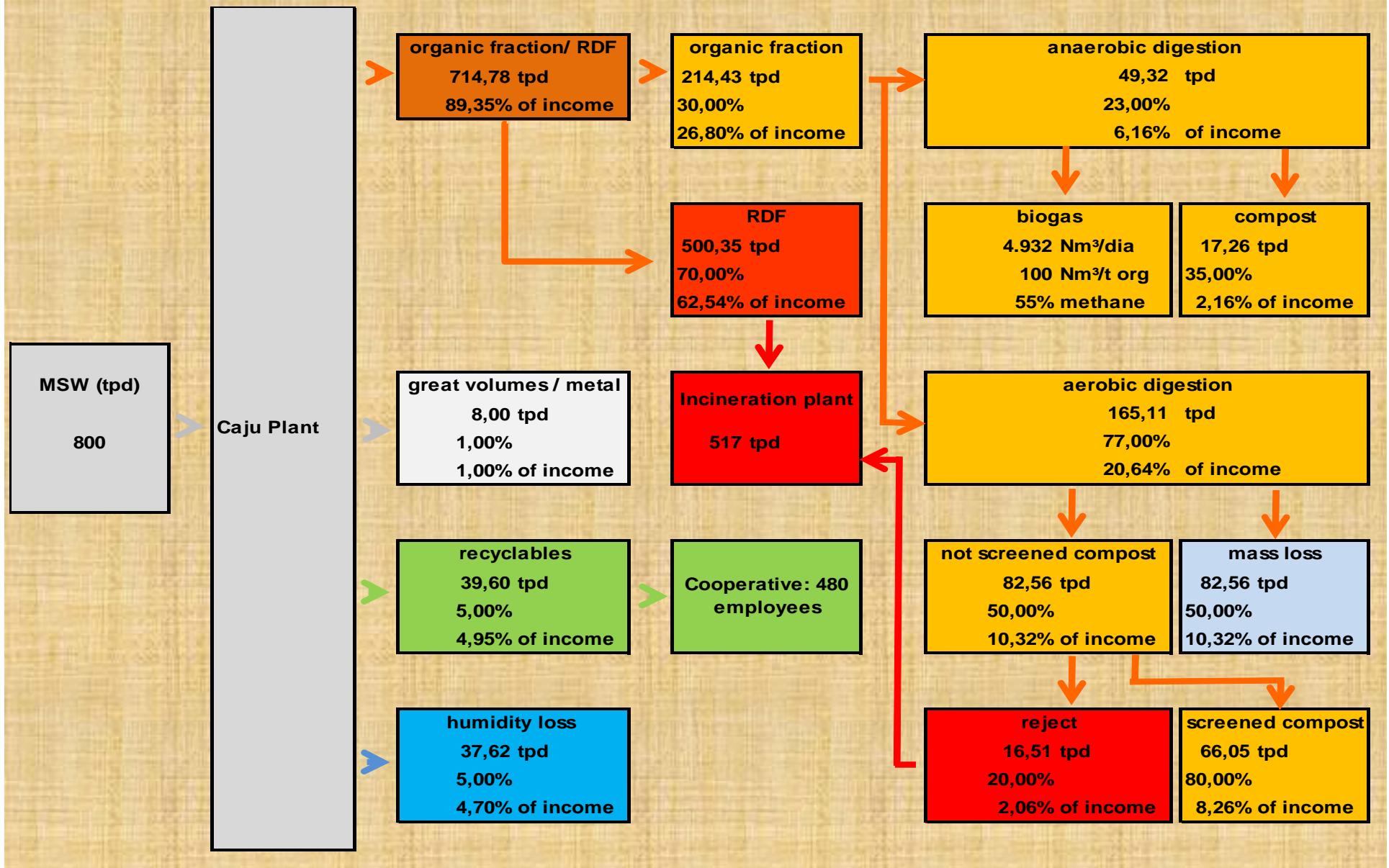
# COMLURB'S SUSTAINABLE AGENDA

## Studies and Implemented Projects



# STUDIES

## ENERGY GENERATION IN CAJU RECYCLING PLANT



## **STUDIES**

### **C&D recycling in ATT's – Sites of Recycling and Transfer**

- **Missões** - Up to 400 t/day
- **Caju** - Up to 600 t/day
- **Gericinó** - Up to 400 t/day

# **STUDIES ENERGETIC EFFICIENCY IN ALL COMLURB BUILDINGS**

- a) Study of consumer units**
- b) Draw the consumption profile**
- c) Check the adequacy of electricity fares**
- d) Make an inventory of installed equipment and their operating regimes (Procel)**
- e) Check the consumption habits of users**
- f) Adequate actions and targets for energy savings**

