

# algaewheel®

Hybrid Attached Growth Technology



# Algaewheel Technology

## **Sustainable Wastewater Treatment, Water Reuse and Resource Recovery**

**“Recovery and reuse” is preferable to “removal and disposal”**

# Executive Summary

**Effective wastewater treatment protects the environment, human health and freshwater supplies. Further, it can provide a renewable freshwater supply and recover valuable natural resources**

## Wastewater Treatment and Reuse

- ❑ Today, the goal of treatment systems is to process pollutants to a standard where they can be discharged safely into the environment
- ❑ Treatment in the future should be sustainable (low energy, low carbon) treating and recovering water suitable for reuse
- ❑ Further, treatment needs to be decentralised in order to;
  - ❑ keep pipe networks viable (short and cost effect)
  - ❑ allow reuse water to be close to demand

## Resource Recovery

- ❑ Today, the valuable natural resources contained within wastewater are largely discharged (lost) causing harm to the environment
- ❑ Treatment in the future must include resource recovery
- ❑ Phycoremediation (cultivation and harvesting of algae to remove nutrients from wastewater) is the most efficient form of recovery
- ❑ The Algal biomass produced in this process is a high quality and renewable feedstock for many valuable by-products





# Executive Summary Cont.

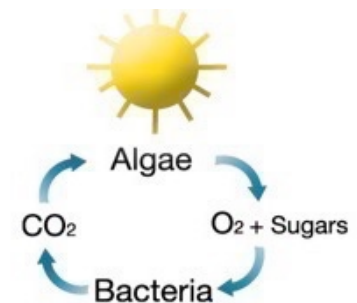
Algaewheel is a revolutionary technology that delivers a step change in sustainable decentralised wastewater treatment, water reuse and resource recovery for global markets

## Wastewater Treatment and Reuse

- ❑ Algaewheel's revolutionary hybrid fixed film technology combines the performance benefits of algal bio-films and MBBR's
- ❑ Algaewheel patented U.S. technology mimics nature by leveraging upon the symbiotic relationship between algae and bacteria
  - ❑ algae use photosynthesis (daylight and carbon dioxide) to grow, giving off oxygen; reducing the need for costly aeration
- ❑ Algaewheel is the only commercially proven algal treatment technology;
  - ❑ consuming almost no energy, absorbs carbon in a largely autonomous, silent and odourless process
  - ❑ delivering high quality water suitable for reuse

## Resource Recovery

- ❑ Current technologies have low cell productivity/m<sup>2</sup> (high HRT) with large footprints and energy intensive (costly) algae harvesting
- ❑ Algaewheel produces **>5x biomass** than U.S. DOE current technological baseline – based on High Rate Algal Pond (HRAP) productivity
  - ❑ Potential to increase to >10x

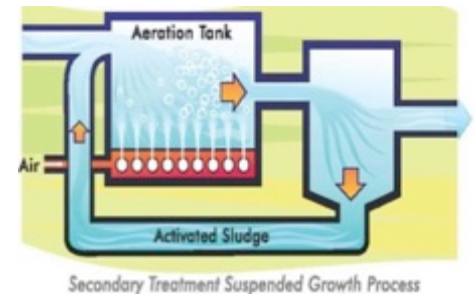




# Wastewater Treatment – Technology Challenges

**>90% of all wastewater treated globally uses Activated sludge, a technology developed at the beginning of the last century**

- ❑ **Activated sludge uses vast amounts of energy to dissolve oxygen into wastewater for bacterial uptake.**
- ❑ **Air only contains 20% oxygen, so the process highly inefficient and oxygen in water is usually less than 0.007%**
- ❑ **As a result, Activated Sludge plants are;**
  - ❑ very energy-intensive
  - ❑ complex and expensive to operate
  - ❑ struggle to sustainably meet water reuse treatment standards
  - ❑ generally large city-scale facilities to gain economies of scale
  - ❑ not suitable for the decentralised markets
- ❑ **Limited resource recovery**
  - ❑ majority of resources discharged to the environment or landfilled



