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For valorization of P containing (low grade) rock or **SSA**  
into

Well-known market accepted fertilizers and animal feed:

# **THE ECOPHOS TECHNOLOGY**

*TO CLOSE THE P CYCLE*

*AND SAFEGUARD THE WORLD'S FOOD CHAIN*

The logo for ecophos, featuring the word "ecophos" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. Above the letter "o" is a stylized white plant icon with three leaves. The logo is set against a green background that includes a silhouette of a tree on the left and a circular emblem on the right.

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# Quote European Committee:

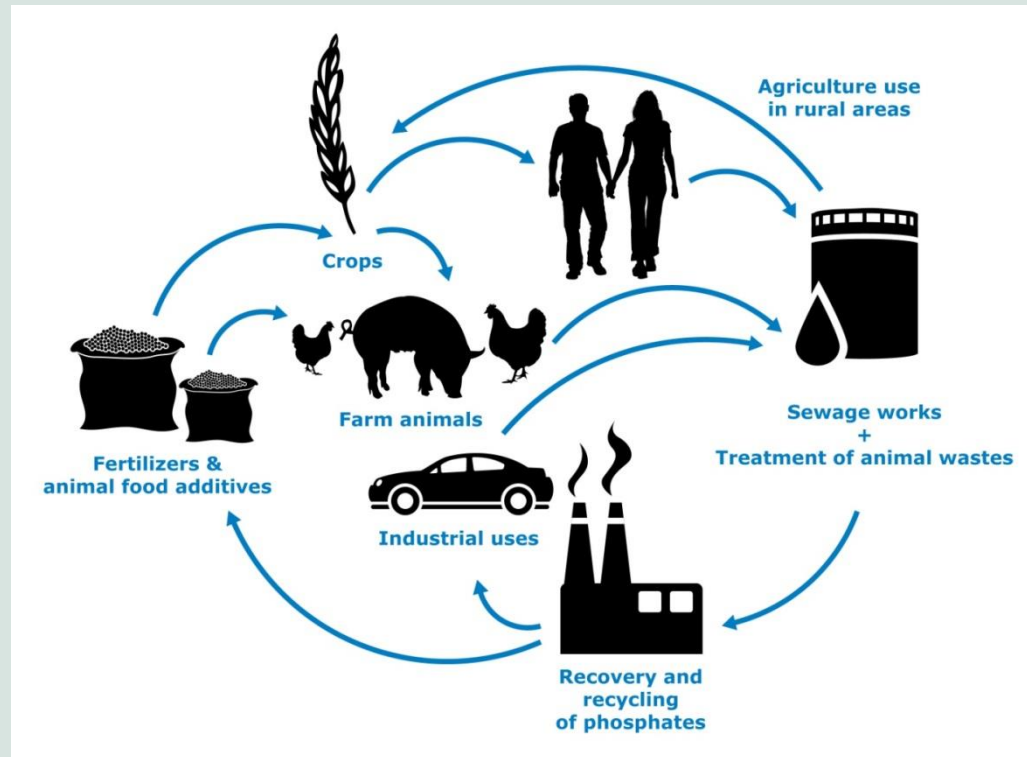
“The complete replacement of phosphate mined in the EU by recycled phosphorus is neither feasible nor necessary in the foreseeable future. However, greater recycling and use of organic phosphorus where it is needed could stabilize the amounts of mined phosphate required and mitigate the soil contamination and water pollution issues. This will put on track to close the phosphorus cycle in the long term, when the physical limitations of the resource will become increasingly important”

# Economy, Quality, Health & Safety

- “ Today's conventional fertilizer and animal feed processes are only economically and technical feasible for high grade phosphate rock
- “ Rock contains heavy metals (Cd) and Radio-activity (U)
- “ By conventional processing heavy metals and Uranium ends in Fertilisers → → → human body
- “ This situation will worsen in case lower grade rocks will be explored
- “ **This calls for new innovative processes and raw materials**

