



## Landfill Mining

Because we truly believe what we do  
is the rent we pay to Mother Earth

# About ZIGMA

Since its inception, Zigma has come a long way by evolving and pioneering Landfill Mining across various Urban and Local Bodies in India.

This approach has firmly positioned the organization as one of the leading Landfill Mining companies of India and continues to further improve its reach and acceptance across represented geographies.

Zigma is headquartered in Erode, Tamilnadu where it manages its all research, development and administration. The company operates twenty plants across in India.



# Do You Know

The total MSW generated in Urban India today is

**68.8 million**

tons per year or

**1,88,500 tons**

per day



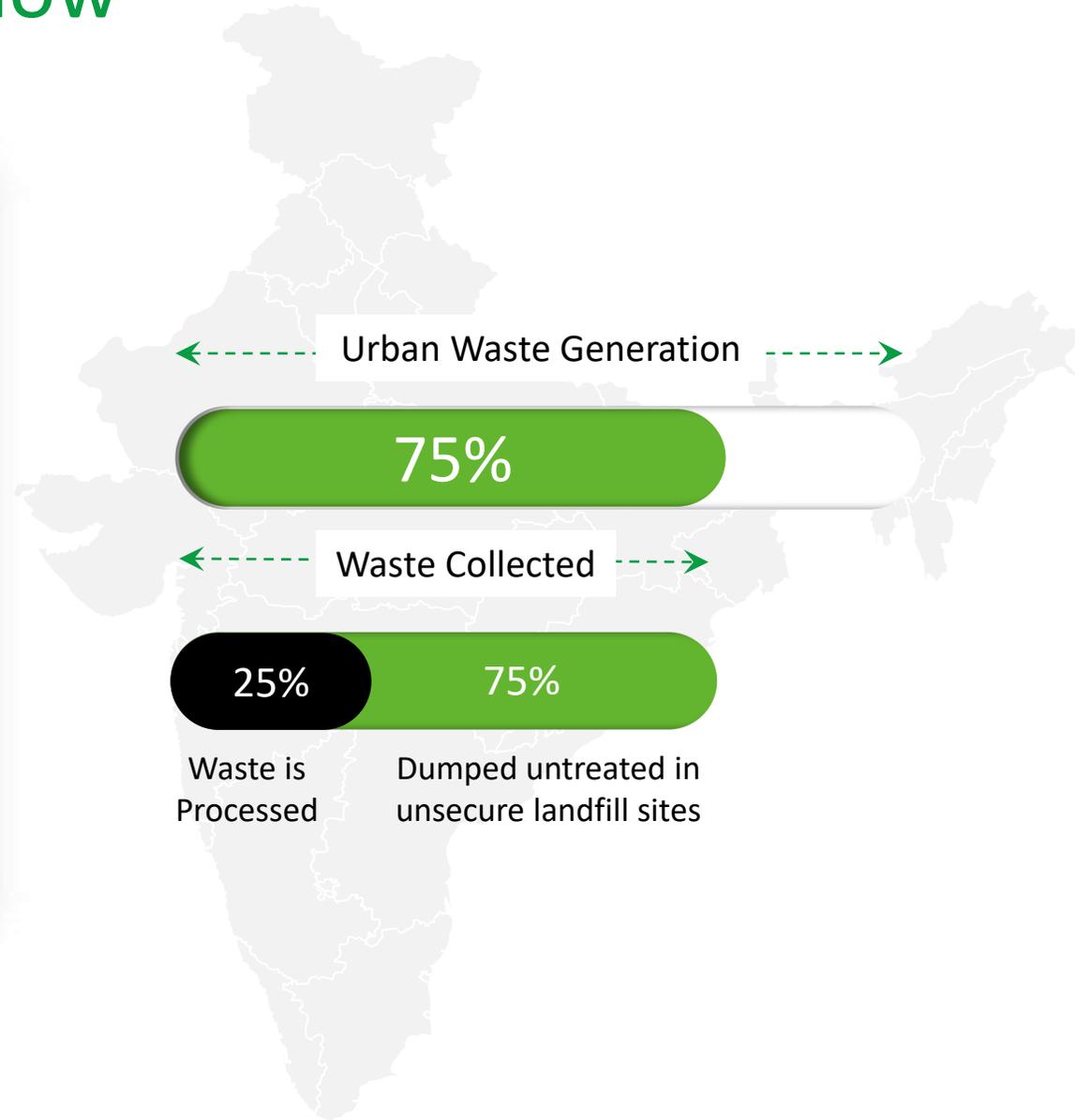
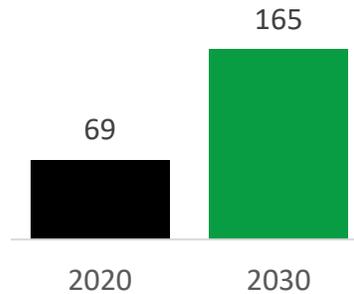
**50%**

increase from 2007.



