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Final reports ecoinvent data v2.0 available for ecoinvent v2 customers

While we are producing the ecoinvent CD-ROM v2, we uploaded all final reports as well as all Excel results Files of ecoinvent data v2.01 to the ecoinvent database. Our ecoinvent customers are able to download the reports and the zipped Excel-Files in the Section "Files" of the ecoinvent database. Login to the database, select ecoinvent data v2.01 and click on "Files" in the grey bar in the upper part of the window.

2nd International ecoinvent Meeting, March 14, 2008 in Lausanne

On March 14, 2008, the 2nd International ecoinvent Meeting will be held in Lausanne, Switzerland. This one-day event will focus on the contents and applications of the new ecoinvent Data v2.0. Recognized international life cycle assessment experts from industry and academia will present how they make use of generic databases in their daily work. A representative from the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment will discuss the role of LCA in public policy making. The new database contents are explored in four parallel sessions focusing on biomass production, bio-energy and bio-materials, electronics, metals for ICT, petrochemical solvents, mechanical engineering, energy supply and new transport services. The event takes place back to back with the 34th LCA Discussion Forum on the topic "Life Cycle Assessment versus Carbon footprint?" (March 13, 2008). Please use the registration form on the following page to register for the 2nd International ecoinvent Meeting.

new ecoinvent marketing and sales manager: Mireille Faist Emmenegger

As of the end of 2007, Annette Koehler left the ecoinvent Centre to fully concentrate on her research activities at ETH Zürich. As of January 7, 2008 Mireille Faist Emmenegger takes care of your requests regarding business related aspects of the ecoinvent database. To order ecoinvent licences your contact remains unchanged (Therese Meier-Bracher - Tel. +41(0)71 274 75 00; Fax +41 71 274 78 62; Email: meier@ecoinvent.org).

ecoinvent Data now implemented in French LCA tool "bilan produit"

Since mid 2007 an extract of ecoinvent Data is implemented in the French online LCA tool "bilan produit". This tool was developed by the French Environmental Authority ADEME and is especially dedicated to be used by small and medium enterprises and by students. It allows for an initial assessment of the environmental impacts of a product. Until now, the tool has been downloaded more than 1'000 times. The online tool "bilan produit" is accessible at www.ademe.fr/internet/bilan_produit/login.asp.

LCA expert in energy industry comments on ecoinvent Data

Acknowledged LCA practitioners in the energy industry value the ecoinvent database as the most consistent and high-quality international LCA database. The ecoinvent Data are increasingly used in Environmental Product Declarations and recommended in the Product Category Rules of "electricity and district heating generation" of the EPD[®] system run by the Swedish Environmental Management Council (SEMC).

Caroline Setterwall, Vattenfall AB, Sweden, comments on her successful experience applying ecoinvent Data:

"Vattenfall's work with LCA-based EPD (Environmental Product Declaration based on ISO 14025) primarily implies the use of specific input data from own sites and actual suppliers, but generic input data is needed for construction materials, and for the production of electricity, fuels, materials, and chemicals used by suppliers. The international ecoinvent database published by the Swiss Centre for Life Cycle Inventories contains a lot of very useful downloadable cradle-to-gate LCI-results and unit processes representative of different countries and regions. Needed data is easily found with the search function on the ecoinvent homepage and received data has facilitated our work."

Rolf Frischknecht, ecoinvent manager
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Application Form

2nd International ecoinvent Meeting, March 14, 2008, Lausanne, Switzerland

Yes, I will participate to the 2nd International ecoinvent Meeting in Lausanne, March 14, 2008 and pay the fee of CHF 70.- (on invoice or at the meeting itself).

Family name:	First name:
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