# THE NEW RECYCLING PROGRAM



R\$ 28.000.000,00

Assignment of land for construction  
of six Recycling Centers

Curb side collection in 120  
neighborhoods

Transport of the recyclables to the  
Recycling Centers

Installation of Ecopoints

Awareness Campaigns



R\$ 22.000.000,00

Construction of six Recycling Centers  
equipped with machinery and equipment

Improvement of the production structure  
and marketing of the cooperatives

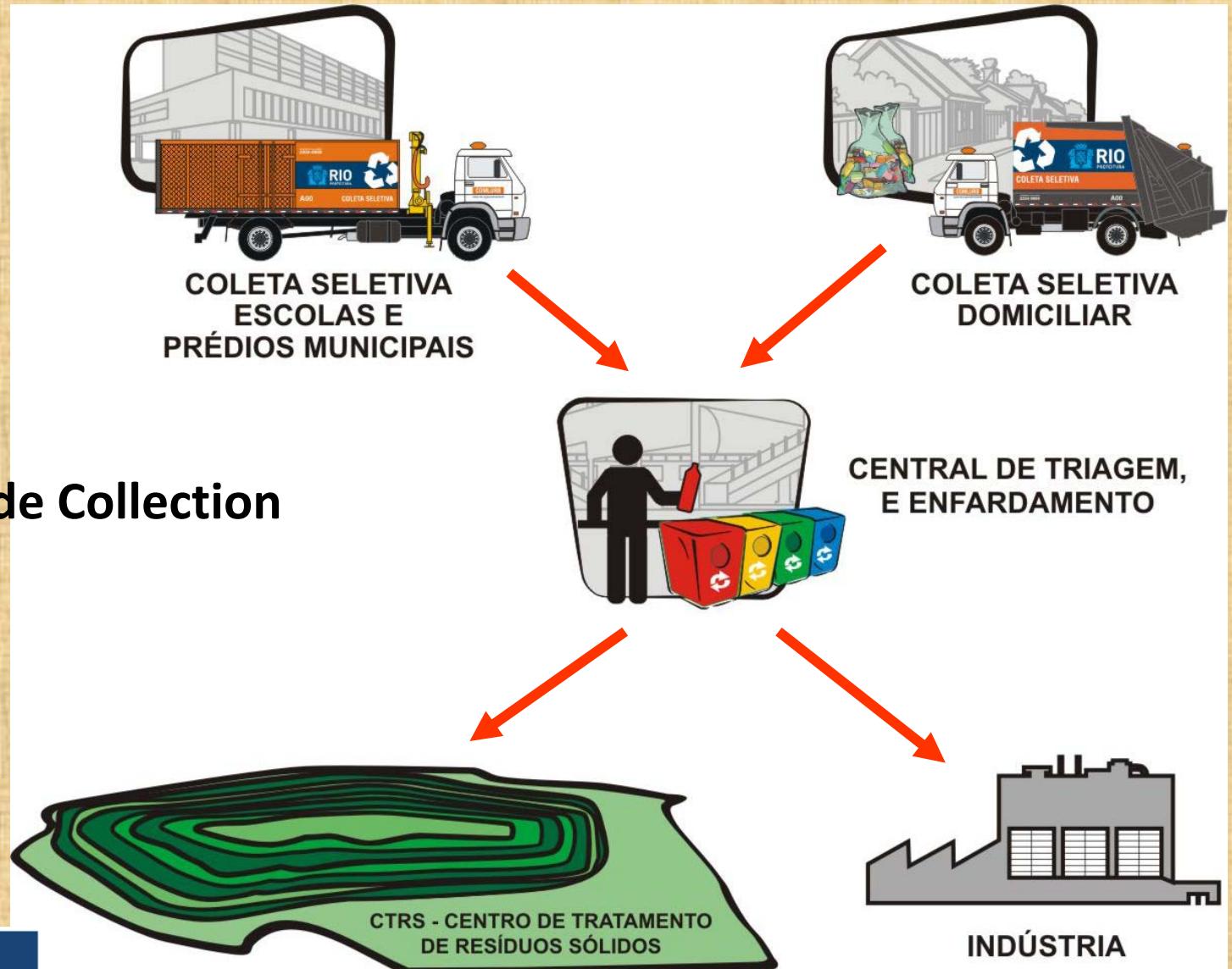
Training, management consulting and  
training of the network marketing to be  
operated by the cooperatives

Regularization of cooperatives and  
environmental permits

Awareness Campaigns

Rio Ambiente 2011

## Curbside Collection



Rio Ambiente 2011

# RECYCLING CENTERS



# PAPER BINS AND CARTS MADE OUT OF COCONUT FIBER



For the manufacturing of this cart, 100 coconut shells were used.

# Street cleansing carts made from coconut fiber





## BROOMS MADE OF CANULATED PET AND COCONUT FIBER



## MECHANICAL SWEEPERS MADE OF PET

## **EMISSION REDUCTIONS AND FLEET OPTIMIZATION MEASURES**

**(In collaboration with Clinton Foundation)**

- **Alternative Fuels (10% minimum renewable fuels)**
  - Biodiesel
  - Sugar Cane Diesel
  - Ethanol
  - Natural Gas
- **Non Power Train Measures**
  - Euro V compliance
  - Hybrid Hydraulic
  - Eco-driving
  - Green Tires
  - Optimization
  - Routes Optimization (weight on time and fleet control)

