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# Storia e Sviluppo della Tecnologia HVO in ENI: Realizzazione degli Stabilimenti di Marghera e Gela

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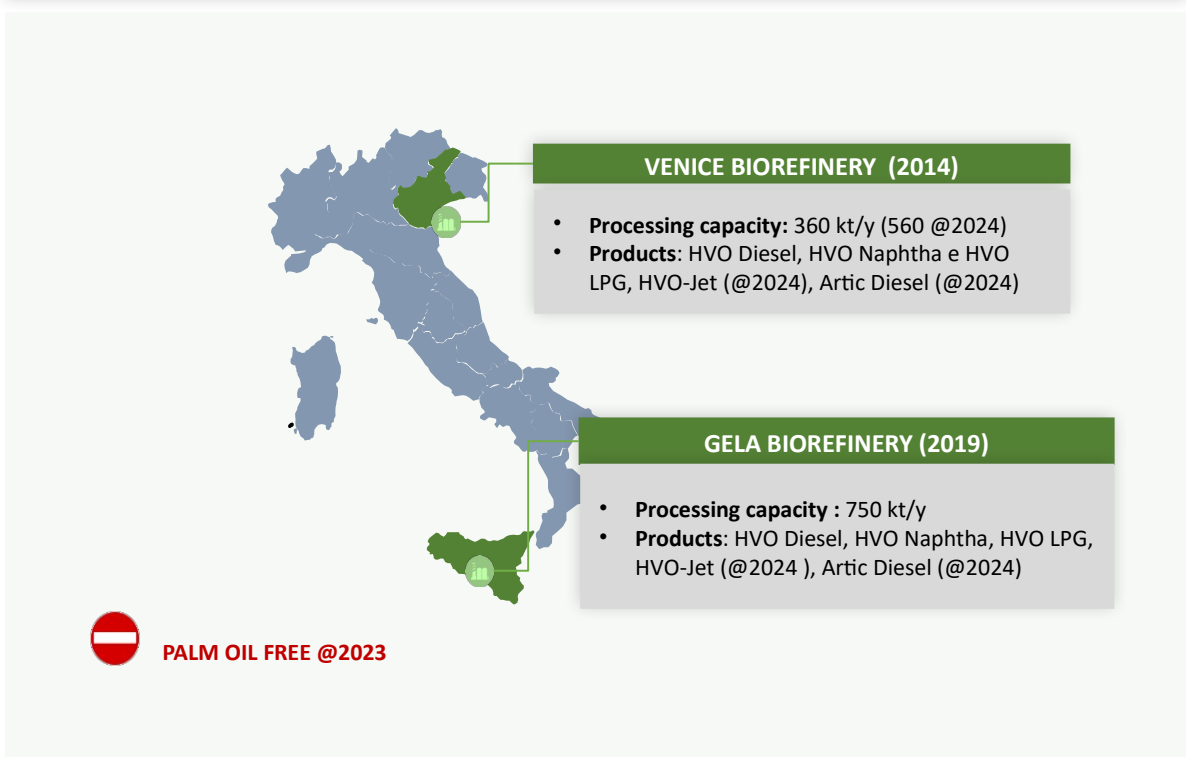
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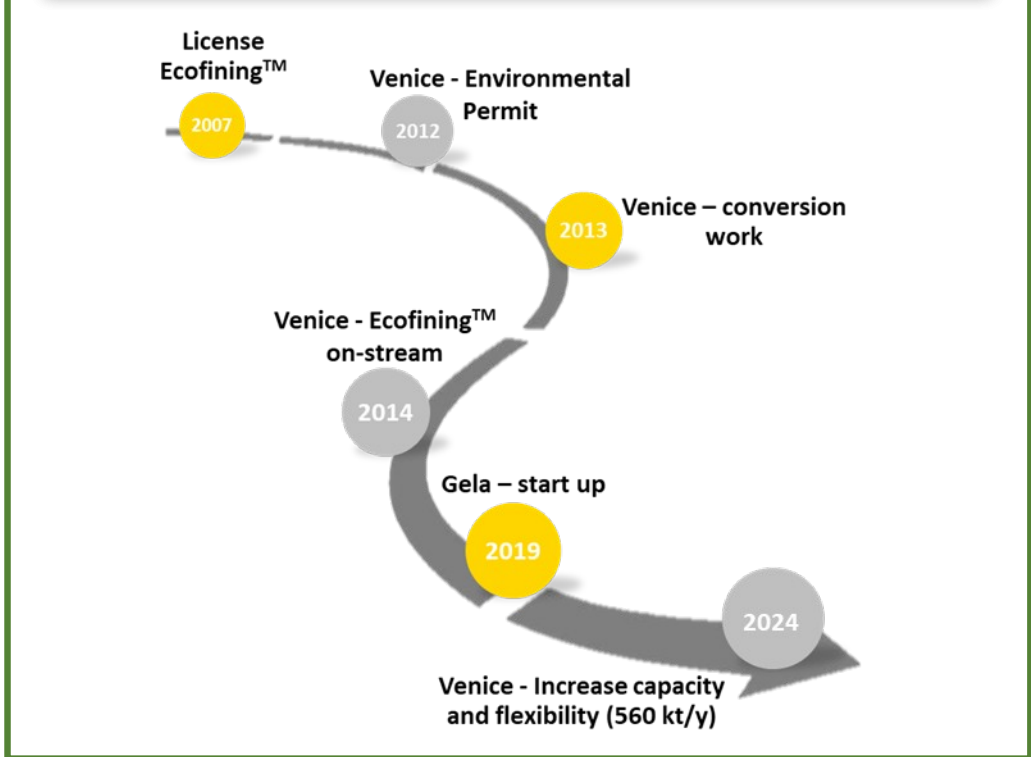
# ENI BIOREFINERIES SYSTEM AND CONVERSION MODEL



