



# Sustainability Initiatives

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# Agenda

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- Renewable Energy Sourcing.
- **Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)**
- Reduction of Carbon Footprint,
- Role of Chemicals – Energy savings

# 1. Renewable Energy

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- Renewable Energy Sourcing.
  - Grey to Green Energy Initiatives- Stahl.
  - Green energy - solar, wind, biomass or other renewable sources.
  - Switching energy sourced for our (4) European plants from

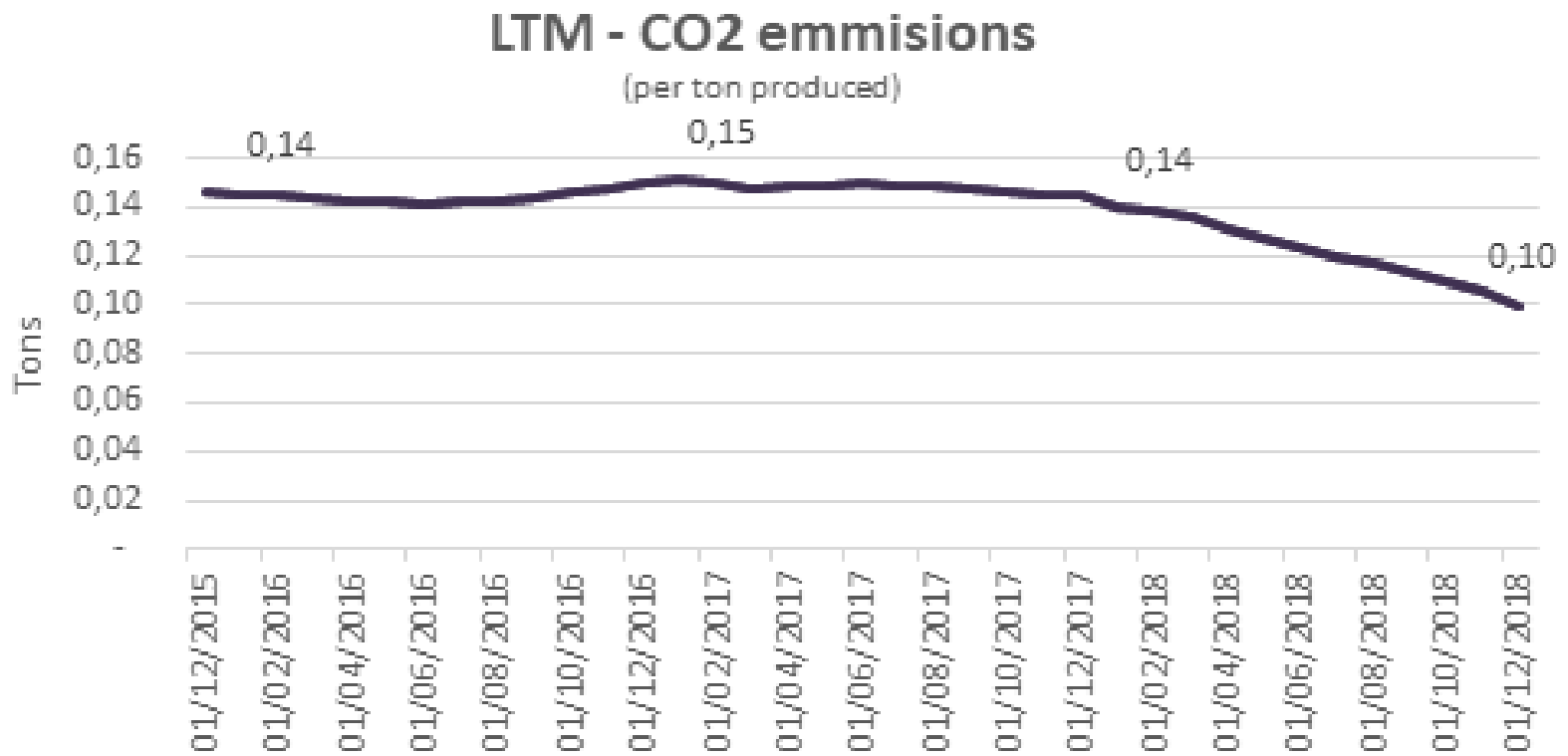
# Solar Project-Change over

- Energy sourcing has changed over the years from fossil fuel based energy to green energy and recent shift to solar energy at our Stahl Brasil facility.
- India's renewable energy sourcing at stahl factories as well.
- Over the last 5 years we have switched all the energy sourced for our (4) European plants from "grey" energy to "green" energy.

