



# Oat of the Box –

Biopolymers filled with oat hulls

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Since 2023, a  
brand of  
Holzmühle  
Westerkamp  
GmbH

Biopolymers with  
natural fibers such  
as oat hulls and  
wood flour

Reducing the  
carbon footprint  
and avoiding  
microplastics



# Holzmühle Westerkamp



- Medium-sized company in Visbek, Oldenburg Münsterland region
- Wood grinding since 1955, supplemented by oat hulls grinding in 2019
- Production of wood flour, fibers, and granules
- Processing of by-products such as sawdust, wood chips, and grain hulls
- Regional procurement of raw materials (within a radius of approx. 200 km) to keep the carbon footprint low



**westerkamp**  
MODERN MATERIAL MILLING



Energy management  
systems

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50001**



# Product lines arweco



## Otura®

- Renewable oat hulls
- Organically grown and therefore harmless
- Residual material from the food industry
- Fiber content up to 50 %
- Natural, light color: easy to dye

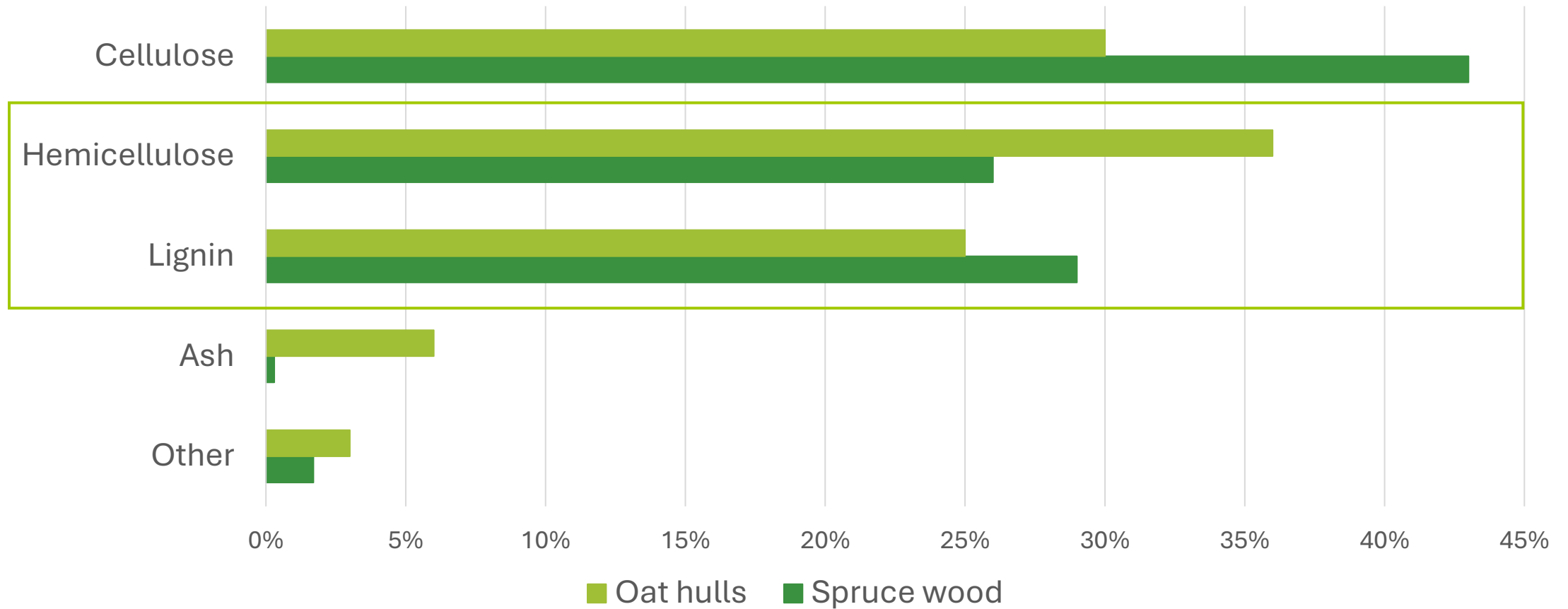
## Lignura®

- Renewable wood fibers
- PEFC certified
- Mainly from sawmill industry waste
- Fiber content up to 40 %
- Natural, wood-like color