## ENI BIOREFINERY SYSTEM



## TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT



**CONVERSION MODEL**

**OPTIMIZING CAPEX AND SCHEDULE**

**REDUCE INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EMISSIONS**

**MAINTAIN LOCAL OCCUPATION**



## Venice Biorefinery assets

# Venice Biorefinery



## Identikit DATA

### Refinery

*Start-up*            **may 2014**  
*Capacity*           **360 kt/y**

### Personnel

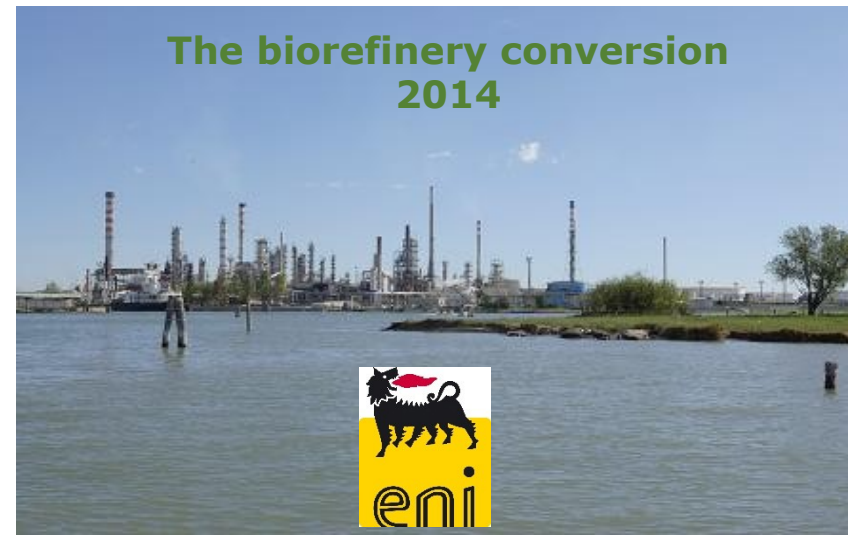
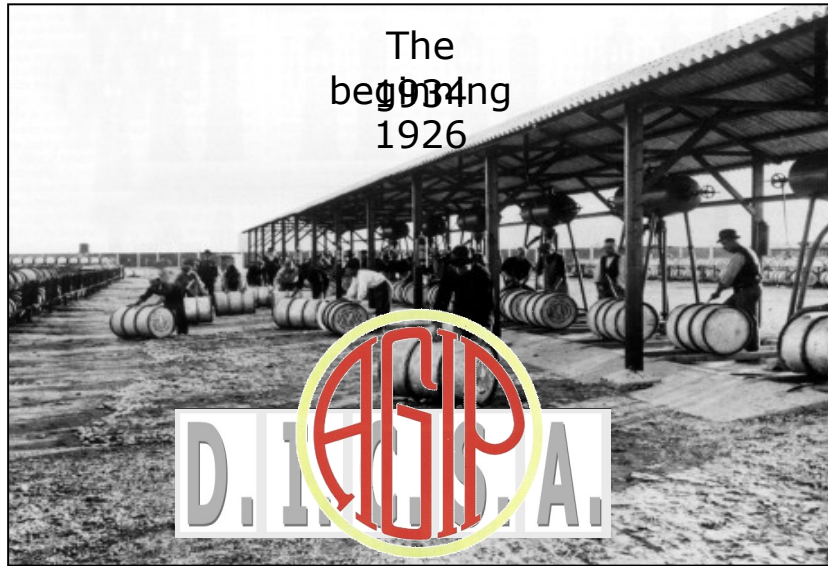
*Employees*        **200**  
*Third-party*       **250**

