

**Terra Preta Packaging System. A new “blue” waste management.**

**APPENDIX**



## APPENDIX A – COST ESTIMATIONS (BUSINESS MODEL)

REVENUES		
BIOCHAR sale	UOM	
Daily production of biochar		
1000	kg/day	
Sale price		
€ 6.00	€/kg	
Daily potential Revenue		
€ 6,000.00	€/day	
Annual potential Revenue		
€ 2,190,000.00	€/year	
Annual actual Revenue		
€ 2,190,000.00	€/year	

Tab.A-1: Biochar sale revenues

COSTS					
Toilet	UOM	Pyrolyzer	UOM	Pyrolyzer Maintenance	UOM
Total inhabitants		Power to install (kW)		€ 50,000.00	€/y per operat
20000	inhab	150	kW	Maintenance operator	
Mean value of distributed toilet		Cost €/KW		2	operators
8333	toilet	2500	€/kW	Total Cost of Pyrolyzer Maintenance	
Toilet Cost		Pyrolyzer Cost		€ 100,000.00	€/year
151.84	€/toilet	€ 375,000.00	€		
Total Cost of distributed toilet		Years of Depreciation			
€ 1,265,333.33	€	11			
Years of Depreciaton		Pyrolyzer Depreciation€/year			
5		€ 34,090.91	€/year		
Toilet Depreciation €/year					
€ 253,066.67	€/year				

Marketing	UOM	Sale Agents	UOM	Pyrolyzer Insurance	UOM	Handling	UOM
Percentage of total revenues		€ 30,000.00	€/y per agent	Percentage of Pyrolyzer Total Cost		Total Handling Cost €/year	
40.0%		Number of agents		10.0%		€ 90,315.35	€/year
Total MKTG investement		2	agents	Total Cost of Insurance €/year		Vehicle Cost	
€ 876,000.00	€/year	Total Cost of sale agents €/year		€ 37,500.00	€/year	€ 40,000.00	€
		€ 60,000.00	€/year			Year of Depreciation	
						8	year
						Vehicle Depreciation €/year	
						€ 5,000.00	€/year

Tab.A-2: General costs

INCOME STATEMENT (20,000 inhabitants)		YEAR 0	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
<b>REVENUES</b>							
Biochar sale	€	-	€ 2,190,000.00	€ 2,233,800.00	€ 2,278,476.00	€ 2,324,045.52	€ 2,370,526.43
<b>TOTALE REVENUES</b>	€	-	€ 2,190,000.00	€ 2,233,800.00	€ 2,278,476.00	€ 2,324,045.52	€ 2,370,526.43
<b>COSTS</b>							
Toilet Cost	€	1,265,333.33	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -
Toilet Depreciation	€	-	€ 253,066.67	€ 253,066.67	€ 253,066.67	€ 253,066.67	€ 253,066.67
Pyrolyzer Cost (150 kW)	€	375,000.00	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -
Pyrolyzer Depreciation	€	-	€ 34,090.91	€ 34,090.91	€ 34,090.91	€ 34,090.91	€ 34,090.91
Maintenance Operator Cost	€	-	€ 100,000.00	€ 102,000.00	€ 104,040.00	€ 106,120.80	€ 108,243.22
Marketing Cost	€	-	€ 876,000.00	€ 832,200.00	€ 790,590.00	€ 751,060.50	€ 713,507.48
Sale Agent Cost	€	-	€ 60,000.00	€ 61,200.00	€ 62,424.00	€ 63,672.48	€ 64,945.93
Pyrolyzer Insurance	€	-	€ 37,500.00	€ 38,250.00	€ 39,015.00	€ 39,795.30	€ 40,591.21
Handling Cost	€	0	€ 90,315.35	€ 92,121.66	€ 93,964.09	€ 95,843.37	€ 97,760.24
Vehicle Cost	€	40,000.00	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -
Vehicle Depreciation	€	-	€ 5,000.00	€ 5,000.00	€ 5,000.00	€ 5,000.00	€ 5,000.00
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	€	1,680,333.33	€ 1,455,972.93	€ 1,417,929.23	€ 1,382,190.67	€ 1,348,650.03	€ 1,317,205.64
<b>INCOME BEFORE TAXES</b>	-€	1,680,333.33	€ 734,027.07	€ 815,870.77	€ 896,285.33	€ 975,395.49	€ 1,053,320.79
Taxes (40%)	€	-	€ 293,610.83	€ 326,348.31	€ 358,514.13	€ 390,158.20	€ 421,328.31
<b>NET INCOME</b>	€	-	€ 440,416.24	€ 489,522.46	€ 537,771.20	€ 585,237.29	€ 631,992.47

CASH FLOW ANALYSIS	YEAR 0	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	WACC
<b>NET INCOME</b>	€ -	€ 440,416.24	€ 489,522.46	€ 537,771.20	€ 585,237.29	€ 631,992.47	5%
<b>Operating Activities (Depreciation)</b>	€ -	€ 292,157.58	€ 292,157.58	€ 292,157.58	€ 292,157.58	€ 292,157.58	
(-) Increase of stock		-€ 36,500.00	-€ 730.00	-€ 744.60	-€ 759.49	€ -	
(+) Decrease of stock		€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 39,508.77	
(-) Increase trade receivable		-€ 547,500.00	-€ 10,950.00	-€ 11,169.00	-€ 11,392.38	€ -	
(+) Decrease of trade receivable		€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 592,631.61	
(-) Decrease of debt		€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	
(+) Increase of debt		€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	
<b>Financing Activities</b>	€ -	-€ 584,000.00	-€ 11,680.00	-€ 11,913.60	-€ 12,151.87	€ 632,140.38	
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	-€ 1,680,333.33	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	
<b>Cash Flow for Investing Activities</b>	-€ 1,680,333.33	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	
<b>Operating Cash Flow</b>	-€ 1,680,333.33	€ 148,573.82	€ 770,000.04	€ 818,015.18	€ 865,243.00	€ 1,556,290.43	
<b>NPV</b>	YEAR 0 -€ 1,680,333.33	YEAR 1 € 141,498.88	YEAR 2 € 698,412.73	YEAR 3 € 706,632.26	YEAR 4 € 711,837.56	YEAR 5 € 1,219,394.27	
<b>SUM OF ACTUALIZED CASH FLOW</b>	€ 1,797,442.37	>	0				

Tab.A-3:Net Present Value

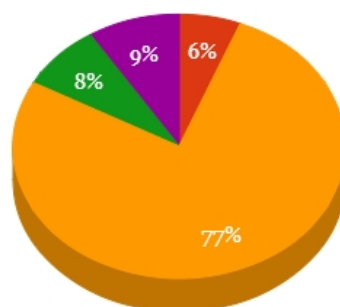
## APPENDIX B – QUESTIONNAIRE

### I SECTION: OVERWIEV

The following tables show the AGE/ GENDER /JOB, the number of peoples who answered (ANSWER) and the percentage of it (%).

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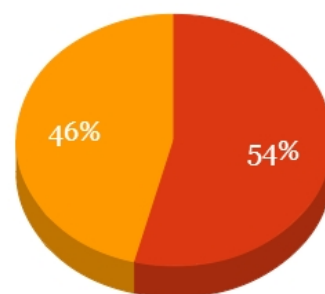
AGE	ANSWER	%
0-20	10	6%
21-30	137	77%
31-40	14	8%
> 40	16	9%



0-20 21-30 31-40 > 40

- GENDER

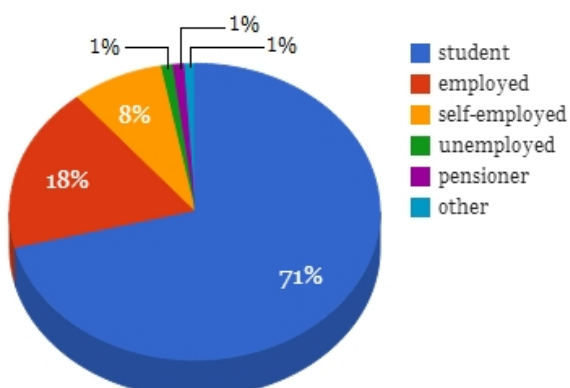
GENDER	ANSWER	%
Male	96	54%
Female	81	46%



male female

- CURRENT JOB

JOB	ANSWER	%
Student	126	71%
Employed	32	18%
Self-employed	14	8%
Unemployed	2	1%
Pensioner	1	1%
Other	2	1%