- Less abrasive than glass or carbon fibers
  - Biopolymers for recyclable and compostable applications
- Saves finite petrochemical resources and protects the environment

# Why oat hulls?



# Certifications according to TÜV Austria

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OK  
biode-  
gradable  
SOIL

OK  
biode-  
gradable  
WATER

OK  
biode-  
gradable  
MARINE

OK  
compost  
INDUS-  
TRIAL

OK  
compost  
HOME

# Certifications



## soil biodegradability

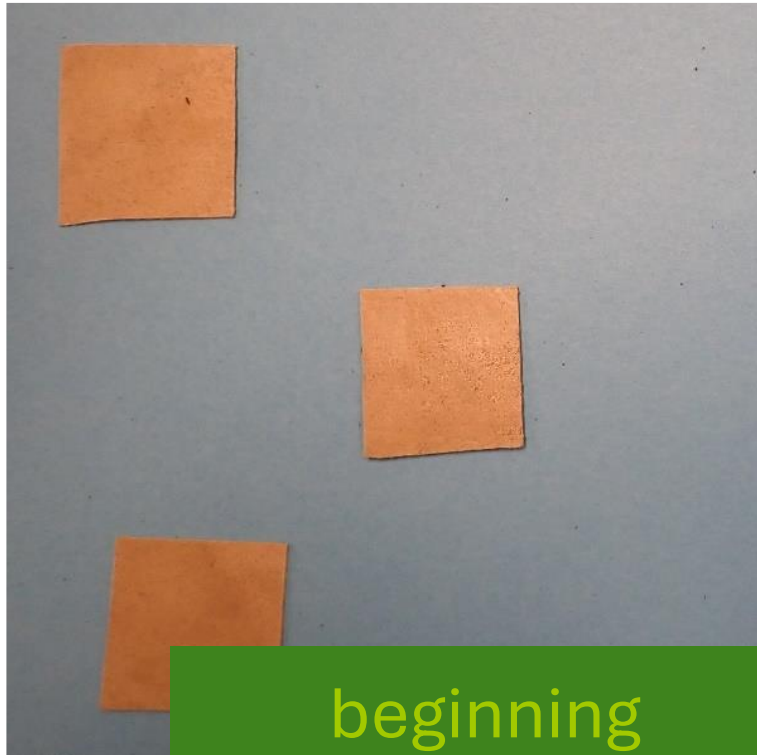
- Biodegradability of at least 90 % within a maximum of **2 years**
- Regulations on toxicity and chemical constituents
- No toxic damage to the soil may occur

## home compost

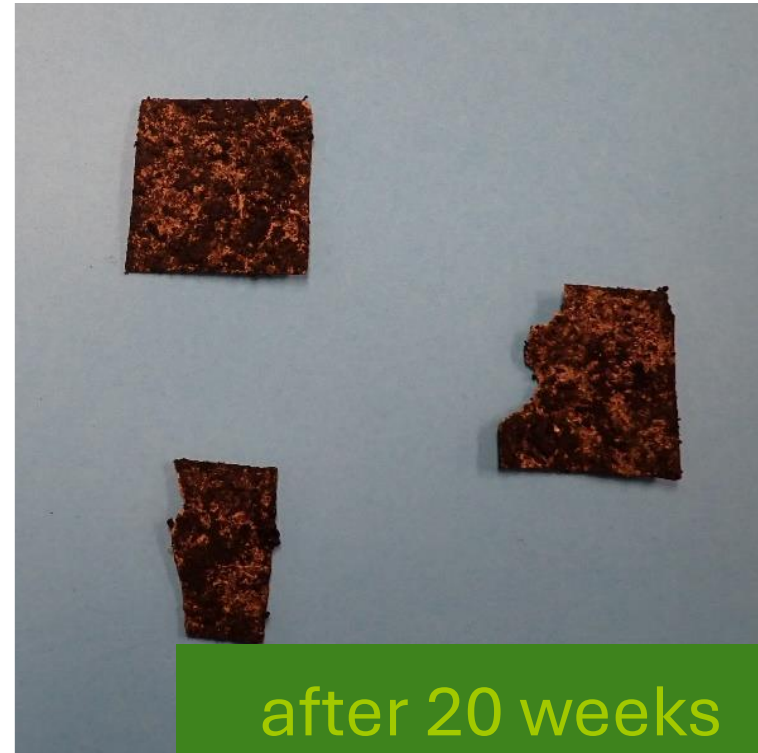
- Temperature: approx. 23 °C
- Biodegradability of at least 90 % after max. **12 months**
- Disintegration within **6 months**
- Testing for ecotoxicological effects and heavy metals