# Solar Project-Change ~~over~~

- The environmental benefit of green energy vs grey energy sourcing - Reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- Green energy means zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, grey energy is fossil fuel, so we have to report the equivalent amount of burned fuel, which means CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- Enclosed is a graph that shows the progressive improvement in our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions over recent years, is mostly because of our policy of sourcing green energy.

# Solar Project-Change over

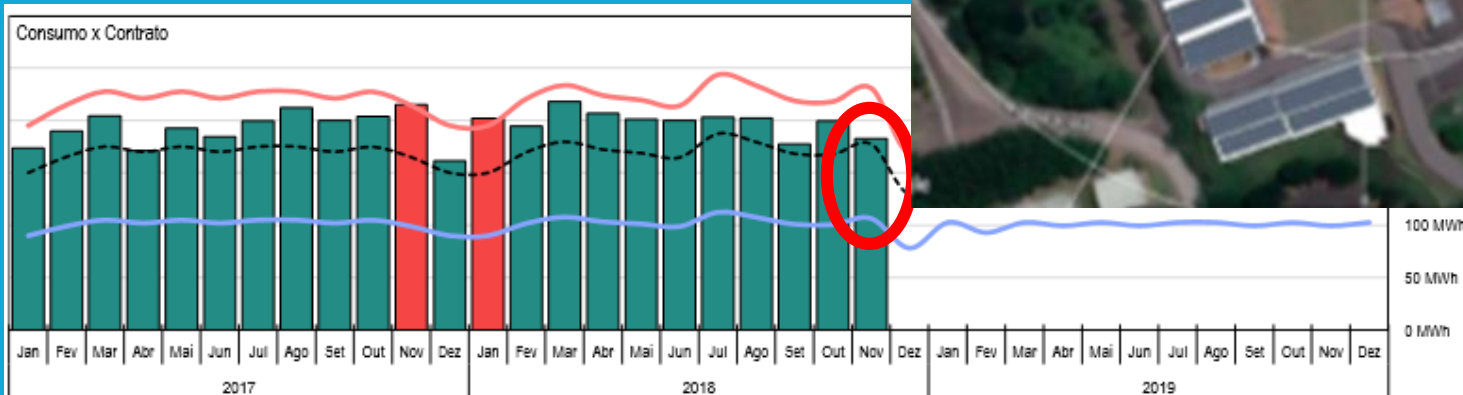


# Solar Project-Change over

- In Brasil, Portao plant, we just started with the installations of solar panels - already can supply 40-50% of the energy used at this site-Solar panels installed on the roof.
- Plans to extend solar panel usage at our India, Singapore, Spain factories, where we have a lot of sun.
- The long term goal is to have self-sufficient energy at our sites, which is not just better for the environment but also more secure against power shortages

# Main Project:

- Installation of 2225 photovoltaic modules
- 50% Solar Energy before 2020





# Time line Stahl Brazil Instalation:



## PROJECT

21th June – Start of EP

20th July – EP approval

31st August – Official Purchase Orders



## ENGINEERING

12th September – Start of Final Engineering Projetc

24th September – Arriving of Materials in Portão Plant

27th September – Start of installations

## INSTALLATION

28th October – 100 solar modules running on-grid Cantine

30th October – 300 solar modules running on-grid Technical Center A900

28th November – 95 solar modules running on-grid Maintenance  
228 solar modules running on-grid A130 (Waterbase)

1st December – 305 solar modules running on-grid A360 (Warehouse)

10th December – 322 solar modules running on-grid A320 (Warehouse)