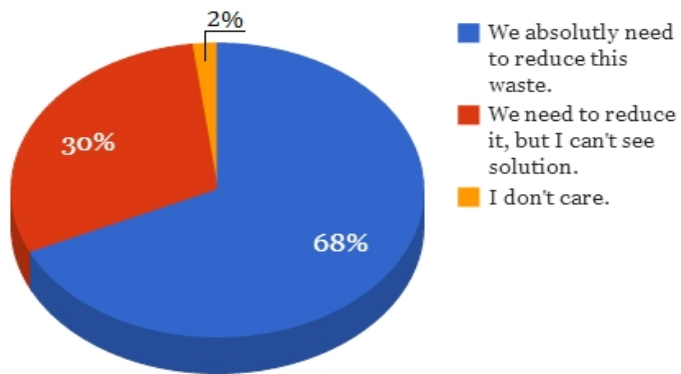
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employed  
self-employed  
unemployed  
pensioner  
other

## II SECTION: ENVIROMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- ❖ QUESTION 1: *If I told you that about 40% of your bill are due to the water used to flush the toilet, what would it be your reaction?*

POSSIBLE ANSWERS	ANSWER	%
We absolutely need to reduce this waste.	116	68%
We need to reduce it, but I can not see solutions.	51	30%
I don't care.	3	2%

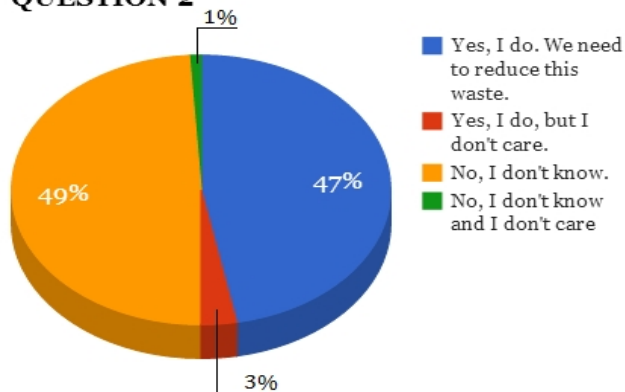
**QUESTION 1**



- ❖ QUESTION 2: *Do you know that every time you flush the toilet, you use about 7 litres of drinking water?*

POSSIBLE ANSWERS	ANSWER	%
Yes, I do. We need to reduce this waste.	79	47%
Yes, I do, but I don't care.	5	3%
No, I didn't know.	83	49%
No, I didn't know and I don't care	2	1%

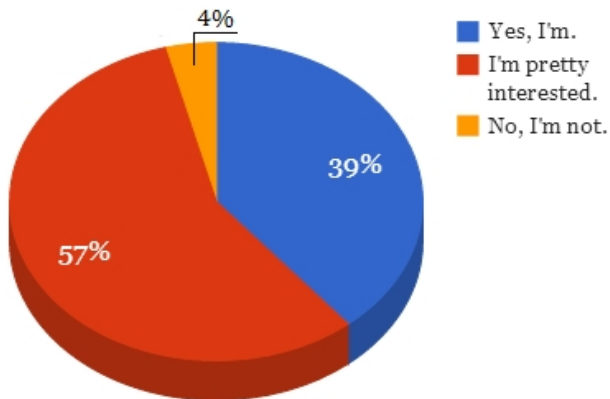
**QUESTION 2**



❖ QUESTION 3: *Are you interested in ecological and environmental sustainability?*

POSSIBLE ANSWERS	ANSWER	%
Yes, I am.	66	39%
I am pretty interested.	97	57%
No, I am not.	7	4%

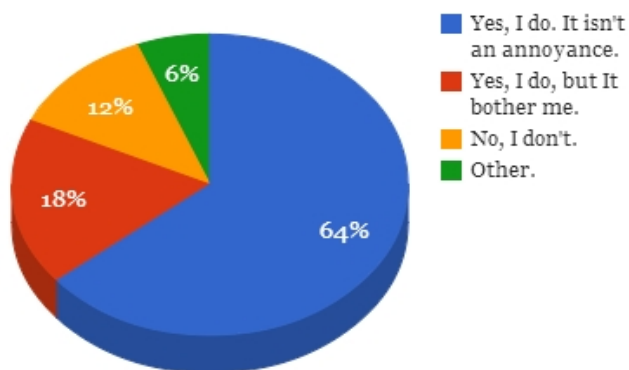
**QUESTION 3**



❖ QUESTION 4: *Are you segregating the waste in your country? Is this annoying you?*

POSSIBLE ANSWERS	ANSWER	%
Yes, I do. It is not an annoyance.	114	64%
Yes, I do, but it bother me.	31	18%
No, I don't.	22	12%
Other.	10	6%

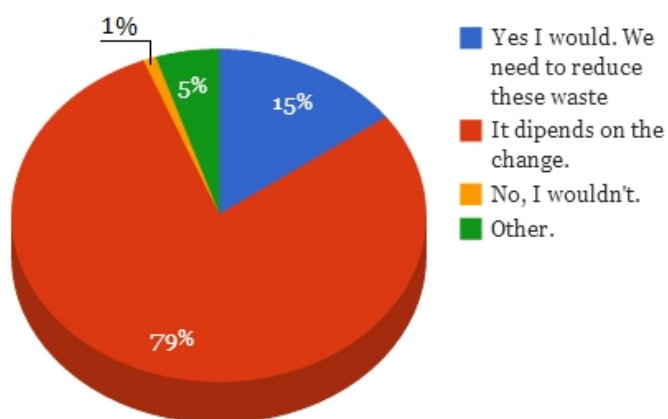
**QUESTION 4**



- ❖ **QUESTION 5:** *If there was a new system of toilets to reduce this environmental and economic waste, would you be willing to change significantly your daily habits?*

POSSIBLE ANSWERS	ANSWER	%
Yes I would. We need to reduce these wastes.	27	15%
It depends on change.	140	79%
No, I wouldn't.	2	1%
Other.	8	5%

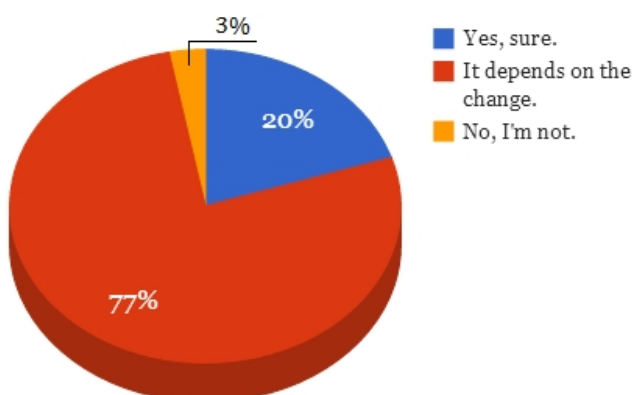
### QUESTION 5



- ❖ **QUESTION 6:** *Are you willing to make an investment to replace your toilet to reducing these wastes?*

POSSIBLE ANSWERS	ANSWER	%
Yes, sure.	34	20%
It depends on the change.	131	77%
No, I'm not.	5	3%