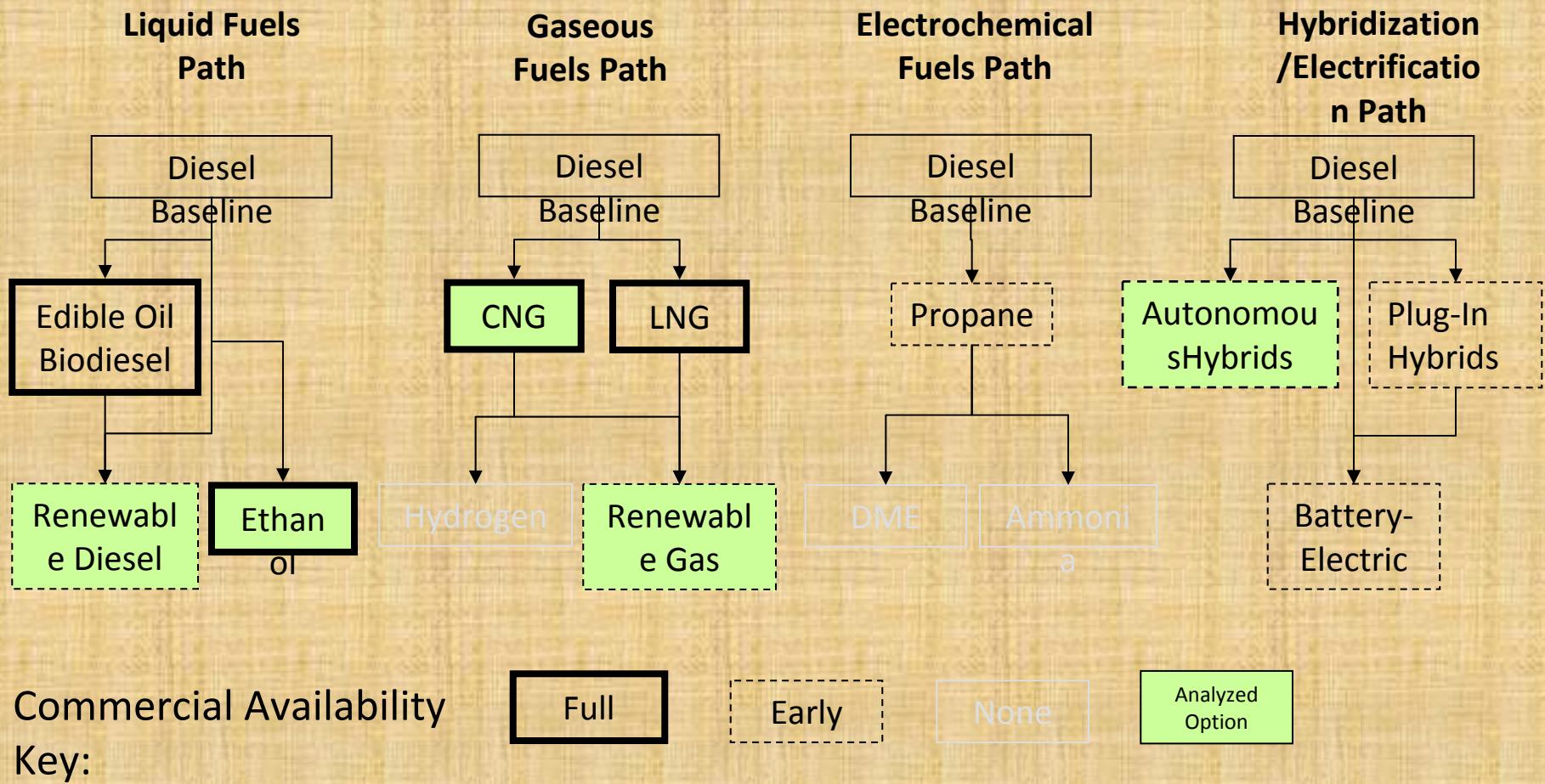
# Emission Reductions through Biodiesel B20 from used cooking oil



## Near-Term Fuel Options

- Renewable diesel from sugar cane (“cane diesel”)
- Biodiesel – B20
- Ethanol
- Methane (compressed natural gas)