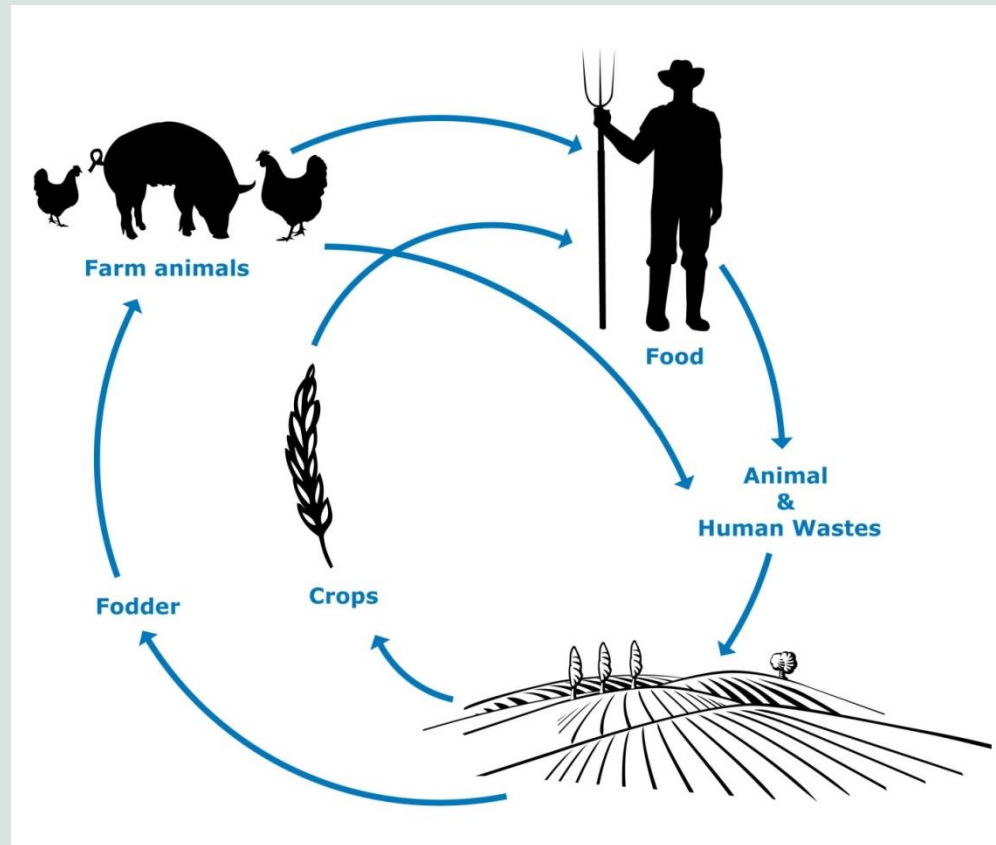


# Phosphate: a sustainable resource



*'EcoPhos has the **unique, world wide patented technology** to close the phosphorus cycle and hence to contribute to meeting the ever expanding need of the world's population for nutrients a Green Phosphates production process'*

# Traditional phosphorus cycle



# Business Case / Drivers

- Phosphate is being wasted and suitable for up-cycling (SSA → food)
- Low grade phosphate rock not economically accessible for conventional processes
- New (EcoPhos) Technology is key → Quality/ Safety / Process Design: Gives access to lower grade raw materials (natural rock AND P-containing waste, SSA)
- Backward integration Urban Mines (P containing waste) increases influence/independence in the chain
- Market segmentation & Competitive Advantage
- Fertilizer and Animal Feed Market grow with world population



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## Time line (From Lab test to Industrial Licenses and own Production)



**1996** Foundation of the company by M. Takhim and by venture capitalists in Louvain.

**2001** Collaboration agreement with Solvay s.a. which takes part in EcoPhos capital.

**2002-4** Positive pilot test validation of modules 1-4 (Hydrochloric acid attack) in Dombasle (France).

**2005** EcoPhos takes a part of 50% of DecaPhos, Bulgarian producer of DCP/MCP.

**2006-9** Development and validation of modules 5-12, including several PA purification technologies.

**2006** EcoPhos' license for UCCI.

**2008** DecaPhos becomes 100% EcoPhos.

**2009** Ecotac: EcoPhos' license for phosphate plant in Saudi Arabia.

**2010:** UCCI plant successful start-up

**2011:** Quimpac: EPCL for DCP & PA plant in Lima (Peru)

**2011-12** Modules validation for SSA (SNB/HVC)\*

**2012** Acquisition of Temco, an engineering company  
**2012** Namfos : pilot plant in Namibia (base for a future 650kt/y plant using marine rock)

