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Report for: Daniel Hayes, Celignis Limited, 111 Brookfield Hall, Castletroy, Limerick, Ireland

**Sample Name - Grass Example**
**Biogas and Biomethane Potential (BMP) - Summary Data**
**Proximate Analysis**

 Total Solids (% Wet Basis)  
39.00

 Volatile Solids (% Dry Basis)  
95.33

 Volatile Solids (% Wet Basis)  
37.18

**Biogas and Biomethane Potential**

Biogas Production			Biomethane Potential		
L/kg VS	L/kg Dry Mass	L/kg Wet Mass	L/kg VS	L/kg Dry Mass	L/kg Wet Mass
517.1	492.9	192.2	304.0	289.8	113.0

**Weighted Biogas Composition**

At Day	Methane (%)	CO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Oxygen (%)	H <sub>2</sub> S (ppm)	Ammonia (ppm)
28	58.8	43.1	0.1	18	0
21	58.8	43.0	0.1	18	0
14	58.8	42.7	0.1	17	0
7	58.9	41.8	0.1	16	0
3	58.9	42.1	0.1	16	0

**Biogas Composition During Periods**

Between Days	Methane (%)	CO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Oxygen (%)	H <sub>2</sub> S (ppm)	Ammonia (ppm)
1 and 3	58.9	42.1	0.1	16	0
4 and 7	58.9	41.7	0.1	16	0
8 and 14	58.3	48.7	0.2	25	0
15 and 21	58.0	51.1	0.2	29	0
22 and 28	57.9	52.2	0.2	30	0

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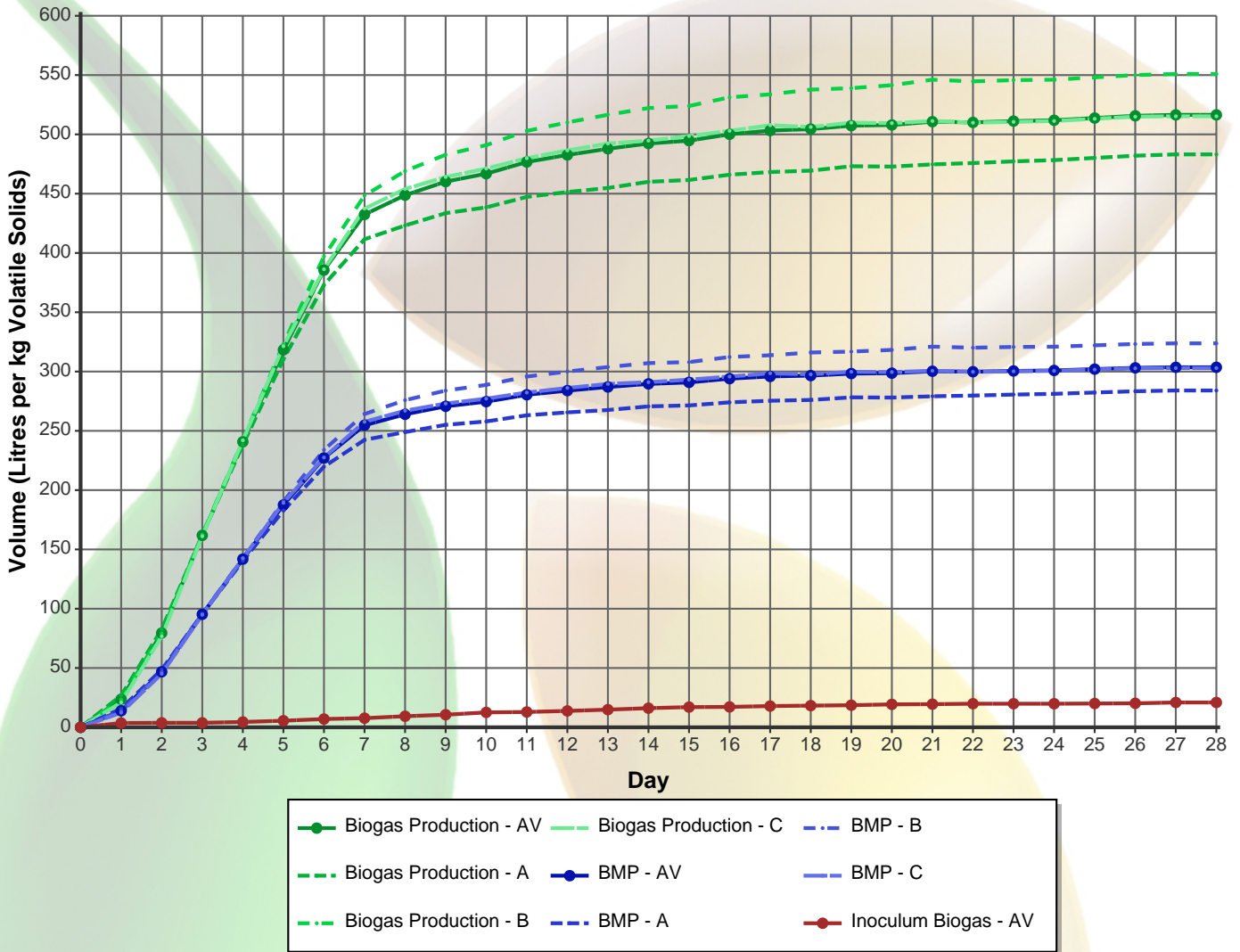
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**Plot of Biogas and Biomethane Potential (BMP) - Inoculum Subtracted**



