### Market Impacts on SMM and Trex

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#### About Trex Company, Inc.



- Leading Brand of Composite Lumber in North America – invented category
- A former division of Mobil Corporation, the company was formed by four Mobil executives in 1996 and went public in 1999
- Trex Company's Headquarters, R&D and Manufacturing Facilities are located in Winchester, VA
- A Second plant opened in Fernley, NV in 1999

# **Trex Recycling Facts**



- Trex is one of the largest recyclers of scrap PE film in the US
- In the past 10 years, Trex has recycled over 2.5 Billion pounds of polyethylene film
- 10,000+ collection points across North America
- Trex collects over 50 Million #s of bags & film to support our manufacturing each year
- There are about 140,000 recycled bags in a 500 sq. ft. Trex Deck

# **Trex Recycling Facts**



- Trex has developed a recycled LLDPE pellet for use in the following applications
  - Profile extrusion
  - Blown film
  - Molding
  - Compounding applications

# What is Trex?



- Does not Crack, Split, Splinter or Rot
- 25-year Residential Warranty
  - 10-year Commercial
- Resistant to Moisture, Insects and Sunlight
- Slip Resistant- More so Wet than Dry
- Never Needs Staining- Only Requires Cleaning
- Works like Wood- use same Tools and Techniques
- No Toxic Chemicals or Preservatives
- Environmentally Friendly- Made of 95% Recycled and Reclaimed Materials

**Product Offering** 

Pergola

Lighting

Railing



**Transcend**<sup>®</sup>

**Elevations**®







### Wood Flour





### Stretch Film











# Acceptable Household Film



#### ALL ITEMS MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY

- Grocery Bags
- Stretch Film / Shrink Wrap
- Newspaper Sleeves
- Paper Towel / Toilet Paper Overwrap
- Produce Bags
- Dry Cleaning Bags
- Case Wrap (used to wrap soda bottles, canned goods, water bottles, etc.)

- Ziploc Bags
- Bread Bags (without clip)
- Ice Bags (DRY without metal clips)
- Mattress Bags
- Shipping Pillows, deflated
- Polyethylene Foam (used in wrapping furniture)
- PE Packaging (2 and 4)

# Oxo Biodegradable and / or **Compostable Bags**



- Threaten the future of this currently viable recycling stream
- By definition, these items are not recyclable
- We have a 25 year warranty on our products

 These items CAN NOT be included in film recycling programs

# **Film Collection Process**



- Stretch Film is Removed from Pallets and Consolidated
- Bags are Collected in Participating Vestibule

   Full bags are brought to trailer at back of store
   Loads return to DC for consolidation
- Material is Baled at DC for Storage and Shipping
- Bales are stored until ready for Pick-Up
- Trex Picks Up material at DC

# Managing Market Conditions

- There will always be a market for the highest quality material streams
  - Know your material
    - Consistency bale to bale, load to load
    - Cleanliness follow FFRG quality guidelines
    - www.plasticfilmrecycling.org
  - Know your market
    - Where does your material go?
    - Work with a stable, reliable end user

# Managing Market Conditions



- Emphasis on value of long term mutually beneficial recycling partnerships
- Breaking even in difficult markets is a win

### **Current Film Market**



• Over 8 Billion pounds of polyethylene film are available domestically each year

- Continues to grow annually

- Traditionally, most of that volume sells export
  - Currently only a little over 1 B #s /yr stays in US
  - China, India. No market in EU.
  - Export is unstable
    - Both market demand and pricing
  - Massive backlog of material available domestically

# **Current Film Market**



- Resin prices are low
  - Decreases value proposition of consuming PCR
- Limited applications for recycled PE film
  - Building products
  - Asphalt
  - consumer packaging opportunities are low
- Not currently enough buyers for growing supply
  - Opportunity plenty of material available, we need to grow demand
  - EPR / tax mandate inclusion of recycled content

### Trex in This Market



- Domestically, there is no one else our size
- Far too much material available for us to consume
- We are growing, but only so quickly

• Fear: Film collection loses its momentum

### Thank you!



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