**Waste Generation**

Million tons per year



Urban Waste Generation

**75%**

Waste Collected

**25%**

Waste is Processed

**75%**

Dumped untreated in unsecure landfill sites

# What Is Wrong **With Landfills**

Most of the MSW is dumped into landfills that are **not regulated by Urban and Local Bodies**, raises serious concerns of continuous



Water  
Pollution



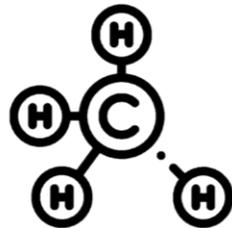
Soil  
Contamination



Air  
Pollution



The open burning of solid wastes & landfill fires emit **22,000 tons** of **air pollutants** per year in **Mumbai alone**.



Non-regulated landfills generate methane that is **23 times** **more harmful** than CO2.



# Why Landfill Mining



Due to rapid urbanization, landfill sites that were situated in fringe parts of the cities and towns are now **surrounded by highly populated localities** creating a huge threat to public health.



Urban and local Bodies require land to setup infrastructure to handle the daily generated waste.

There is a “Not in my Backyard” syndrome when ULB’s look for new land for setting up infrastructure.

# Capping vs Mining

Capping is like a grenade who's pin has been removed, eventually it has to blast.



Calls for huge maintenance cost including leachate and methane generation

Required huge insurance cost

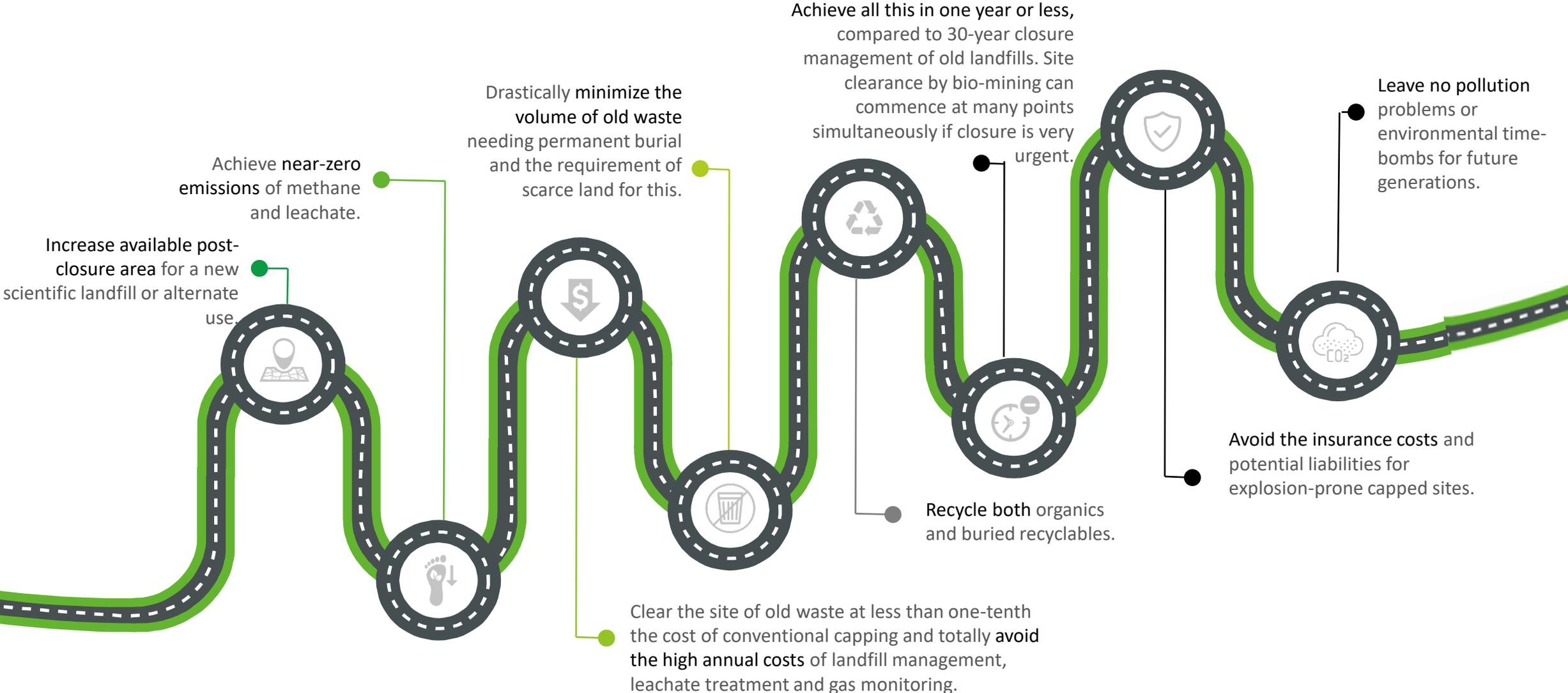
Capping gives no option to reclaim the land

Seldom possible where land is not available



# Integrated Landfill Mining

New approach to address the alarming need to treat legacy waste lying in landfills.