# Algaewheel Technology



**Algaewheel<sup>®</sup>** is an award winning technology that revolutionises the viability of sustainably expanding decentralised wastewater treatment, water reuse and resource recovery in a single fully integrated solution

# 2015 Innovative Technology Award



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July 20, 2015

Mr. Chris Limcaco  
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Dear Mr. Limcaco:

It is my privilege and pleasure to notify you that OneWater Inc. and their technology, Algaewheel, has been selected by the WEF Board of Trustees as the 2015 recipient of the Innovative Technology Award!

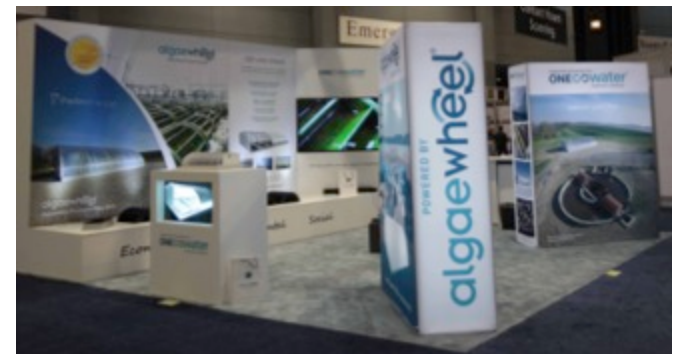
We hope you will join us at WEFTEC 2015 in Chicago, IL, to receive this award and be recognized among your colleagues. Throughout the conference week, OneWater Inc. and their technology, Algaewheel, will be recognized in the following ways:

- **WEF Plaza Honors & Awards Display** - A photograph will be featured in our **Honors & Awards Display**, prominently located in the Grand Concourse Lobby, McCormick Place.
- **WEF Awards brochure** - profiling all 2015 WEF Award recipients, the brochure will be placed in the hands of every WEFTEC attendee, and will be available at various locations throughout the Convention Center.
- **WEF Awards and Presidential Reception and Ceremony** – Tuesday, September 29, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at S100, South Building – Level 1, McCormick Place.

Congratulations on being selected for this significant honor!

Sincerely,

Eileen J. O'Neill  
Executive Director  
Water Environment Federation





# Algaewheel – Track Record of High Performance

- ❑ Proven, award winning U.S. patented technology
- ❑ Rapidly growing number of installations in U.S and international markets
- ❑ Approved by USEPA (since 2011)
- ❑ Meets stringent treatment standards;
  - ❑ BOD <10 and TSS <10
  - ❑ NH<sub>3</sub> <1
  - ❑ TN <10
- ❑ Plant sizes from 10m<sup>3</sup>/day to 5,000m<sup>3</sup>/day



# Decentralised Treatment for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

## Changing the Look of Wastewater Treatment

- Sustainable technology
- Water reuse as standard
- No odor or noise
- Socially acceptable





