

# ecoinvent Newsletter No. 2



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### ***ecoinvent Japan release in November 2005***

We are very happy to tell you that a Japanese version of the ecoinvent Database and website will go online by the beginning of November 2005. It is a joint effort of Yamatake Corporation, ifu Hamburg Ltd. and the ecoinvent Centre. The website will offer access to the entire ecoinvent database content in Japanese language. The translation has been reviewed by H. Sugiyama, ETHZ. The database will be accessible via <http://jp.yamatake.com/ecomation>. Please contact [ecomation@jp.yamatake.com](mailto:ecomation@jp.yamatake.com) for any further details. T. Goto, K. Mizutani and H. Ogura will be happy to answer your questions.

### ***ecoinvent data v1.2 online***

Since the release of ecoinvent Data v1.1, several data errors have been identified both by ecoinvent users and by the ecoinvent team. We therefore decided to release a corrected version of the ecoinvent v1.1 database. A few days ago this corrected database content ecoinvent data v1.2 went online. The major changes were made related to particulate matter emissions during minerals mining, as well as hydroelectric and wind power plant erection (more than 100 times too high). Dioxin emissions of steel making and of hard coal and lignite power plant operation have been corrected as well (between 1'000 and 1'000'000 too high). Emissions of selected pollutants of building machines have been reduced by a factor of about 3.5. Further individual errors of less relevance have been corrected. All changes are documented in the ecoinvent Report No. 16: "Documentation of changes implemented in ecoinvent Data v1.2". This report can be downloaded from the ecoinvent Website. All other reports remained unchanged. Contact Therese Bracher (address below) in case you wish to receive the ecoinvent CD-ROM v1.2 with the new Excel-results files.

### ***New ecoinvent sales manager***

we would like to inform you about a change in the ecoinvent management. Marcus Dredge will leave Empa and the ecoinvent Centre as of July 12, 2005. He will be replaced by Ms. Annette Kähler who will be taking his position starting from November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005; she will communicate her contact details to you as soon as they are available. In the meantime Rolf Frischknecht (<mailto:frischknecht@ecoinvent.ch>) will be happy to answer your questions regarding business related aspects of the ecoinvent database. To order ecoinvent licences your contact remains unchanged (Therese Bracher - Tel. +41(0)71 274 75 00; Fax +41 71 274 78 62; Email: <mailto:therese.bracher@empa.ch>).

### ***New members of the ecoinvent advisory council***

We are happy to present two new members of the ecoinvent advisory council, namely one from industry and one from non-governmental organisations. Roland Högger, Geberit AG, represents öbu, the association of environmentally conscious management. His company has a long-term tradition in LCA thinking both on the level of environmental management systems and on the level of product development. Patrick Hofstetter, representative of WWF Switzerland, is a highly experienced LCA researcher and practitioner. He made his Ph.D. on life cycle impact assessment and performed numerous LCA case studies within the past 15 years.

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