# Cantine – 100 solar modules

Brazil Solar Project





# A900 - Technical Center/ CSD - 300 solar modules





# A130 – Waterbase plant - 228 solar modules



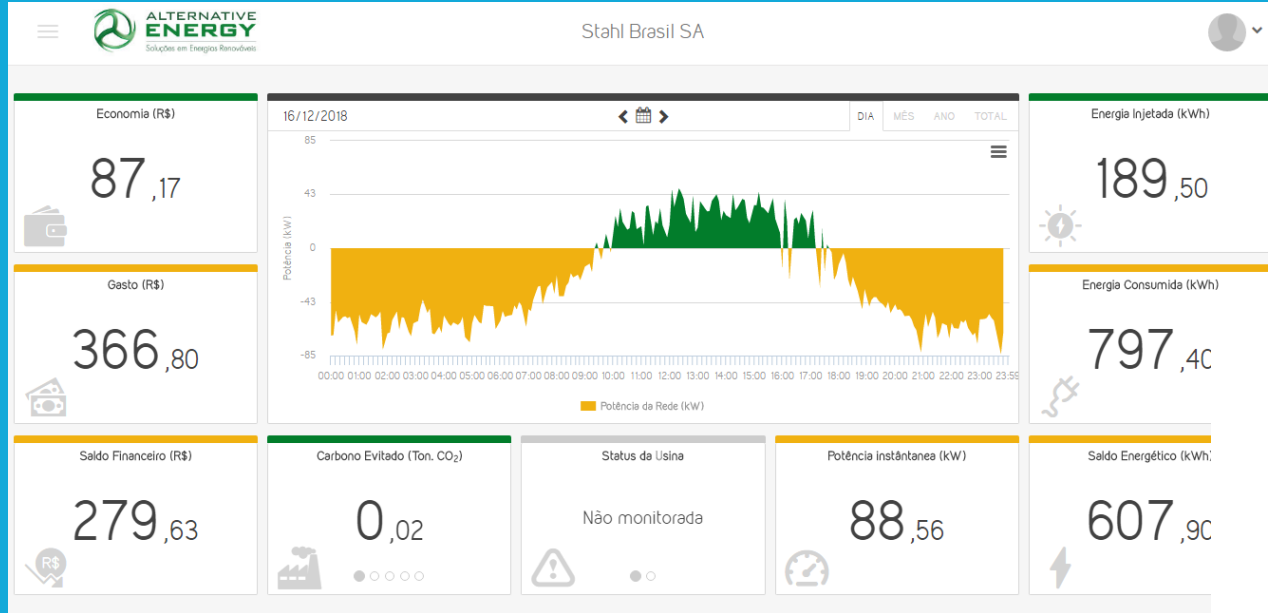


# A360 – RAW MATERIAL WAREHOUSE – 305 solar modules



## A320 – FINISH PRODUCTS WAREHOUSE - 322 solar modules





Consumption monitoring



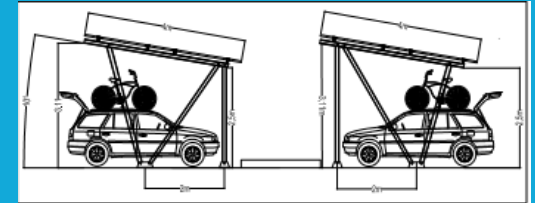
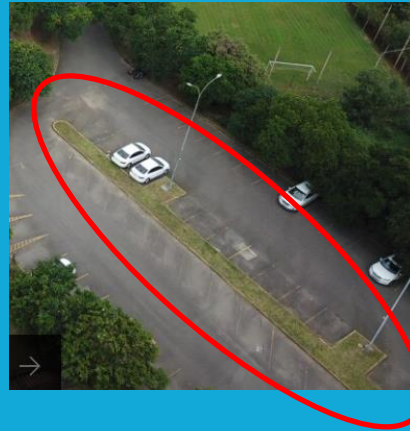
Generation monitoring



# Next steps:



Parking Lot –  
240 solar modules



A310 Raw-Material  
Warehouse  
183 solar modules



Ground place  
300 solar modules

Budget date for Conclusion: 25th January '19



## 2. Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

- Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)
  - Methodology and terminology
  - What is measured and reported
  - Environmental impact data & categories
  - Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)
  - Product Category Rules & boundaries
- Example - tannery chemicals
- Summary

