

# Project-Based Carbon Credits

- EU experience on voluntary and early action markets-

#### Structure



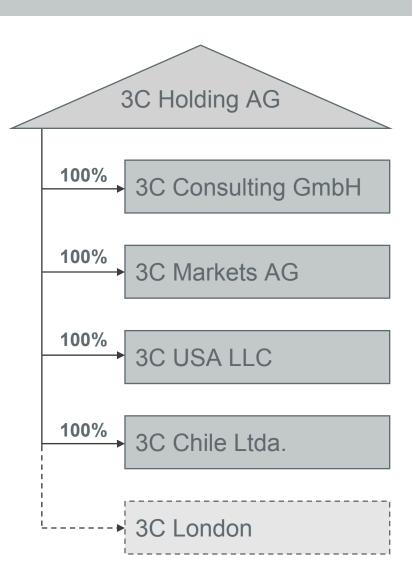
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### 3C - Key Data



- 3C was founded in 2003
  - in Frankfurt am Main / Germany
     by Dr. Sascha Lafeld and Markus Hüwener
  - as independent spin-off
     from Dresdner Bank / Allianz Group
  - in Jan. 08, 3C AG will merge with Factor AG, Switzerland
- 3C currently employs 50 specialists
  - based in Frankfurt, offices in Berlin, Zurich, Santiago de Chile and Washington, D.C.
  - Offices in London, New Delhi and Beijing to be set up in 2008
- Since 2006 structured as a holding organization and backed by a strategic investor





#### 3C operates in four core business areas









Carbon Investment Advisory Origination of CDM/JI/VER Projects

Trading
Strategies &
Execution Desk

Climate Neutral
Products &
Services

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#### Compliance market - 3C as investment advisor

#### Climate Change Investment SA I

closing size: 67 M€

asset class: CERs, ERUs

#### Climate Change Investment SA II

target size: 100 M€

asset class: CERs, ERUs, Gold Standard CERs/ERUs, tCERs

will be launched in 1st quarter 2008

#### Carbon Opportunity Fund – Hedge Fund

target size: 25 M€

asset class: EUAs, secondary CERs, VERs, Post-Kyoto credits, RGGI, CCX

first tranche will be launched in Jan. 08

#### **Singapur Climate Change Investment**

target size: 100 M US\$

listed on AIM, project finance + carbon credits

asset class: power, CERs

will be launched in 3rd quarter 08

### 3C's market position on the voluntary market

- Retirement of about 1,5 Mio tons CO<sub>2</sub> in 2005-2007
- Growth above market average for 2007
- Close cooperation with TUEV SUED
- Contribution to the development of a Carbon Stewardship Council
- 3C as expert for "Code of Best Practice for the provision of carbon offsetting" (DEFRA)

→ 3C is one of the world's leading providers of carbon offset services

### **Selected Carbon Offset Projects**







renewables hydro



renewables wind



renewables solar / photovoltaic



renewables biomass





renewables biogas



energy efficiency



methane avoidance





transport



aforestation / reforestation



#### Carbon Neutral Track Record

































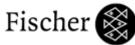




























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#### **The Voluntary Carbon Market**



#### The Market

- Climate change is present in public and media companies and consumers are aware of climate change
- "Carbon Offset" is Word of the Year 2006
- Businesses use action on Climate Change as reputation driver and market differentiator



#### **Business Benefits**



Grow Business Value

Socially Responsible Investments

**Sustainability Ratings** 

Management of offbalance sheet risks Win Green Business

High CO2 awareness in society

Green consumerism

Lifestyle of health and sustainability

Prepare for Complianco

Extension of the emission trading scheme

Energy efficiency benchmarks

Energy efficiency and carbon covenants

Attract/Retain Talenx

War for talent
Preferred employer

Reduce Energy Costs

Rising energy and raw material costs

Energy efficiency potentials

#### **Climate Neutral Solutions**







Oeliver Climate Neutra



# Be Climate Neutrall



Produce/Use Climate Neutra/



# Kravel Climate Neutra





#### **Climate Neutral Process**



# Six Steps to develop and implement Climate Neutral Activities:

Step 1	Explore where emissions can be avoided or reduced		
Step 2	Calculate the unavoidable emissions to be compensated		
Step 3	Select a compensation project		
Step 4	Purchase high quality emissions reduction credits		
Step 5	Retire the certificates		
Step 6	Marketing and awarding the climate neutral label		