# Landfill Mining - The process

1



Pre-assessment  
and Analysis of  
the dumpsite

2



Pre-stabilization  
of waste

3



Processing and  
Segregation

4



Responsible  
disposal of  
aggregates

# 1. Pre-assessment & Analysis Of The Dumpsite



a. Baseline study of the dumpsite



b. Analysis of the in-situ waste



c. Contour survey using drones

# a. Baseline study of the dumpsite

Set a soil, air and ground water quality baseline record.

- Top Soil
  - Middle Soil
  - Bottom Soil
- Tests record as per

IS2720

1. pH value
2. Total Nitrogen
3. Total Phosphate
4. Total Potassium
4. C/N ratio
5. Total Organic Carbon
6. Arsenic
7. Mercury
8. Lead
9. Cadmium
10. Chromium
11. Copper
12. Zinc
13. Nickel
14. TCLP
15. Biodegradability



- Ground Water
  - Underground Water
  - Surface Water
- Test records as per

IS10500

1. pH value
2. Phenolic compounds
3. Chlorides
4. Dissolved Solids
5. Arsenic
6. Mercury
7. Lead
8. Cadmium
9. Chromium
10. Copper
11. Cyanide
12. Zinc
13. Sulphate
14. Nickel
15. Nitrate
16. Iron
17. Total Hardness



This data will be available to compare and evaluate post mining and remediation.

## b. Analysis of the **in-situ waste**



1. pH value
2. Suspended Solids
3. TDS
4. Ammonical Nitrogen
5. Total Kjeldahl nitrogen
6. BOD
7. Conductivity
8. COD
9. Arsenic
10. Mercury
11. Lead
12. Cadmium
13. Chromium
14. Copper
15. Zinc
16. Fluoride
17. Nickel
18. Coliform
19. E-coli

# c. Contour Survey Using Drones



**General Contour Survey**  
Ascertains volume of waste

- To understand
- The location of the dumpsite
  - Topography
  - To understand rainwater flow
  - Volume of the waste
  - Prepare leachate collection system



**Digital Contour Survey**  
Ascertains Land Area

- To understand
- Extent of land with accuracy to millimeters
  - Conversion of dumpsite into various zones

