Opportunities to transform business operations in support of a North Sea Transition

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Exacerbated by the energy crises, the journey to net zero is further complicated by the current energy trilemma

UK Energy Security Strategy

- **7+ UK clusters** being formed by 2050
- Two Track-1 cluster live by 2025 with 2.7MTPA CCS and 3GW by 2025
- 100 new O&G licences issued in North Sea to increase local supply

Rest of the world

- Formation of \$8bn USA Hydrogen Hubs
- Plan to have 100+ industrial clusters by 2024 convened by WEF, ACN and EPRI
- 62% of **companies bringing suppliers closer** to operations for supply chain resilience



Legacy vs. New Energies Cost

- TTF Natural gas price volatility averaged 124% during Q1 2022
- Green H₂ LCOH needs to drop 60%
- UK CCS at £114/tCO2. Higher than ROW.
- £3.18/kg → £1.68/kg Blue LCOH reduction required be competitive by 2030
- Multiple decarbonisation support schemes such as the £1bn CCUS infrastructure fund and UK
 Hydrogen Model put in place to guarantee revenue

Rest of the world

 USA inflation reduction act: Rise of the 45Q tax credit to \$85 and \$3/kg incentive for zerocarbon hydrogen

North Sea Transition Deal

- **10 GW of low carbon H_2 by 2030.** At least 5GW of which is green H_2
- 20-30 MTPA of CCUS by 2030
- **50GW of offshore wind** power generation by 2030
- 95% net zero electricity generation by 2030

The journey requires all parts of wind, hydrogen and CCS to advance together and cannot be done in silos



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Technology will help unlock the affordable, low carbon future, but must be at the right pace



CCS projects must be delivered now to decarbonise industries and kickstart the hydrogen economy

PACE

By developing modular capture units and standardising components to reduce cost and speed up delivery.

COST

By testing & developing cheaper non-amine capture technology with lower energy demands

Potential 40% cost reduction in capture stage

NSTD CCS goals

 4 CCS sites by 2030
20 – 30 MTPA CO₂ captured

To achieve the required 50% reduction in blue hydrogen LCOH by 2030, disruption is needed



EFFICIENCY

Raise existing Autothermal Reforming (ATR) efficiencies through heat recovery and new auxiliary component designs. Integration with CCS technology.

COVERAGE

By advancing disruptive technologies such as pyrolysis to provide blue hydrogen in the future in remote locations.

NSTD Blue H₂ goals

Up to 5GW



INTEGRATION

THE SUCCESS OF THE **NET ZERO ENERGY**

This integrated future energy system holds a £20B - £30B opportunity in the UK alone

PHYSICAL INTEGRATION

Better access to entire UK market

- £6 B Hydrogen Profit opp. By 2030
- £72M Reduction of emission fees via CCS by 2030

Unlock circularity

- Reduce energy costs by utilising green H₂'s waste oxygen & water in blue H₂ plants to raise steam or reduce ASU load
- Future opportunities for CO2 captured at cement sites to be utilised for mineralisation for building materials



DIGITAL INTEGRATION

Entry to the growing Digital Environmental Commodities market

- £5-8 B Hydrogen EACs opp. By 2030
- £10-15 B voluntary carbon credits market opportunity in the UK by 2030
- 30% y-o-y VCM market growth thus far
- Blockchain based platform

Build a Connected Cluster

- Visibility over the multiple suppliers and offtakes on shared infrastructure Blockchain multiparty systems ensure trust and datasharing
- Digital cluster comms systems will aid fluid communication
- Digital tools can optimise when you should be supplying and at the best flowrates to minimise costs

Enabled by a robust supply chain network, favourable regulations and the right digital capabilities

Questions or want to learn more?

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