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### Agenda

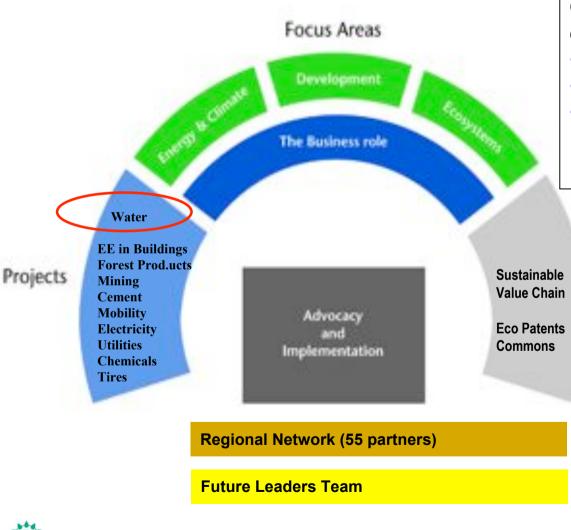


- About the WBCSD
- WBCSD Water Project
- Global Water Tool
- Discussion





#### WBCSD - Work Program Overview



### Coalition of 200+ leading companies

- Stock market value: USD 8,000 billion
- •Total member company employees: 13 million
- •Global outreach

Supplies products and services to half of the world's population every day

#### Initiatives

#### WBCSD objectives include:

- Business Leadership
- Policy Development
- The Business Case
- Best Practice
- Global Outreach





# Brief background on water: Risks and ... opportunities

- Global water scarcity and quality declining faster than experts predicted
- Numerous risks to business:
  - ✓ License to operate stranded assets
  - ✓ Increased production costs, business disruption
  - Community and regulatory pressure
  - Health of employees
  - Brand image
  - ✓ Limitations to growth of consumer markets
- IPCC: climate change will increase droughts and floods



No Water – No Business!



### WBCSD Water Project – 10 years



✓ Industry,
Freshwater and
Sustainable
Development
(March 1998)

✓ Partnerships in Practice (April 2000)

✓ Water for the Poor (July 2002)



✓ Collaborative
 Actions for
 Sustainable Water
 Management (Aug 2005)

✓ Water Scenarios to2025 (Aug 2006)



✓Sustain (Jan 2008)





#### Risk Management on Global Water Issues

- Requires an understanding of a company's water needs in relation to local externalities:
  - ✓ Water availability current and projected
  - Water quality
  - ✓ Water "stress" people, environment and agriculture
  - Access to safe drinking water sources
  - Access to sanitation
  - ✓ Population/industrial growth
- Company's needs = owned operations, employees, and supply chain.....and ultimately customers





#### Do you know...

How many of your sites are in extremely water-scarce areas? Which sites are at greatest risk? How that will change in the future?





How many of your employees live in countries that lack access to improved water and sanitation?

How many of your suppliers are in water scarce areas now and will be in 2025?





#### Global Water Tool: Benefits

- Provides an automatic link between a company's water uses (including staff presence, industrial use, and supply chain) and key external water-related data
- Enables creation of GRI Water indicators, inventories, risk and efficiency performance metrics and geographic mapping
- Allows companies to establish relative water risks in their portfolios to prioritize action (now and in the future)
- Ensures a standard approach and common set of data for global assessments







### Advisory Board & Organizations

#### Leader: CH2M HILL

Air Products and

Chemicals

Alcan

Alcoa

Anglo American

**Borealis** 

ConocoPhillips

Degussa

The Dow Chemical

Company

**DuPont** 

GrupoNueva

Holcim

**ITT** Corporation

Kimberly Clark

Lafarge

PepsiCo

Petro-Canada

Rio Tinto

Sanyo

Shell

Suez

Syngenta

Unilever

#### **Data provided by:**







World Health
Organization & UNICEF
Joint Monitoring
Programme

#### **Expertise provided by:**









#### **Data Credibility**

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) AQUASTAT World Health
Organization & UNICEF
Joint Monitoring
Program (JMP)

World Resources Institute (WRI)

University of New Hampshire (UNH), USA

- Dataset owners gave permission to WBCSD for use in the Tool
- Original datasets have not been modified
- The datasets
  - √ Have global coverage
  - ✓ Are available in the public domain
  - Are considered valid by the global community of water stakeholders
  - ✓ Are recent
  - √ Will be updated





