Soluciones sostenibles ... por un Mundo Limpio

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### Use the Power of Light to Clean<sup>TM</sup>

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### Winners of the European Union iSCAPE Project to Reduce Pollution



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#### **How PURETi Works**

**PURETi** creates self-cleaning surfaces that *purify the air* by means of three fundamental processes. The molecular decomposition of organic matter.



#### **Benefits and uses of PURETi indoors**

- Less diseases are propagated, reducing them by 25%.\*
- Surfaces must receive enough artificial or natural light.
- It is applied to windows, walls near windows, lamps, curtains and blinds.
- High destruction of VOC's and dust in the air to reduce the risk of semicircular lipoatrophy.

\* Source: Occupational Risk Prevention Organization.





#### Smell of tobacco and nicotine in the air





Time From Cigarette Ignition	Nicotine in Nanograms per cubic meter		3 - Ethenylpyrdine in Nanograms per cubic meter	
	Uncoated Sample	pureti	Uncoated Sample	pureti
20 min	436,000	72,000	137,000	57,300
12 hours	8,060	<6,060	16,900	<6,060
24 hours	4,870	<4,500	12,700	<4,500
36 hours	3,200	<2,270	10,200	<2,270
48 hours	2,900	<1,520	7,970	<1,520
72 hours	2,170	<1,140	6,830	<1,140
96 hours	1,710	<830	5,310	<830



#### **Destroys Volatile Organic Compounds**



Applying it to the indoor windows of this office building with LEED certification reduced the levels of TVOC by 60%.



#### **Hotels: Improved Indoor Air Quality**

**Success story:** A Spanish hotel with problems of mold and smoke odors in its rooms.

Room Number 121	June 2013	Jan. 2014
123 used as control	Control	PURETi
Measurement:	TVOCs ppb	TVOCs ppb
Location		
Outdoors	0	0
Nightstand	257	58
Indoor sliding doors	254	53
Headboard	251	56
Sink	254	56
Odor notes	Smoke	Fresh
	% Reduction:	78%





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### **Key Benefits: Quality of life**

- No more respiration of organic chemical products as they were replaced with water-based (98%) and inorganic-mineral based (2%) products.
- A drop in airborne disease transmission (90%).\*
- The destruction of allergens and VOC's in the air (80%).
- Easier glass cleaning, which reduces occupational fatigue.
- Less risk when cleaning glass in difficult to reach areas.
- Awareness of the risks.

\* Source: Occupational Risk Prevention Organization.



30% of the population suffers from respiratory diseases or allergies



## Indoor Air Quality is 8 times worse than outdoors



#### **Indoor Air Quality**





# Health impact of VOC's (Volatile Organic Compounds)

- Irritation in the eyes, nose and throat.
- Headaches.
- Loss of coordination.
- Nausea.
- Damage to the liver, kidneys and central nervous system.
- Some volatile organic compounds can cause cancer in animals and some are thought to cause cancer in people.



## Impact of poor indoor air quality in buildings

- Less disease is spread, reducing contagion by 25%. *Source: Occupational Risk Prevention Organization.*
- It has been proven without a doubt that poor indoor air quality in offices can reduce productivity as well as bother visitors to your business. Irritation in the eyes, nose and throat.
- Improved job performance and satisfaction at offices, reaching 6.9% the highest value obtained in field work validation studies. Source: Wyon DP. Indoor Air. 2004; 14 Suppl 7:92-101. PMID: 5330777.

In general, it is more efficient to eliminate the sources of pollution than increase the rate of outdoor air supply as it saves energy.



#### **Common sources of VOC's**

- Emissions from office appliances.
- Emissions from stored chemical products.
- Emissions from rugs, furniture, fabrics and varnishes.
- Emissions from special use areas such as laboratories, printing rooms, smoking rooms, food preparation areas.
- Emissions from construction work indoors (VOCs from the use of paints, putty, adhesives and other products).

- Elevator motors.
- Emissions from cleaning.
- The use of deodorizers, fragrances and air fresheners.
- Emissions from the use of pesticides inside the building.
- Accidents such as spills inside the building.
- Emissions from trash stored inside the building.



### A Harvard University study



The Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health recently reported its conclusions on the harmful effects of the air in offices as concerns levels of CO2, lack of ventilation and chemical emissions from the products and objects that surround us with Volatile Organic Compounds.

