

ACTIVATING THE SAFRIM MODEL IN  
CALCULATING THE MACRO-ECONOMIC IMPACT  
OF GREENHOUSE GAS MITIGATION ON THE  
SOUTH AFRICAN ECONOMY

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# GHGS IN KEY ECONOMIC SECTORS

- Energy;
- Industry;
- Buildings;
- Mining;
- Transport;
- Waste; and
- Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU)



# FORECASTING THE BASELINE SCENARIO

## - FUNDAMENTAL ECONOMIC IMPERATIVES/RULES -

- There should be an acceptable measure (not exceeding  $\pm 4\%$  of the GDP) of balance on the current account of the balance of payments;
- No fundamental obstructions to obtain foreign capital;
- Positive growth of the world economy; and
- South Africa's population growth by taking into account the negative effects of HIV/Aids.

# METHODOLOGY TO ACTIVATE THE MODEL

- **Backward Linkages**

- A. Construction phase (investment impact)
- B. Operational impact
- C. Changes in the production structure

- **Forward Linkages**

- D. Price impact

- **Balancing constraints**

# METHODOLOGY

## A. CONSTRUCTION PHASE (INVESTMENT IMPACT)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{fdc} &= \text{pcec} + \text{invc} + \text{govc} + \text{exc} - \text{imc} + \\ \text{fdrc} &+ \text{trcc} + \text{capex\_tot} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

### Where:

fdc	= total final demand
pcec	= private consumption expenditure
invc	= investment (investment excluding investment in the mitigation measures)
govc	= government
exc	= exports
imc	= imports
fdrc	= residual
trcc	= transfer costs
capex_tot	= total net investment of the various mitigation measures

# METHODOLOGY

## B. OPERATIONAL IMPACT

$$\text{outc} = (!(\text{I-AMC}) * \text{fdc}) + \text{oper\_imp} \quad (2)$$

### Where:

outc = total output (production)

!(I-AMC) = inverse matrix

fdc = total final demand

oper\_imp = total net operational impact of the various mitigation measures



# METHODOLOGY

## C. CHANGES IN THE PRODUCTION STRUCTURE

The  $A$  matrix, was adjusted on an annual basis to accommodate the changes in the production structure to take into account the influences of the various mitigation measures.

# METHODOLOGY

## D. PRICE IMPACT

The identity below explains where additional cost or savings are added in the model.

$$va = lab + gos + itprd - isprd + itprs - isprs + enviro \quad (3)$$

### Where:

va	= total value added
lab	= compensation of employees
gos	= gross operating surplus
itprd	= indirect taxes on production
isprd	= indirect subsidies on production
itprs	= indirect taxes on products
isprs	= indirect subsidies on products
enviro	= additional costs or savings brought about in the economy by the introduction of GHG mitigation measures.

# METHODOLOGY

## D. PRICE IMPACT (CONTINUE)

The next function shows how value added impacts on prices in the economy:

$$uc = va/outc \quad (4)$$

**Where:**

uc = value added unit cost

va = value added

outc = output/production (constant prices)

The value added unit cost is calculated by dividing value added by the output of a sector.

# METHODOLOGY

## D. PRICE IMPACT (CONTINUE)

$$\text{tot\_uc} = \text{impr} + \text{uc} \quad (5)$$

**Where:**

tot\_uc           = total unit cost  
impr             = import unit prices  
uc                = total value added unit cost

This is an interim step whereby the total unit cost is calculated by adding the import unit price to the unit cost.

# METHODOLOGY

## D. PRICE IMPACT (CONTINUE)

$$\text{ppi} = (\text{tot\_uc}) * \text{DPINV} \quad (6)$$

### Where:

ppi = producer price index

tot\_uc = total unit cost

DPINV = domestic price inverse

This formula is calculating the total domestic price (ppi) by multiplying the total unit cost by the domestic price inverse.

# METHODOLOGY

## - BALANCING CONSTRAINTS -

Technical adjustment to compare scenario with base case.

The deficit on the current account of balance of payments as a percentage of the country's overall economic activity (GDP), was taken as a controlling measure demonstrating the ability of the economy to financially carry the burden of a particular mitigation option.

Balance was achieved by changing the interest rate.