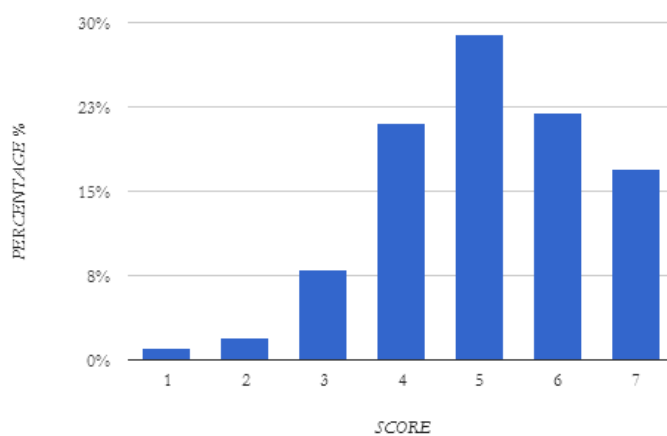
### QUESTION 6



### III SECTION: TOILET FACILITIES

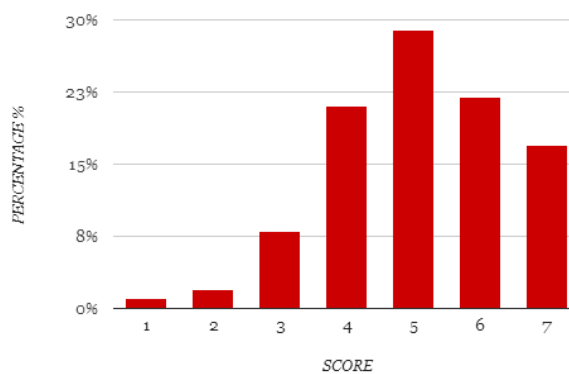
#### ❖ CHEAPNESS

SCORE	ANSWER	0%
1	2	1%
2	3	2%
3	14	8%
4	38	21%
5	51	29%
6	39	22%
7	30	17%



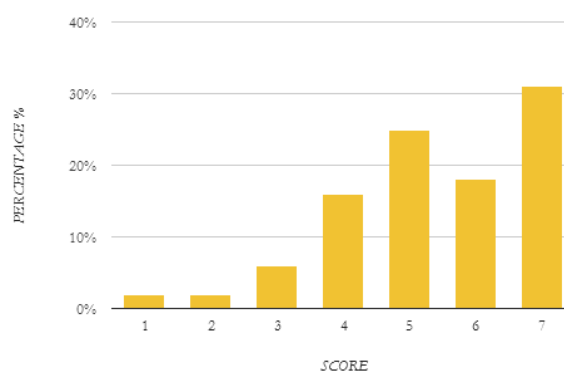
#### ❖ ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT

SCORE	ANSWER	%
1	2	1%
2	3	2%
3	14	8%
4	38	21%
5	51	29%
6	39	22%
7	30	17%



#### ❖ USE RESISTANCE

SCORE	ANSWER	0%
1	3	2%
2	3	2%
3	11	6%
4	28	16%
5	45	25%
6	32	18%
7	55	31%

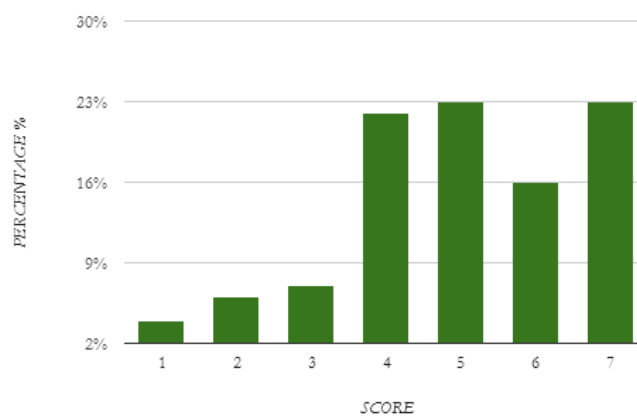


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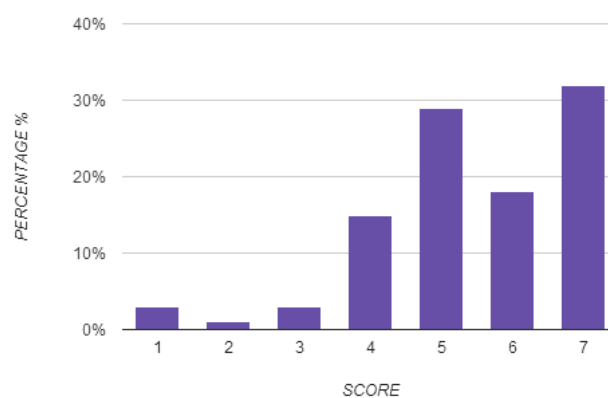
❖ SIMPLE TO USE

SCORE	ANSWER	0%
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2	10	6%
3	13	7%
4	39	22%
5	40	23%
6	28	16%
7	40	23%



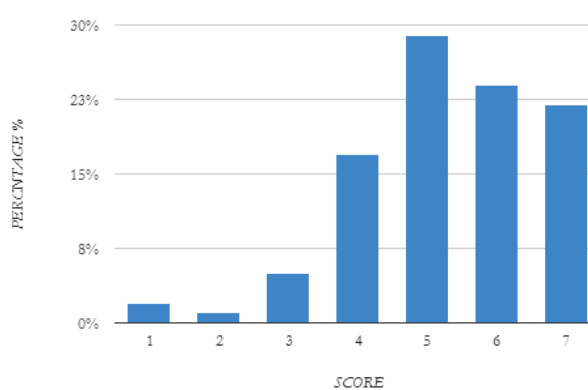
❖ EASY TO CLEAN

SCORE	ANSWER	0%
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2	2	1%
3	6	3%
4	26	15%
5	51	29%
6	31	18%
7	56	32%



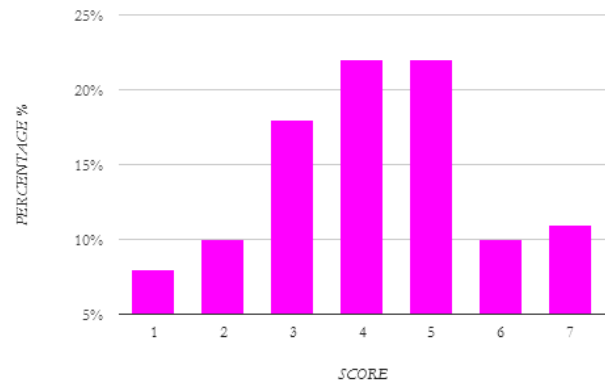
❖ EASY MAINTENANCE

SCORE	ANSWER	0%
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2	1	1%
3	9	5%
4	30	17%
5	52	29%
6	43	24%
7	39	22%

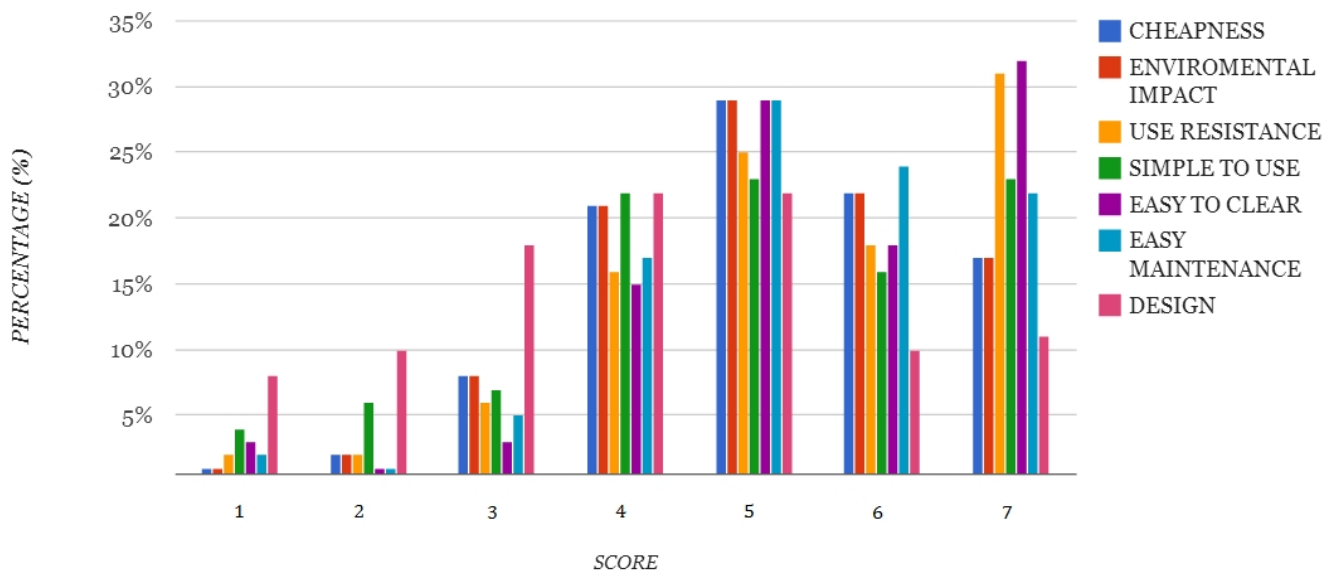


## ❖ DESIGN

SCORE	ANSWER	0%
1	14	8%
2	17	10%
3	31	18%
4	39	22%
5	39	22%
6	18	10%
7	19	11%



## ❖ FACILITIES SUMMARY



## APPENDIX C – TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

### APPENDIX C.1 - THE PACKAGING TOILET SYSTEM

	Scatola Meccanismi	Mechanism Box			
1	Base inf	Lower Base	1	PVC	
2	Case Pedali	Pedal Case	1	PVC	
3	Pedale Scivolo Ergonomico	Ramp Pedal	1	PVC	
4	Pedale Sigillatrice Ergonomico	Sealer Pedal	1	PVC	
5	Sigillatrice	Sealer	2	PVC + Stainless Steel	
6	Barra Movimento Sigillatrice	Sealer Horizontal Bar	1	PVC	
7	Braccio AZ Sigillatrice	Sealer Side Bar	2	PVC	
8	Scivolo Scarico	Ramp	1	PVC	
9	Leva Azionamento Scivolo	Ramp Connecting Rod	1	PVC	
10	Sportello Chiusura	Shutter	1	PVC	
11	Base Superiore	Upper Base	1	PVC	
12	Sportello 1	Left Side Windows	1	PVC	
tot			14		