- There is a 60% cognitive difference among employees in "green" buildings in comparison to those in traditional buildings
- There is a 101% cognitive difference among employees in "green+" buildings in comparison to those in traditional buildings
- The crisis response capacity is 97% better in "green" buildings and 131% better in "green+" buildings.
- Strategic capacity (183% and 288% better).
- The use of information (172% and 299% better). <u>http://dx.doi.org/10.1289/ehp.1510037</u>



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Findings from the Harvard University study on cognitive performance among workers in office buildings due to air quality



Source: Environmental Health Perspectives http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/wpcontent/uploads/124/6/ehp.1510037.alt.pdf



## Social awareness: Air quality monitors Indoors





More affordable all the time: One example: Foobot





#### Indoor Air Quality Measurement: App



Main screen of the App which indicates the Suspended particles up to 2.5 ppb. Here you can see the VOC's, Volatile organic compounds.

This screen shows CO2, Carbon dioxide. The device changes color just like the PC screen indicating that despite the fact that the ppm is correct, the VOC's and CO2 are within the limits.



#### **Indoor Air Quality Measurement: PC**



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There will be one in each office/home...The price is a real bargain, but the value for people's health is immense... PURE AIR or STALE AIR?





## Air fresheners: Although prohibited, they continue to be used

Public consultation on the restriction of 1.4 dichlorobenzene.

- At the request of the European Commission, ECHA submitted a report proposing a restriction on the distribution and use of air fresheners and tabs to deodorize and disinfect public and household toilets containing 1.4 dichlorobenzene due to the carcinogenic effects. More information at:
- <u>http://www.boe.es/buscar/doc.php?id=DOUE-L-2014-80943#analisis</u>
- <u>http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/restrictions-under-consideration</u>
- <u>http://www.abc.es/sociedad/20140612/abci-ambientadores-sustancias-peligros as-congreso-201406112219.html</u>



## Hidden venom: 1. Air fresheners



- Despite their widespread use, they are prohibited in the EU in schools, residences and hospitals.
- The photo shows an analyzer close to a scented air freshener. It turns orange which proves the terrible air quality and toxic components which are measured in the App.



## Hidden venom: 2. Cleaning products

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de energía por la que apuesta, por-que es una decisión de salud.

Y a España ¿qué le dicen cuan-do decide dificultar el uso de las

¿Y yo-qué puedo hacer?

#### 50 LA VANCUARDIA

#### ENTREVISTA

#### ANA MACPHERSON Ranglona

a astoriana Maria Neira dirige el departamento de Salud Péblica y Medio Ambiente de la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) Ahora se concentra en demostrar y explicar las decisiones políticas que ahorrarian 13 millones de muertes, sobre todo por contami nación del aire. Arnes se ocurró también en la OMS del cólera y de las enfermedados transmisibles. En España croó la Agencia Espa-fiola de Seguridad Alimentaria en el 2002. Pero sus comienzos fueronsphred jurreno, como médico, de MSF en diversas catástrofes. "Entonces estaha con las manos en la masa y me sentía que podíamos con todo y eso bastaba. Ahora participo en la planificación que hace possible has solutiones". Ha estado en Barenfona en un debate sobre salud y medio ambiente organizado por la Caixa y el Ateneu.

"¿Por qué cuando tinemos una oportunidad estratégica de tomar decisiones que van a generar sa-lud, economía y bienestar dejamos escapar esa oportanidad? Es-toy hablando de los 13 millones de muertes que hay cada año relacionadas con la exposición a riesgos ambientales que podríamos evitar. Sólo la contaminación del aire provoca 7 millones de muertes esitables".

