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The product of five years of development will be available in just 3 weeks' time for use in Life Cycle Assessment, Environmental Footprinting and other methods assessing the impacts of human actions on the environment.

We do recognize that a release date has been communicated several times before and then postponed again. Due to this fact we decided to communicate the launch only when we can do so with absolute certainty. Thanks to the thorough review procedure, the full transparency and documentation of all datasets, ecoinvent is today the most trusted source of LCI data worldwide and we are confident that this will be further enhanced with version 3.

More information on version 3 including a change report from version 2 to version 3, FAQs and a discussion board giving the possibility to discuss ecoinvent version 3, will be launched on our website on the day of the release. We value the feedback of our end users. Based on comments sent to our support email or posted on our discussion boards the information on our website will be updated on a regularly basis. For now please consult the following link for information on ecoinvent version 3.

Presales Price for ecoinvent v3

The special presales price of EUR 1,650 for an upgrade from ecoinvent version 2 to version 3 will run until the day of the release of version 3, Monday, 6 May 2013. This is your opportunity to profit from the brand new version 3 at an attractive discount price!

Profit now!

Key Features of ecoinvent v3

Version 3 of the ecoinvent database is based on a new concept and in the same time builds on ecoinvent version 2 as it represent a continuation in terms transparency, quality and consistency.

The key features you will be able to profit from are:

- ✓ **More system models**: In addition to attributional modelling, ecoinvent is now the only major database also supporting consequential modelling.

- ✓ **New datasets**: New and updated datasets in the fields of electricity production, recycling activities, chemical production, fruit and vegetables, and many other sectors.

- ✓ **New water flows:** Consistent modeling of water inputs and outputs in most parts of the database for impact of water use and consumption.

- ✓ **New properties:** All products in our database now come with information on physical and other properties, such as dry mass, wet mass, carbon content, etc.

- ✓ **New global supply chains:** The new version of ecoinvent contains global supply chains for many products, allowing a more integrated perspective on products and processes. This implies that we have markets for all products.

- ✓ **More consistency**: New data quality guidelines to ensure coherent data acquisition and reporting

- ✓ **New ways of submitting data:** With the release of version 3, we also aim to make data submission a more accessible, comfortable process. If you have access to large amounts of data that you feel may be interesting to the ecoinvent users, please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss options.

Changes & Additions in the ecoinvent Team

Along with the release there have also been some changes in the ecoinvent team. Dr. Emilia Moreno Ruiz, formerly Project Manager, has been appointed as Deputy Manager. In this position she will support Dr. Gregor Wernet in the management of the ecoinvent centre.

Linda Wegelin has joined the ecoinvent team in February, taking up the position as Marketing & Sales Manager. In this newly created position she dedicates herself to improved communication as well as the strategic positioning of ecoinvent in its not-for-profit activity.

The release of version 3 will open a new chapter in the continued development of the ecoinvent database and we are all looking forward to fruitful cooperation with the ecoinvent community!

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