## 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 $=\sim 500,000$ 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



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## 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



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## Glass Transformation



Hand breaking
"Automated" cutting Shredding

## Coating removal Sorting <br> Polishing



## 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?