**2013** TechnoPhos GO → industrial demonstration for all units

**2013** EcoPhos' license for Eurochem 660kt/a DCP plant in Kazakhstan

**2013** Ecophos signs SPA to acquire AF Bus. Tessenderlo (30-40% market share in Europe)

**2014** Sign contract with HVC/SNB to valorise 50-60 kt SSA per annum

\* On the basis of collaboration/JV agreement HVC/SNB/EcoPhos

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# EcoPhos Group before Aliphos



- " **Situation:**  
Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium
- " **Role:**  
Headquarter, Project development, Project Management, R&D
- " **Resources:**  
15 highly skilled employees



- " **Situation:**  
Lummen, Belgium
- " **Role:**  
Engineering and construction management
- " **Resources:**  
72 experienced engineers (process, electrical, mechanical, civil)



- " **Situation:**  
Varna, Bulgaria
- " **Role:**  
Production (100kt/y DCP/MCP animal feed), Industrial validation, Project support
- " **Resources:**  
10 administrative and sales employees  
12 engineers  
8 Laboratory technicians  
40 Production operators

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# Intellectual Property

8 patents in more than 50 different countries

## Rock phosphate valorisation:

É Method for producing phosphoric acid

É Method for the production of phosphoric acid and / or a salt thereof and products thus obtained

## Phosphoric acid purification:

É Liquid medium extraction purification method

É Method for concentrating phosphoric acid

É Process for the production of high purity phosphoric acid

## Other phosphate derivatives:

É Method for etching phosphate ore

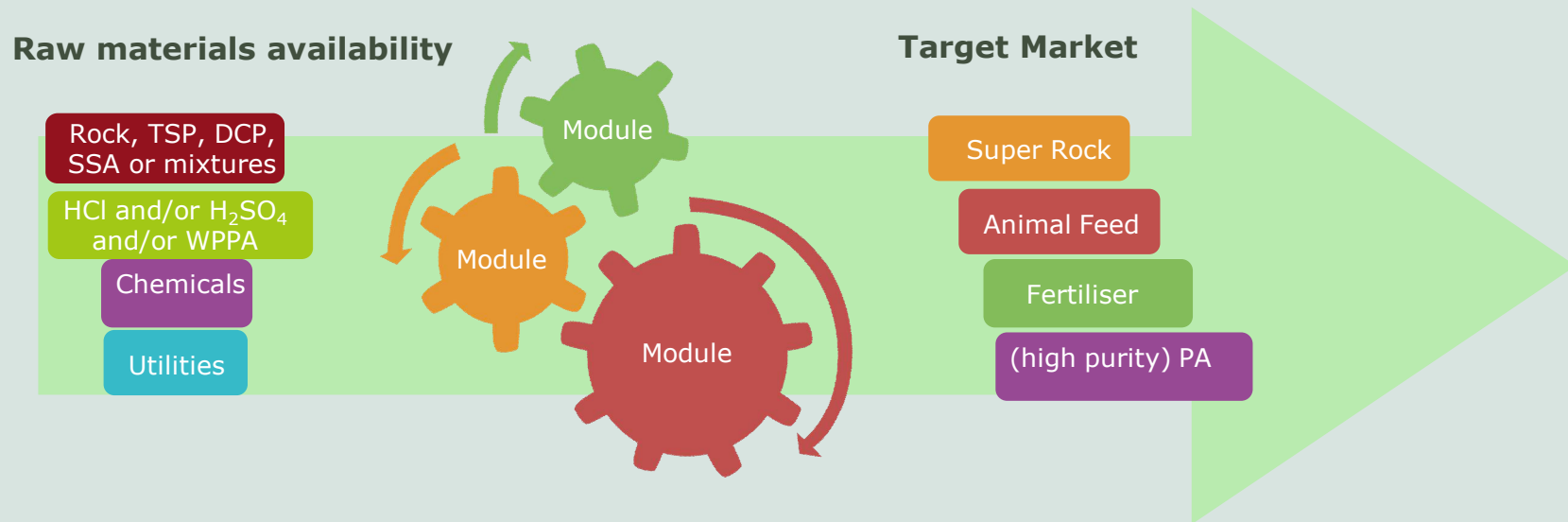
É Method for producing strong base phosphate