#### Tool Functions and Data Security

#### **Two Parts to the Tool:**

- Excel Workbook: Inventory, GRI Indicators, External Data Connection and Metrics Calculations
  - GRI has endorsed tool
- On-line Mapping Program
  - Site Locations and External Water Maps
  - Google Earth interface for spatial viewing

Company data is kept secure by user – not saved on WBCSD website

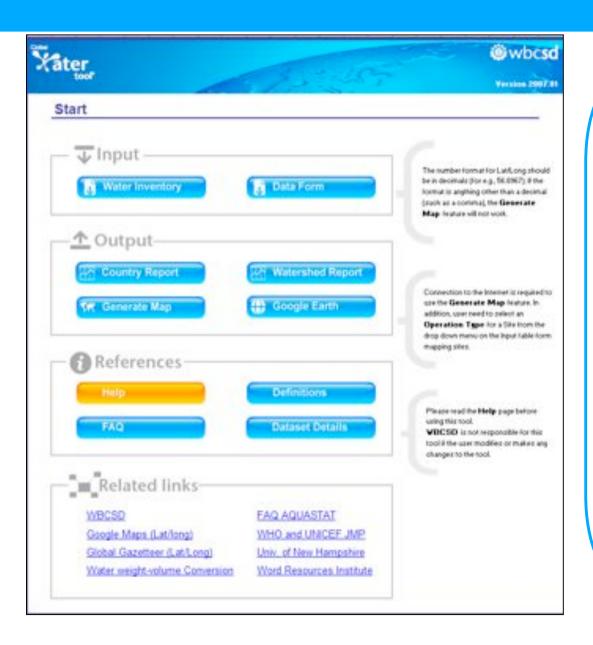


GRI Indicators on total water withdrawals (EN8), water recycled/reused (EN10), and total water discharge (EN21) are calculated for each site, country, region and total.





### Start Page



#### Limitation

The tool does not provide specific guidance on local situations, which requires more in-depth systematic analysis.





### Data Form – Easy Input Sheet







#### Input Inventory Sheet







#### Water Consumption and GRI Metrics







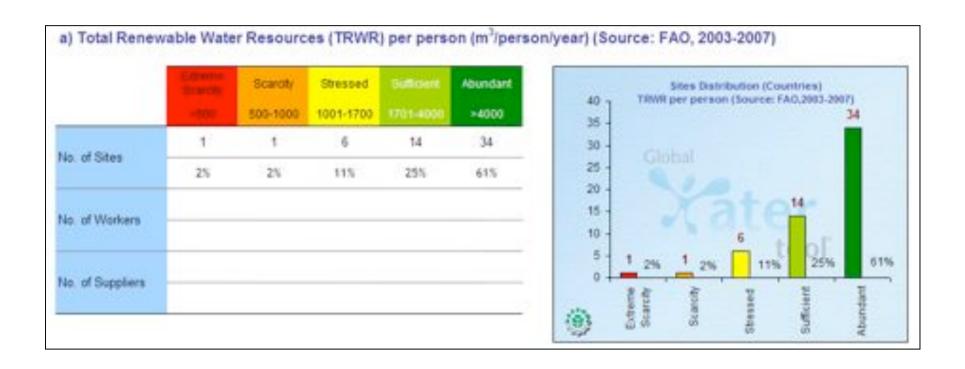
### Combined Company and Country Metrics