	Involucro Toilet	Toilet Shell			
13	Ceramica	Ceramic Body	1	Ceramic/ Cement	
14	Diveriting	Diverting (Urine Separator)	1	Stainless Steel	
	Tavoletta Copri	Seat/Lid Group	1		
15	Cerniera Tavoletta	Mounting Bolts	2	Stainless Steel	
16	Attacco Cerniera Tavoletta	Seat Hinges	2	Stainless Steel	
17	Tavoletta	Toilet Seat	1	PP	
18	Attacco Cerniera Copri	Lid Hinges	2	Stainless Steel	
19	Copritazza 2	Toilet Lid	1	PP	
tot			10		

	Assieme Colonna (4)	Recharge Column Group			
	Gruppo Pista	Track Group	1		
20	Pista Afferraggi	Track	1	PVC	
21	Coperchio Leva 2	Track Case	1	PVC	
	Meccanismo Posizionamento Sacchetti	Bag Positioning Mechanism	1		
22	Movente	Slider	1	PVC	
23	Guida Leva	Lever Support	2	PVC	
24	Leva Togli Sacchetti	Bags Lever	2	PVC	
25	Perno Leva	Pivot	2	PVC	
	ASM Colonna	Column Assembly	1		
26	Colonna	Column	1	PVC	
27	Vetro Colonnina	Side Windows	2	PVC	
28	Sacchetto Ovale	Bags	2	PLA	
29	Coperchio Colonna	Bag Positioner	1	PVC	
30	Tappo	Column Top	1	PVC	
	Braccio Sacchetti	Bag Holder Group	1		
31	Braccio Base	Holder Base	1	PVC	
32	Esterno Afferraggio	External Holder	2	PVC	
33	Interno Afferraggio	Inner Holder	2	PVC	
34	Rotella	Castor Wheel	2	PVC	
tot			23		

	Guida Posteriore	Rear Guide			
35	Guida Movimento Carica	Recharge Guide Body		1	PVC
36	Sportello Chiusura Corsa	Recharge Guide Shutter		1	PVC
			tot	2	
	Mobile	Base Cabinet			
37	Mobiletto	Case Cabinet		1	PP/ plywood
	ASM Giunto	Door Cabinet Hinges		4	
38	Giunzione	Case Hinge		1	Stainless Steel
39	Giunzione 2	Door Hinge		1	Stainless Steel
40	Anta	Door		2	PP
			tot	11	
			tot	60	

Tab.C.1-1: Bill of Materials

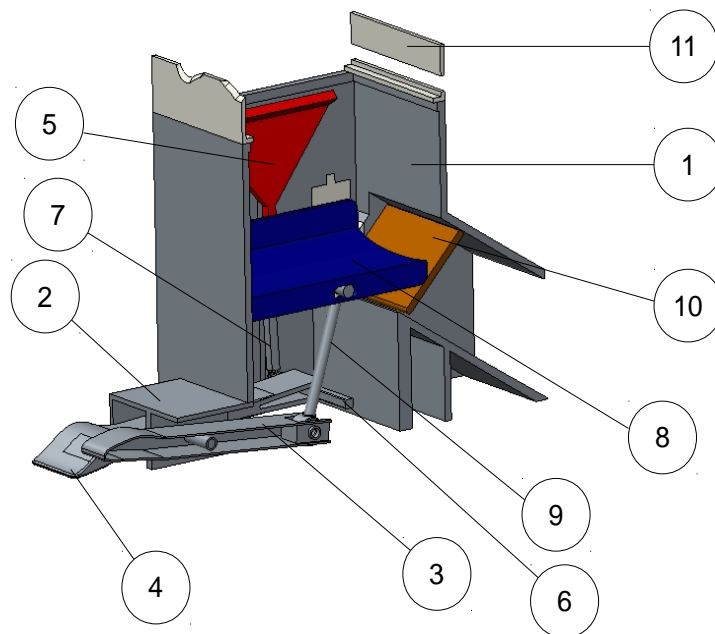
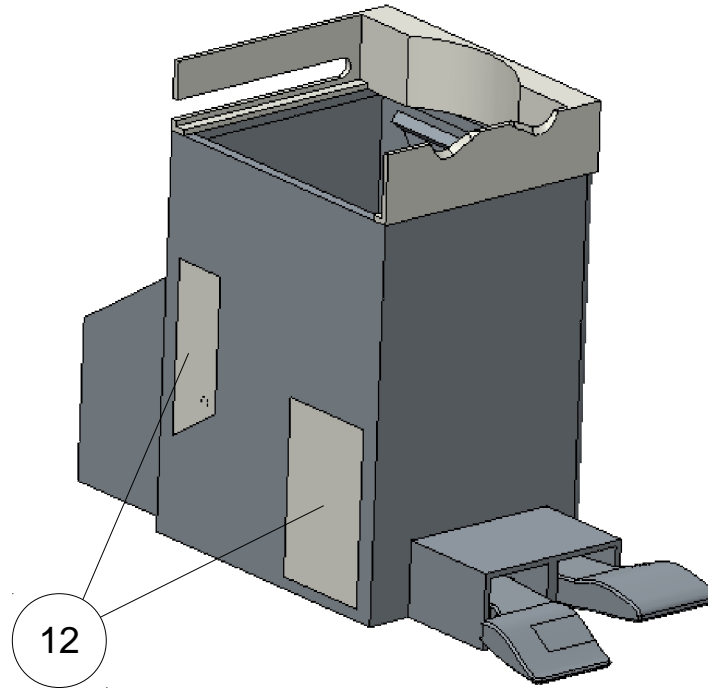
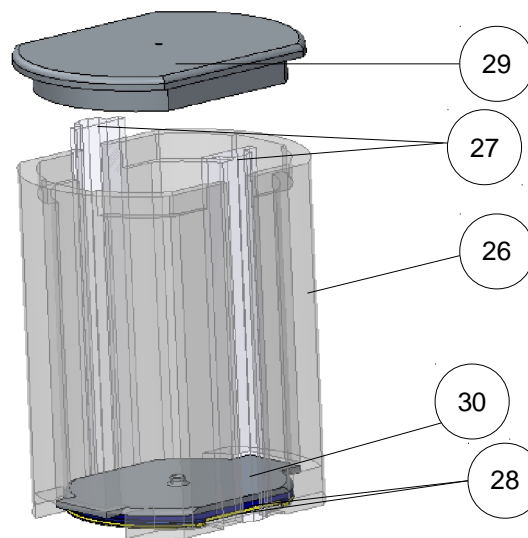


FIG.C.1-1: The Mechanism Box



**FIG.C.1-2: The Mechanism Box**



**FIG.C.1-3: The Column Assembly**

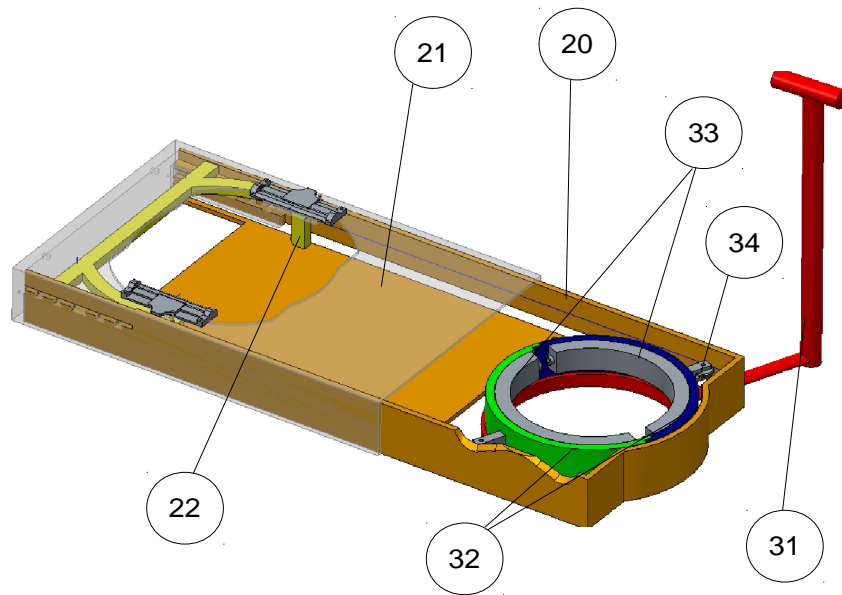


FIG.C.1-4: The Track Group, the Bag Positioning Mechanism and the Bag Holder Group