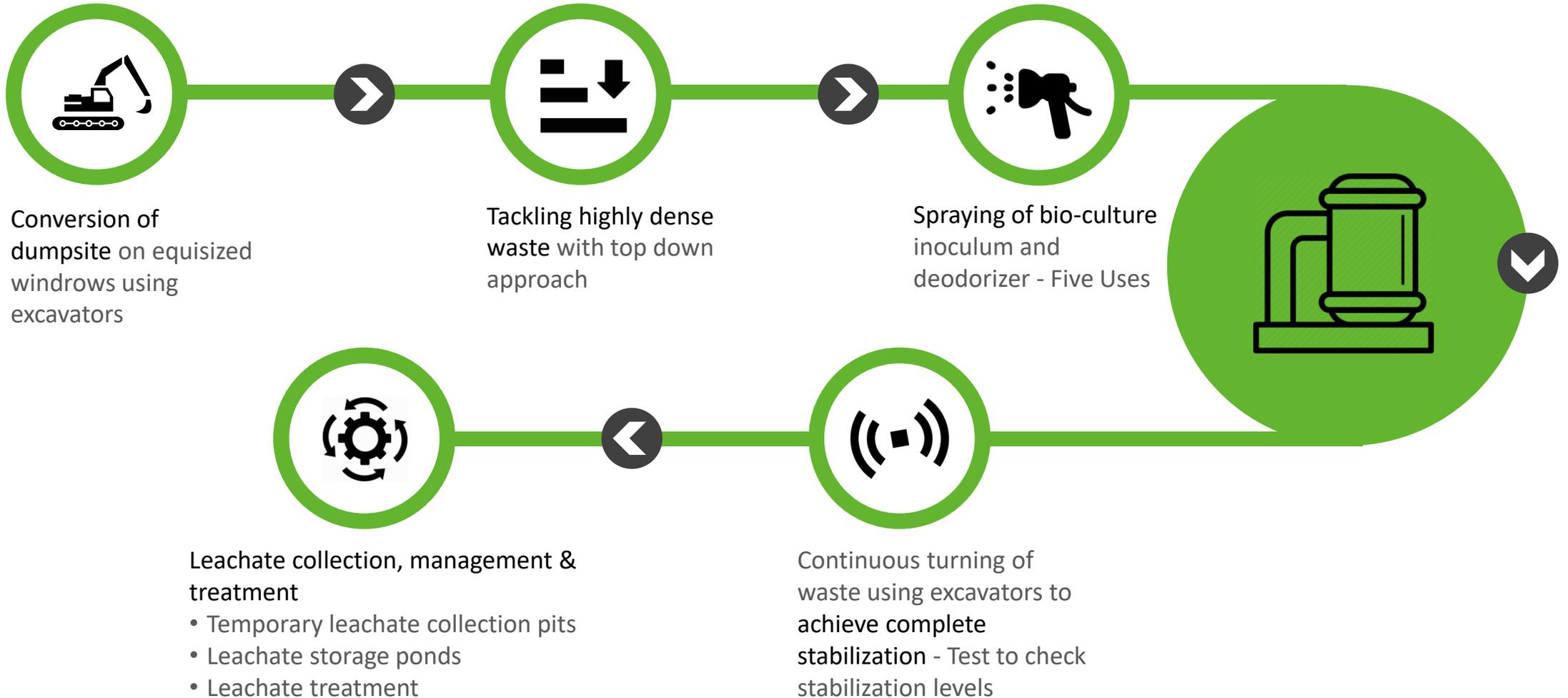


**Orthomosaic Survey**  
Ascertains density of waste

- Orthomosaic survey
- To understand
- Density of waste
  - To arrive at excavation plan
  - To arrive at pre-stabilization plan



## 2. Pre-stabilization Of Waste



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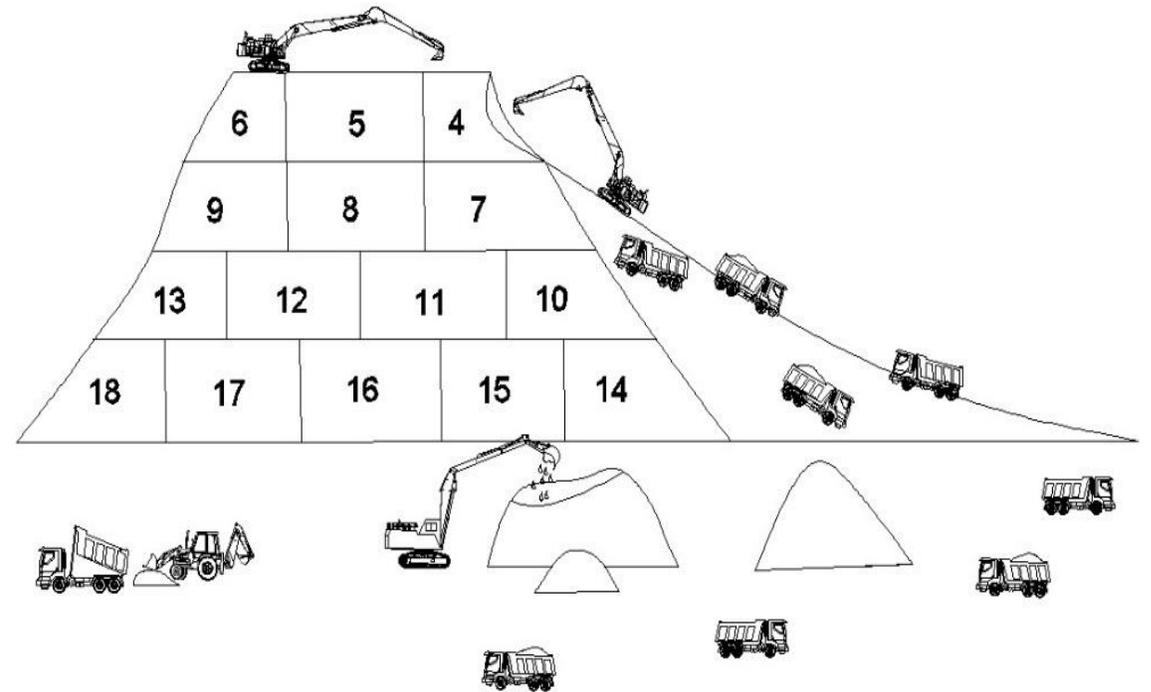
Conversion of dumpsite on equisized windrows using excavators

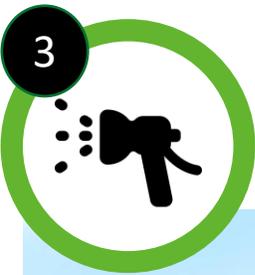


2



Tackling highly dense waste with top down approach





Spraying of bio-culture inoculum and deodorizer – It will ensure..



The odor generated from the waste is controlled.



Any pathogenic activity is subdued.



Any partly degraded organic matter is completely degraded.



Further leachate generation is stopped.



Scavenging birds and animals stop feeding on the waste.



Fly menace is controlled.



4



Continuous turning of waste using excavators to achieve complete stabilization - Test to check stabilization levels



Germination tests are conducted

Soil retrieved from the stabilized heaps are germinated with mustard/wheat seeds.