#### Workbook Output – Charts







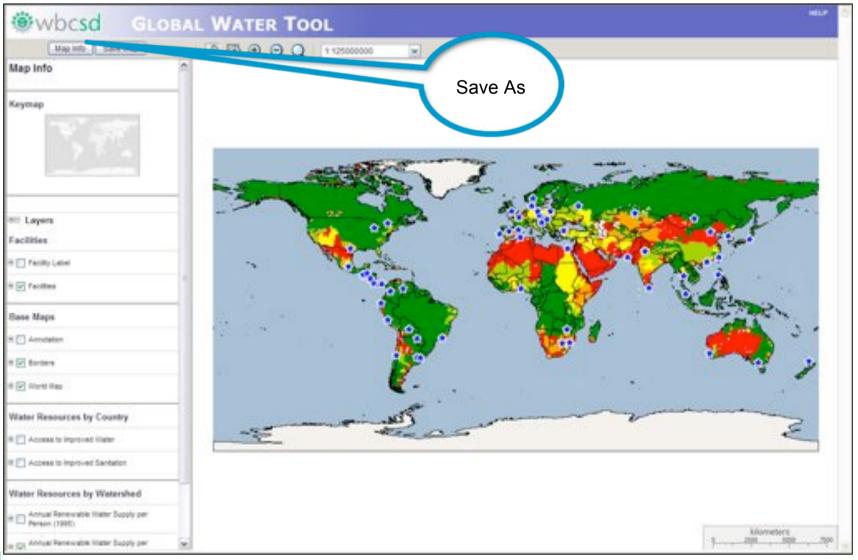
#### **Generate Maps**







### **GIS Mapping Application**

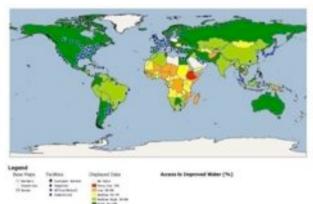




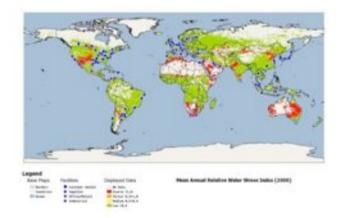


#### Other Global Maps Available

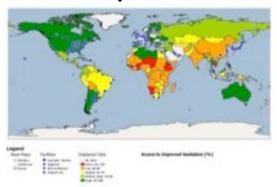
#### **Access to Improved Water**



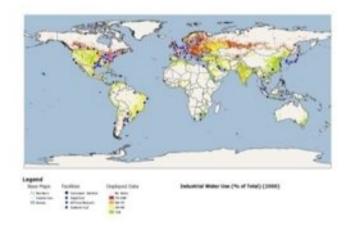
Mean Annual Relative Water Stress Index



#### **Access to Improved Sanitation**



Ratio of Industrial to Total Water Use



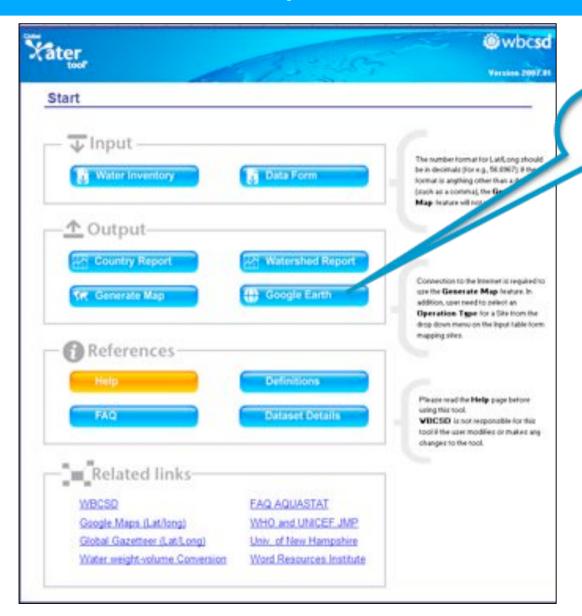




#### Map Sites with Google Earth

Click Google

Earth







### Google Earth Interface – Global Perspective







#### Global Water Tool - Marketing and Maintenance

- Uptake since launch Aug '07
  - ✓ Estimate approx. 1'000 individuals have tried the tool including 150 companies among which:

ABN Amro	DuPont
Akzo Nobel	Ford Motor Company
Alcan	GrupoNueva
Anglo Coal	ITT Corporation
ArcelorMittal	Pakistan State Oil
Borealis	Pepsi
CEMEX	Petro-Canada
CH2M HILL	Shell
Chevron	StatoilHydro
ConocoPhillips	Unilever
Dow	Nestlé

✓ 2008 update with revised drinking water & sanitation data







### Interested in knowing more?

The Global Water Tool provides a comprehensive and dynamic picture of our operations' water footprint and is the basis for the strategic management of water risks, Borealis



www.wbcsd.org/web/watertool.ht

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