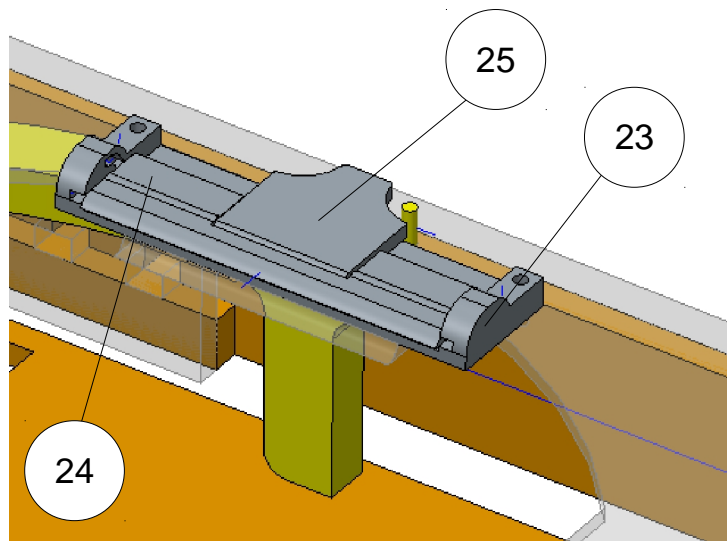
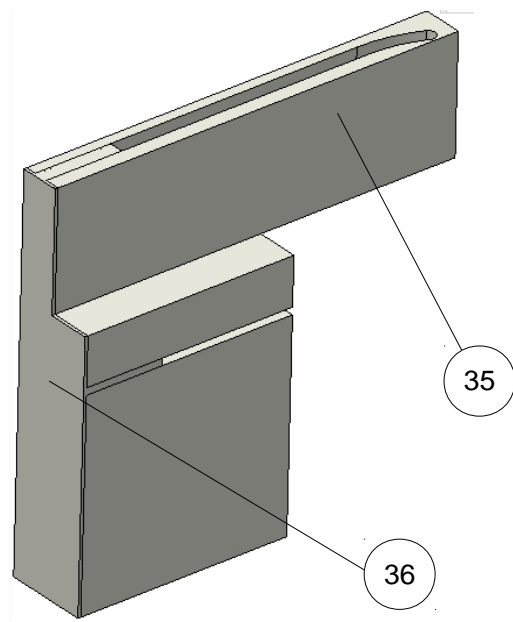
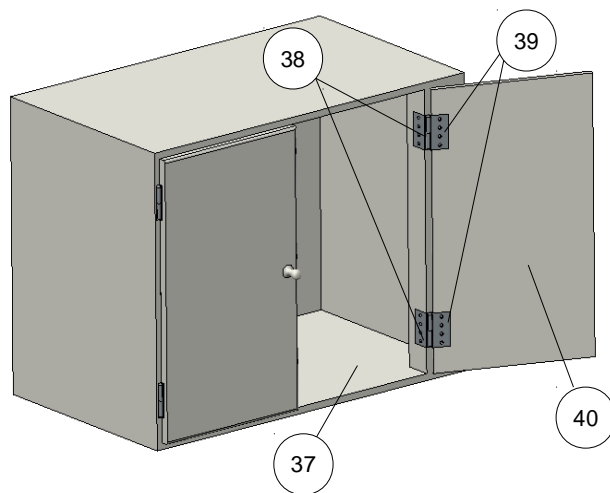


FIG.C.1-5: The Bag positioning system: detail



**FIG.C.1-6: The Rear Guide**



**FIG.C.1-7: The Base Cabinet**

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE
1	Lower Base	\$13,47
1	Pedal Case	\$1,09
1	Ramp Pedal	\$1,94
1	Sealer Pedal	\$1,17
2	Sealer	\$1,22
1	Sealer Orizontal Bar	\$1,08
2	Sealer Side Bar	\$0,92
1	Ramp	\$4,82
1	Shutter	\$0,17
1	Upper Base	\$3,08
1	Left Side Windows	\$2,05
1	Ceramic Body	\$12,50
1	Diverting	\$19,50
1	Seat/Lid Group	\$3,89
1	Track	\$4,60
1	Track Case	\$2,45
1	Slider	\$1,83
2	Lever Support	\$0,10
2	Bags Lever	\$0,10
2	Pivot	\$0,03
1	Column	\$5,20
2	Side Windows	\$3,00
2	Bags	\$3,00
1	Bag Positioner	\$1,83
1	Column Top	\$3,89
1	Holder Base	\$1,52
2	External Holder	\$1,44
2	Inner Holder	\$1,21
2	Castor Wheel	\$0,02
1	Recharge Guide body	\$4,82
1	Recharge Guide Shutter	\$5,74
1	Case Cabinet	\$10,00
4	Casde Hinge	\$0,20
4	Door Hinge	\$0,20
2	Door	\$5,00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$123,08</b>
<b>EURO</b>		<b>€94,68</b>

Tab.C.1-2: Cost of toilet



## THE TANK UNIT

The Tank Unit is composed by three main elements: the Waste Stack (A), the Bag Container (B) and the Urine Container (C). The Bags that come from the Composting Toilet go through to the waste stack to the Bag Container while the urine, separated by the toilet, goes to the urine container through a second tube.

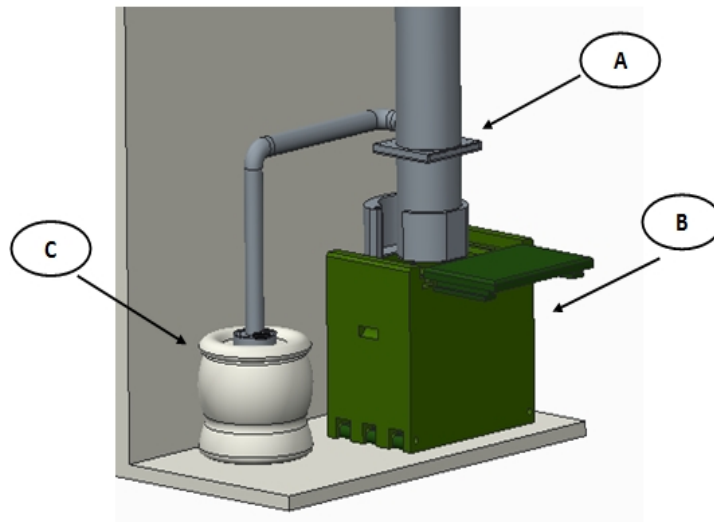


FIG.C.1- 8: The Tank Unit

## The Waste Stack Group

The Waste Stack, crossed by the Urine Tube (2), is composed by six elements. A Waste Security System (4) is positioned in the final part of the Waste Stack (1): the Waste Security System has the purpose of closing the Waste Stack when the Bag Container is removed. This is possible thanks to the Bottom Closing (7) and to the Bottom Closing Stopper (6). When the bag container is not in position the first one is closed and the second one blocks its movement.