# Methodology, ~~terminology~~

- A system is available to capture the environmental impact of leather
- Product Category Rules are defined (European Commission)
- Life Cycle Analysis calculates environmental impact
- Complete leather process is quantified
- Cradle to Gate approach

# Measuring, Reporting

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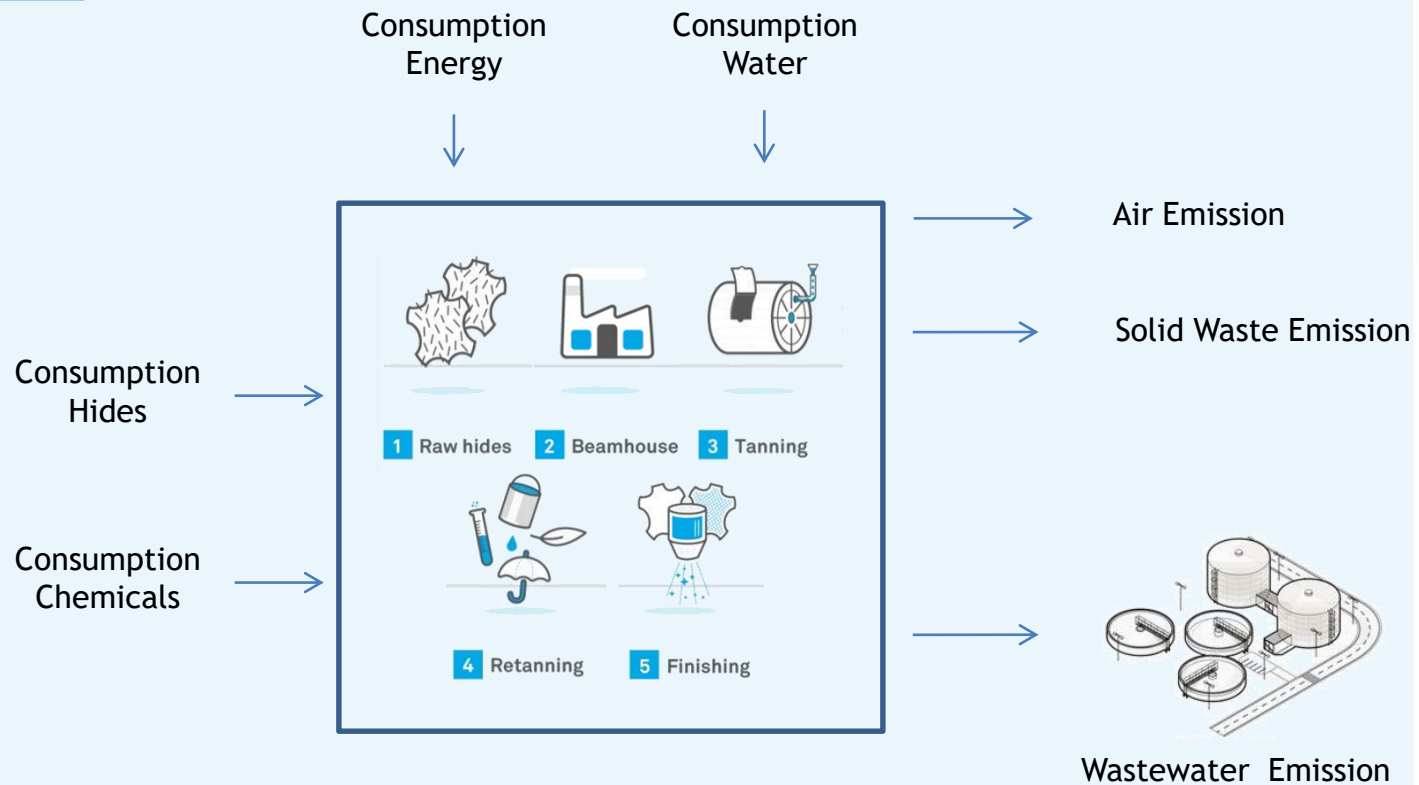
- Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) data is collected for the process
- Resource consumption and manufacturing emissions are measured
- Environmental Impact Data is calculated (Life Cycle Software)
- Results are reported in well known environmental language
- Output is an Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)