### Logistic Hub

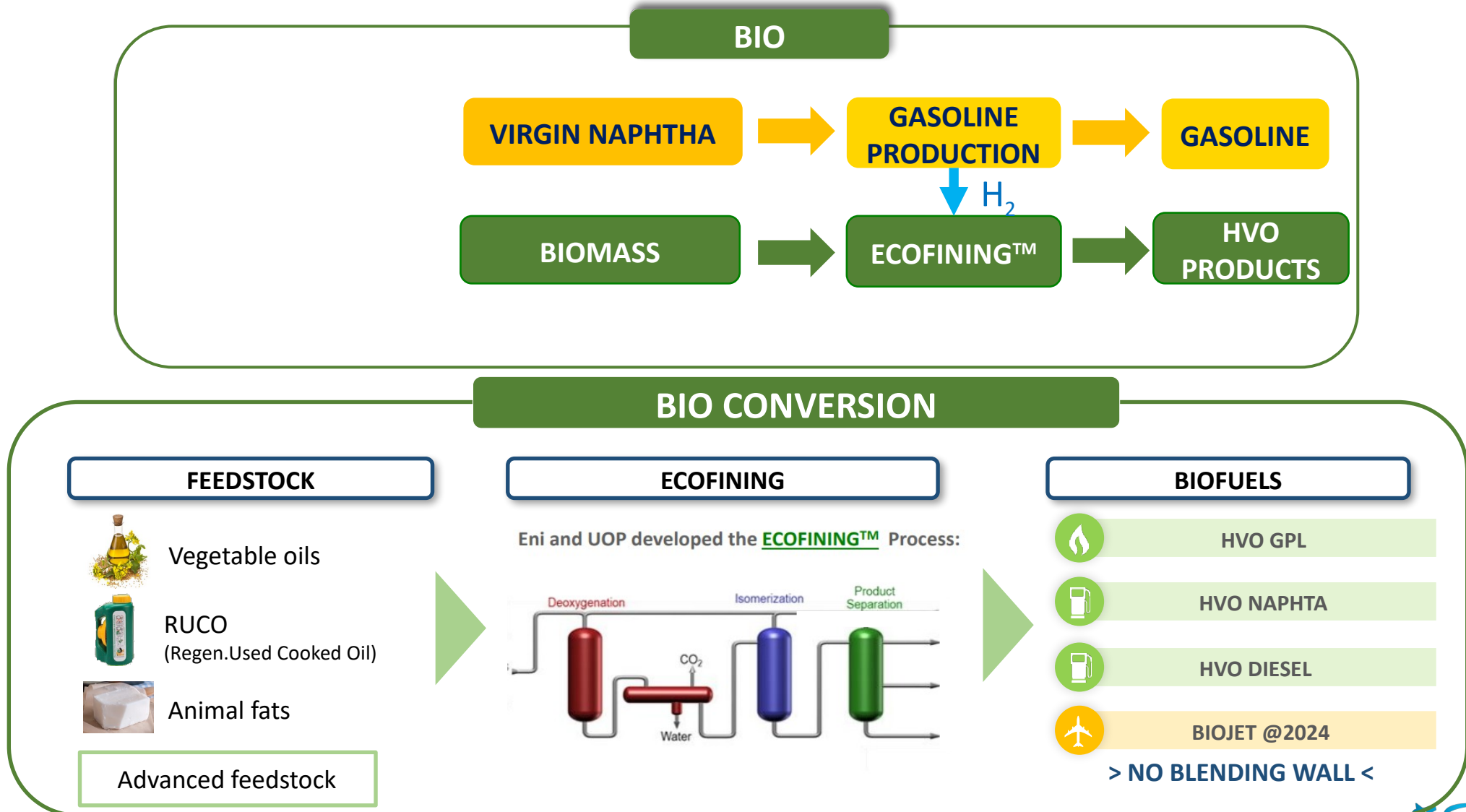
*harbor*                **2**  
*Stock*                 **1.25 Mm<sup>3</sup>**  
*Tank Tracks*        **50 trk/day**  
*Ship*                    **220 ship/y**  
*Deliv. products*    **4,5 Mt/y**



