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Quesnel is the first one to accept the strange ambiguity of his situation and that the solutions will not come overnight. “It takes time,” he admits. “You have to get the financing to buy the machinery and a sufficient guarantee of available feedstock waste to meet financial viability considerations.” And yet he remains