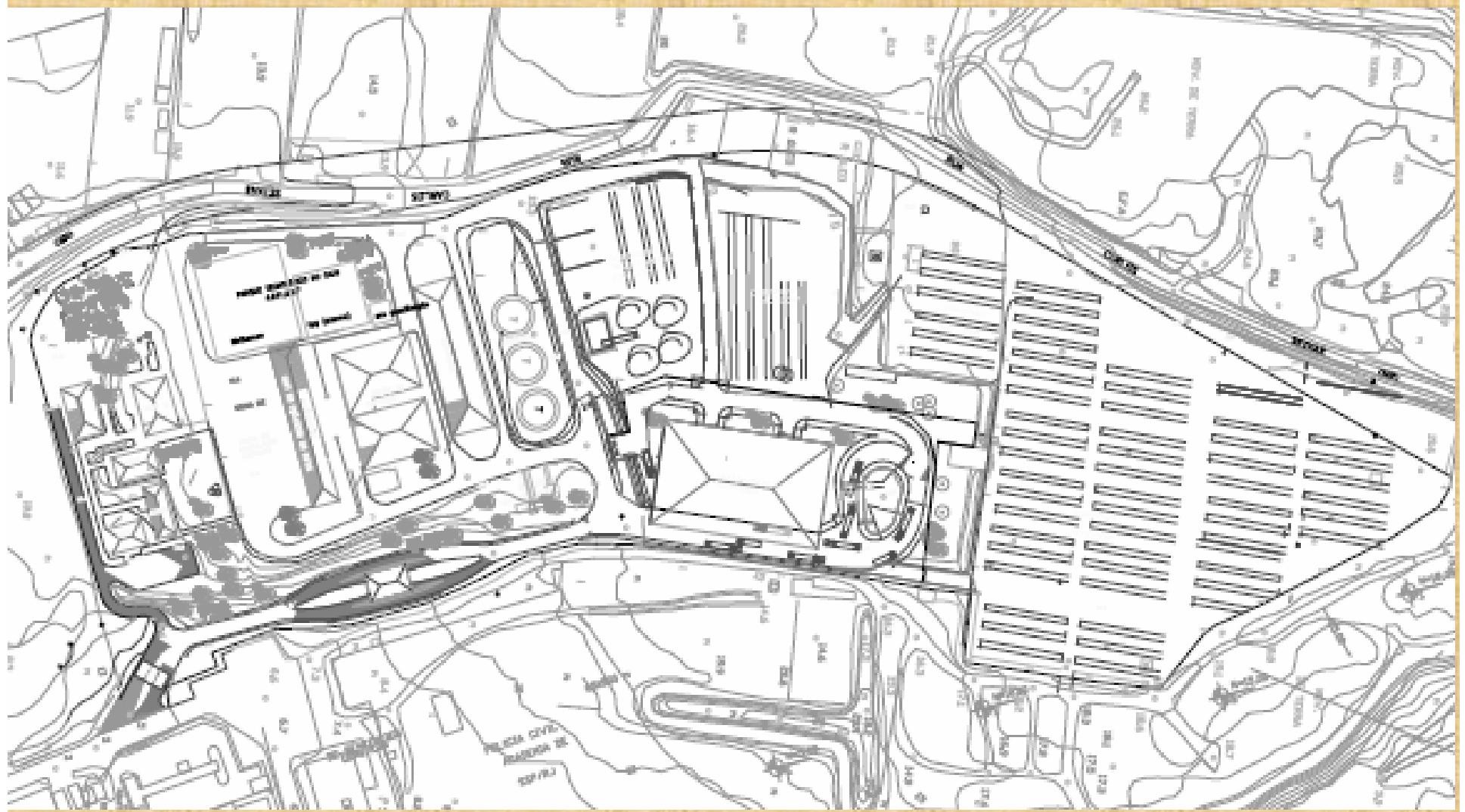
# Waste Truck Option Map



# Hybrid Refuse Truck on the Trail

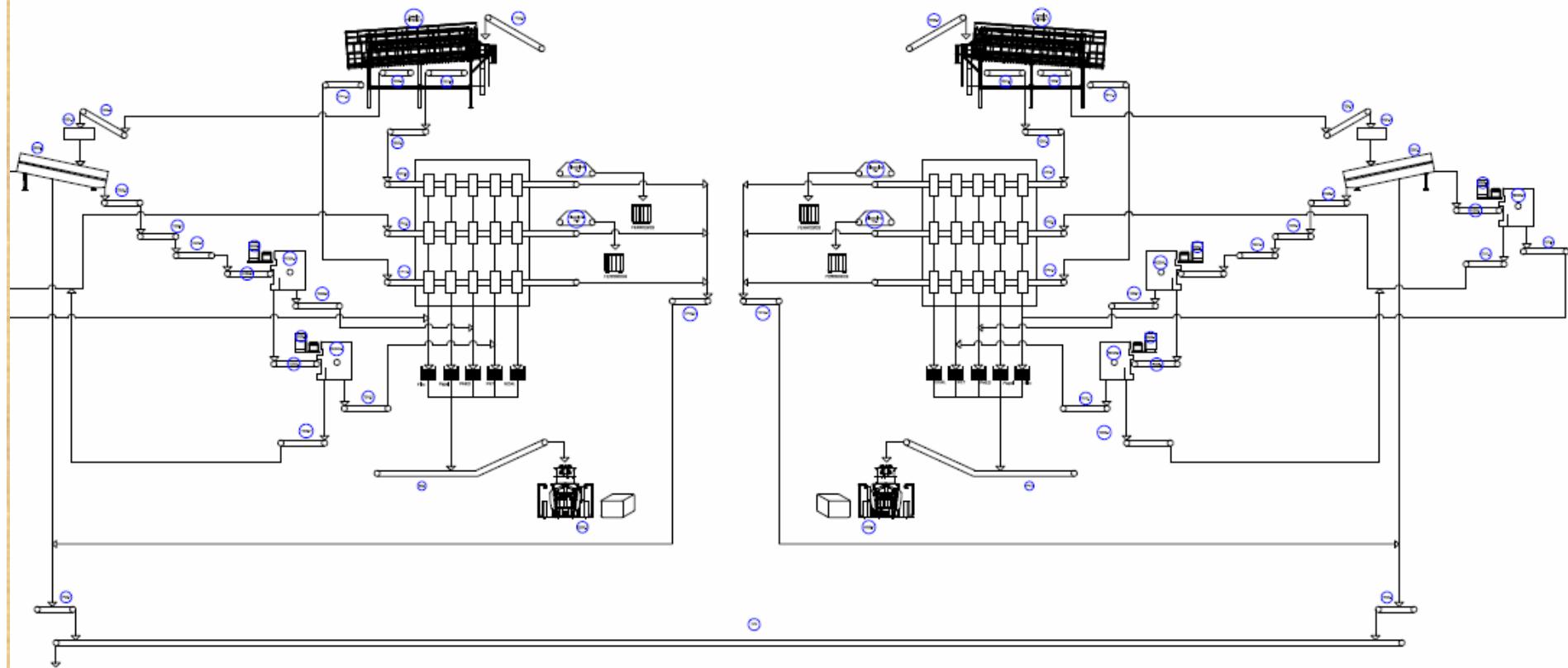


# TECHNOLOGICAL PARK AT CAJU RECYCLING PLANT



## MAXIMIZING HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING – ONE BIN CURBSIDE COLLECTION COMMINGLED WASTE