# Material flows

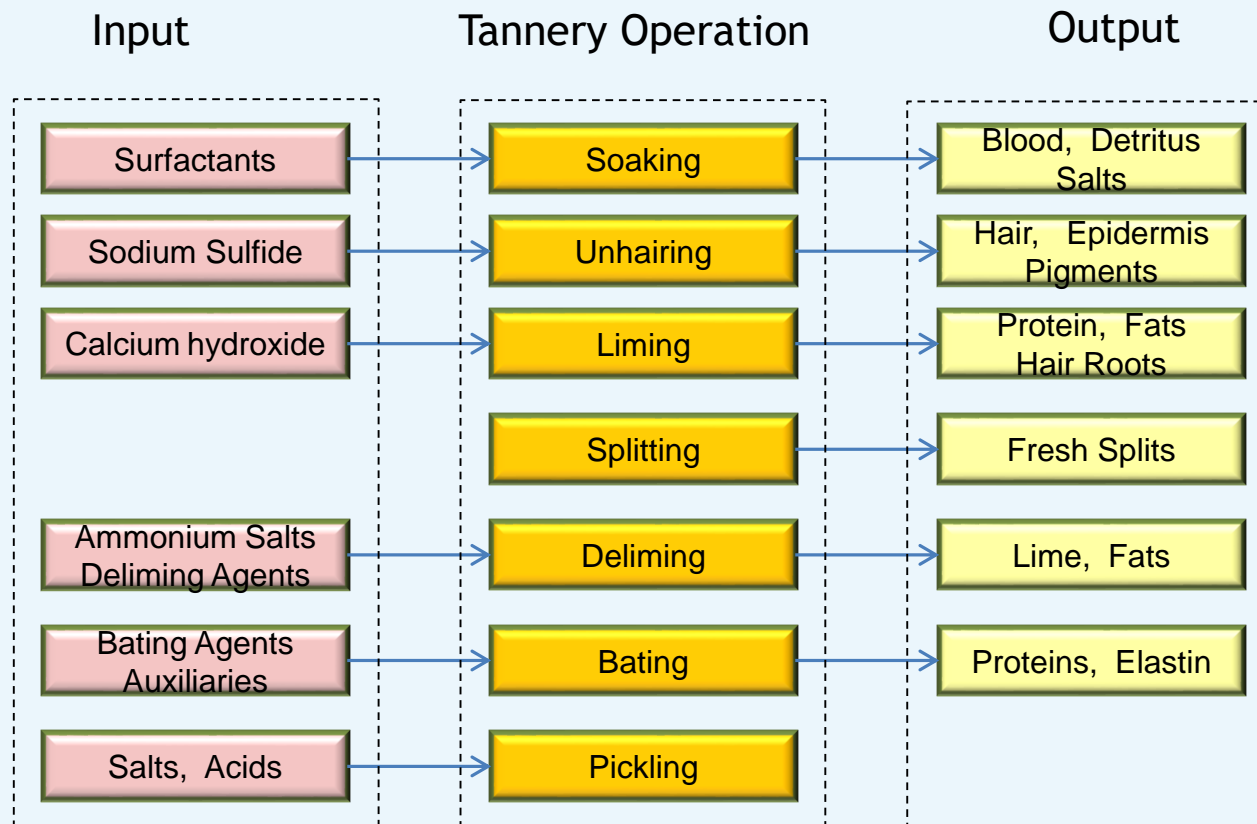
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- Measuring Inputs & Outputs is known as Life Cycle Inventory (LCI)
- Input (consumption)
  - Chemicals
  - Resources
- Output (Emission)
  - Waste products
  - Effluent