# Algaewheel – Powered By the Sun





# Rotating Algal Contactor (RAC) Technology

Biological aeration

Ultra low energy

Stable, autonomous process

Easy operations

Low carbon process

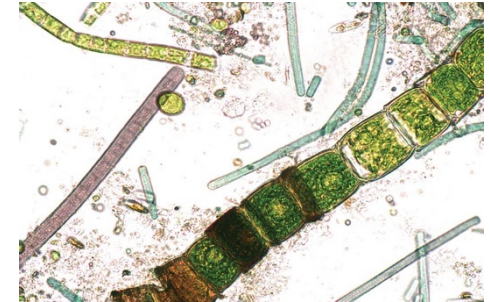


# Algaewheel's Disruptive Treatment Technology

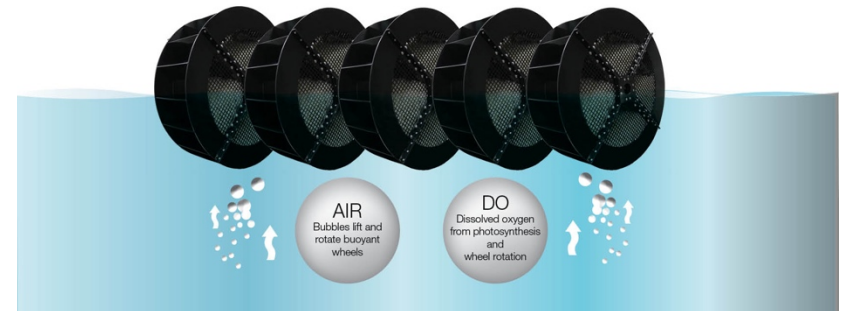
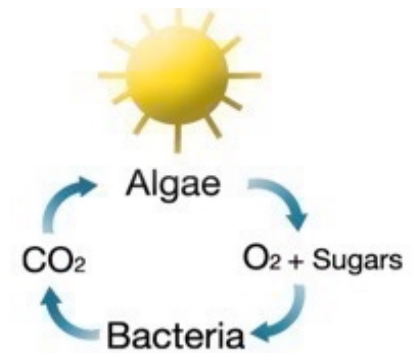
Algaewheel is a revolutionary Rotating Algal Contactor (RAC) utilizing a hybrid fixed film technology that combines the performance benefits of algal biofilms and MBBR.

Algaewheel leverages the symbiotic relationship between algae and bacteria resulting in a step-change in sustainable treatment

- ❑ **Algal biofilm grows on wheel surface housing phototrophic organisms and bacteria**
  - ❑ photosynthesis delivers oxygen to bacteria and the water column
    - ❑ bacteria give off carbon dioxide that feed the algae
  - ❑ bacteria supplied with oxygen from algae versus large blowers in AS
  - ❑ MBBR media inside the Algaewheels delivering treatment 24/7
- ❑ **Simple, ultra-low energy air system rotates buoyant Algaewheels**
  - ❑ rising air bubbles collect in the fins, causing them to rotate
    - ❑ no other energy is required by the algaewheels to operate
- ❑ **The result, the most sustainable high performance treatment technology in the market today**



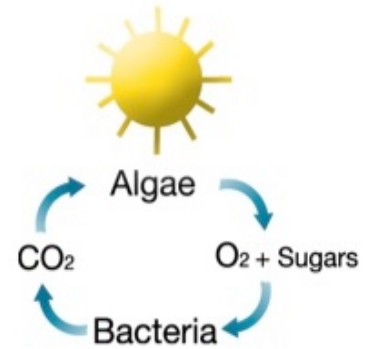
Biofilm containing algae and bacteria at 400x magnification





# Biological Aeration

**Mimicking Nature To Treat Wastewater**  
**Photosynthesis produces 100% pure oxygen**



**Thick layer of biofilm  
on an Algaewheel**



**Thick layer of biofilm  
on a cobble from a river**

**Algaewheel delivers >300 times the treatment surface area than the footprint it occupies**



# Algaewheel: Power & Maintenance Cost Advantage

In many markets energy costs account for 50% or more of the total direct operating costs of a typical treatment plant

- ❑ Algaewheel consumes >75% less power than Activated Sludge (AS) and MBBR process.
- ❑ Lower installed power will reduce maintenance costs
- ❑ Example for 1,000 M<sup>3</sup>/d plant below.

