# The Commercial Market for Carbon Credits

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# **Universal Carbon Exchange**

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Providing global business solutions for Kyoto Protocol risk management

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**Company focus: Global carbon markets Carbon trading** Carbon registry systems Clearing & settlement Internet market access and product distribution Consulting

#### Kyoto Protocol: Summary

Annex B targets (caps) Flexibility Mechanisms Measuring, reporting & review Compliance Entry into force Developing country issues



Achieving Kyoto targets not easy Flexibility is needed to: - meet targets (environmental objective) reduce costs of meeting targets Answer: Flexibility Mechanisms - an integral part of the Kyoto Package

#### Flexibility Provisions

Emissions Trading (Art 17) Clean Development Mechanism (Art 12) □ Joint Implementation (Art 6) Forestry sequestration (Art 3.3) Other sequestration (Art 3.4) Land Use Change (Art 3.7) Bubbles (Art 4) Banking (Art 3.13)

#### A Carbon Market Already Exists

Forestry credits

- NSW State Forests & Tepco ■ BP clean & green fuel **CDM** investments Multi-\$billion funds ■ Return + credits Credit Lyonaise (\$1billion) EBRD (\$150million)
- \$180 million World Bank Prototype Carbon Fund

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**Other Examples** 

Soil sequestration
 Land fill gas (Ontario Power-Zapco 2.5MtCO2)

Agricultural Methane offsets

TransAlta-HEW (24,000 tCO2 emission reduction)

BP & Shell

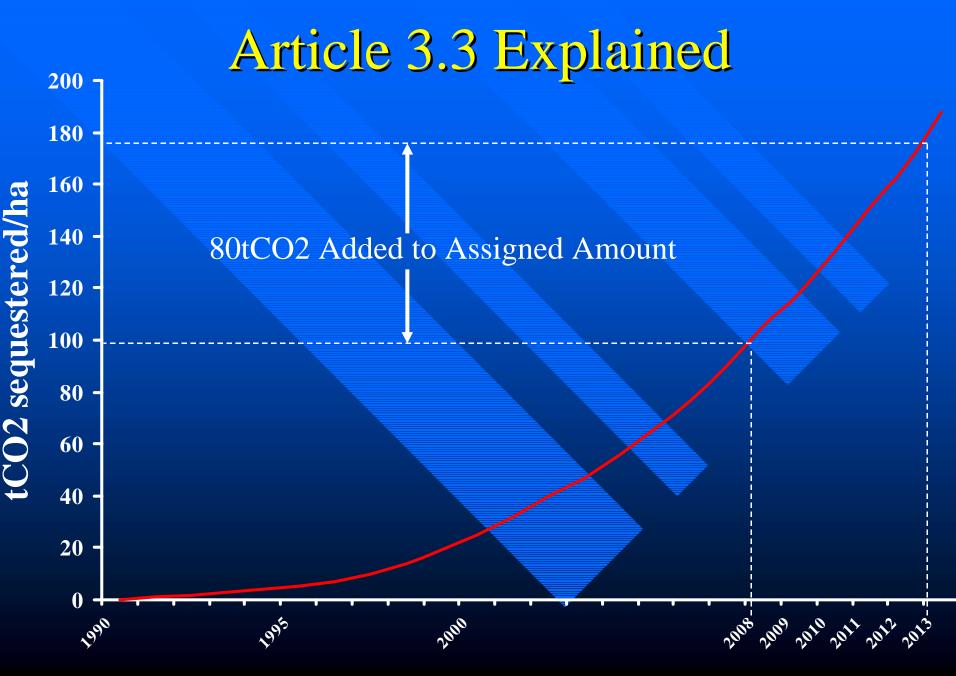
UK Government

### Why are companies trading?

Risk management Learning Leadership Structured products **□** Influence **Environment** Competitive advantage Profit