Soil with minimum 75% germination is declared stabilized and ready for segregation.

5



Leachate collection, management & treatment

## 1. Leachate collection

Temporary leachate collection pits- these will be placed all across the dumpsites where there is a possibility of natural flow of leachate



## 2. Leachate management

Leachate storage ponds- leachate from pits will be pumped and stored in the lined temporary storage ponds for further treatment.



### 3. Leachate Treatment

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Leachate collection, management & treatment

#### Small quantity generation

- Re-circulation into windrows for stabilization
- Natural evaporation



#### Large quantity generation

- Transfer to nearest Sewage Treatment plant
- Leachate Treatment plant



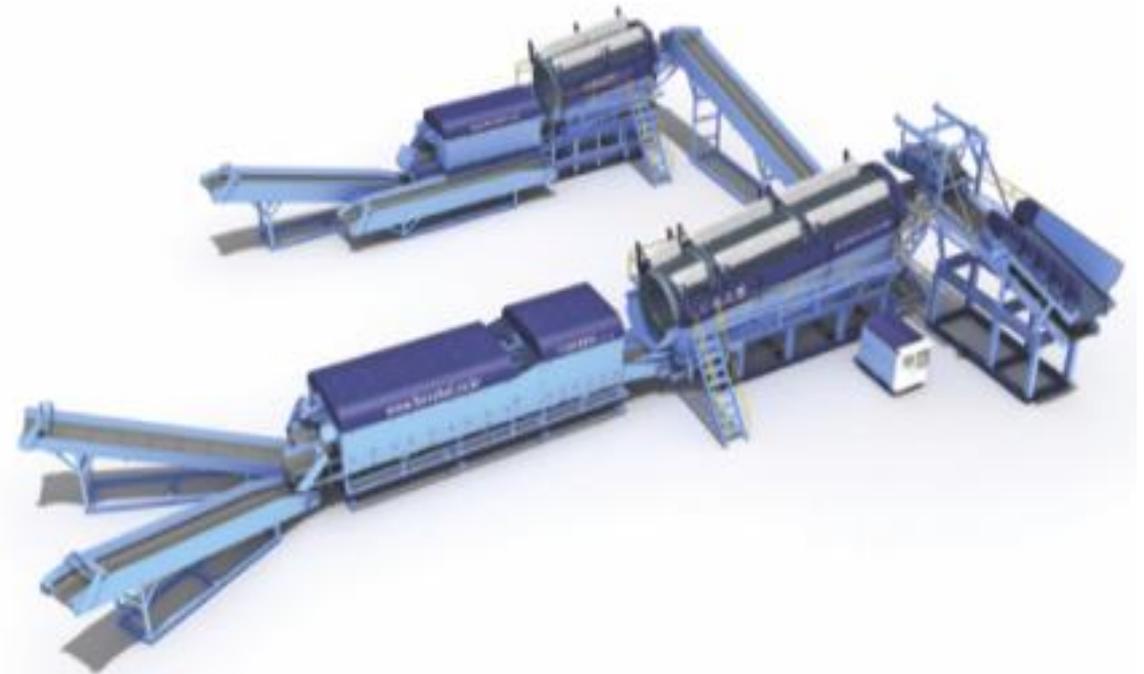
# 3. Processing & Segregation

Using state of the art machineries to segregate the stabilized waste.

- Completely mobile
- Semicircular dome structure
- High capacity
- Scalable with multiple sets of machinery
- 24 patents for machines