# The history of Venice biorefinery



# Biorefinery overall scheme



\* Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil





## Gela Biorefinery assets



# Gela Refinery Case




## Eni Refining in Italy



## The Refinery



## The History

- 1959: ANIC Gela SpA.
  - 1992: Agip Petroli
  - 2002: Raffineria di Gela SpA
- ...Reinventing petroleum refineries* 
- 2019: BioRefinery (Throughput = 750 kt/y)  
CAPEX 300 M€
  - 2023: Degumming upgrade startup
  - 2024: Biojet project startup  
CAPEX 60 M€

# Gela BioRefinery – Construction Project



## Highlights

### BioRefinery

- Production Capacity  
750 kt/y
- SU: July 2019

### Project Overview

- New items: 250
- Large storage tanks  
revamping
- Logistics Upgrade

## Development

- Total Construction Hours: **nearly 5 Million**
- Dismantling works > 7000 t
- Erection Works > 3500 t piping
- Interconnecting: > 20 km
- Workforce Peak ~ 1300-1400 / daily

## Innovation

- The reconfiguration aimed to revamp the desulphurization units to **Eni's proprietary Ecofining™ technology**. All ancillaries units are being reutilized with modifications.
- Second refinery conversion at a larger size than Venice, including new built section for alternative feedstock (BTU).
- The biorefinery is designed for treating advanced and unconventional loads up to 100% of capacity with a high operating flexibility.





## Pre-treatment and Ecofining Processes

# Main target for pollutant removal in pretreating



Pollutant	Target	Removal process
Phosphorous	2 ppm <sup>1</sup>	Degumming
Total metals	10 ppm <sup>1</sup>	Bleaching
Nitrogen	1000 ppb <sup>2</sup>	Ecofining – 1 <sup>st</sup> stage

1) In the Ecofining feed mixture in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of reaction

2) In the Ecofining feed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of reaction