Days of Digestion	28 (Digestion Complete)
Max. biogas production reached at day	28
70% of total biogas reached at day	6
80% of total biogas reached at day	7
90% of total biogas reached at day	10
1% gas production reached at day	10

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## Feedstock Analysis - Summary Data

Test	Method Reference	Units	As-Received	Dry Mass Basis	Dry Ash-Free Basis
Moisture	EN 14774-1:2009	%	61.00	-	-
Total Solids	Calculated	%	39.00	-	-
Ash	EN 14775:2009	%	1.82	4.67	-
Volatile Solids	Calculated	%	37.18	95.33	-
Carbon	EN 15104:2011	%	18.65	47.81	50.15
Hydrogen	EN 15104:2011	%	2.23	5.73	6.01
Nitrogen	EN 15104:2011	%	1.07	2.74	2.87
Sulphur	EN 15289:2011	%	0.09	0.22	0.23
Oxygen	By Difference	%	15.15	38.84	40.74
Aluminium	EN ISO 16967:2015	ppm	87	224	-
Calcium	EN ISO 16967:2015	ppm	1,659	4,254	-
Iron	EN ISO 16967:2015	ppm	161	413	-
Magnesium	EN ISO 16967:2015	ppm	429	1,100	-
Sodium	EN ISO 16967:2015	ppm	928	2,379	-
Phosphorus	EN ISO 16967:2015	ppm	764	1,960	-
Potassium	EN ISO 16967:2015	ppm	5,912	15,159	-
Silicon	EN ISO 16967:2015	ppm	949	2,434	-
Titanium	EN ISO 16967:2015	ppm	5	12	-
COD	In-House	g/kg	445.9	1,143.3	-
BOD	In-House	g/kg	360.3	923.8	-
Ammonia	In-House	g/kg	1.54	-	-

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## Major Elements - Dry Matter Basis (mg/kg Dry Mass)

Element	Method Reference	Units	Average	Rep 1	Rep 2	Std Dev
Al - Aluminium	EN ISO 16967:2015	ppm	<b>224</b>	223	224	1
Ca - Calcium	EN ISO 16967:2015	ppm	<b>4,254</b>	4,281	4,227	38
Fe - Iron	EN ISO 16967:2015	ppm	<b>413</b>	418	408	7
Mg - Magnesium	EN ISO 16967:2015	ppm	<b>1,100</b>	1,100	1,100	0
Na - Sodium	EN ISO 16967:2015	ppm	<b>2,379</b>	2,382	2,376	4
P - Phosphorus	EN ISO 16967:2015	ppm	<b>1,960</b>	1,953	1,967	10
K - Potassium	EN ISO 16967:2015	ppm	<b>15,159</b>	15,198	15,120	55
Si - Silicon	EN ISO 16967:2015	ppm	<b>2,434</b>	2,430	2,437	5
Ti - Titanium	EN ISO 16967:2015	ppm	<b>12</b>	11	12	1

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## Minor Elements - Dry Matter Basis (mg/kg Dry Mass)