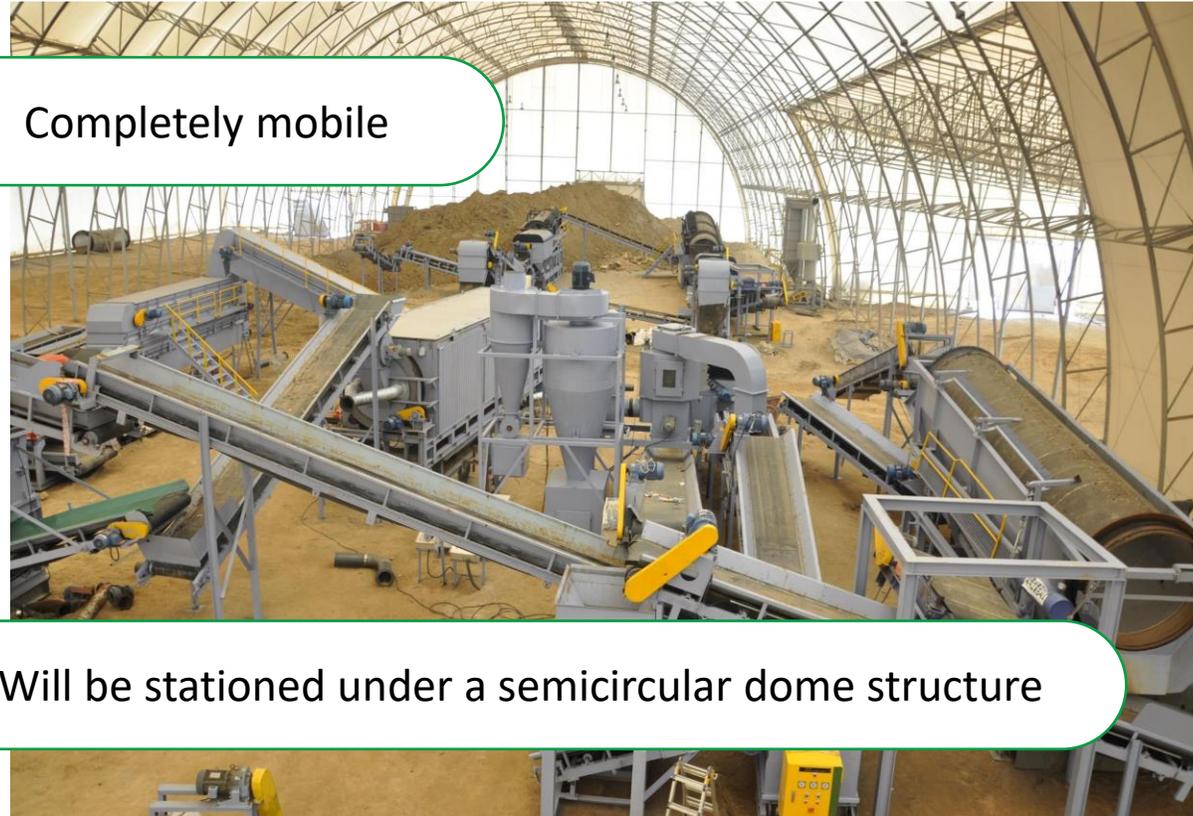
Waste is segregated into

- Combustible fractions
- Recyclable fractions- glass & ferrous
- Fine soil- Bio earth
- Coarse Soil and Stones



