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First-ever IBI 2013 State of the Biochar Industry Report Released to Members

IBI is pleased to announce the publication of the first *2013 State of the Biochar Industry Report*. This report provides a broad overview of the current state of the biochar sector as identified by surveys and other data throughout 2013 and gives the expert as well as the layperson a snapshot of commercial and non-commercial biochar operations and activities. The authors put this information into the context of larger forces that influence the biochar space including agriculture, greenhouse gas (GHG) markets, and public policies. In addition to data on companies and projects, the authors highlight key findings and trends in the industry and provide recommendations for future industry growth.

The report finds that early successes in biochar commercialization are evident in some areas and a biochar supply chain has emerged—from equipment manufacturers to biochar purveyors to production and use consultants. The biochar industry at present is in a fledgling state but there is upward trending growth for those companies working in specific markets as well as optimism for growth across the industry. The future success of the industry will depend on the convergence of factors relating to research, investment, policy, innovation, and public education.

The findings are based primarily on information gathered through public surveys and internet-based research, but also on accumulated knowledge of the present biochar landscape offered by the authors and contributors to this report. It is IBI's intent to produce this report on an annual basis to track trends and growth in the biochar industry—both on the commercial as well as the project side.

IBI paying members have advance access to the 62-page report which they can read by logging into the member-section of the website at <https://ibi.memberclicks.net/login>. For more information on joining IBI as a member, please see: <http://www.biochar-international.org/join>.

For more information on this report including a 4-page summary and a database of 175 global biochar companies, please see:

http://www.biochar-international.org/State_of_industry_2013.

The full report will be made available to the general public on April 15, 2014.

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