

# Balancing Environmental, Economic, and Social Goals in the Bioeconomy:

## Important Trends in the Forest Industry



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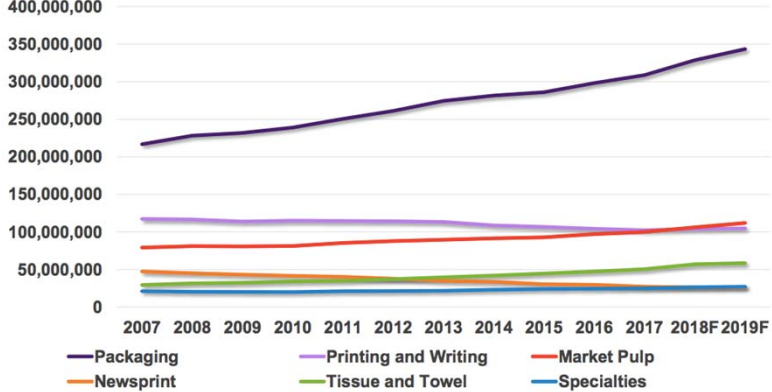
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### Given the increasing digitalization of the economy, is the global consumption of wood fiber expected to fall?

No, the consumption of wood is expected to continue to rise.

- Solid wood consumption not very affected by digitalization, and still rising with population and income per capita.
- Aggregate Pulp & Paper consumption is still growing (~2.5%/year), but becoming a Packaging (and Tissue) Industry that is still dependent on market pulp.

Global Pulp, Paper, and Tissue Capacity by Major Grade (tonnes)



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## Globally, Where is the Money Going?

- **Packaging & Tissue Paper machines in Asia**
  - ✓ China could easily account for 1/3 of all global pulp, paper, and tissue production in just 10 years' time
- **Pulp mills in S. America.**
  - ✓ Lull in new capacity over next 1-2 years due to recent merger activity, but expect an acceleration of new low cost capacity after 2020.
- **Sawmills in the U.S. South and Eastern Russia.**
  - ✓ Almost 5.0 BBF (12 million m<sup>3</sup>) of new capacity already announced in the U.S. South in 2018-2020, with ~1/3 by Canadians.
  - ✓ Continued strong capacity growth in Russian Far East, mostly financed by Chinese capital.
- **Bio-products in Europe.**
  - ✓ Finland is the leader, with a focus on specialty pulp and advanced bio-products.



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## Value of Long vs Short Fiber: Recent Data Point

- Consider an interesting data point generated in late 2017.
  - A subsidiary of Asia Pulp & Paper paid a very high premium for El Dorado's pulp mill and expansion option in Brazil
  - Reflected a particularly positive view on pulp from Asia.
  - Paid \$2,810/tonne of pulp capacity
    - ✓ ~70% premium over average Brazilian peers (Fibria, Suzano)
    - ✓ > 500% premium over the NBSK producer Canfor Pulp
  - Interesting perspective on the future demand for pulp, and relative attractiveness of southern hardwood and northern softwood pulp.
- Many Canadian & Scandinavian companies talk about the unique qualities of slow growing northern pulp. But how much of a price premium are they actually getting for it?



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## Case Study: Finland

Nine major new and pending projects related to Bio-Products in Finland

Investor	Location	Year	Product/ Investment type	
Metsa-Fibre	Aanekoski	2017	- NBSK & NBHK pulp - Micro Fibrillated Cellulose (MFC)]	In addition to pulp, this includes bio-materials (eg., MFC, MCC, intermediate for viscose) and biofuels.
UPM-Kymmene	Kouvola Pietarsaari	2017 2019	- NBSK/NBHK pulp - NBSK/NBHK pulp	
Stora-Enso	Imatra Uimaharju	2019 2019	- MFC - Dissolving pulp	Metsa's EUR 1.2B bioproduct mill is the largest investment in the history of Finland's forest products industry
Boreal Bioref	Kemijarvi	2020	- NBSK & dissolving pulp - Micro Crystalline Cellulose	
KaiCell Fibers	Paltamo	2021	- Biorefinery with NBSK & intermediate for viscose	If all the planned product is exported, it would likely boost Finland's bio-products trade by more than 2 billion euros/year.
FinnPulp	Kuopio	2021	- NBSK pulp	
Kaidi	Kemi	2021	- Biodiesel & bio-gasoline	
NEB	Kajaani	2017	- Bioethanol	
SEB	Kouvola	2019	- Bioethanol	



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## Implications for Governments & Communities?

- In North America, Scandinavia & Russia, play an active role in supporting the transformation agenda:
  - ✓ Embrace the bio-refinery concept – multiple bio-products from integrated facilities. Focus on bio-products where proximity to the customer and knowledge is a clear advantage.
  - ✓ Grow the solid wood segment, but find new economic uses for the residuals (from both the forest and mills) – bio-based electricity is not the main answer.
- In South America, Indonesia (and eventually Africa), figure out how to manage the social and environmental impact of extensive plantations and large market pulp mills.



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**China's government plays a bigger role in shaping its forest industry than do governments in most countries.**

**Three Government Principles are Shaping the Industry**



**Carbon Pricing and Other Options for Governments**

UK Government estimates the Social Cost of Carbon to be in the range of \$41-\$124, with a central estimate of \$83.

In April 2018, only about 20% of global GHG emissions were subject to a carbon price, and ~3/4 of these are priced below \$10/ton (eg., EU, Chinese pilots). Notable exceptions:

- Sweden ~\$140
- Finland ~\$77; Norway ~\$64
- British Columbia~\$27; Alberta ~\$23
- California/Quebec/Ontario ~\$15

Political constraints suggest most carbon prices will remain below the Social Cost of Carbon. If true, what are the alternative policy options needed to support the bio-economy?



- Incentive tools vs Compliance tools?