# Leather process



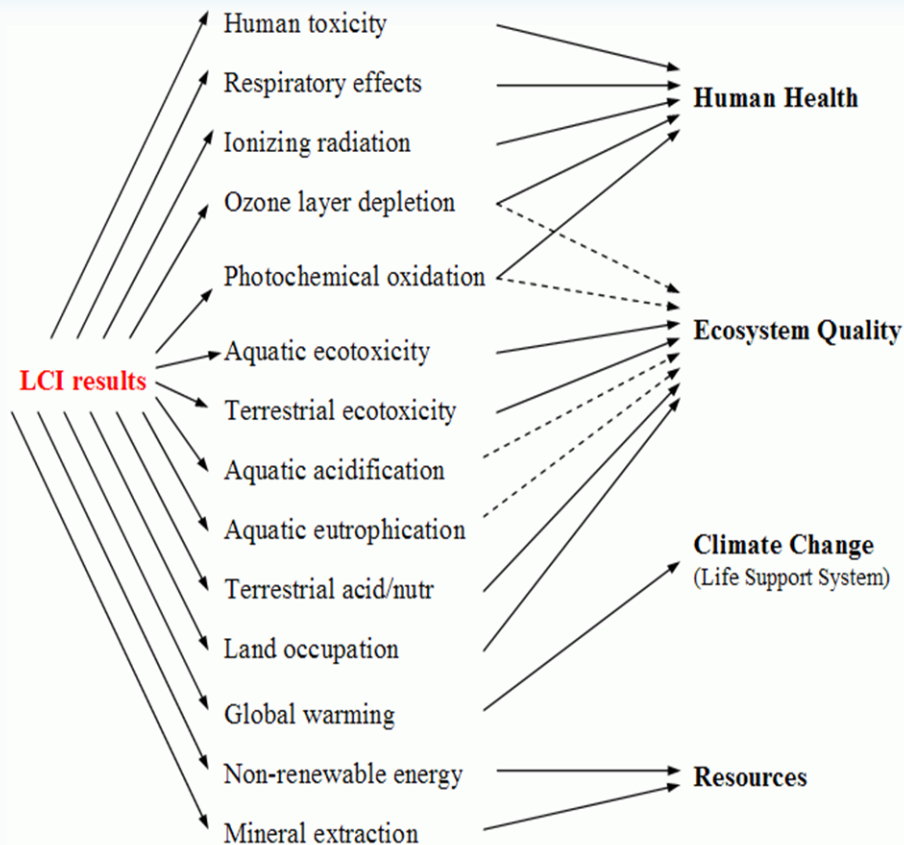
# Beamhouse example



# Converting LCI data

Material Flow

Production Data (LCI)  
Is Processed in LCA  
software and converted into  
Environmental Impact Data



Output data

Environmental  
Impact Data  
Is reported in  
the EPD

# Impact Categories



## Use of Energy and Resources

Primary Energy (PE)

Resource Consumption



## Climate Change

Global Warming Potential (GWP)

Carbon Footprint



## Acidification of Land and Water Resources

Acidification Potential (EP)

Acid Rain



## Eutrophication

Eutrophication Potential (EP)

Water Quality



## Destruction of Ozone Layer

Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP)

Ozone Hole



## Formation of Photochemical Oxidants

Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential (POCP)