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# COLECTION OF ORGANIC WASTE IN SELECTED GENERATORS FOR COMPOSTING

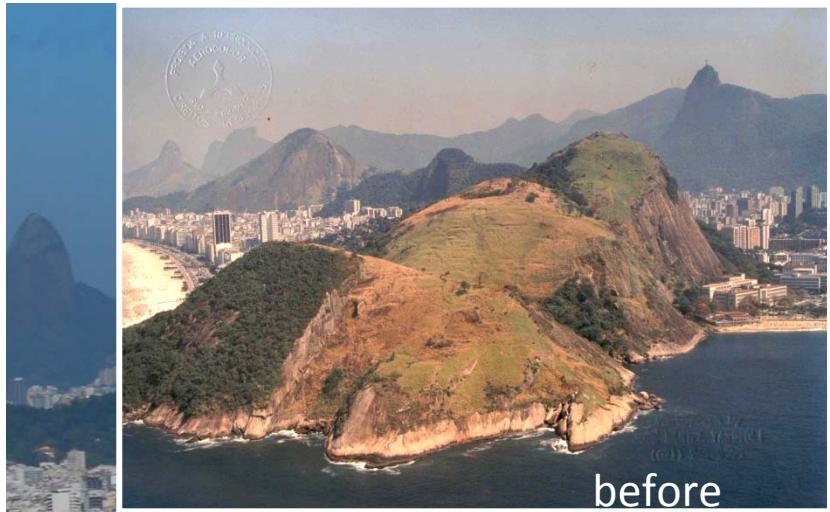


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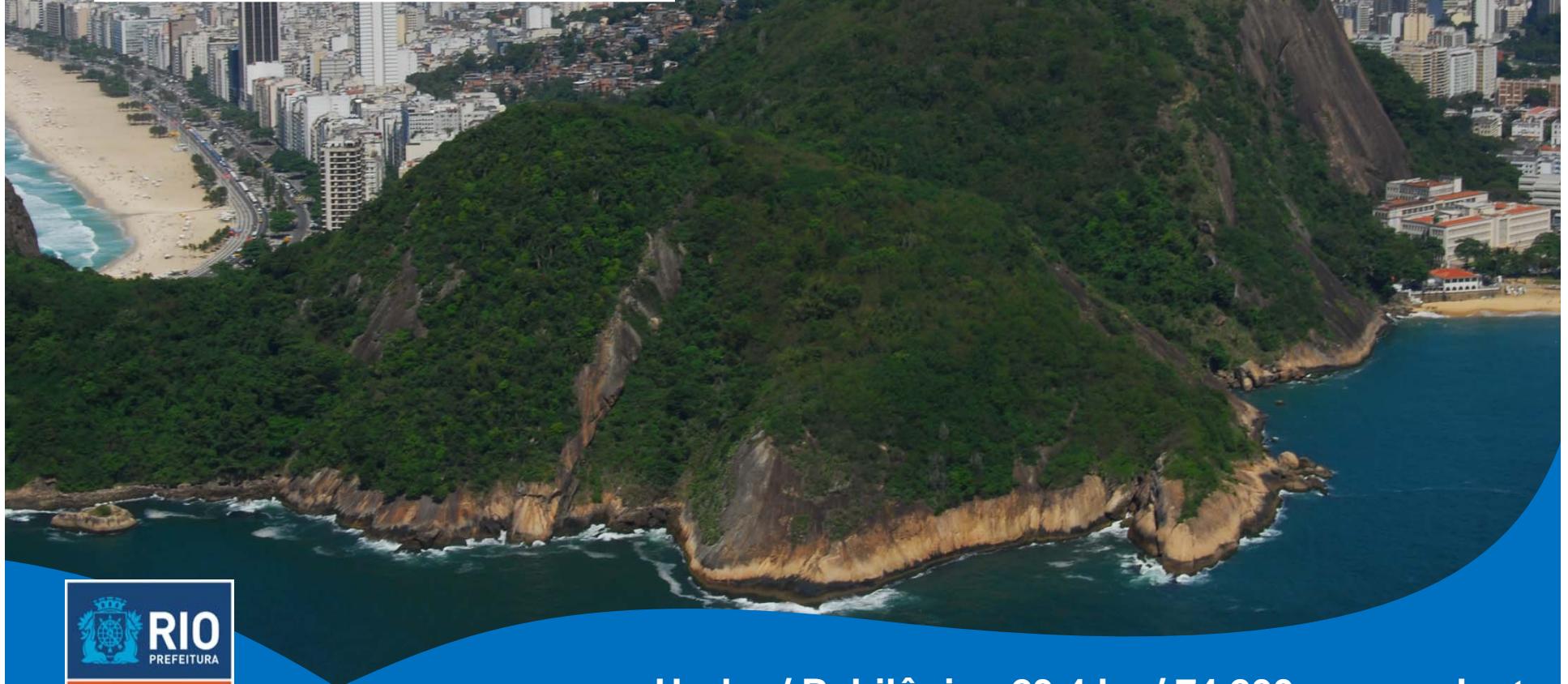




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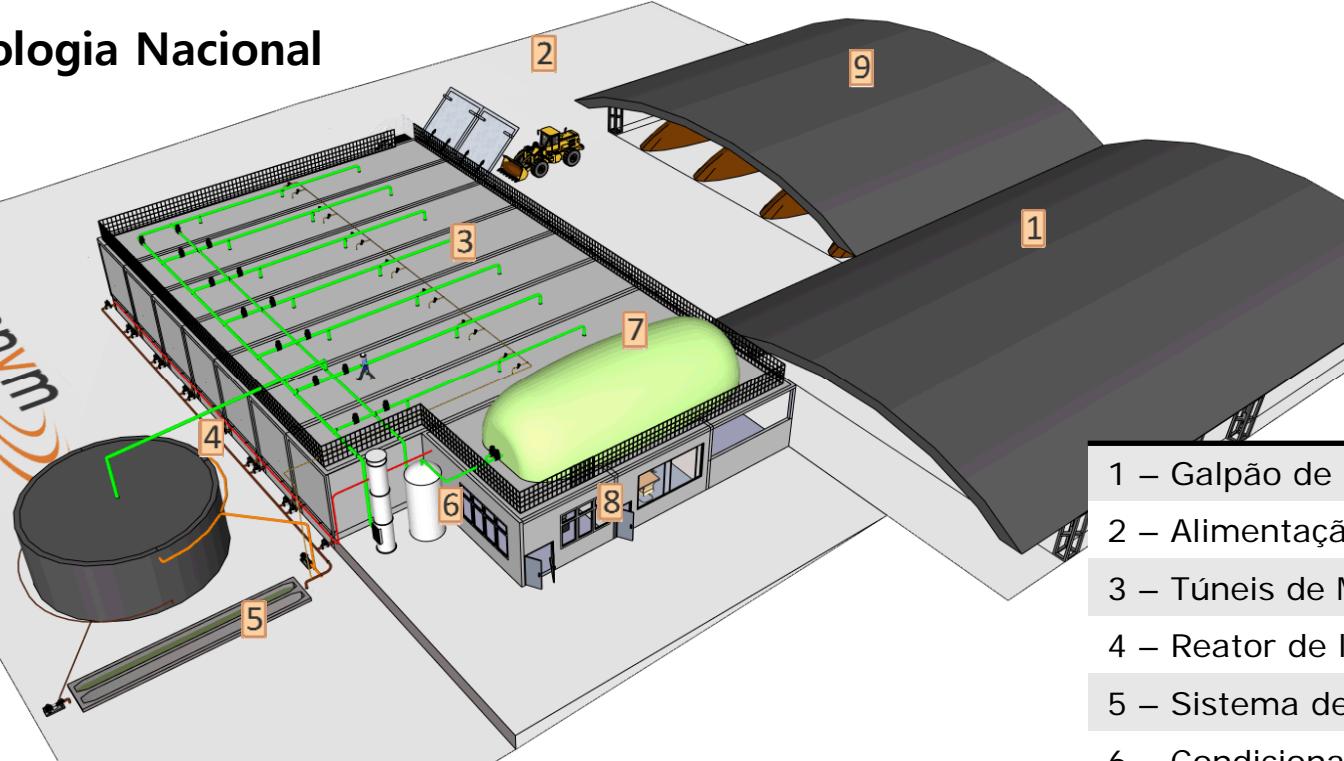
after