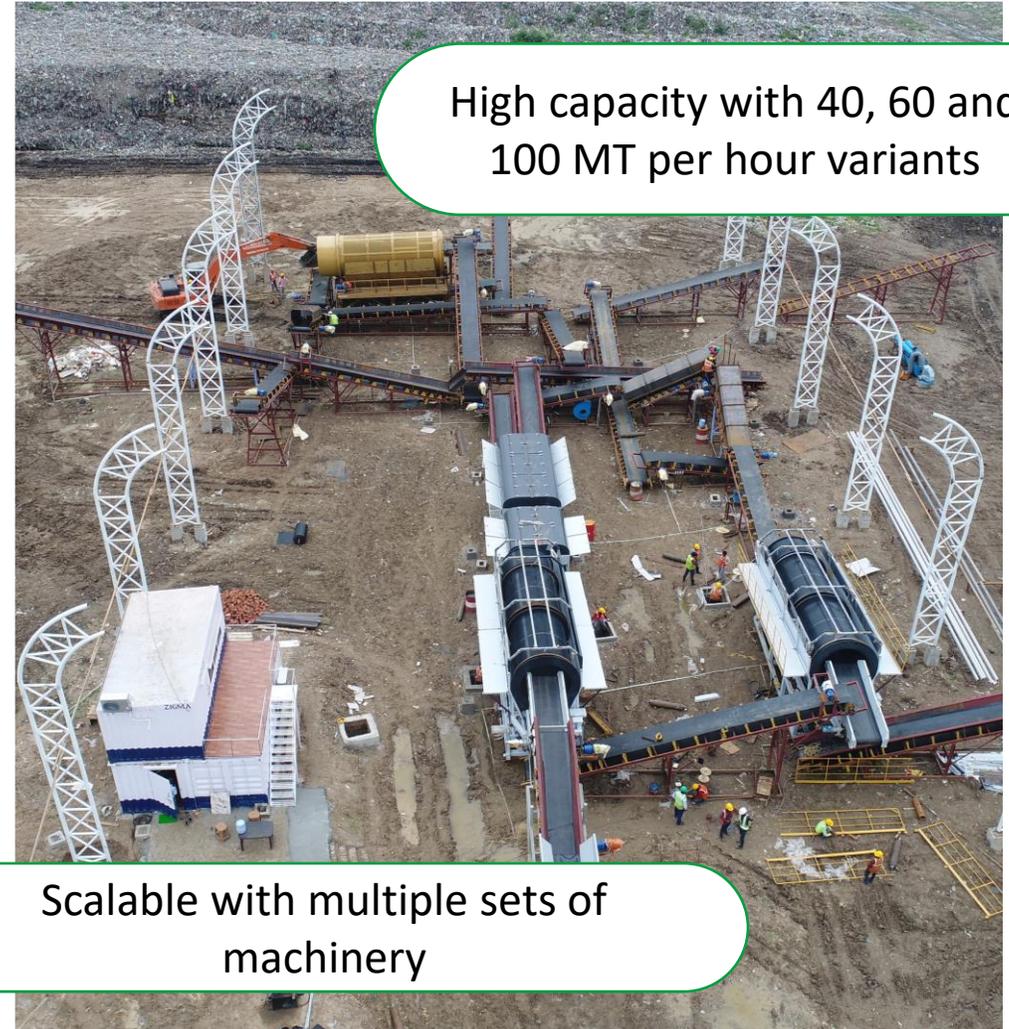
# Salient Features

Completely mobile



Will be stationed under a semicircular dome structure

High capacity with 40, 60 and 100 MT per hour variants



Scalable with multiple sets of machinery

# 24 Patents For Machines

Air density separators

Combustible separators

Tornado separators

Soil Precision Separators

Suction devices

Inclined hopper

Twin-shaft shredders



# 4. Responsible Disposal Of Aggregates



Combustible



Fine soil-  
Bioearth



Coarse Soil



Stones



Iron Scrap



Glass Scrap

Shredded and graded into Refuse Derived Fuel to be supplied to Cement companies and Waste to Energy plants.

Used for landscaping, afforestation.

Used for filling up low lying areas.

Supplied to state registered recyclers.

# Adherence of Purity Levels Of Each Fraction

Tests are conducted both internally and externally for all waste streams

## Internally

### Inert

- % of foreign material by weight
- Electrical Conductivity
- Salinity
- TDS
- Ph

### RDF

- Ash content
- Size
- Moisture
- Calorific Value

## Externally

### Inert

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### Other Tests

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Air quality

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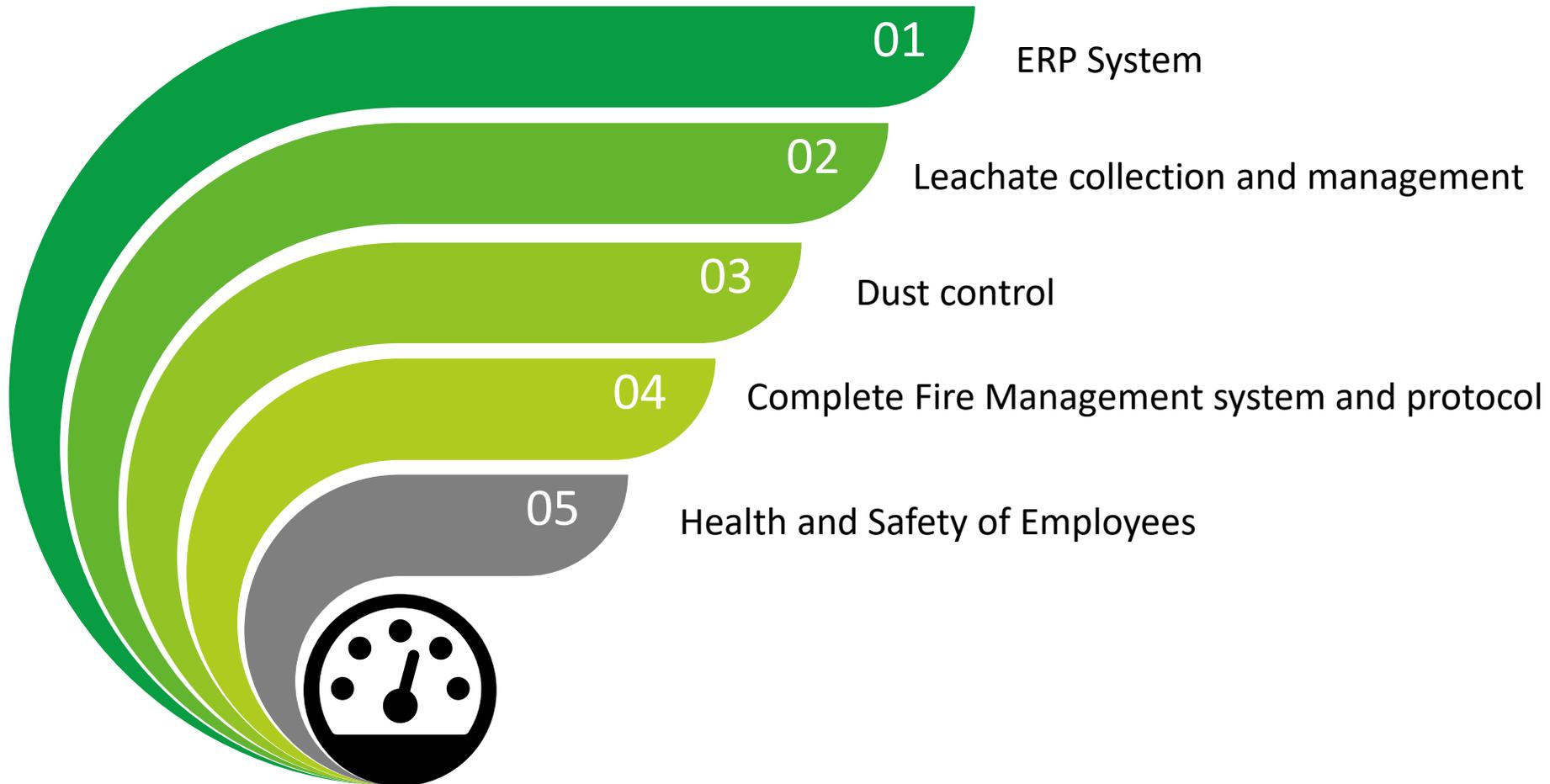
Odor