É Mineral additive for a dietary composition for animals and method for the production thereof



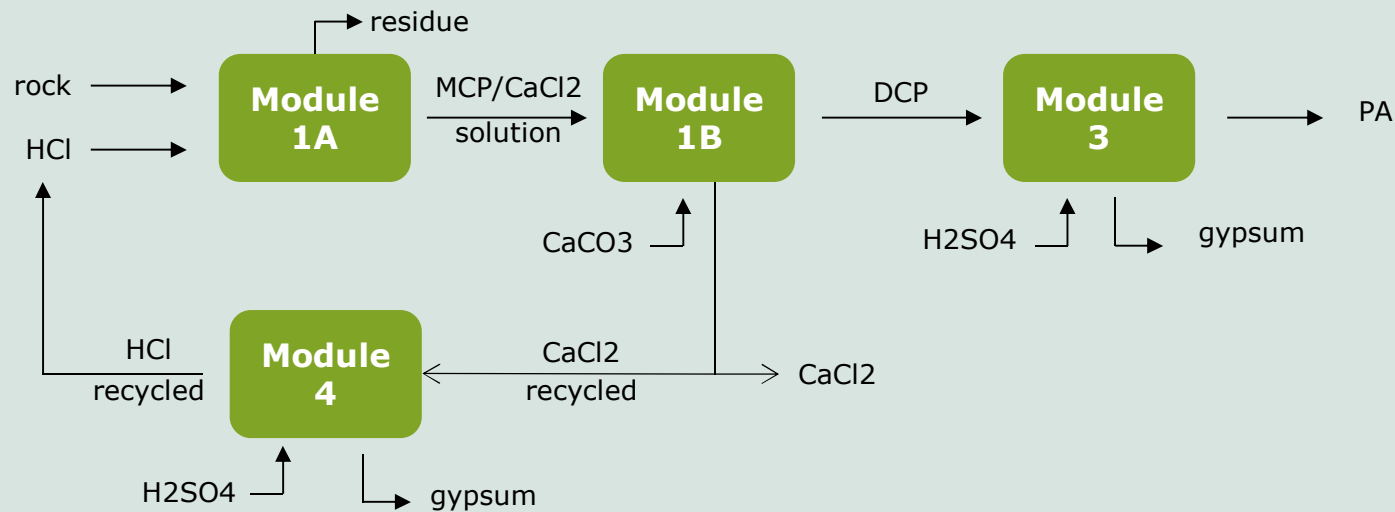
# Technology description

Several possible combinations of EcoPhos modules according to the raw materials availability & the target market:



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Low-grade rock and/or SSA →  
high quality phosphate products