Ground Smog



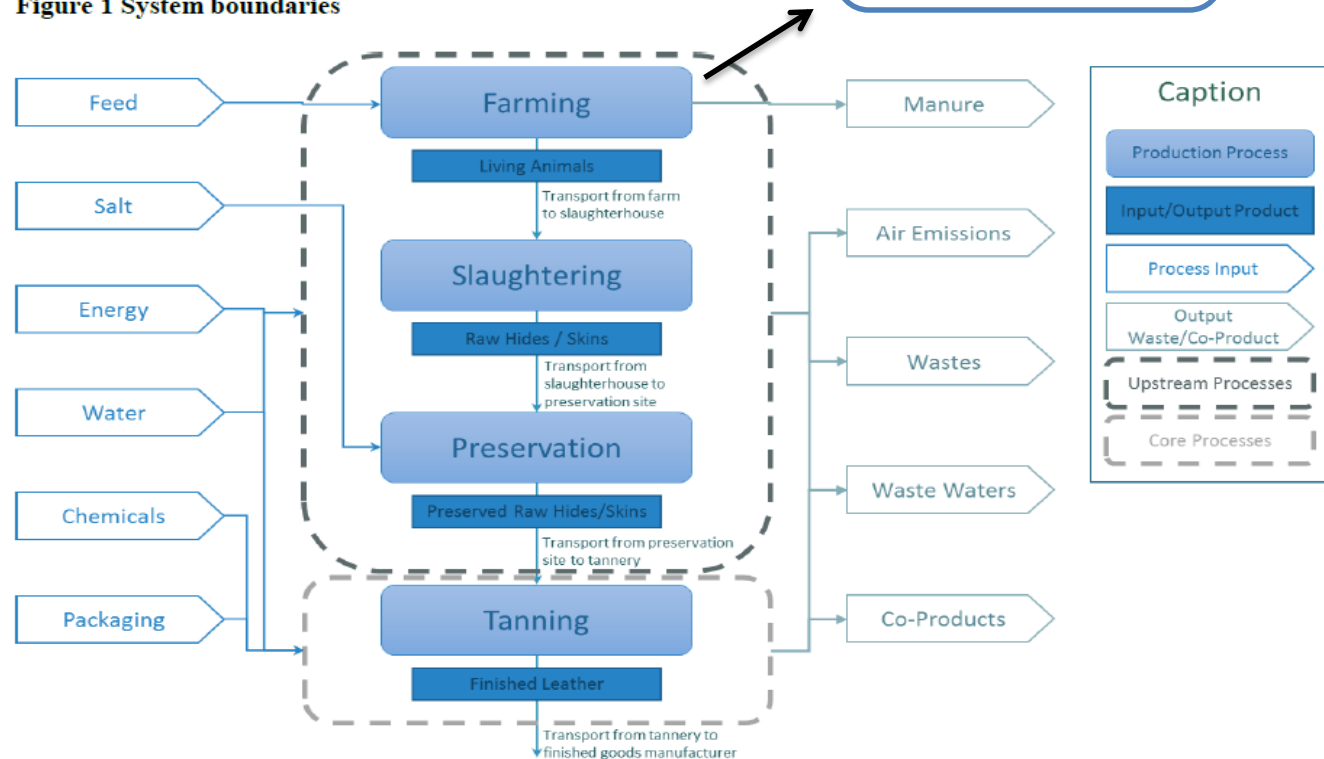
# Product Category ~~Rules~~

- Product Category Rules (PCR or PEFCR) represent the specific LCA guidelines as applied to a narrow field of use
- Leather PCR was developed by COTANCE, ICT, UNIC
- Leather PCR defines the system boundary information
- LCA begins at farming and ends at tannery discharge