# RESULTS OF CASE STUDY

- AVERAGE GDP IMPACT OVER THE PERIOD (2010-2050) -

Name	Incremental impact						Dynamic impact		Split
	Backward Linkage Impact				Forward Linkage Impact	Net Incremental Impact	Dynamic impact providing for balance of payment adjustment		
	Additional (Net) Investment Impact	Additional (Net) Operational Cost	Impact due to change in Production Structure	Total Backward Linkages	Impact due to Price Change		Impact Before Balance of Payments Adjustment	After Balance of Payments Adjustment	Final dynamic impact
Energy	23488	21461	-5493	39456	-8173	31283	31748	21745	45%
Industry	4397	787	0	5184	160	5343	5403	2371	5%
buildings	1067	1	0	1068	4350	5419	5401	5401	11%
Other Mining	2248	2545	0	4793	2813	7607	7404	7404	15%
Transport	13685	-4345	0	9313	-807	8506	8533	8533	18%
Waste	861	1807	0	2668	-888	1780	1793	1793	4%
AFOLU	155	896	0	1052	-89	963	964	964	2%
Total	45874	23154	-5493	63535	-2634	60901	61246	48211	100%

# RESULTS OF CASE STUDY

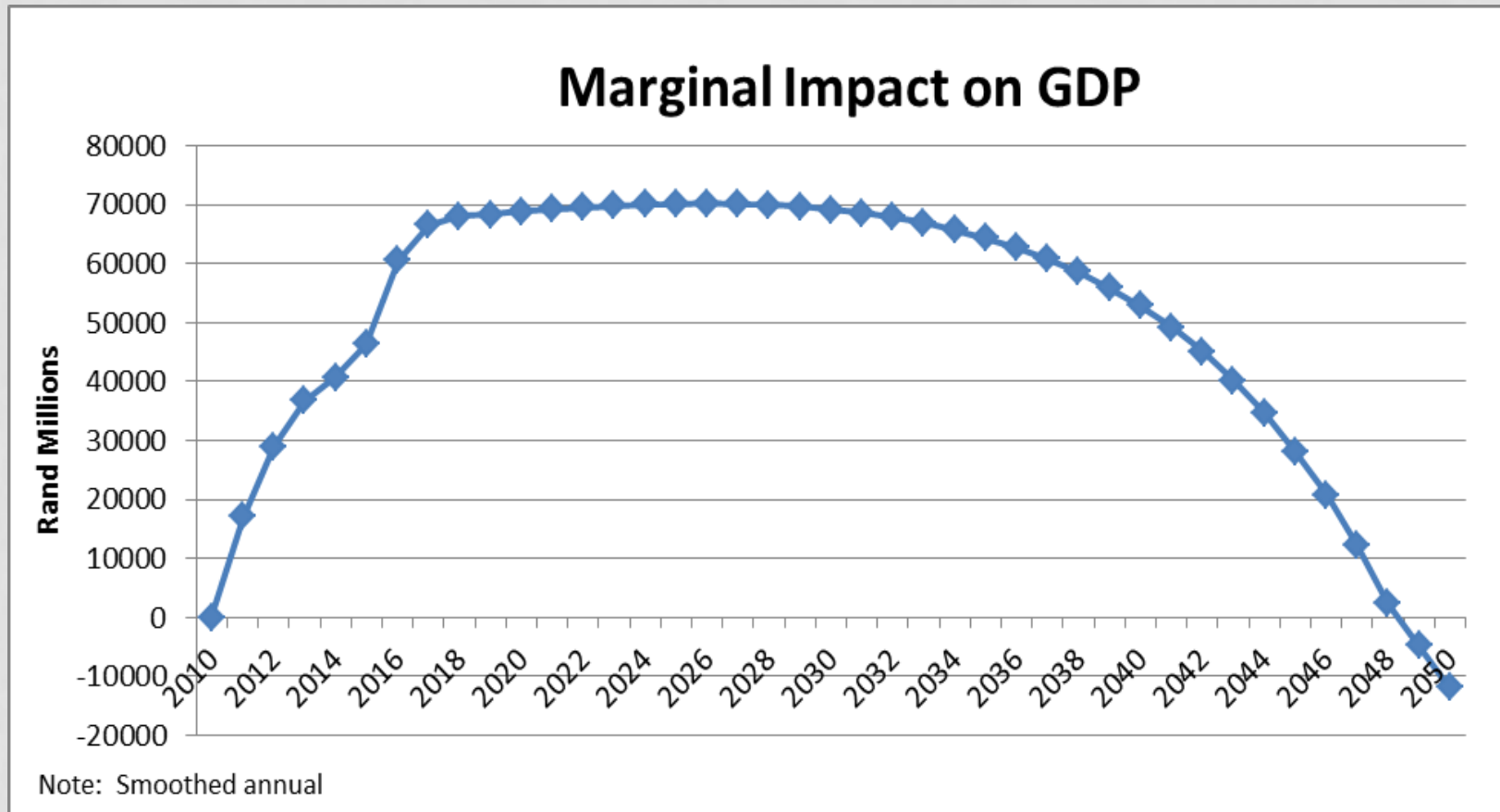
- AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT IMPACT OVER THE PERIOD (2010-2050), CHANGE IN NUMBER OF JOBS -

