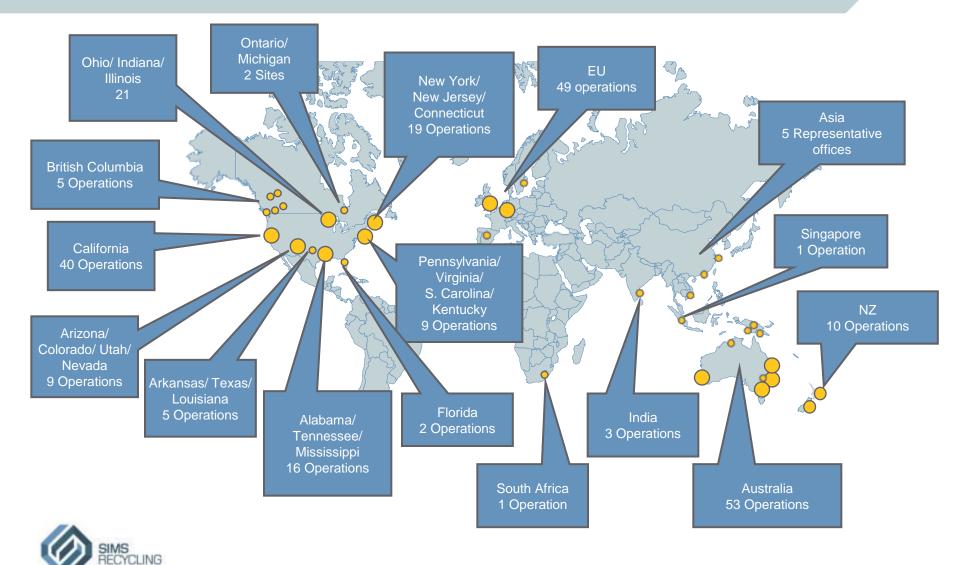


# **Recycling Markets and CRT Glass**



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### Sims Metal Management: 250+ Locations

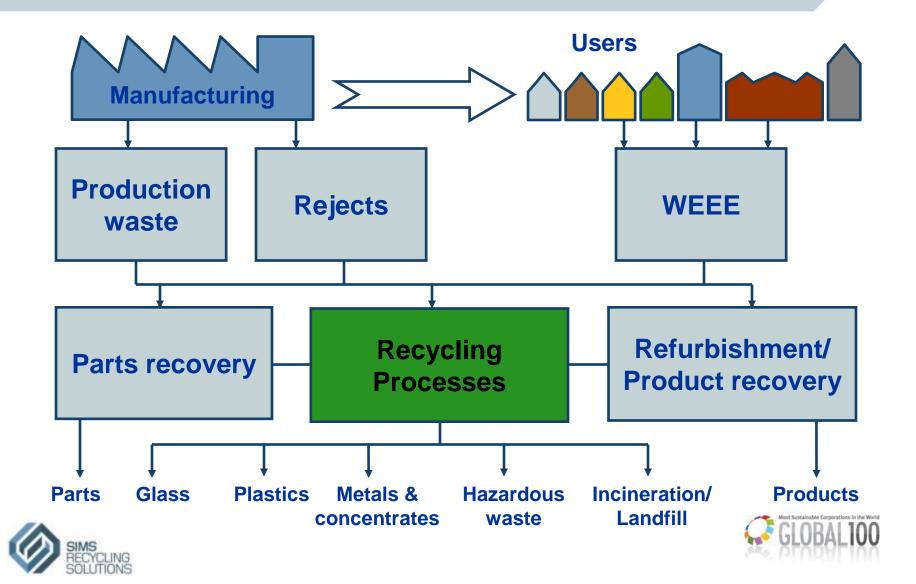


# Sims Recycling Solutions - Global Overview

- The world's largest electronics recovery and recycling company
- Over 2000 employees, ~600 in US
- 2013 FY production = ~500,000 tons of electronics recycled, >100,000 tons (200 million pounds) in US
- Many facilities "multi-service"
- Circa 2million individual assets recovered for reuse / year
- Over 15m individual Integrated Circuits recovered
- Exposure to many differing legislative models



#### **Electronics Lifecycle**



# **Typical Sims Recycling Facility**

- Shipping and Receiving
- Decontamination
- Manual disassembly
- Material reduction processes (e.g. shredders)
- Material separation processes (e.g. magnets, eddy currents, air tables)



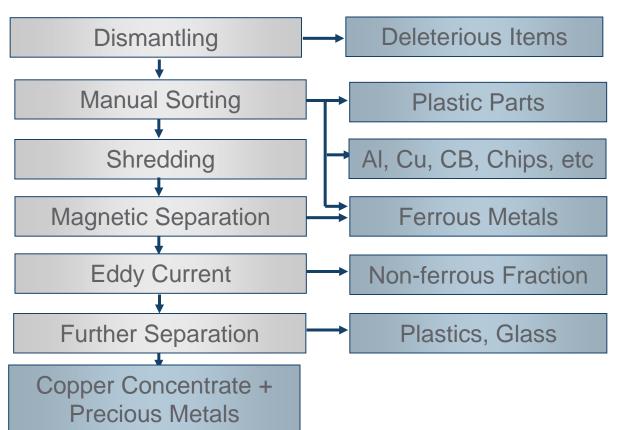






### **Electronics Recycling Process**







### **Economics of Electronics Recycling**

- Very simple math:
  - Cost of acquisition, separation and preparation of commodity materials less value of commodity materials determines profit or loss
- Collection and transportation (acquisition) are often the biggest expenses
- Processes can be manual or automated
- High quality processes that protect workers and the environment require high \$\$ investment
- Commodity values play important role (gold, steel, plastics) and are most volatile of all faactors



### **High Volume Output Commodities**







Non-Ferrous





### **Example: Desktop PC**

Cost Element	Cost Estimate/Pound
Collection	04
Transportation	05
Commodity generation	13
Commodity value	+.42
Avg weight	22 pounds
Total	\$4.35 profit



#### What CRT Piles Really Look Like





### **Glass Transformation**



Coating removal Sorting Polishing

### Hand breaking "Automated" cutting Shredding





# **Recycling/Disposal Options for CRT Glass**

- Glass to Glass
  - One manufacturing plant left in world; located in India; ong term prospects are limited
- Lead Smelters
  - Requires long distance transportation
- Glass Furnaces
  - Unproven technology; requires large investment
- Alternate Daily Cover
  - Most states reject as appropriate for their covered products
- Manufacture of Other Products
  - Requires extensive material prep; often requires export
- Application to Roadbed
  - Not approved in US
- Landfill
  - May defeat the purpose of producer responsibility law



# **Example: CRT Monitor**

Cost Element	Cost Estimate/Pound
Collection	04
Transportation	05
Commodity generation	09
Commodity value	06
Avg weight	31 pounds
Total	\$7.44 loss



# **Example: CRT TV**

Cost Element	Cost Estimate/Pound
Collection	04
Transportation	05
Commodity generation	09
Commodity value	08
Avg weight	70 pounds
Total	\$18.20 loss



### **How Much Glass is There?**

- 7.2 million tons awaiting eventual disposal 85% thought to be discarded in next 10 years
- >12 billion pounds in the next decade!?!?!?!?
- Piles of glass are everywhere:
  - August 2012 1.2 million pounds in mid-Atlantic
  - September 2013 8 million pounds in Arizona
  - February 2014 1 million pounds in New Jersey
  - March 2014 6 million pounds in Cincinnati
- What is industry capacity?
- What is the cost?
- Who will pay?

