Solar Inverters Recycling (SIR) Process Programs

Cost-effective and Eco-Friendly recycling programs for E-Wastes

Problem

- Solar Inverters are set to reach end-of-life → Landfill or recycled?
- Heavy metals presence in solar Inverters, power-electronics →
 E-Wastes are managed poorly →
 another recycling crisis
- Current no standard recycling →
 E-Wastes including ash, heavy
 metals, precious metals, Tin, Al,
 Lead, Zinc, mercury, lithium, lead,
 barium, beryllium, arsenic,
 antimony, cadmium, flame
 retardants and other toxins →
 Landfill
- 4.2GWdc solar assets/year →
 waste in 2020 alone jumping to
 36GWdc in 2025 or about \$17.6 B
 USD

Our approach SIR and plan

- Efficient de-assemble and sorting,
- Eco-friendly Cost-effective extracting precious metals with Reverse Electrical-Chemical Plating and low energy consumption Bioleaching or Biohydrometallurgy using microbes processes for recycling solar inverters and others power-electronics =
- Recycling E-Wastes with little/nothing go to landfill
- Additional services Diagnostic/inspection, repair and replace with online application and database.
- Additional services battery energy storage system (BESS) addition
- Demonstrated high efficiency, throughput and reliable SIR process programs; time to scale!

Ready	 Set up evaluation/validation and test team SIR
Set	 Manufacturing test run, improvements and efficiency test SIR
Go	 Completed SIR and well into commercialization

Impact

- SIR provides jobs for veterans and immigrants
- SIR factory locates in an underserved community East of Austin, TX.
- Eco-friendly cost-effective recycling process programs for solar Inverters and power electronics.
- Provides additional valuable services to asset owners and O&M companies.
- No vaporization of heavy metals and little/nothing goes to landfill.
- SIR provides a more positive incentive for solar renewable energy.