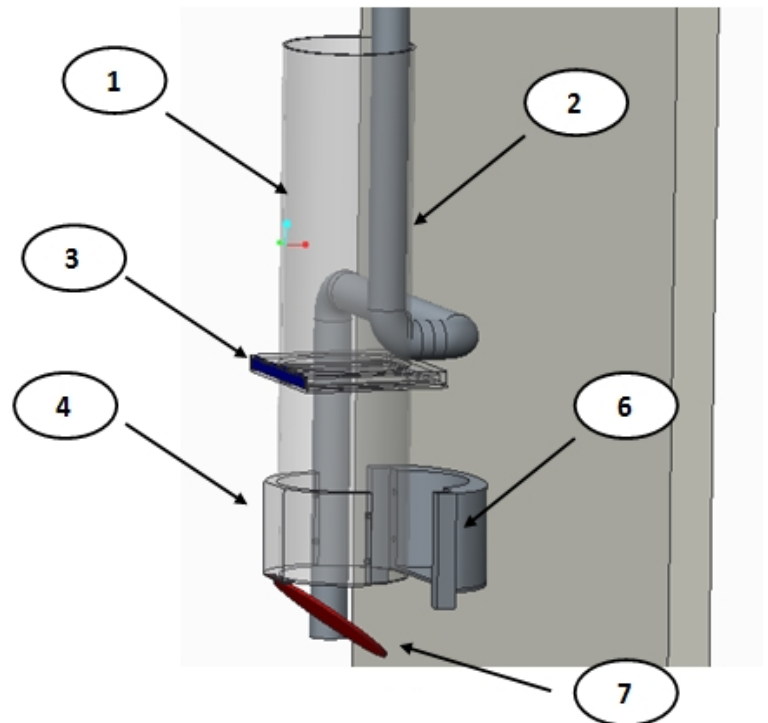


FIG.C.1- 9: The Waste Stack Group

If the Waste Security System needs to be replaced the Closing Sheet (8) can be inserted in the Lateral Cover (3) opening.

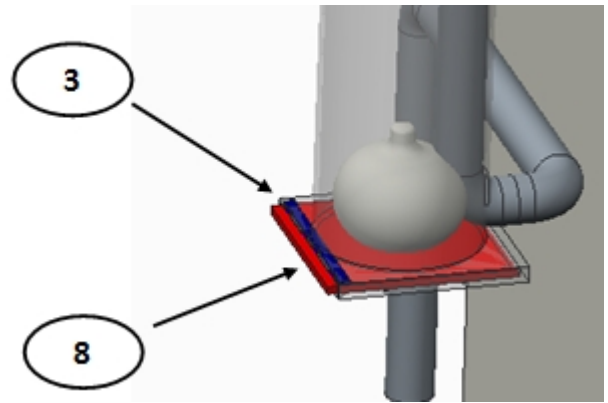


FIG.C.1- 10: The Closing Sheet: detail

## The Bags Container

The Bags Container is composed by six elements. It is closed by an Upper Sliding Cover (9): the Upper Sliding Cover opens when the Bags Case arrives in its "work position", under the Waste Stack. In fact the Bag Case continues to slide while the Upper Sliding Cover stops against the Waste Stack. Later on, the Bag Case opens the Bottom Closing Stopper pushing it forward.

The Bag Container has two Bottom Closing (10 and 11), a Bottom Stopper (12) and two Rotating Stopper (13). The Bottom Closings create the bottom of the container. The Bottom Stopper blocks these two Bottom Closing elements and the Rotating Stoppers blocks the Bottom Stopper.

When the container needs to be emptied, a guide (15) moves the Bottom Stopper and the Bottom Closings opens, so the bags are free to fall.

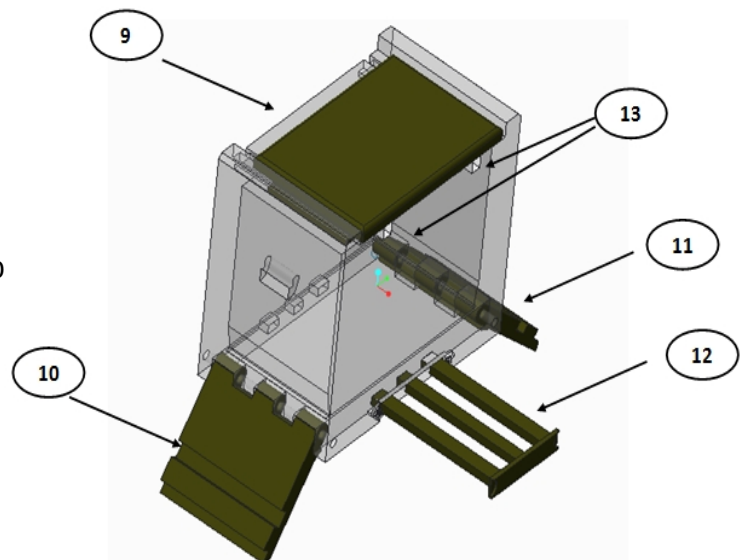


FIG.C.1- 11: The Bag Container

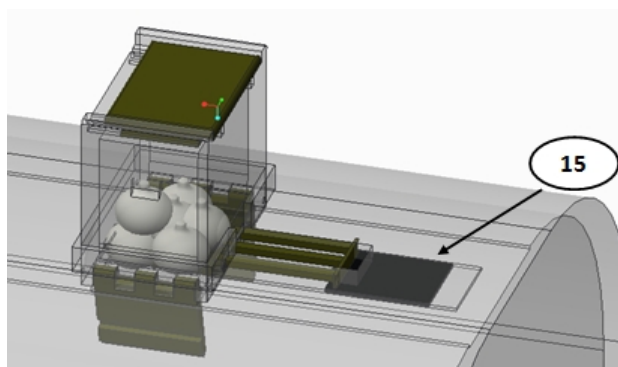


FIG.C.1- 12: The Guide: detail

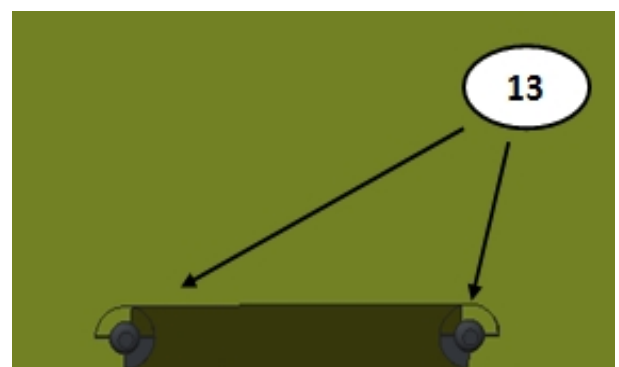


FIG.C.1-13: The Rotating Stoppers

### The Urine container

The Urine Container is a simple container (16) with a pierced cap (17) where the tube for the urine enters. A closing cap (18) shuts the container when it is out of the “work position”.

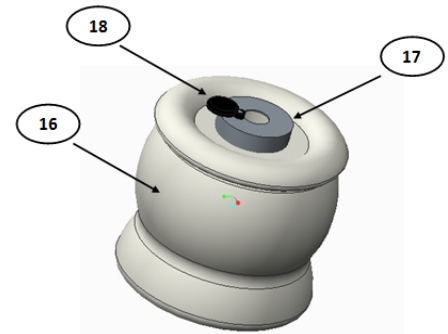


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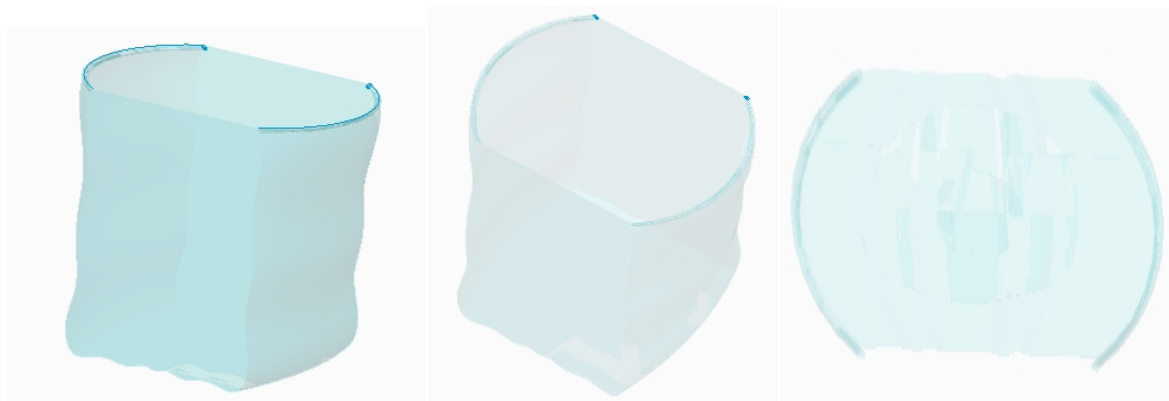