# System boundaries

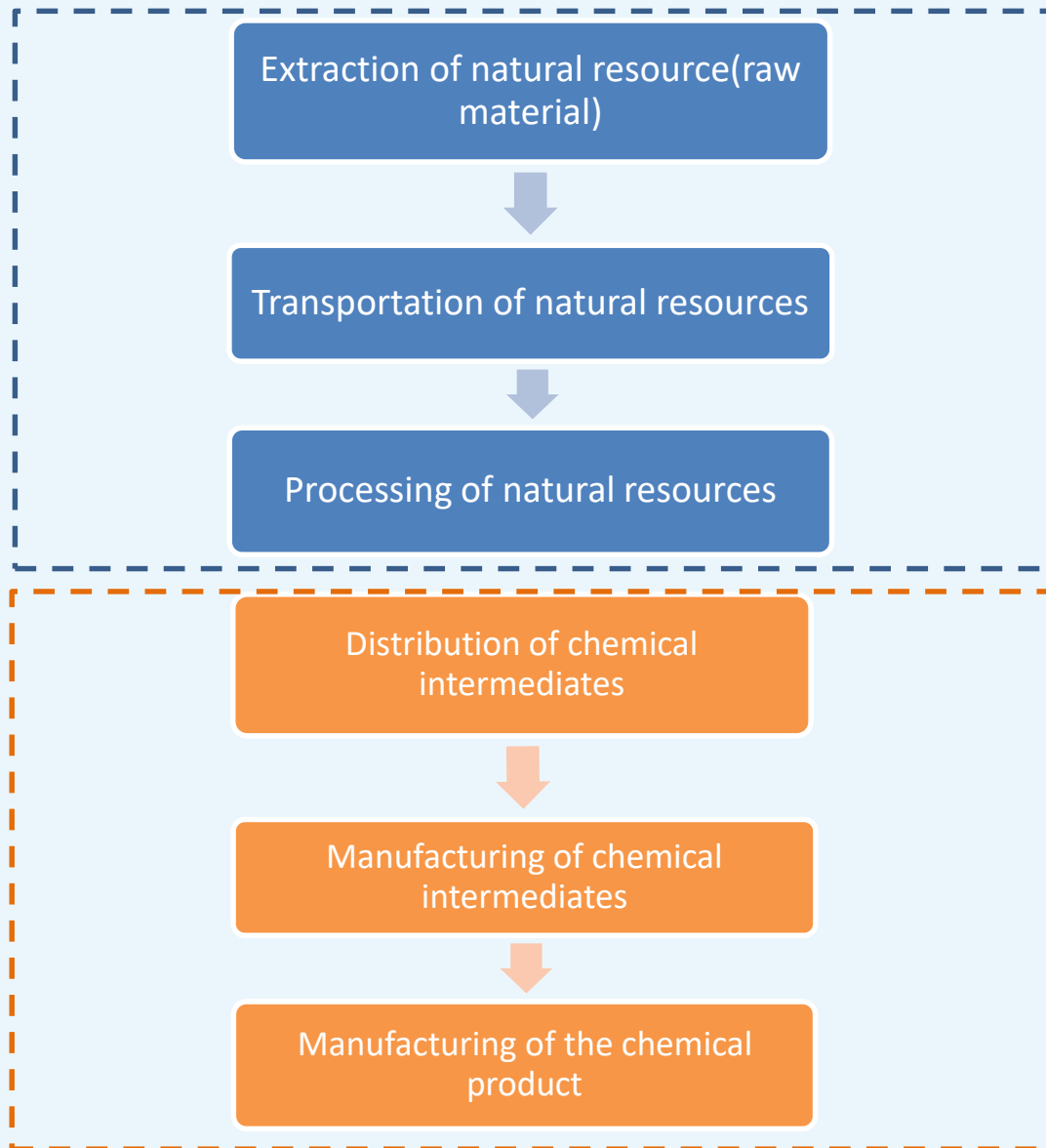
312 System boundaries are schematically illustrated in Figure 1.

313 **Figure 1 System boundaries**



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# Environmental Impact of Tanning chemicals



# Tanning chemical EPD

Environmental Product Declaration based on Product Category Rules

Potential environmental impact per declared unit	Unit	Upstream	Core	Downstream	TOTAL
Acidification Potential (AP)	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq	0,009	0,001	–	0,009
Global Warming Potential (GWP100)	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1,413	0,151	–	1,564
Eutrophication Potential (EP)	kg PO <sub>4</sub> eq	0,003	1,48E – 04	–	0,003
Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential (POCP)	kg C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> eq	4,25E-04	3,10E-05	–	4,56E-04
Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP)	kg CFC-11 eq	4,32E-07	1,92E-08	–	4,51E-07

# LCA Methodology

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## Summary

- LCA methodology represents an important development for leather
- The EC framework and Product Category Rules allow for valid comparisons to be made
- New processes/chemistry will require LCA data in order to be valid
- As tanners become LCA modelled, impact analysis will improve

# 3. Reduction of Carbon Footprint- Process Time

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- Shorter **process time** lowers energy consumption for a smaller carbon footprint.
- A lower effluent load in water output leads to energy savings in waste treatment efforts.
- **Pickle-Free:** Whatever the % reduction in energy can be achieved using better processes, skipping pickling etc., then the same % reduction in carbon footprint (CO<sub>2</sub> emissions) will also be achieved.
- Energy savings are dependent on using special chemicals.
- Similarly, by minimizing water effluent load, overall environmental footprint can be reduced, and this can be calculated using an LCA methodology.

# 4. Role of Chemicals

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- Energy savings by using highly penetrative auxiliaries, chemicals whereby reduction in energy.
- By skipping the pickling step, energy is reduced significantly.
- Using higher performing topcoats, less coating can be applied to get the same properties
- Lower performing coatings, thereby reducing the energy required to dry/cure them.



We believe that if it can be  
imagined, it can be created.