Urubu / Babilônia - 23,4 ha / 74.200 young plants

## Methar TMO®

### Tecnologia Nacional



- 1 – Galpão de armazenamento
- 2 – Alimentação dos digestores
- 3 – Túneis de Metanização
- 4 – Reator de líquidos
- 5 – Sistema de desarenação
- 6 – Condicionamento do biogás
- 7 – Gasômetro
- 8 – Unidade de cogeração
- 9 – Galpão de pós-tratamento

## METHANIZATION TUNNELS



Allendorf, Germany  
Bioferm Plant  
February, 2011.

# RDF PRODUCTION FOR A PILOT WTE PLANT





Tecnologia em  
Petróleo, Gás e  
Energias Renováveis

# Plasma Reactor

The plasma reactor degrades the waste turning it into a gas less pollutant than those obtained in usual processing of waste, such as landfill or incineration.



In addition, the high temperatures of the process hinders the formation of dioxins, usually generated in the thermal process for treating waste, mainly incineration. The advantage of this method is the merging and inactivating of inorganic materials in the trash without generating ashes.



The Plasma Reactor would allow the reuse of leftovers in the manufacturing of recyclable and generating gas synthesis (generating energy).

# Biogas in the network

Project Novo Gramacho

First purification plant in South America

Green Gas





*NOVO GRAMACHO & GÁS VERDE*

# Gramacho landfill

- Landfill area: aprox. 200 hectares;
- Operation Period: from 1978 until 2012 ;
- 9 ,000mil tons per day;
- 70 millions tons
- Income: CER + sale of BIOGAS to Petrobras / REDUC  
(contract take or pay de 20 anos).