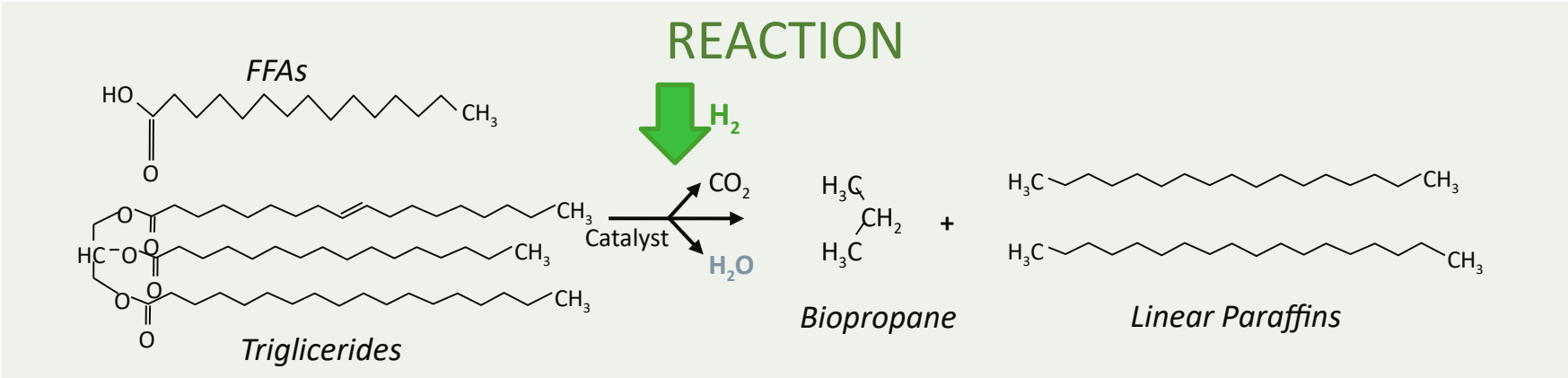
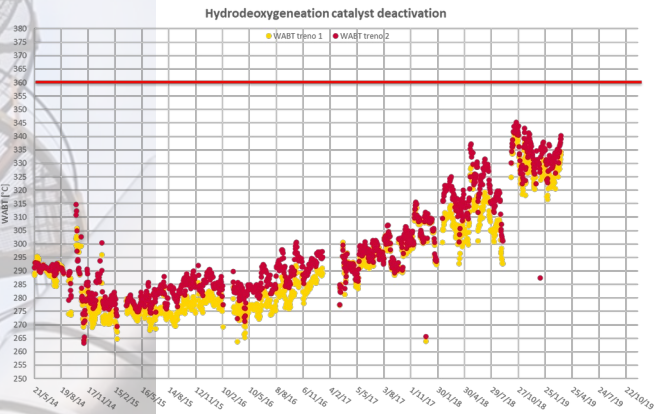