Element	Method Reference	Units	Average	Rep 1	Rep 2	Std Dev
As - Arsenic	EN ISO 16968:2015	ppm	<1	<1	<1	<1
Cd - Cadmium	EN ISO 16968:2015	ppm	<1	<1	<1	<1
Co - Cobalt	EN ISO 16968:2015	ppm	2	2	1	1
Cr - Chromium	EN ISO 16968:2015	ppm	41	42	39	2
Cu - Copper	EN ISO 16968:2015	ppm	10	10	9	1
Hg - Mercury	EN ISO 16968:2015	ppm	18	18	17	1
Mn - Manganese	EN ISO 16968:2015	ppm	35	35	35	0
Mo - Molybdenum	EN ISO 16968:2015	ppm	2	2	2	0
Ni - Nickel	EN ISO 16968:2015	ppm	54	57	51	4
Pb - Lead	EN ISO 16968:2015	ppm	<1	<1	<1	<1
Sb - Antimony	EN ISO 16968:2015	ppm	<1	9	<1	<1
V - Vanadium	EN ISO 16968:2015	ppm	<1	<1	<1	<1
Zn - Zinc	EN ISO 16968:2015	ppm	47	46	48	1

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## Proximate Analysis for BMP Test - Replicate Data

### Dry Matter Basis (% Dry Mass)

Test	Method Reference	Average	Replicate 1	Replicate 2	Standard Deviation
Volatile Solids	Calculated from Ash	95.33	95.31	95.36	0.04
Ash	EN14775:2009	4.67	4.69	4.64	0.04

### Fresh Matter Basis (% Wet Mass)

Test	Method Reference	Average	Replicate 1	Replicate 2	Standard Deviation
Total Solids	Calculated from Moisture	39.00	39.50	38.50	0.71
Moisture Content	14774-1:2009	61.00	60.50	61.50	0.71
Volatile Solids	Calculated	37.18	37.17	37.19	0.01
Ash	Calculated	1.82	1.83	1.81	0.01

## Additional Sample and Digestion Details

Sample Type (Solid/Liquid/Slurry)

Sample Consistency

Sample pH

Inoculum to Substrate Ratio (VS-basis) 4:1

Digester Volume to Headspace Ratio 7:3

Temperature of Digestion 37 °C

Additional Comments: None

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## Biogas and Biomethane Potential (BMP) - Replicate Data

### Biogas Production

Basis	Average	Replicate A	Replicate B	Replicate C	Standard Deviation
Volatile Solids (L/kg-VS)	517.1	482.4	552.5	516.3	35.1
Dry Matter (L/kg-DM)	492.9	459.9	526.7	492.2	33.4
Fresh Matter (L/kg-FM)	192.2	179.4	205.4	192.0	13.0

### Biomethane Potential (BMP)

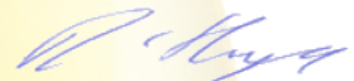
Basis	Average	Replicate A	Replicate B	Replicate C	Standard Deviation
Volatile Solids (L/kg-VS)	304.0	283.6	324.7	303.5	20.5
Dry Matter (L/kg-DM)	289.8	270.4	309.5	289.4	19.6
Fresh Matter (L/kg-FM)	113.0	105.4	120.7	112.9	7.6

### Inoculum Biogas Production

Basis	Average	Replicate A	Replicate B	Replicate C	Standard Deviation
Volatile Solids (L/kg-VS)	21.5	13.3	18.4	32.8	10.1

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**Biogas Composition - Period Data**

	<b>% of Final Net Biogas Volume</b>	<b>Methane (%)</b>	<b>Carbon Dioxide (%)</b>	<b>Oxygen (%)</b>	<b>Hydrogen Sulphide (ppm)</b>	<b>Ammonia (ppm)</b>
<b>Between Days 1 and 3</b>						
Biogas	31.3	59.0	41.0	0.1	15	0
Inoculum		60.0	30.0	0.0	0	0
Inoculum-Subtracted		58.9	42.1	0.1	16	0
Weighted (Days 1 to 3)		58.9	42.1	0.1	16	0
<b>Between Days 4 and 7</b>						
Biogas	52.3	59.0	41.0	0.1	15	0
Inoculum		60.0	30.0	0.0	0	0
Inoculum-Subtracted		58.9	41.7	0.1	16	0
Weighted (Days 1 to 7)		58.9	41.8	0.1	16	0
<b>Between Days 8 and 14</b>						
Biogas	11.6	59.0	41.0	0.1	15	0
Inoculum		60.0	30.0	0.0	0	0
Inoculum-Subtracted		58.3	48.7	0.2	25	0
Weighted (Days 1 to 14)		58.8	42.7	0.1	17	0
<b>Between Days 15 and 21</b>						
Biogas	3.6	59.0	41.0	0.1	15	0
Inoculum		60.0	30.0	0.0	0	0
Inoculum-Subtracted		58.0	51.1	0.2	29	0
Weighted (Days 1 to 21)		58.8	43.0	0.1	18	0
<b>Between Days 22 and 28</b>						
Biogas	1.2	59.0	41.0	0.1	15	0
Inoculum		60.0	30.0	0.0	0	0
Inoculum-Subtracted		57.9	52.2	0.2	30	0
Weighted (Days 1 to 28)		58.8	43.1	0.1	18	0