#### Digame usted por qué

Estamos jugando en el equipo equivocado. Estamos jugando contra el medio ambiente contaminando, utilizando de forma excesiva los recursos. Deberíamos jagar en el equipo del medio ambiente y ahi tendriamos mejores beneficios. in no regui en

¿Cómo imagi otrolado? Nos pondriamos a gestionar los

rocursos, a no generar tantos residuos todos los días, a usar la energía de una forma más limpia. Nos moveriamos de una forma más eficaz, con un diseito de ciudades estro beneficio y no en contra. Hay deserrollo económico sin

hay contaminación y que está afectando no al planeta sino a (na "Abra el armario y reduzca al pulmones. ¿Qué papel tienen ustedes, la OMS, en este objetivo? 10% los productos de limpieza" Tenemos que generar la evidencia y divulgar esta información, y trabajar con los gobiernos, estar alli cuando Nigeria decide el tipo

**TENDENCIAS** 

María Neira, directora de Salud Pública y Medio Ambiente de la OMS



La experta en salud y medio ambiente de la OMS, en Barcelona

eficaz. Y no es verdad. Tenemos

que identificar ese beneficio y

promoverlo. La gente tiene que

saber que las decisiones ambien-

tales tienen un impacto directo-en

¿Prohibir los coches diésel?

No se trata de derisiones aisladas,

su salud.

destruir el medio ambiente y la sahoy los coches diésel, mañana hud. Lo que están hariendo China otra cosa, sino de una planíficao India no es lo único posible. Mición, de un cambio de modelo de re los países nórdicos. Londres vida en el que también cada uno era irrespirable en el XIX y hoy contribuye, siendo consciente de está limpio y son mucho más riqué energía consume, de los excecos. El problema es que no nos sos y los abusos. No hablo de perlo acabamos do creer. Seguimos der bienestar, sino de problemas viendo un modelo sostenible codesalud evitables. mo algo idealista simpätieo y poco "Problemas a largo plazo?

No, no, de forma innediata. Las decisiones que tomamos para redurir los gasos de efecto invernadoro van a incidir en el asma, las alergias o los accidente cerebrovasculares que ya cuestan enor-mos cantidades de disers. En Pekin ya hay manifestaciones en

la calle por la calidad del aire. La gente ha entendido perfectamente que lo de la mascarilla no es solución, que siguen tosiendo. idealista se convirtiera en una uanda mayoritaria?

Ese clic os el que buscamos. Pero estoy convencida de que ese cambio se producirá el día que la abuelita entienda que encender su bombilla tiene relación con el asma de su nieto. Ese día será más exigente, el día que entienda la conexión entre salud y medio ambiente. El día que té entiendes que el cielo está cocuro porque

Para empezar, saber que las decisiones politicas sobre la calidad del aire inciden directamente en mi asma, en mi riesgo cardiovascular, en los ietus. Ademis, cada uno puede usar más transporte público para que haya menos particulas, producir menos residuos, reciclar y, muy importante, revisar el armario de productos de

limpieza, todos los químicos de casa. Bedáscalos al 10%. Cada uno por su lado no-es un riesgo. Combinados, sí. Los problemas de los disruptores endocrinos sólo están asomando: vemos la punta deliceherg. Así que mejor que vayames actuando ya consentido común.

"Reduce cleaning products by 10%, which pose a risk when combined."

María Neira, WHO Director of Public Health and the **Environment Department.** 

Cleaning products are sources of VOC's which cause various diseases and they can now be measured with air quality measuring devices, which are becoming more and more affordable all the time.



¿Hay un punto de inflexión ra que esa política simpática e

PREVENCIÓN POSIBLE "Cada año hay 13 millones de muertes por la exposición a riesgos ambientales"

# Hidden venom:2. Cleaning products



#### Thus is proven by the study\*:

"<u>Chemical products in indoor dust: A qualitative meta-analysis of studies in the United States</u>" at <u>George</u> <u>Washington</u> University has detected 45 potentially toxic chemicals in the dust left by the products we use each day to clean floors and furniture and for personal toiletries, etc. Ten of the most toxic products have been identified in 90% of the dust samples, including the most common one, found in 100% of the samples. It was Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), which is frequently used in plastic packaging and toothbrushes. \*Source: http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.est.6b02023



#### **Smart Citizen**





Pocket indoor air quality measuring devices <u>https://smartcitizen.me/</u>



#### And they're now available for mass consumption... Social awareness on pollution Ads for portable air quality measuring devices





The prices of air quality sensors have dropped 100% per year and the capabilities have multiplied



London Underground in June 2016 People are reminded of the new mayor's electoral promise to reduce pollution in the city



#### NO CHEMICALS – NO ENERGY COMSUMPTION!!!!

#### Based on a TiO2 mineral product and 98% water in a mechanical process



#### Thank you for your attention!

