

Part 1. Industry Perspectives. Experiences of a travelling scientist &

Part 2. Development of waste water treatment options for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations.

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Imagine...

### Who is Neil Beckingham?

#### **Education & Professional Affiliations**

- •Bachelor of Science with Honors (Geology/ Chemistry)
- •Graduate Diploma of Environmental Science
- •Master in Arts Policy (Ecological Sustainable Development)
- •American Water Association (Corporate Member)
- •Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (Member)
- Australian Water Association (Corporate Member)



### Who is Neil Beckingham?

- •Feb 2003 to current, Vice President, QED Environmental Solutions (Florida), LLC
- •Apr 2001 to Jan 2003, General Manager, Technology, Research & Development, QED Occtech Limited
- •Dec 1998 to May 2001, Coordinator of Industrial Projects, ATA Environmental
- •Jun 1996 to Dec 1997, Senior Environmental Scientist, Alan Tingay & Associates
- •Feb 1994 to May 1996, Chief Geologist, MineMap Pty Ltd
- •Feb 1992 to Dec 1993, Geologist, Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd, Tom Price
- •Nov 1991 to Feb 1992, Geologist, Plutonic Exploration (contract)
- •Nov 1990 to Feb 1991, Geologist, Western Mining Corporation (contract)



#### Lessons Learnt

- •Science is an excellent background for logical thought required for Management.
- •BUT also worth exploring "softer" subjects like Policy, Law, Business, ethics (philosophy) all powerful combinations
- International work is there for the taking same issues around the planet. Well worth the experience (France, Chile, Japan, SE Asia, Aust, UK)
- •Don't be afraid to specialize or generalize
- •Put effort into relationships, not always about how much you know but more who you know!
- •Take time (plenty) to smell the roses
- •If you're going to do a Masters don't, do a PhD.



#### Who is QED Occtech?

- Supplier of world class Waste Water Treatment Solutions
- Focus on water re-use in agricultural, mining, food & beverage, industrial and municipal sectors
- Current business activities in Australia, USA, Japan & Asia
- Driven by cleaner production and commercial benefits
- Every waste is potentially a valuable resource looking for a use.



## QED Tangential Flow Separator – A Reaction Clarifier

- Summation of many simple proven aspects of improving clarification and all these aspects have culminated in the QTFS.
- Designed to provide just the right amount of mixing energy for particle to particle contact to facilitate mixing and floc.
- Sides have steep repose not possible in traditional clarifiers
- Natural circular motion tends to move solids to centre, where there is the settling (trap) space [a larger volume that causes loss of momentum and solids to settle] and start to compact. Compaction is a function of the height of solids and we have (about) up to a metre.
- Base is designed for easy access if plugs.

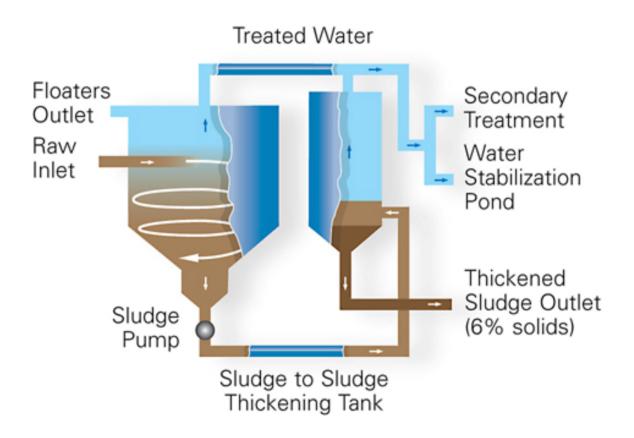


### Benefits of QTFS

- Less contact time required for floc and settlings, smaller volume, smaller physical size
- Not prone to thermal upsets
- No scrapers or mechanical devices
- All in one design for physical or chemical reaction and clarification
- Higher solids density
- Smaller foot print and possibility to relocated, viz the pilot model.
- Minimize Chemical Costs
- •Can be incorporated in larger systems (eg anaerobic digester)



### QED Tangential Flow Separator





### McArthur Farm – Intensive Dairy Farming Okeechobee - FLORIDA





# Arial View of QTFS at McArthur Farms



QTFS System



### Process flow Diagram - current



# Wandalup Farms, West Australia INTENSIVE ANIMAL FARMING - WWTP





### Corbett Farms (Hogs) – Smithfield Foods Inc NORTH CAROLINA, USA, 10M³ HOUR (WWTP)





# Fuso Farms, Japan INTENSIVE ANIMAL FARMING - WWTP





### Sibu, Malaysia

#### LANDFILL LEACHATE - WWTP







World's first plant to recover cyanide for Australian Gold Refineries





Test Plant for removal of contaminants from acidic

Wastewater – Tampa, Florida ED Occtech



Membrane plant to remove arsenic, cyanide, dioxins & radionuclides for BHP Billiton.

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World's first plant to recover radionuclides from nuclear reactor scrubber wastewater ANSTO (Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organization)



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