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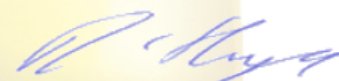
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**Ultimate Analysis - Replicate Data**

Test	Method Reference	Average	Replicate 1	Replicate 2	Standard Deviation
<b>Dry Matter Basis (% Dry Mass)</b>					
Carbon	EN 15104:2011	47.81	47.78	47.84	0.04
Hydrogen	EN 15104:2011	5.73	5.80	5.65	0.10
Nitrogen	EN 15104:2011	2.74	2.76	2.71	0.04
Sulphur	EN 15289:2011	0.22	0.24	0.20	0.03
Oxygen	Calculated	38.84	38.75	38.93	0.12
<b>As-Received Basis (% Wet Mass)</b>					
Carbon	Calculated	18.65	18.63	18.66	0.02
Hydrogen	Calculated	2.23	2.26	2.21	0.04
Nitrogen	Calculated	1.07	1.08	1.06	0.01
Sulphur	Calculated	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.01
Oxygen	Calculated	15.15	15.11	15.18	0.05
<b>Dry Ash-Free Basis (% DAF)</b>					
Carbon	Calculated	50.15	50.12	50.18	0.04
Hydrogen	Calculated	6.01	6.09	5.93	0.11
Nitrogen	Calculated	2.87	2.90	2.84	0.04
Sulphur	Calculated	0.23	0.25	0.21	0.03
Oxygen	Calculated	40.74	40.65	40.83	0.13

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## Stoichiometric Methane Potential (SMP)

### Volatile Solids Basis (L per kg VS)

	Biogas	Methane	Carbon Dioxide	% Methane
Calculated from Buswell Equation	935	474	461	50.7
Actual Values at Day 28	517	304	223	58.8
Biodegradability Index (%)	55.3	64.1		

### Dry Mass Basis (L per kg Dry Matter)

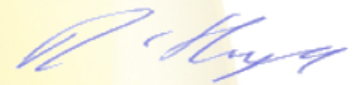
	Biogas	Methane	Carbon Dioxide	% Volatile Solids
Calculated from Buswell Equation	892	452	439	
Actual Values at Day 28	493	290	212	95.33

### As-Received Basis (L per kg Fresh Matter)

	Biogas	Methane	Carbon Dioxide	% Total Solids
Calculated from Buswell Equation	348	176	171	
Actual Values at Day 28	192	113	83	39.00

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## COD and BOD Analysis - Replicate Data

### Dry Matter Basis (g/kg)

Test	Sample	Units	Average	Replicate 1	Replicate 2	Standard Deviation
COD	Feedstock	g/kg	1,143.3	1,200.1	1,086.4	80.4
BOD	Feedstock	g/kg	923.8	914.6	932.9	12.9

### As-Received Basis (g/kg-fresh-mass)

Test	Sample	Units	Average	Replicate 1	Replicate 2	Standard Deviation
COD	Feedstock	g/kg	445.9	468.0	423.7	31.3
BOD	Feedstock	g/kg	360.3	356.7	363.8	5.0

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**Sample Name - Grass Example**
**Fertiliser Properties Analysis - Replicate Data**

Test	Sample	Units	Average	Replicate 1	Replicate 2	Standard Deviation
<b>Dry Matter Basis (% Dry Mass)</b>						
Nitrogen	Feedstock	% dm	2.74	2.76	2.71	0.04
Phosphorus	Feedstock	% dm	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.00
Potassium	Feedstock	% dm	1.52	1.52	1.51	0.01
<b>As-Received Basis (% Wet Mass)</b>						
Nitrogen	Feedstock	% wb	1.07	1.08	1.06	0.01
Phosphorus	Feedstock	% wb	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.00
Potassium	Feedstock	% wb	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.00
Ammonia	Feedstock	g/kg	1.54	1.54	1.53	0.01
<b>Ash Basis (% Total Ash)</b>						
Phosphorus Pentoxide	Feedstock	% Ash	9.62	9.58	9.65	0.05
Potassium Oxide	Feedstock	% Ash	38.97	39.07	38.87	0.14

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## Digestion of Sample - Discussion of Results

### Feedstock Characteristics

The moisture of the sample is 61.00% with total solids of 39.00% and the percentage of ash in the sample on wet basis and dry basis is 1.82% and 4.67%. Volatile solids percentage is 37.18% and 95.33% on wet and dry basis respectively.