# GRAMACHO Landfill - 1980



## Gramacho Landfill (View January 2012)

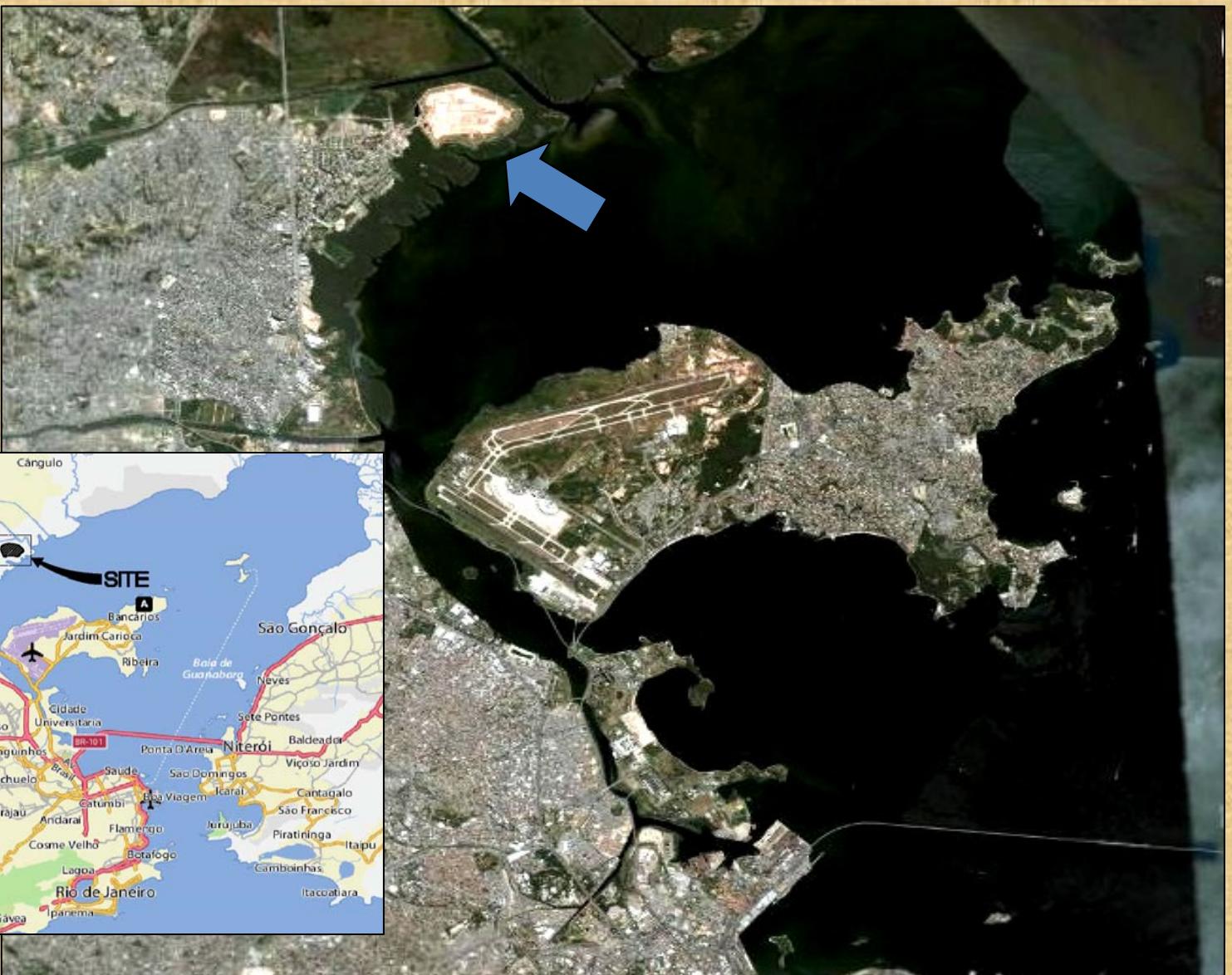


**Biogás**

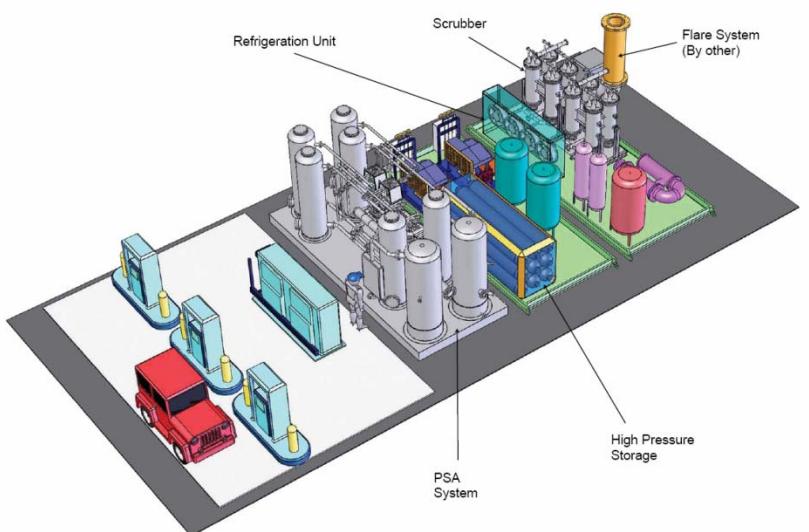


**NOVO GRAMACHO**  
Energia Ambiental

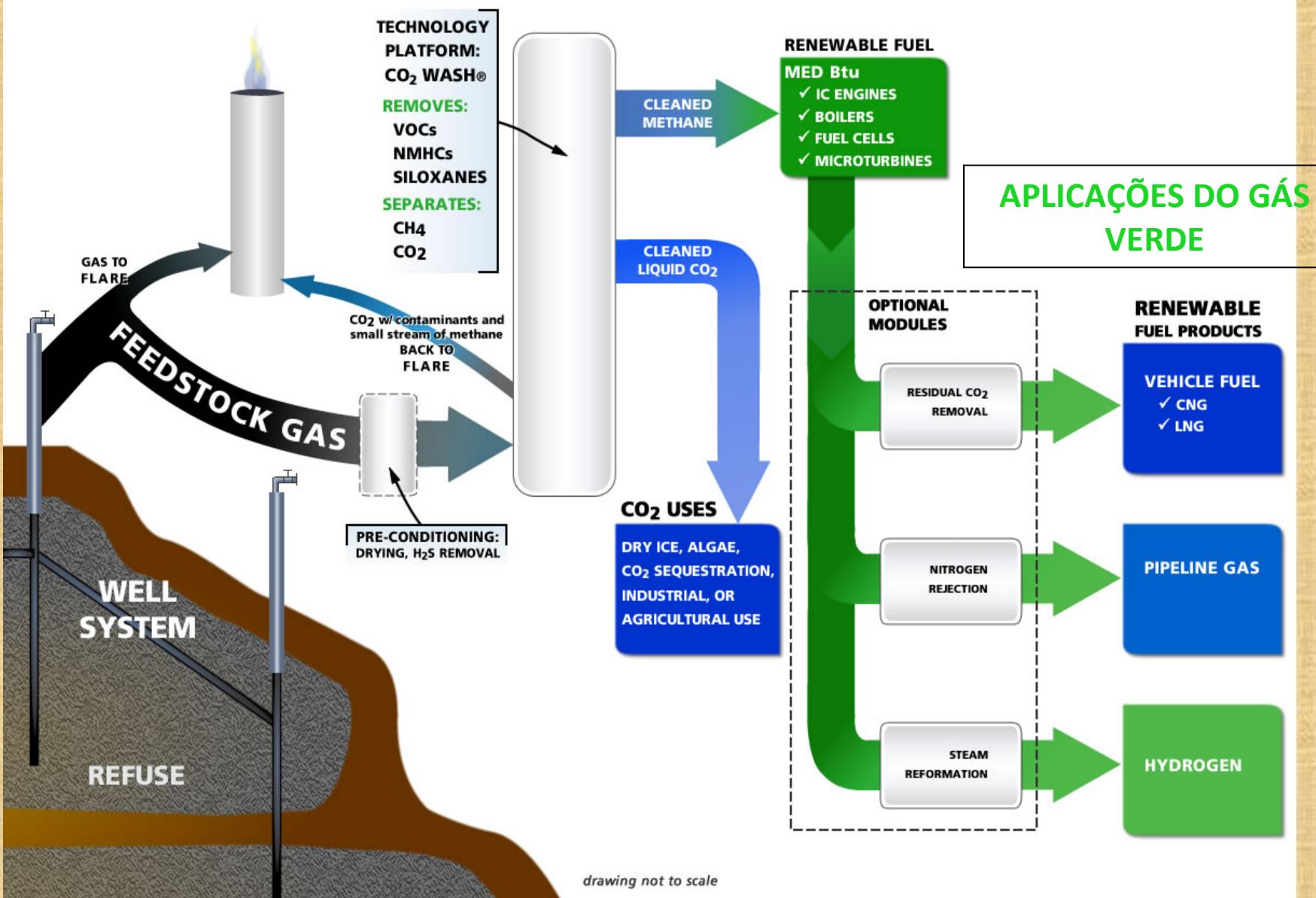
**LOCAL**



## GRAMACHO LANDFILL



Changing the Natural Gas to Green Gas (purified biogas to 95% CH<sub>4</sub>)



