Jet fuels and the road to future Jet fuels
Jet fuels

- Aircraft need energy (MJ/kg)
  - More energy per unit mass means: less fuel to be carried

- But fuel needs to have certain properties:
  - Freezing Point (-40C Jet A / -47C Jet A-1)
  - Flash Point (+38C)
  - Thermal Stability (Improves efficiency)
  - Sulphur (lubricate fuel pump)
  - Viscosity (cold flow properties)
  - etc.
Certification process

- Harmonized process for main specifications Jet A & A-1
- Approval process takes long testing and $$$

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**Test Program**

**OEM Internal Review**

**Specification Change**

On a cloud
Planes rely on jet fuel from oil
Or alternatives, like:

Fischer Tropsch (FT), synthetic fuel:
  • Coal to Liquid
  • Gas to Liquid
  • Biomass to Liquid

Four steps:
1. gasify into synthesis gas (CO, H₂, CO₂, H₂O, plus pollutants)
2. clean syngas to CO and H₂ (high energy !!)
3. syngas into FT reactor → wax
4. wax upgrade into end products by hydrotreating

JNB/SASOL (early 90's):
- since 1999 50% approved
- End 2009 100% approved
2007: 70.5 billion US Gallons
Similar to 100,000 Olympic swimming pools!

Aviation growth…
Need more volume...
From all possible sources

Emissions trading

Our Vision

+ Is for carbon neutral growth
+ Leading to a zero carbon emissions future
IATA alternative fuels position

- IATA recognizes that aircraft are long-lived assets and will be using kerosene and/or kerosene type fuels, from other sources than crude, for many years to come.
- IATA supports research, development & deployment of sustainable biofuels which
  - Offer net carbon reductions over their life cycle
  - Do not compete with fresh water requirements and food production (1st generation bio fuels)
  - And do not cause deforestation or other environmental impacts such as biodiversity loss
- While international fuel specifications for biofuels do not yet exist, IATA is working with industry partners towards agreed production standards and test requirements.
Biojet fuels from Sustainable biomass

- Main focus on drop-in fuels, 2\textsuperscript{nd} & 3\textsuperscript{rd} generation biojet fuels / sustainable biojet fuels
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} generation biomass (H-C made from not-widely used sources)
  - Forest residues (e.g. sawdust)
  - Industry residues (e.g. black liquor paper industry)
  - Municipal waste
  - Agricultural residues (e.g. harvest remainings)
  - Sustainable Grown Biomass (e.g. jatropha)
- 3\textsuperscript{rd} generation biomass (H-C made from additionally grown biomass)
  - Algae, switch grass, jatropha, babassu and halophytes
**Algae**: simple, photosynthetic plants, that can be grown with polluted or salt water and can produce up to 250 times more oil than 1st generation soybeans!!

**Jatropha**: reclaims wastelands, grows in poor soils

**Halophytes**: grows on salt grounds, where nothing else grows well

**Switchgrass**: a hardy grass, needs very little water and produces a high output of biomass

**Babassu**: a native growing Brazilian tree with high oil yield nuts
Alternative fuels in practice

- **Airbus** flew a A380 in early 2008 with one engine powered by FT Gas to Liquid fuel
- **Virgin Atlantic** flew a Boeing 747-400 on 23 February 2008 with one engine operating on a 20% biofuel mix of babassu oil and coconut oil
- **Air New Zealand** flew a Boeing 747-400 with one engine on 50% jatropha derived biofuel and 50% kerosene on 30 December 2008
- **Continental Airlines** flew a Boeing 737-800 with one engine using 50% jet fuel and 50% algae and jatropha mix on 7 January 2009
- **Japan Airlines** trialed a 50% biofuel (camelina, jatropha and algae) and 50% kerosene mix on a Boeing 747-300 with P&W engines on 30 January 2009
Green fuels…not a simple task, but a MUST!!!
IATA ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN

Paul Steele-Director Environmental System Management

Operations
- Green Teams
- Fuel Book
- Implementation survey
- Regulatory

Infrastructure
- Routes
- & TMA Improvement
- ATM Efficiency study.

Technology
- Alternative Fuel
- Aircraft/Fleet Upgrade.
- Roadmap

Economics
- Voluntary Offset Programme
- Costing for Carbon Neutral Growth
- Mckinsey study.

Communication
Work plan

- Proposed milestones accepted
- Evaluate milestones on yearly basis
- Evaluate actions each Fuel Forum
What do we want to achieve?

- Certification on fuel composition by 2012, optimistic 2010
- Sustainable renewable fuel label operational, January 2011
- Development to deployment, 2011 plant running
- Commercial viability 2014
- Research and development, 2010 overview of activities, than continuously updated
- Public educated, 2010
- 10% by 2017
6 step strategy / work plan

Certification on composition

Renewable Fuel label

Commercial viability

Research and Development

Public education

Development to Deployment
Actions

Departments:
- Aviation Environment
- Commercial Fuel Services
- Economic Department
- Government Relations
- Operations
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Key Areas – Alternative Fuel

¬ Technical & Operational
¬ Specification
¬ Testing
¬ Certification
¬ Production
¬ Procurement
¬ Distribution

¬ Political & Regulatory
¬ Public and policy maker acceptance
¬ Industry Acceptance
¬ Fiscal and legal framework
¬ Environmental certification
Milestones Operations 2009 (1)

- Ensure IATA is present at key 2009 events to promote ballot issue ASTM Dxxxx in 2009
- Information from OEM’s about certification, testing and evaluation process and program
- Stimulate and support airline flight trials with bio fuel blends
Milestones Operations 2009 (2)

- Follow-up studies required on:
  - Economic viability
  - Preferred production processes

- After those studies:
  - Start creation of database with potential suppliers
  - Workshop with Commercial Fuel Services on evaluation of way forward to establish the use of biojets by group of airlines
Milestones Operations 2009 (3)

- Intensify awareness:
  - Create IATA website events
  - Issue brochures/bulletins
  - Promote at key meetings of aviation industry
  - Issue 2009 Alternative Fuel report to BoG and OPC
Key Conclusions & Outlook

- Solid organisational fundament established
- Need industry involvement & participation
- Communication- & awareness plan