### Biogas Potential

The biogas potential of the sample is 189.9 L/Kg in Fresh Matter basis which on dry matter basis is 486.9 L/Kg. On Volatile solids basis the biogas potential is 510.7 L/Kg.

### Biomethane Potential

The weighted average methane percentage is 58.8% which is good, but considering the type of inoculum used for the test which can produce biogas over 85% methane with the optimum feedstock, the methane percentage seems low.

The biomethane potential is 111.6 L/Kg, 286.2 L/Kg and 300.3 L/Kg on fresh matter, dry mass and volatile solids respectively.

### Feedstock Chemical Properties and Fertiliser Properties

#### *Ultimate Analysis*

Elemental analysis is performed to determine the carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen and sulphur. The C/N ratio and C/S ratio are amongst the key indicators to identify the suitability of the feedstock for mono-digestion or identifying the suitable co-digestion feedstock.

The ratio of C/N for the sample is 19:1 indicating that the feedstock is highly suitable for monodigestion, if other necessary trace elements are added. The C:S ratio is 240:1 indicating that the risk of H<sub>2</sub>S accumulation is low.

#### *Major and Minor Elements Analysis for Suitability of Digestion and Fertiliser Properties*

The potassium concentrations are in the desirable range 5912 ppm as received basis. Potassium concentration should be in excess to sodium to neutralise the cell membrane potential and in this case, it is 6 times higher, but is not at inhibitory levels if the dilution effect in the digester is considered.

However, the sodium levels (928m ppm as received basis) seem low when dilution effect is considered and hence should be monitored to avoid any deficiency as it might affect the quality of the biogas produced.

The phosphorous concentration which is another key nutrient, but is known to cause eutrophication problems when it is present in high concentrations in the digestate. Also, it is proven to inhibit anaerobic digestion at high concentrations over 500 ppm. The phosphorous concentration in the feedstock is only 764 ppm and hence the digestate produced will not be a problem of eutrophication. However, care

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should be taken and should meet all the national and European guidelines before disposing or land spreading the digestate.

The trace elements analysis indicates that there could be deficiency of iron, cobalt and molybdenum in the digester and might need supplementation. The other trace nutrients should be monitored and should be supplied if the deficiency occurs in the long run.

The nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium levels indicates that the sample is not a good source of fertiliser, as the ratios on dry basis are 14:1:7.5 which is very different from the recommended concentrations 3:1:1.

### Stoichiometric Potential and Biodegradability Index

From the Buswell equation calculations, the stoichiometric potential of the feedstock is 935 m<sup>3</sup>/ton biomass which is 1.8 times higher than the actual yield. This could be due to the low biodegradability index of the feedstock which from the predicted and actual results is only 54.6%.

Based on the COD analysis, the predicted value for total methane production is 400 L/Kg Dry mass, but the actual yield is 286 L/kg dry mass which is 1.4 times lower than the maximum achievable yield. And the efficiency is only 71%. But, considering that all the feedstock is not biologically degradable, Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) tests are performed. If the conversion is based on the BOD analysis and its ratio to COD, the predicted methane production is 314 L/Kg Dry mass and the efficiency in terms of actual yield is 91% which is considerably good. The biodegradability index in terms of BOD<sub>5</sub> to COD ratio is 0.8 which indicates that the majority of the sample is easily biodegradable.

### Digestate Chemical Properties and Fertiliser Properties

#### *Ultimate Analysis*

The ratio of C:N for the digestate obtained from the sample is 8.5:1 indicating that nitrogen is concentrated in the digestate. This ratio is similar to carbon and nitrogen ratio of the soil organic matter. Higher carbon to nitrogen will cause depletion of nitrogen in the soil, as microorganisms strip the nitrogen from soil to breakdown and assimilate carbon. This indicates that the digestate from the grass sample is suitable as fertiliser in terms of carbon to nitrogen ratio.

The COD and BOD of the digestate is lower than the feedstock and the biodegradability index is 0.87 indicating that the digestate is easily biodegradable under aerobic conditions in the presence of suitable consortium bacteria such as activated sludge.

#### *Fertiliser Properties Analysis*

The ratio of Nitrogen: Phosphorous: Potassium has changed significantly with the anaerobic digestion (2:1.6:1) and is closer to the recommended fertiliser concentration when compared to the undigested sample.

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