# ECOFINING PROCESS FIRST REACTION – HYDRODEOXYGENATION



Daily monitoring of main process parameters

Catalyst deactivation monitoring – UOP data reviews



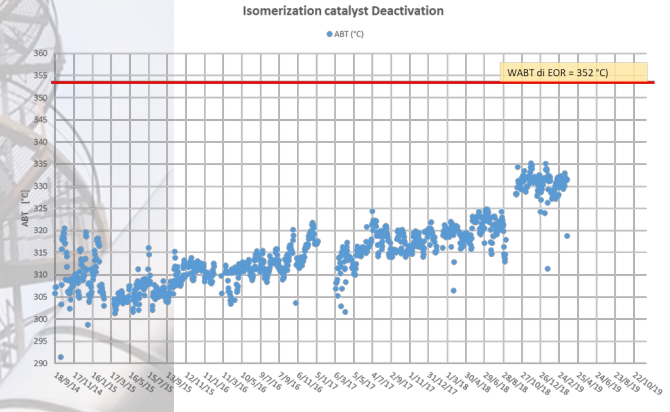


# ECOFINING PROCESS FIRST REACTION – ISOMERIZATION

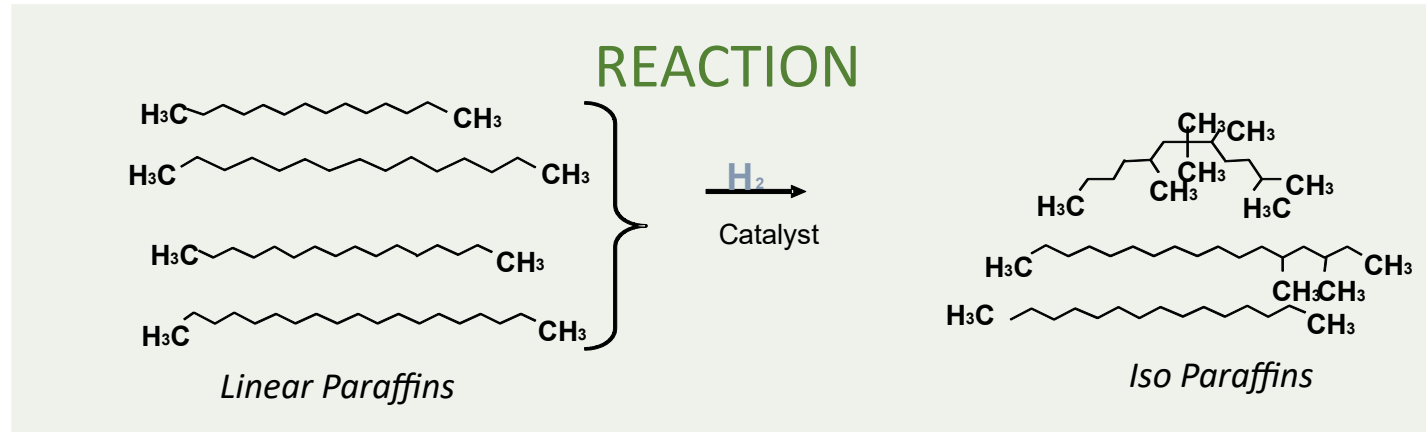


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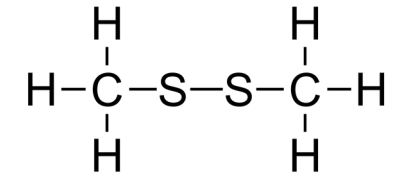
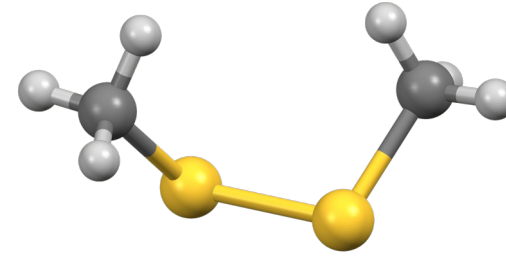
- Excellent catalyst stability
- No evident deactivation increase at 200 ppb in the feed





**Main operational differences with a  
traditional refinery**

# DMDS injection



Sulfur injection required to maintain the activity of the catalyst in normal operation;

Sulfur not present in the biorefinery feedstocks



# Solid handling for pre-treatment



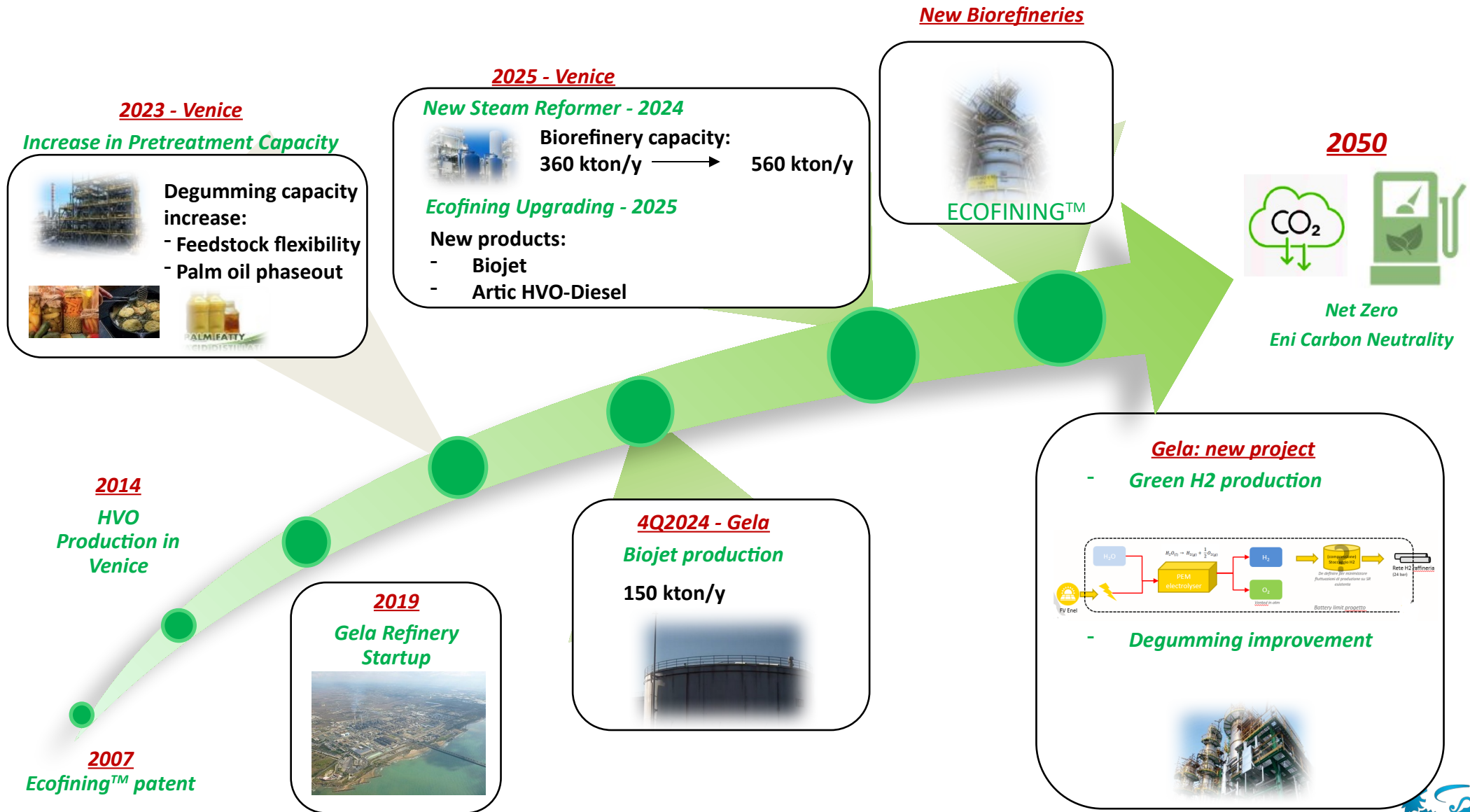
Both fresh and spent bleaching earths need handling operation with solids

