#### **UK Yorkshire & Humber**

**Chemicals Sector** 

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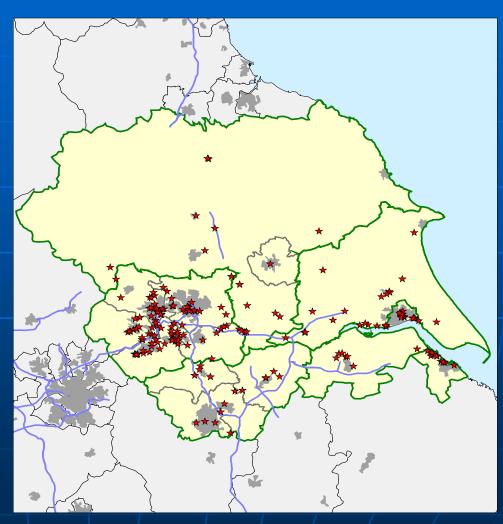






## Yorkshire & Humber Region : Location of Major Production Centres





# Yorkshire & Humber Region

- Yorkshire & Humber an £70 billion economy
- £8 billion Chemical & Petrochemical Output
- £2 billion of GVA, 55% Exports
- All parts of the chemical value chain present
- 14 % of Feedstocks handled for UK
- 27% of UK refining capacity
- Hosts UK largest Ports complex (> 90 million of cargo/freight), 50 countries serviced from Ports
- Major sub sea and ground based pipelines for gas, fuels, ethylene feed-stocks
- Major Centre for Energy Generation & User Industries
  - (>14 % of UK's Electricity Supply)
  - > 50 million tonnes of hydrocarbons distributed & processed
  - Renewable On and Off shore Infrastructure

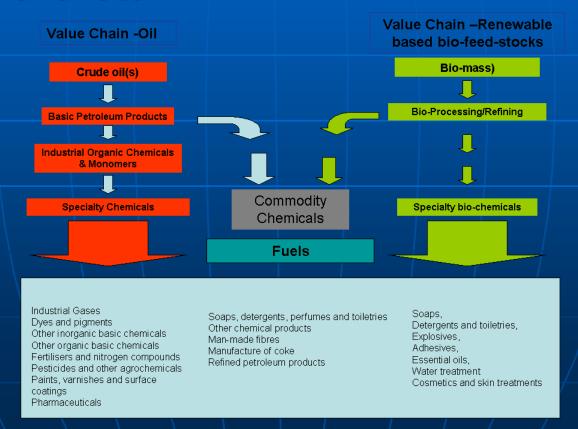
#### Y&H SMEs

- 65% of all the chemical enterprises in the region
  - 80% in West Yorkshire
  - Many thriving and growing companies
  - Range from well established privately owned to inward investors establishing a trading presence to university spin outs
  - Manufacturing to technology and services
- 57% of employment in the region
- Diverse range of products & services reflecting the region as a whole
- Humber is home to a large concentration of Engineering Support SMEs to the sector
   & off-shore services to the North Sea energy fields

## The Y&H Chemicals Supply Chain

- High quality
- Diverse
- Global and local

- Many sectors
- Many end users



### Some Major Supply Chains in Y&H

- Industrial Bio-technology
  - Bio-diesel
  - Bio-ethanol (planned)
  - Bio-Energy
  - Functional bio-materials
- Commodities
  - Methane/ethylene transformation
  - TiO<sub>2</sub>
- Specialty
  - eg propylene co-monomers
  - eg gases
  - eg polyacrylamides
  - Pharma
  - Pigments & Paint
- Personal Care
- Fossil Based and Renewable Energies

## Yorkshire & Humber Capability

- University Research & Chemistry
  - York
  - Hull
  - Sheffield
  - Leeds
  - Huddersfield
  - Bradford -material Sciences
  - Centres for Industrial Collaboration

#### National Centres

- Green Chemistry Centre of Excellence, University of York
- Centre for Novel Agricultural Products, University of York
- National Non-Food Crops Centre
- Centre for low carbon Futures
- Regional Chemistry Industry Support (Public-Private Sector Partnerships)
  - Yorkshire Chemical Focus
  - Humber Chemical Focus

#### Humber Chemical Focus & Yorkshire Chemical Focus

- Established as public-private sector partnerships
- Not for profit but business driven in their approaches
- Combined Membership of > 230 organisations, strong links to regional and local agencies
- Work Streams include:
  - Membership & Networks Services
  - Innovation
  - Skills
  - Inward Investment
  - Expert support to public sector on process industries.
- > Euro 20 million deployed on behalf of regional in last 10 years
- Local Networks, for example focused on:

Innovation Water Renewables Skills Reach
Safety Regulation Energy
Environmental Regulation Bio-fuels

Local Communities Human Resources Personal Care

#### **Final Words**

- Why we want to join ECRN as a region?
  - This is an important group
  - Unique regional perspective for the sector
  - Gets listen to by EU
  - Build collective case for resource to support work
  - We applaud ECRN aspirations to build effective collaborations