	HP	kW	Hours	kWh/d	kWh/y
Algaewheel	6	4	24	96	35,040
Activated sludge	25	18	24	432	157,680



AS aeration tank (oxidation ditch)



AS aeration tank pumps



Algaewheel pump skid

# Modular Construction





# Algaewheel Product Evolution 2019



1200mm diameter



900mm diameter



420mm diameter



# Algaewheel at Rest Stop, USA



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# Algaewheel at Rest Stop, USA





# Algaewheel at School, USA





# Algaewheel at a Municipality, USA

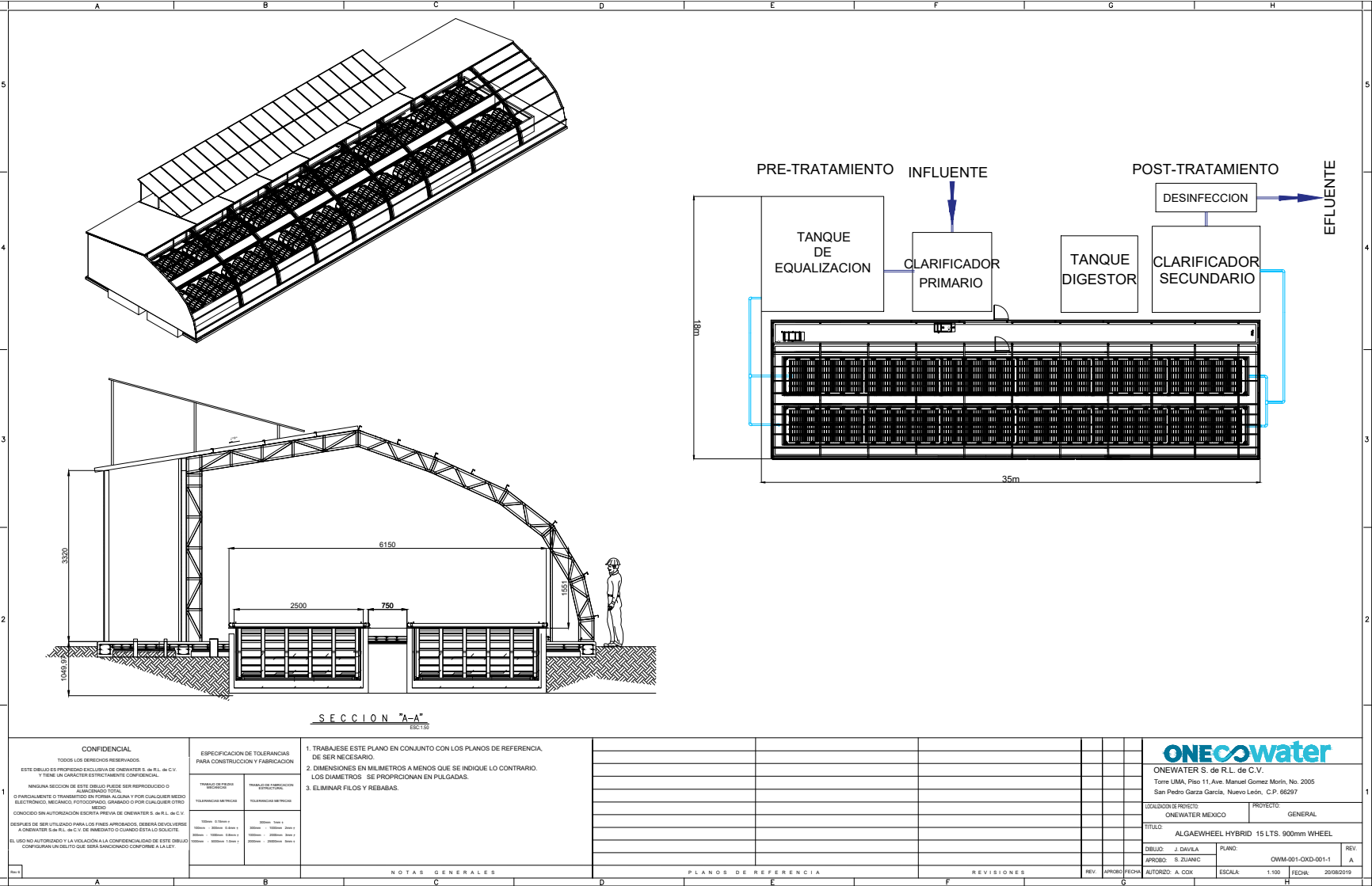




