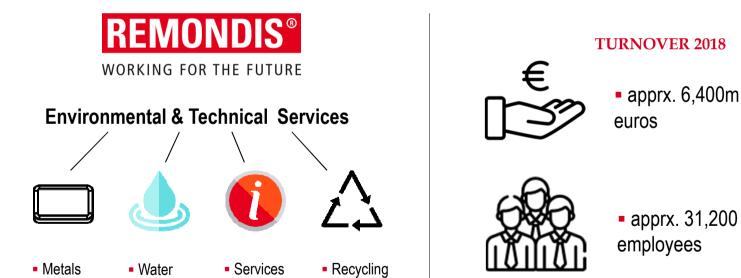
# Stabilisation of metallic Mercury First feedback EU / EFTA

### REMONDIS QR

The Mercury Expert



## Part of the RETHMANN Group A family-owned corporation



- apprx. 6,400m





**REMONDIS QR, Germany** The Group's mercury specialist

- Certified "Specialized Waste Management Company"
- Established in 1989 (as NQR GmbH)
- Dorsten (our main site)
  - > 2 plants for mercury treatment:

Rotary kiln

Vacuum mixer (Hg  $\rightarrow$  HgS)

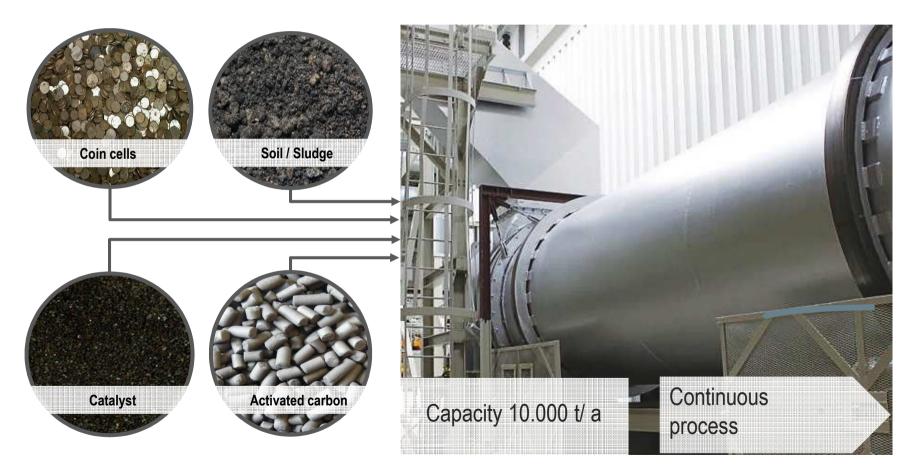
> 3rd plant currently in assembling:
 Vacuum tube kiln





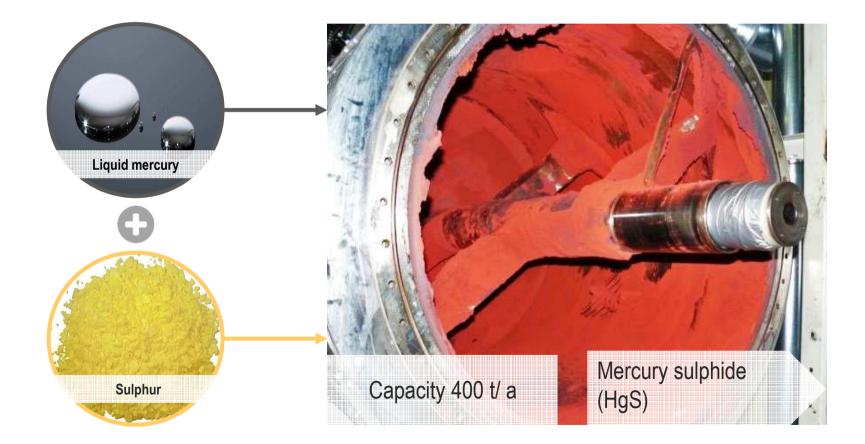
# Rotary Kiln (Dorsten site)

