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DIY TOOLS TO FARM, BUILD AND LIBERATE THE WORLD

SAN DIEGO, California (February 25, 2013) – Marcin Jakubowski, CEO of Open Source Ecology, will be speaking from 4-6pm on Sat. March 2nd in the Peterson Gym at San Diego State University. A former plasma physicist, Dr. Jakubowski is now a leader in the DIY, Maker and organic farming movements. Using wikis and digital fabrication tools, the TED Fellow is open-sourcing the blueprints for the Global Village Construction Set, the 50 modular machines, allowing anyone to build their own tractor or harvester or brick press from scratch – a civilization starter kit. To date, sixteen of the 50 machines have gone online and are being replicated by people all over the world.

Marcin's memories of tanks rolling down the street and waiting in bread lines while growing up in Poland surrounded by scarcity and repression indelibly affected the entrepreneur's ideas about freedom, fairness, and people's basic human needs. His machines are built for use in agriculture, energy, transportation and production. They include a tractor, an induction furnace, a renewable energy steam engine car, a compressed earth brick press - and all open source with plans and budgets available to anyone. Using bolt together modular design and computer aided fabrication, Open Source Ecology hopes to empower social entrepreneurs to build everything from an organic farm, to a school, to a research facility.

David Larom, SDSU Lecturer and Faculty Representative - College Area Community Garden, will host the audiovisual presentation and discussion, along with Scott A. Murray, Murray Farms Inc., organic farmer and Director of "Encinitas Agroecology Training Center" (E.A.T.) at the Encinitas Union School District's Encinitas Ranch Science Education Campus

Dr. Jakubowski says of his work, "I believe the big challenge to producing true freedom is bypassing the artificial roadblocks of scarcity, to give as many people as possible access to know-how and the right tools so they can convert their environment's abundant raw resources into personal good and freedom. And I believe the answer to this planetary pickle is the open source economy." More information about Open Source Ecology can be found at <http://opensourceecology.org/>. A a

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