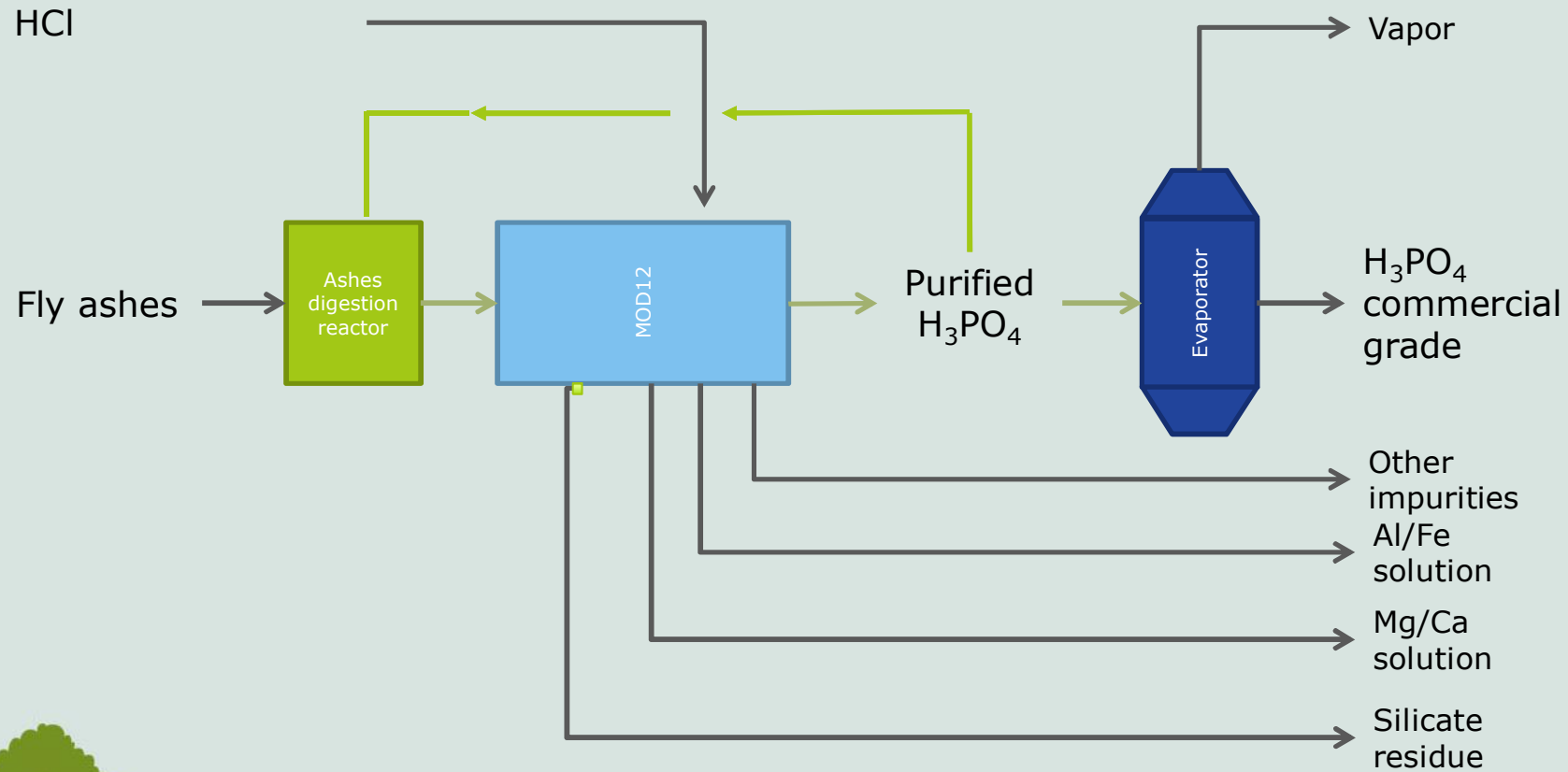


# Unique technology for Phosphates Valorization

**EcoPhos HCl process is a unique method to valorize (low grade) phosphate rock and **Ashes** to well known high quality market products**

- o Less/No beneficiation of raw material needed, lower cost
- o Lower variable cost: Low cost raw materials high P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> yield (93-98%)
- o Saving cost on energy consumption (no stripping, concentrated PA is obtained : >42% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> without evaporation)
- o Safe process (no use of volatile solvent)
- o High flexibility (raw-materials, simple process monitoring)
- o Pure co-products (CaCl<sub>2</sub>, gypsum)
- o Lower investment cost
- o Well known market products (Animal Feed and/or Fertilizer)