# Slow biodegradation



beginning



after 20 weeks

Thickness: 0.58 mm | Temperature: Room temperature | Tested according to: OK compost HOME



# Fast biodegradation



beginning



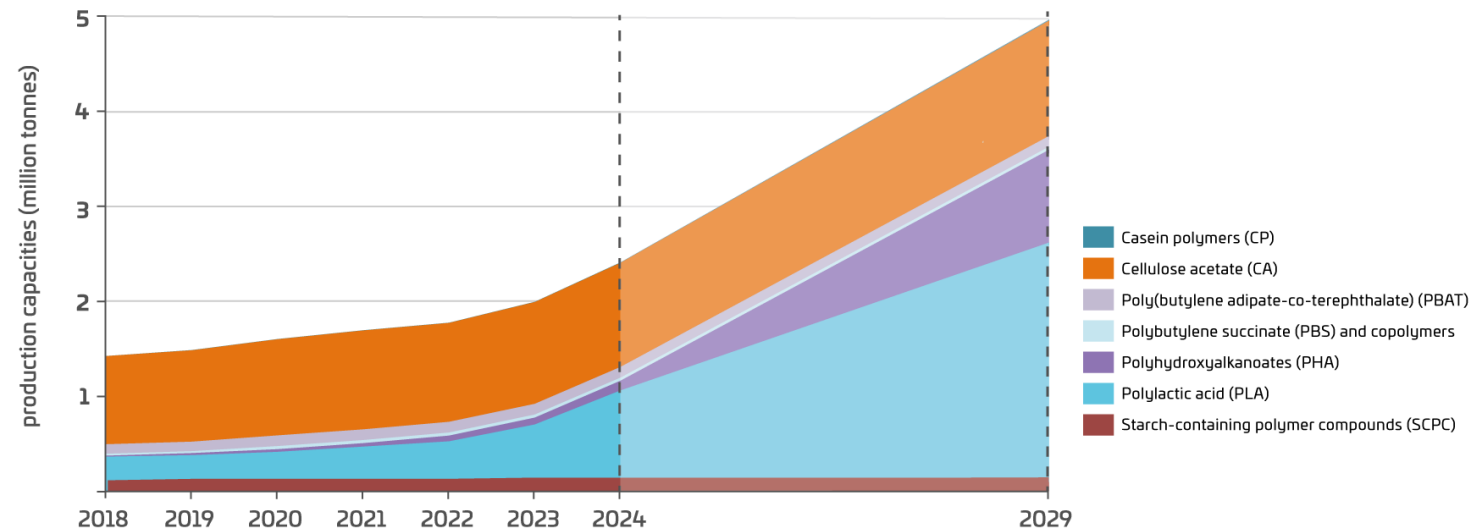
after 2 weeks

Thickness: 0.4 mm | Temperature: Room temperature | Tested according to: OK compost HOME

# Outlook for biopolymers



## Bio-based Biodegradable Polymers Evolution of Worldwide Production Capacities from 2018 to 2029



available at [www.renewable-carbon.eu/graphics](http://www.renewable-carbon.eu/graphics)

# Applications



agriculture/forestry • garden • packaging • toy • office • leisure time







**arweco**

ADVANCED BIOBASED  
COMPOUNDS

**Thank you very much for your attention!**



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