Necessary to have handling contracts or in-house handling operators to assure continuous operations



**Focus on products and future  
developments**

# Biorefineries evolution continues



# Venezia Biorefinery – Capacity Increase



CAPACITY EXPANSION	CAPEX
+ 200 KT/Y	c.a. 70 Mln USD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ACTUAL CAPACITY: 360 KT/Y</b></li> <li>• <b>TARGET CAPACITY: 560 KT/Y</b></li> <li>• <b>MAIN PRODUCT: HVO</b></li> <li>• <b>START-UP: 2024</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UPGRADE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NEW STEAM REFORMER (H2 SUPPLY)</b></li> <li>• <b>FEEDSTOCK AND PRODUCTS DIVERSIFICATION (Biojet/artic)</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
FEEDSTOCK FLEXIBILITY	CAPEX
UCO, TALLOW, POME, LOW ILUC V.O., OTHERS	60 Mln USD PRE-TREATMENT IMPROVEMENT AND METALLURGY
LOGISTICS AND OTHER	c.a. 30 Mln USD

# Gela Biorefinery – Biojet



## BIOJET

+ 750 KT/Y

- **ACTUAL HVO DIESEL:** ca. 590 KT/Y
- **FUTURE HVO DIESEL PRODUCTION:** max 637 KT/Y – min 26 KT/Y
- **FUTURE BIOJET PRODUCTION:** min 98 KT/Y – max 488 KT/Y

## CAPEX

c.a. 72 Mln USD

# Conclusions



*Eni has developed Ecofining™, a proprietary technology, jointly with UOP, for the Hydroconversion of Vegetable oils and Wastes*



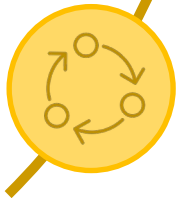
*Eni has converted its Oil refineries, Venice and Gela, into Biorefineries, converting existing Diesel Hydrodesulphurization into Ecofining Units*



*There are ongoing projects in Venice and Gela Biorefineries to increase capacity and valuable products (i.e bio-Jet) adapting them to the regulatory evolution and incorporating the lessons learned from operations.*



*Eni is developing a wide experience on feedstock characterization and on the pretreatment of alternative feedstock*



*Eni is willing to share its know-how for the development of new projects in partnership in Africa*

**THANK YOU**