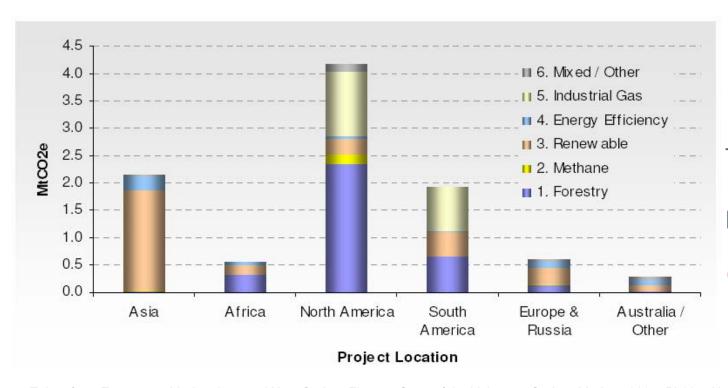
#### Size of carbon markets – compliance vs. voluntary

Table 1: Keeping Up with Kyoto? The Voluntary Markets in Context

	2006 Volume (Million tCO <sub>2</sub> )	2006 Value (US\$ Million)	
Voluntary OTC Offset Market	13.4	54.9	
CCX	10.3	36.1	
Total Voluntary Market	23.7	91	
Other GHG Trading Schemes			
EU ETS Trading Scheme <sup>2</sup>	1,101	24,357	
Primary Clean Development Mechanism	450	4,813	
Secondary Clean Development Mechanism	25	444	
Joint Implementation	16	141	
New South Wales	20	225	

Taken from Ecosystem Marketplace and New Carbon Finance State of the Voluntary Carbon Markets 2007: Picking Up Steam

### **Transactions by Project Location, 2006 (9.7Mt)**

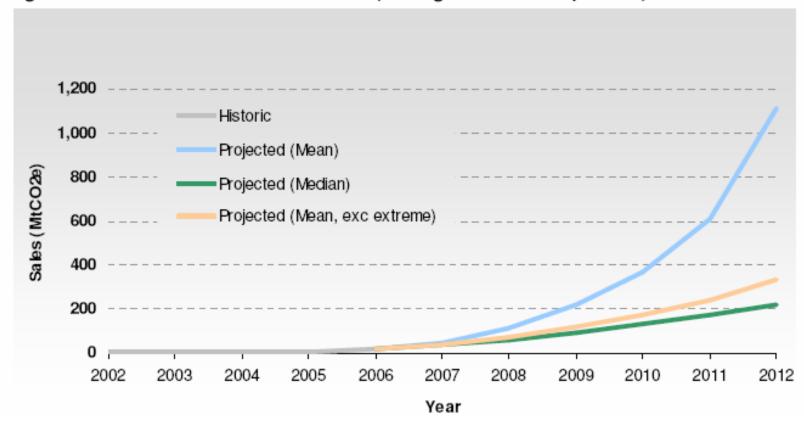


Transactions within a vast range of prices: €0.33 (NOK 2.68) to €33.40 (NOK 268) per ton.

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### **Voluntary Carbon Market – projected future growth**

Figure 24: Future Market Size Estimate (average of seller responses)



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#### **Quality Standards for Verified Emission Reductions**

#### High quality and transparency is key!

#### Standards – need to be applied globally



Emission reductions must be

- real
- measurable
- permanent
- additional
- conservative

Third party assurance needed
Registries needed to ensure emissions
are not double counted.



#### **Available VER Quality Standards**



#### Standards

VER+

vcs

**CCBA** 

Social carbon

**Gold Standard** 

#### **Characteristics**

Similar to CDM & JI, but more flexible on methodologies, forest projects allowed, additionality test and double counting included

Edition 2007 just released, flexible on methodologies, forestry allowed, additionality prove too soft, development of benchmarks unclear

Only for forestry projects, strong focus on community and biodiversity benefits, only in combination with VER+/ VCS/CDM

Strong focus on community benefits

Strong focus on community benefits, additionality test included, no forestry

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#### **4Lessons learnt in the EU**

#### **Lessons Learnt from the EU market**



# The voluntary carbon market in the EU started in 2003 as an early action market for the upcoming cap & trade systems

- at that time there where no efficiency/ carbon benchmarks
- policy regulations unclear
- unclear whether voluntary action will be counted as early action for compliance
- no standards available
  - Some Projects did not become eligible under the EU-ETS
- With rising environmental awareness, the voluntary market has become a liquid market with good growth rates, untouched from Kyoto.
  - No matter what will happen with Kyoto, the Voluntary Market will continue to grow there is no way back.
- Quality is key: the market is self-regulating and selects the good from the bad the client wants quality!

#### Recommendations for the US market



- The US carbon market is growing quickly, a fungibility and compatibility of standards is key to link US markets to the global carbon market
- Develop a transparent process for recognition of 'good' standards that are comparable to regulated market standards
- Urge for policy guidelines with regards to benchmark setting, standard application, criteria for early action etc. to assure that your engagement now will be counted in the future.
- Encourage organizations to use credible standards
  - for accounting for their carbon foot print
  - for offsetting their carbon foot prints
- Ensure linking of registries to avoid double counting

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