FIG.C.1- 15: PLA Bag

## APPENDIX C.2 – THE PYROLYSIS REACTOR

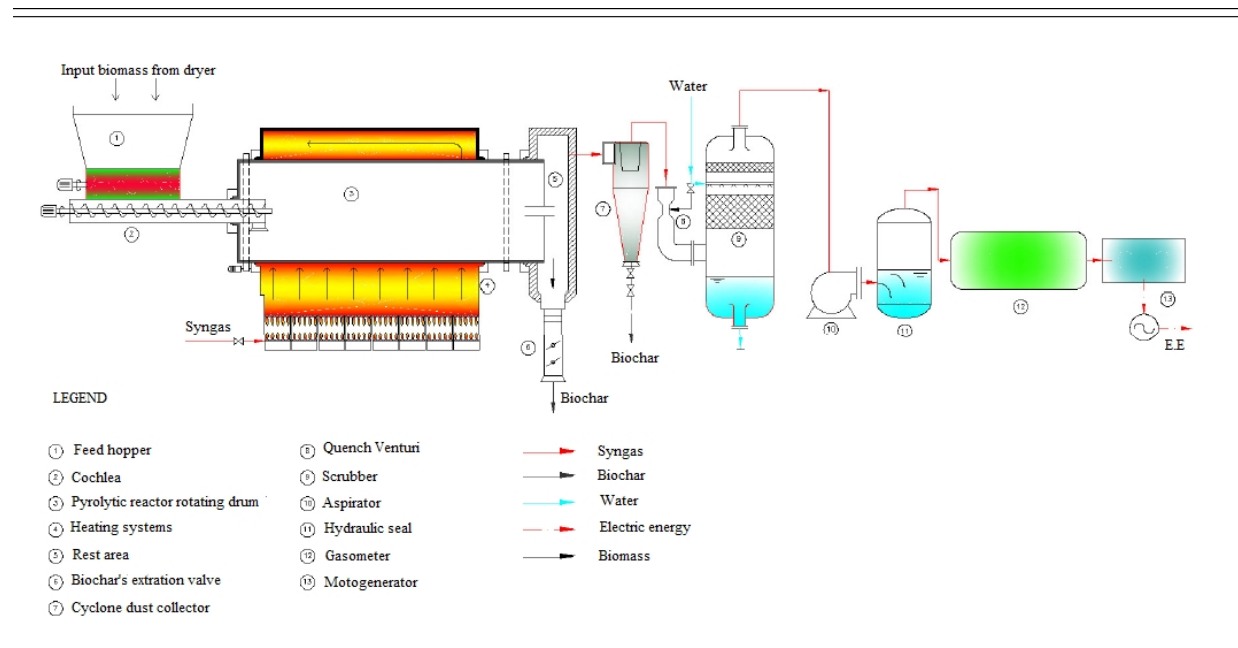


FIG.C.2- 1: The plan of the pyrolysis reactor

## APPENDIX C.3 – THE HANDLING SERVICE

### VRP:

Vehicle Routing Problem (VRP) is a combinatorial optimization and integer-programming problem seeking to service a number of customers with a fleet of vehicles. Generally the context is characterised by the distribution of goods between depots and final users (customers) but as said by Paolo Toth and Daniele Vigo, in "The vehicle routing problem"(2002), it can be used effectively not only for the solution of problems concerning the delivery or collection of goods, but for the solution of different real-world applications arising in transportation system as well.

## VRP MODEL:

### INDICES:

CP (customer):  $i = 0, \dots, n;$

Vehicles:  $k = 1, \dots, m;$

Pyrolysis Reactors:  $j = 1, \dots, q;$

### PARAMETERS:

$V_i$  = Volume to be taken from each  $CP_i$  ( $m^3/CP$ )

$M_k$  = Capacity of vehicle  $k$  ( $m^3/vehicles$ )

$dist_{i-i_1}$  = Distance between  $CP_i$  and  $CP_{i_1}$  (m)

### VARIABLES:

$$F_{i-i_1}^k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if vehicle } k \text{ covers route } i-i_1 \\ 0 & \text{instead} \end{cases}$$

$$Z_i^k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } CP_i \text{ is served by vehicle } k \\ 0 & \text{instead} \end{cases}$$

### OBJECTIVE FUNCTION:

$$\min \sum_k \sum_i \sum_{i_1} dist_{i-i_1} \times F_{i-i_1}^k$$

### SUBJECT TO:

$$\sum_k \sum_{i_1} F_{i-i_1}^k = 1 \quad \forall i \in CP / \{0\} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_i F_{0-i}^k = 1 \quad \forall k \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_i F_{i-0}^k = 1 \quad \forall k \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_i V_i \times Z_i \leq M_k \quad \forall k \quad (4)$$

$$\sum_k Z_i^k = 1 \quad \forall i \in CP / \{0\} \quad (5)$$

$$\sum_i F_{i-i_1}^k = \sum_{i_1} F_{i_1-i}^k \quad \forall k, i, i_1 \in CP / \{0\} \quad (6)$$

$$\sum_{i_1 \notin S} F_{i-i_1}^k \geq Z_i^k \quad \forall k, S \subseteq CP / \{0\}, i \in S \quad (7)$$

$$F_{i-i_1}^k \leq Z_i^k \quad \forall k, i \in CP / \{0\}, i_1 \in CP \quad (8)$$

$$F_{i_1-i}^k \leq Z_i^k \quad \forall k, i \in CP / \{0\}, i_1 \in CP \quad (9)$$

$$F_{i-i}^k = 0 \quad \forall k, i \in CP \quad (10)$$

Subject to (7) eliminates the problem of subtours.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD:

In (FIG.C.3-1) is showed the neighbourhood and in particular the colours represent the different routes that must be driven by vehicles. The coloured circle represents CP.

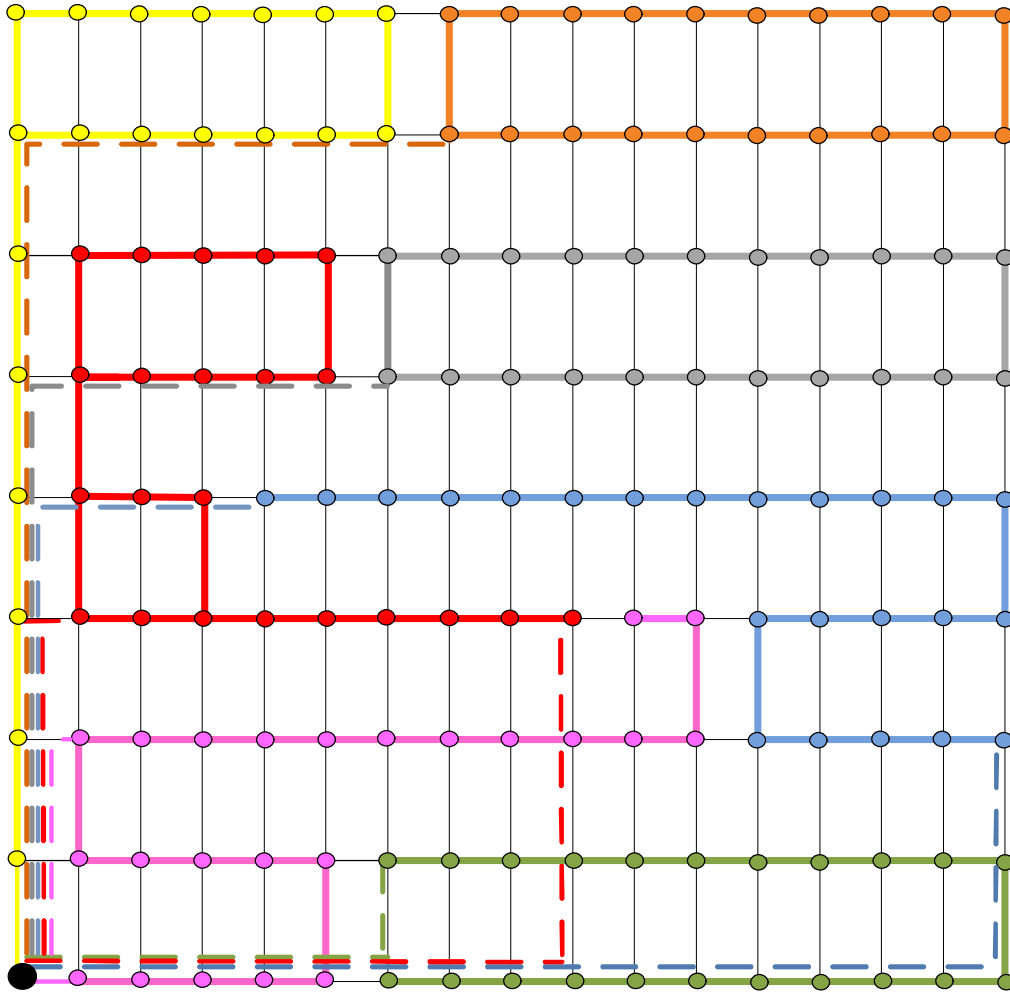


FIG.C.3- 1: The neighbourhood plant

Side of Neighbourhood (m)	Distance between the streets on the x-axis (m)	Distance between the streets on the y-axis (m)	Number of vertical streets	Number of horizontal streets	Number of Rectangle per Neighbourhood
1,600	200	100	8	16	128