Name	Incremental impact					Dynamic impact			Split
	Backward Linkage Impact				Forward Linkage Impact	Net Incremental Impact	Dynamic impact providing for balance of payment adjustment		
	Additional (Net) Investment Impact	Additional (Net) Operational Cost	Impact due to change in Production Structure	Total Backward Linkages	Impact due to Price Change		Impact Before Balance of Payments Adjustment	After Balance of Payments Adjustment	Final dynamic impact
Energy	67243	40106	-26299	81051	-46741	34310	40510	-12468	-0.13
Industry	20271	5525	0	25797	639	26435	26760	10890	0.11
buildings	5914	7	0	5922	23863	29785	29687	29687	0.31
Other Mining	7067	3828	0	10895	14756	25651	24605	24605	0.25
Transport	46709	-12211	0	34497	-4179	30318	30455	30455	0.31
Waste	3719	4075	0	7795	-4878	2916	2983	2983	0.03
AFOLU	1371	10000	0	11371	-501	10870	10869	10869	0.11
Total	152294	51332	-26299	177327	-17041	160286	165868	97020	100%



# RESULTS OF CASE STUDY

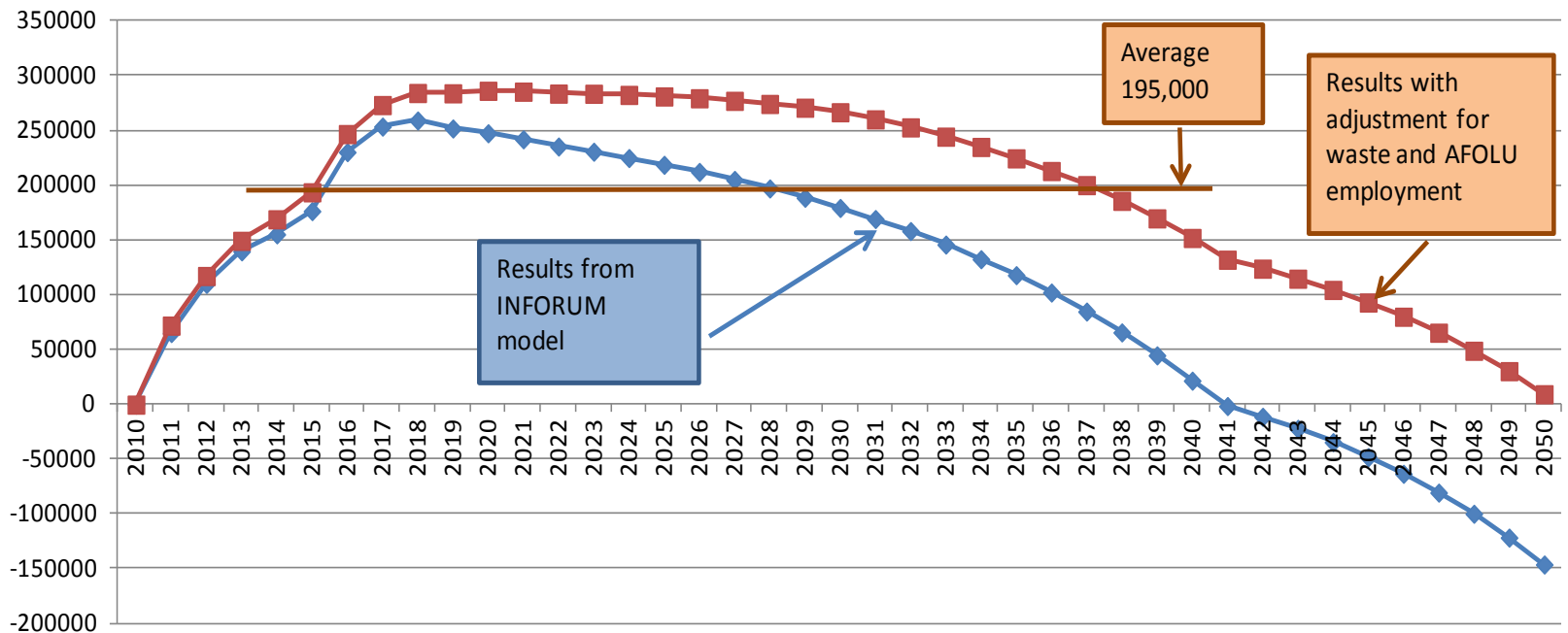
## - MARGINAL IMPACT ON GDP -



# RESULTS OF CASE STUDY

- MARGINAL IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT, ASSUMING ALL MITIGATION MEASURES ARE APPLIED -

Marginal impact on employment with implementation (all measures)



Note: Smoothed annual Impact

# SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The main objective of this paper was to show how the macro-economic impact of a project or a programme with many facets could be quantified by the SAFRIM model. The use of the model was enhanced by making use of an actual assignment that Conningarth was part of, namely; "South African Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Potential Analysis" done for the Department of Environmental Affairs of the Republic of South Africa.

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