

**Supplementary material to “Unveiling the environmental costs of lignocellulosic film production with ionic liquids: The case of 1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium acetate.”**

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## Supplementary information S1: LCA inventories

**Table S1-1. Inventory data of the foreground production system. 1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium acetate (ionic liquid).**

| Products   | Amount        | Unit        |
|--|---------------|-------------|
| <i>Outputs to technosphere: Products and co-products</i> |               |             |
| 1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium acetate                      | 1.00          | kg          |
| <b>Inputs</b>  | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Unit</b> |
| <i>Inputs from technosphere: materials/fuels</i>         |               |             |
| Dimethyl carbonate                                       | 0.53          | kg          |
| Acetic acid, 98% solution state                          | 0.09          | kg          |
| 1-ethylimidazole <sup>1</sup>                            | 0.57          | kg          |
| <i>Inputs from technosphere: electricity/heat</i>        |               |             |
| Electricity, high voltage                                | 0.19          | kWh         |
| Heat, district or industrial, natural gas                | 6.20          | MJ          |
| <b>Outputs</b>   | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Unit</b> |
| <i>Emissions to air</i>                                  |               |             |
| Carbon dioxide, process                                  | 0.13          | kg          |
| <i>Outputs to technosphere: Waste treatment</i>          |               |             |
| Wastewater   | 0.05          | kg          |

**Table S1-2. Inventory data of the foreground production system. Dope solution.**

| Products   | Amount        | Unit        |
|--|---------------|-------------|
| <i>Outputs to technosphere: Products and co-products</i> |               |             |
| Dope solution  | 1.00          | kg          |
| <b>Inputs</b>  | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Unit</b> |
| <i>Inputs from technosphere: materials/fuels</i>         |               |             |
| Cellulose fibre  | 0.08          | kg          |
| Lignin <sup>2</sup>                                      | 0.01          | kg          |
| Dimethyl sulfoxide                                       | 0.21          | kg          |
| 1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium acetate                      | 0.70          | kg          |
| <i>Inputs from technosphere: electricity/heat</i>        |               |             |
| Electricity, high voltage                                | 1.58          | kWh         |
| <b>Outputs</b>   | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Unit</b> |
| <i>Outputs to technosphere: Waste treatment</i>          |               |             |
| Wastewater   | 0.05          | kg          |

**Table S1-3. Inventory data of the foreground production system. Lignocellulose film.**

| <b>Products</b>  | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Unit</b> |
|--|---------------|-------------|
| <u>Outputs to technosphere: Products and co-products</u> |               |             |
| Lignocellulosic film                                     | 1.00          | kg          |
| <u>Outputs to technosphere: Products and co-products</u> |               |             |
| 1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium acetate                      | 8.06          | kg          |
| Dimethyl sulfoxide                                       | 2.41          | kg          |
| <b>Inputs</b>  | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Unit</b> |
| <u>Inputs from technosphere: materials/fuels</u>         |               |             |
| Dope solution  | 11.49         | kg          |
| Water, deionised   | 1137.95       | kg          |
| <u>Inputs from technosphere: electricity/heat</u>        |               |             |
| Electricity, high voltage                                | 568.51        | kWh         |
| <b>Outputs</b>   | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Unit</b> |
| <u>Outputs to technosphere: Waste treatment</u>          |               |             |
| Wastewater   | 1137.95       | kg          |

**Supplementary information S2: LCA comparison of produced lignocellulose film and commercial cellophane**

**Table S2-1. LCA results. Lignocellulose thin film vs Cellophane production.**

| <b>Impact Category</b>   | <b><i>Lignocellulose film</i></b>        | <b><i>Cellophane</i><sup>3</sup></b>                |
|--|--|---|
| GWP  | 183 kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq/kg film        | 5.94 kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq/kg film*                 |
| Human Health   | $2.94 \times 10^{-4}$ DALY/kg film       | $8.02 \times 10^{-6}$ DALY/kg film*                 |
| Ecosystem Quality  | $8.08 \times 10^{-7}$ species.yr/kg film | $2.99 \times 10^{-8}$ species.yr/kg film*           |
| Resource Scarcity  | 20.3 USD <sub>2013</sub> /kg film        | $2.62 \times 10^{-4}$ USD <sub>2013</sub> /kg film* |
| * Assuming a unit weight of 36.9 g m <sup>2</sup> of cellophane <sup>4</sup> . |  |   |

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