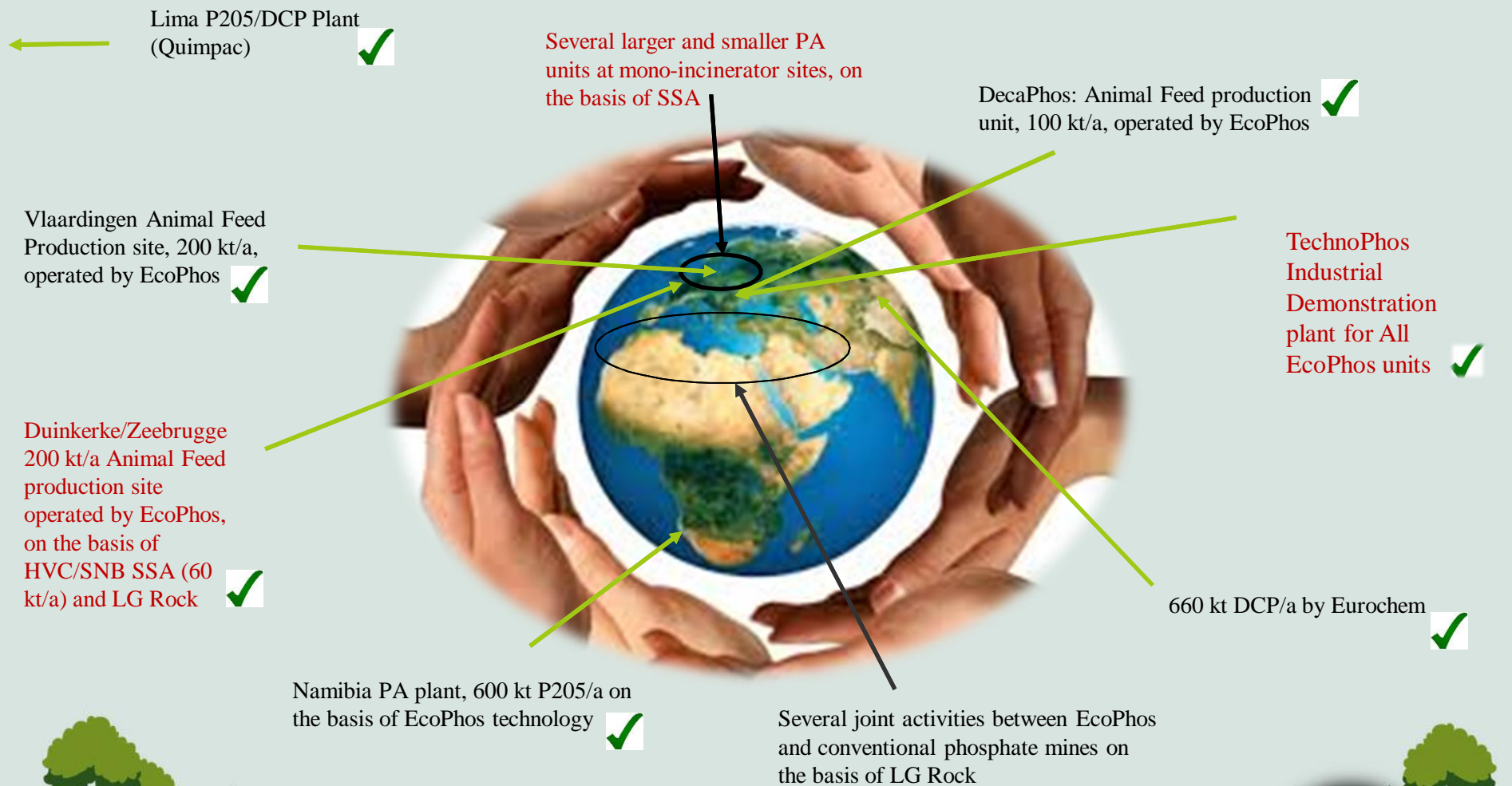
# Process overview



# Process advantages

- “ Good integration in existing incineration facilities (also suited for smaller quantities, from 5 kt SSA/a and more)
- “ High added value product: phosphoric acid of high quality (fertilizer, technical, feed)
- “ High value co-products ( $\text{AlCl}_3$ ,  $\text{FeCl}_3$ ), low waste production
- “ Simple and safe process
- “ Low residence time → Small units possible
- “ Low energy consumption, easy automated, low labour costs
- “ Low investment costs (payback: 3 years) → Franchise concept

# EcoPhos Now ✓ & Tomorrow



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*SNB & HVC, the first mono sludge  
incinerators to valorise 50-60 kt SSA/a  
Who is next?*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

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