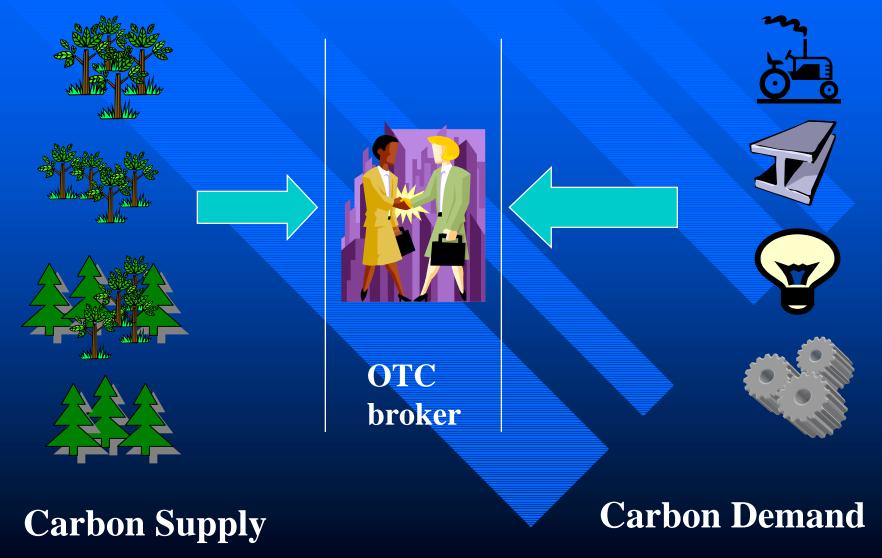
**<u>Carbon Market Evolution: Stage I</u></u>** Informal 'grey' market (not all rules known) **Forward spot trading** (e.g. UCX forestry credits) Derivative on forwards Futures, options, swaps OTC trades first, then exchange traded markets Risks are greater (speculative) Structured products

Carbon Market Evolution: Stage II Formal market (rules known) Physical spot trading Derivative on physicals Futures, options, swaps OTC and exchange traded markets **Risks are less** Structured products Forward spot trading

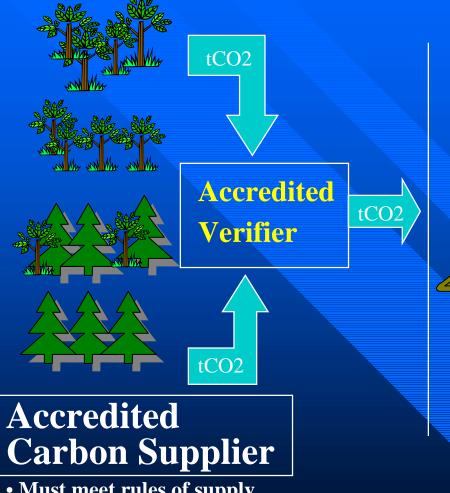




## Article 3.3 OTC Markets



## **Article 3.3 Exchange Traded Markets**



- Must meet rules of supply
- Credit rating
- Risk management
- Carbon Accounting Standard
- Article 3.3 requirements

Electronic Exchange Trading •Clearing • Registry Regulation





#### **Carbon Demand**



Entry into force
Price of permits and credits
The implications is what matters
Risk management is wanted

#### Kyoto Risks: Solutions

□ Do nothing Become informed Conduct corporate risk assessment GHG inventories, products, suppliers, entry into force scenarios, permit price scenarios, allocation scenarios, corporate structure, abatement options and costs Work out a strategy with contingencies

## **Kyoto Risks: Solutions** Start to take action to manage risks No regrets abatement Invest in abatement options & projects Corporate restructuring Lobby governments Early trading in physical and derivative markets.

- To manage price risk
- UCX market niche

What does the carbon credit market need? □ Clear decisions at COP6 Champions Companies with vision, innovation and know how Doers who "Just do it" Price signal Capital will flow and the market will work For the benefit of business, governments and the environment

#### **Concluding** remarks

Kyoto Protocol represents risk
Risk management products & services wanted
Kyoto Protocol represents opportunities
What will be the outcome from COP6?

COP6 could unlock \$billions of global capital for emissions abatement (technology, sinks) and risk management services



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