Distance between residence (m)	Num of residences in a Rectangle	Num of residence in neighbourhood	Num of CP in Neighbourhood
100	6	768	153

			Percentage of type of Residence	Num of Residences per type	Total people in Neighbourhood
People in a Unit	Units in "THREE-FAMILY HOUSE"	People in "THREE-FAMILY HOUSE"	33.3	256	20,613
2.6	3	7.8			
	Units in "CONDOMINIUM"	People in "CONDOMINIUM"	33.3	256	
	8	20.8			
	Units in "SKYSCRAPER"	People in "SKYSCRAPER"	33.3	256	
20	52				

Num of Rectangle per km <sup>2</sup>	Num of Residences per km <sup>2</sup>	Type of Residences	Num of Residences per type per km <sup>2</sup>	People per km <sup>2</sup>
50	300	THREE-FAMILY HOUSE	100	8,052
		CONDOMINIUM	100	
		SKYSCRAPER	100	

**TAB.C.2- 1: Dimensions of Neighbourhood**

## APPENDIX D – LEGISLATION

### LACK OF LEGISLATION

#### *Addressing a new approach to sanitation system*

Packaging toilet is a great innovation for the future of international sanitation system way of thinking. Its implementation requires to change the approaches from habitual domestic users to institutions that must work out a new system of laws about this vision of sanitation. Current Italian legislation demonstrates incompleteness and unsuitability of developed countries in the direction, not only of more ecological wastewaters treatment, but primary of realizing “Blue” solutions in human waste management. This is a problem common at EU level because a new building must be connected to drainage.

Anyway, a State must ensure many functions about protection by wastewater or sludge:

- enacting a legislative package of laws that is aimed to any kind of exhaust system, public or private, direct or indirect, in any sorts of groundwater and surface water, river and maritime waters, both public or private, and sewers.
- orientation, promotion, counseling and coordination of public and private activities linked to the previous law.
- developing general criteria to right utilization and discharging of polluted waters about human settlement and location of industry.
- organization of public services (aqueduct, drainage system, purification system) and setting up rules for installation
- definition of methods to establish characteristics of water bodies
- guideline on the correct and rational use of water to industrial, civil and irrigation system by using standards of expenditures in order to prevent waste and facilitate recovery processes
- planning a strategy for cleaning up water, according with regional public administrations
- appointing a legal entity in charge with respect of law
- technical regulation about disposal of slurry in the soil for agricultural use
- technical regulation about disposal of sewage sludge and residual of treatment and clean-up

These indications are included in an Italian ministerial decree (April 16, 1976 –Regulation of discharges into maritime waters) and are clear representation of an old point of view of wastewaters management. Today technological development (an example can be *pyrolysis*) propose many solutions to restrict or to cancel pollutant emissions. Carbone cycle can be closed, characteristics of water bodies can improve and finally the problem of illegal dumps can be resolve. A new sludge processing system obliges developed countries to a re-examination of current laws but in the same moment becomes a great opportunity to developing countries that can revolutionize their hygienic condition and their environment approach from scratch through a sustainable strategy.

Every day in USA 10,000 billion liters of water are used. It is a quantity 8 times greater than river flow of Mississippi. The majority is used to generate hydroelectric power and 1200 liters remaining change their quality for worse as a result of use in industries, irrigation of plant stock, public services, domestic water supplies. This important quantity of wastewater can receive 3 different treatments to purify water and eliminate suspended solid and BOD, in order:

#### 1. PRIMARY TREATMENT PROCESS:

Preliminary treatment that consists in the separation between water and solid materials. This process eliminates about 30% of BOD. For that reason is not sufficient to reduce concentrations of pollutants considerably and is necessary a supplementary treatment. Primary treatment can be divided in:

- a) *Passage across grids or use of “comminutor”*
- b) *Sand removal with sedimentation*



- c) *Settleable solid removal in a settling tank and removing of primary sludge*
- d) *Addition of chlorine to eliminate pathogenic bacteria*

## 2. SECONDARY TREATMENT PROCESS

More than 40% of world population's wastewater receives a secondary treatment that can reduce BOD rate between 75% and 90%. Two different treatments are available:

- a) *Percolating filter*
- b) *Process with activated sludge*

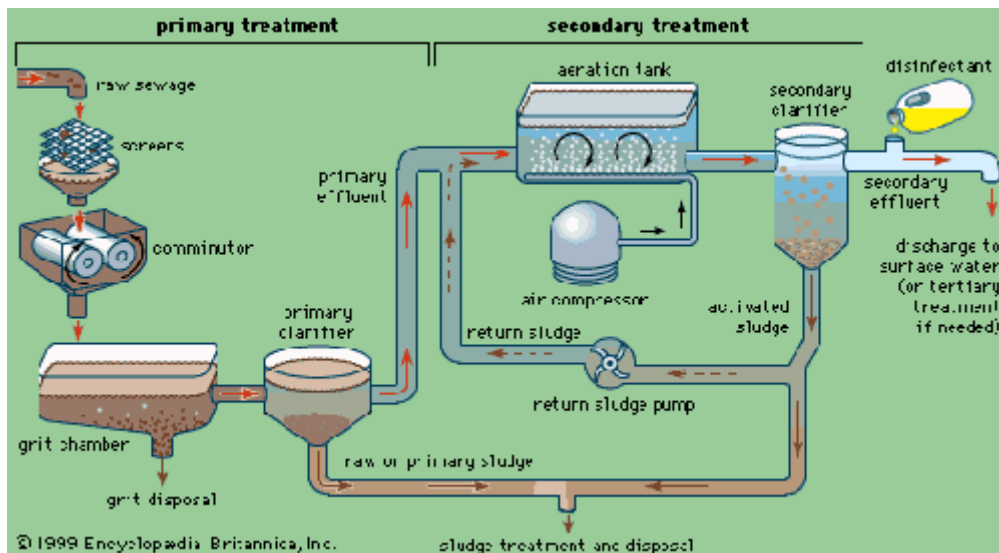


FIG.D – 1: Treatment of wastewater

## 3. TERTIARY TREATMENT PROCESS

Advanced techniques thinking to eliminate nutrients based on nitrogen and phosphorus, techniques of physic-chemical separation, like:

- a) *Precipitation*
- b) *Adsorption*
- c) *Electrodialysis*
- d) *Distillation*
- e) *Reverse osmosis*

An important problem of wastewater treatment centers is disposal of sludge. There are two methods to face this theme: disposal into soil and disposal on the top of soil. The second solution is the more efficient because semi-liquid sludge that come out from purification system aren't safe for their hygiene condition. *Biostabilization* with organic waste and *composting* are more expended solutions actually. *Compost* has good fertilizing characteristics similar to other natural products.

Characteristics	Composting %	Peat %	Manure %
<i>water</i>	40 - 50	30	75 - 80
<i>organic substances</i>	20 - 40	60	17
<i>nitrogen</i>	0,3 - 0,9	0,5 - 1	0,5
<i>phosphorus</i>	0,3 - 0,9	-	0,3
<i>potassium</i>	0,3 - 0,6	-	0,6
<i>magnesium</i>	0,3 - 0,9	-	-
<i>calcium</i>	0,6 - 6	-	-

**TAB.D-1: Characteristics of Composting, Peat and Manure**

Today, there is a strictly and precise legislation about features, proveniences and qualities of any type of composts. Classifications and prices are available simply. This said, new technologies have proposed a new kind of natural fertilizer: Biochar. It is a highly porous charcoal that helps extraordinary soils retain nutrients and water and it is produced by pyrolysis of biomasses. In this months European Union is working to give a clear classification to this type of product. When countries will have a complete legislation about matter of Biochar, it will be easier to integrate it with a new sanitation and wastewater management system.

This is an explanation of a classic configuration of system of sludge treatment. It is a long way to give a new life to wastewater. Even if these methods are difficult and incomplete, a great percentage of nutrients drop in the loop, especially precious element like carbon that can feed and increase productivity of soils. So, the idea of the UB Team for Sanitation System can represent a solution to a easier management of waste, reducing transformation processes and creating new opportunities of grown.

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