# BIOGAS RECOVER AND PURIFICATION GRAMACHO LANDFILL



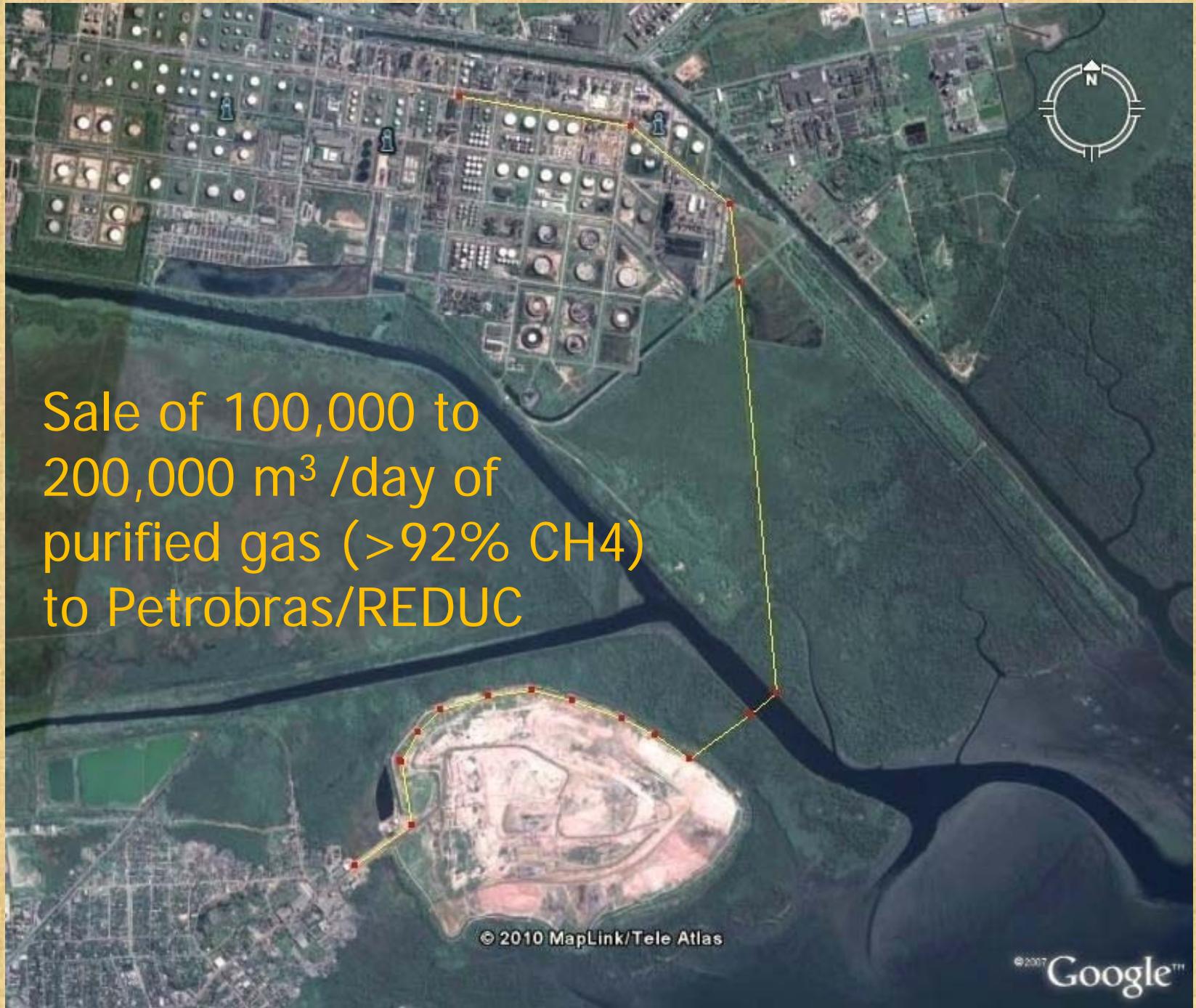
# BIOGAS RECOVER AND PURIFICATION - GRAMACHO LANDFILL



# BIOGAS RECOVER AND PURIFICATION GRAMACHO LANDFILL



Sale of 100,000 to  
200,000 m<sup>3</sup> /day of  
purified gas (>92% CH<sub>4</sub>)  
to Petrobras/REDUC



# 100 HECTARS OF RECOVERED MANGROVE



# **NEW SANITARY LANDFILL**

- Environmental protection
- Recovery of biogas
- Recycling of the C&D
- Utilization of waste from trimming
- Power generation - 30MW

# NEW SANITARY LANDFILL



# NEW SANITARY LANDFILL



## RECOVER OF RAIN WATER FOR CLEANING SERVICES



# UTILIZATION OF TREATED WASTEWATER IN THE STREET CLEANING



# ALTERNATIVE EQUIPMENT FOR COLLECTION IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES



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# ELECTRIC CARS COLLECTION OF WASTE FROM CLEANSING STREETS



# 50,000 GREEN MADE (BIOPLASTIC) CONTAINERS FOR HOUSEHOLD COLLECTION



## URBAN EQUIPMENT MADE OUT OF PLASTIC WOOD



## URBAN EQUIPMENT MADE OUT OF PLASTIC WOOD



# WASTE IS ALSO CULTURE



**PREFEITURA**

**Galpão  
Artes  
Recicladas**  
Helio G. Pellegrino

Prefeitura da Cidade RIO  
COMLURB

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