# Algaewheel at a University, Mexico

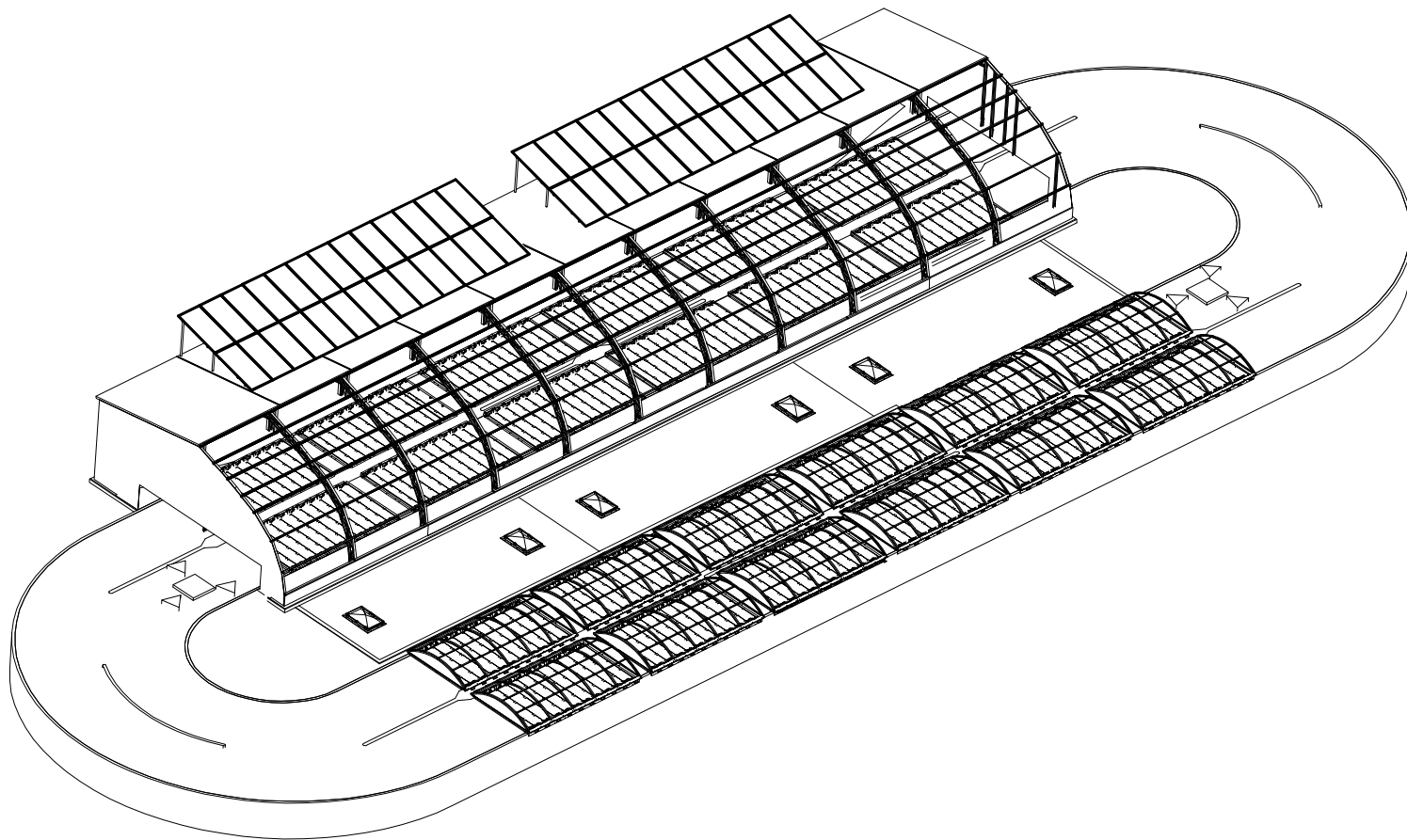


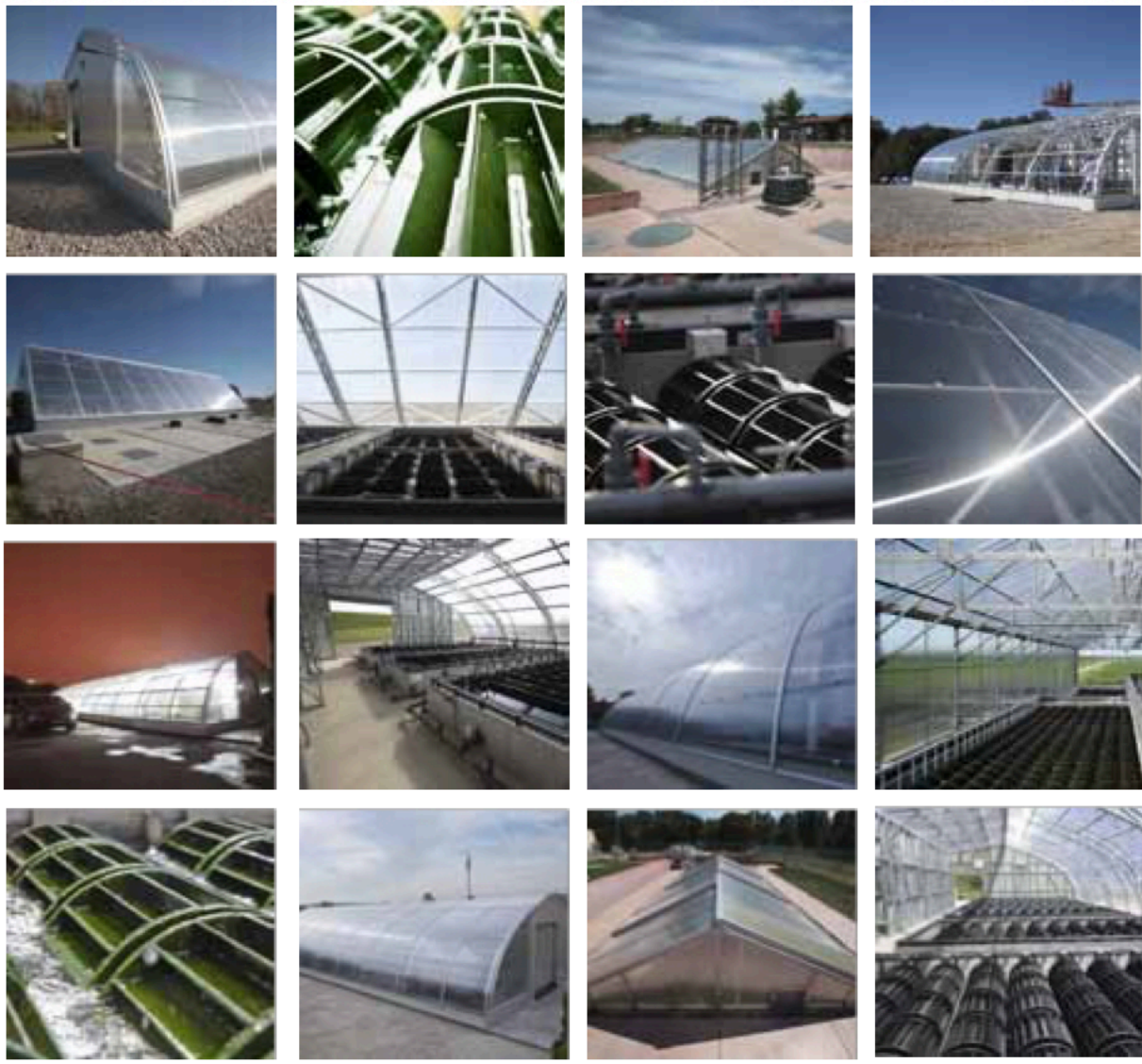
# Example Plant Layout





# Algal Hybrid Plant – Raceway IFAS





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