Distillation of mercury contaminated waste



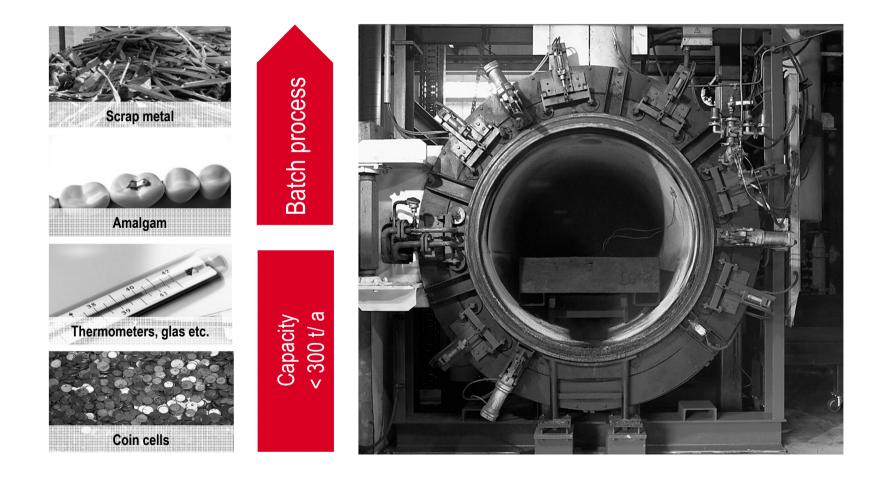


## Vacuum Mixer (Dorsten site) Stabilization of liquid mercury





## **Box kiln (Lübeck site)** Distillation of mercury contaminated waste





## **REMONDIS QR, Germany** Types of mercury waste & sites



#### **DORSTEN**

- Soil, sludge, spent absorbents (catalysts, carbon)
- Pumpable waste (with hydrocarbon, flash point)
- Metallic mercury (Hg)



#### <u>LÜBECK</u>

- Batteries
- switches, relays, thermometers, electronic waste, , lamps, rectifiers etc.
- dental amalgam
- scrap metal



## Sectors – Who were our customers? 2014 - 2019

- Chemical Industry
- Oil & Gas Sector
- Mining Companies
- Waste management Companies
- NGOs



## **Regions – Where did the waste come from?** 2014 - 2019

- Industrialized Countries  $\rightarrow$  Largest part of business carried out.
- Less industrialized Countries  $\rightarrow$  Several projects successfully realised.
- Developing Countries  $\rightarrow$  First projects are running, one project successfully realised.



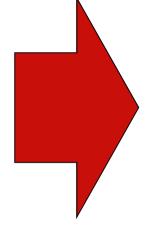
# **Quantities – How much metallic Hg and Hg-contaminated waste?** 2014 - 2019

- Biggest project with Hg-contaminated waste: approx. 800 mt (Oil & Gas Sector).
- Biggest project with stabilisation of metallic Hg: approx. 350 mt (Chemical Industry)
- Several bigger projects in Chemical Industry with 50 300 mt.
- Most of the projects are smaller with less than 40 mt per Basel Permit.
- And in the future we will face more and more projects with less than 1 mt .....



## Smallest quantities – will occur more often! 2014 - 2019

- ..... like this one:
  - $\rightarrow$  11 kgs of metallic Hg, in 60L drum
  - $\rightarrow$  from a waste management company
  - $\rightarrow$  from a less industrialized country





• Where is the market for the treatment of mercury waste heading to?



Challenges for the future! 2020 - 2030	The solution: Collect mercury waste local & treat central.
<ul> <li> more smaller and smallest projects</li> </ul>	

- ... will arise more and more in less industrialized and developing countries
- ... with small budgets for founding of such project



### Thank you for your attention!



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