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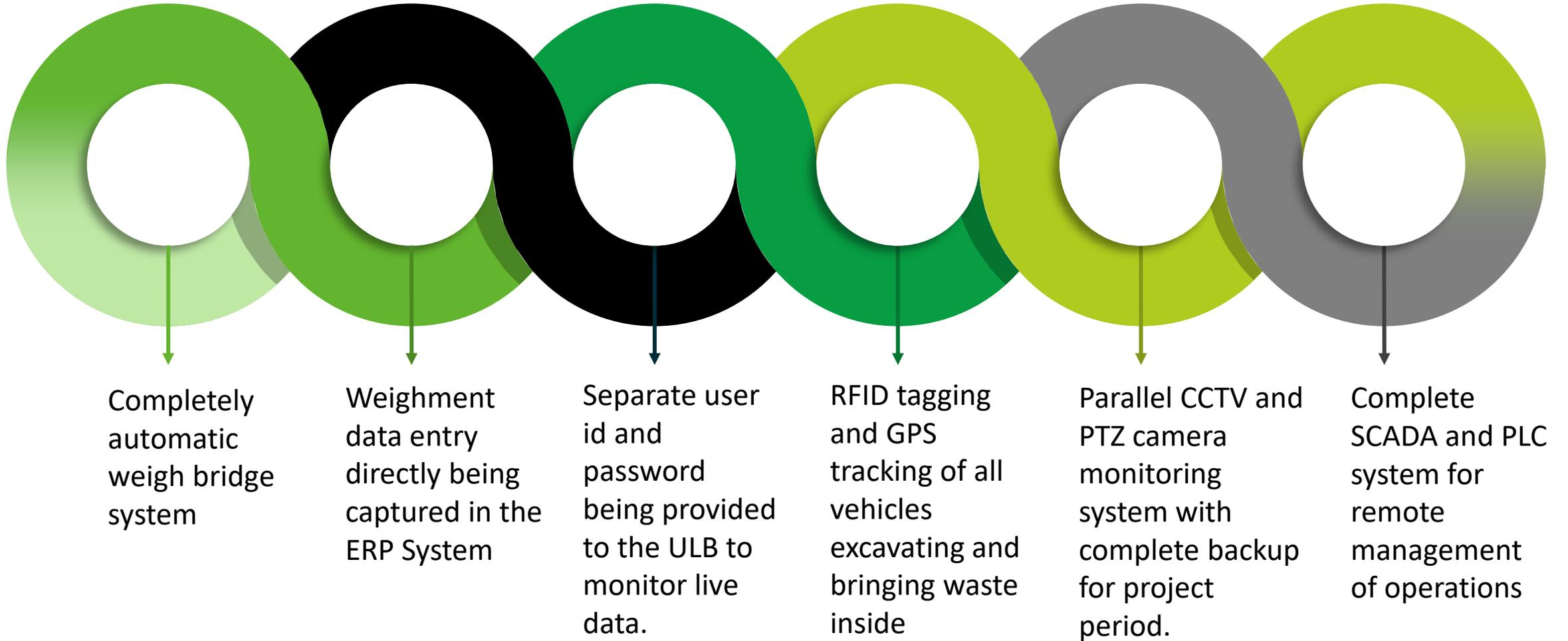
Noise

# Various Measures Undertaken

by the company on Transparency, Environment Health and Safety parameters adherence.



# ERP System



# Dust Control



Water cannons  
inside the  
premises



De-odourant  
guns during  
excavation



Spraying of  
water on  
pathways



Dome shed



Suction  
blowers within  
the system

# Complete Fire Management System And Protocol



## Fire Management

Complete Fire management protocol

Fire extinguishers

Training for earthmover operators

Fire accident Incident report

Fire hydrants

# Health and Safety of Employees



Personal  
Protective  
Equipment for  
employees

Safety training

Tool kit  
discussions

Signages  
within the  
plants

Quarterly  
health  
checkup for all  
employees



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