# To make a difference you have to do things differently

Our core beliefs



# Our purpose

We are a pan-African energy and resources company seeking to deliver excellent performance for our stakeholders. We want to meaningfully contribute to the economic development of the countries in which we operate through the development of businesses and projects that make a material difference to those countries. We will continue to evolve to achieve our purpose. We are seeking to pursue *Projects that Matter*.

# What makes us special

We are passionately focused around the achievement of our corporate purpose. We operate in jurisdictions which are often viewed as challenging by peers. We embrace these challenges as opportunities and understand that these are the jurisdictions where we can have the greatest impact. We have a growth/cash flow re-investment orientated mindset. We take a patient and long-term view as to business performance and development. We believe in human talent development. We operate and hold ourselves accountable to high standards of performance and behaviour. We make things happen.

# We are focused on energy as we believe it is the critical enabler of human activity.

Access to energy is essential for economic development and human progress. The chart below demonstrates the strong correlation between GDP per capita and power consumption per capita, using a data set which includes data from 189 countries. It clearly shows that: (1) people who have access to energy are generally wealthier than those who do not; and (2) it appears almost impossible for a country to meaningfully develop without access to power. For example, Niger has a GDP per capita of US\$584 and a power consumption per capita of 449 kWh while the United States, which has a GDP per capita of US\$76,348 and a power consumption per capita of 79,480 kWh, 12,983% and 17,614% respectively. Further, energy access is positively correlated with many other key human development metrics including those associated with educational attainment, life expectancy and quality of life. Energy is clearly therefore the critical enable of human activity.



#### Correlation between GDP and energy use per capita: energy poverty drives economic poverty

#### Energy consumption as a driver of economic and human development



# Why we do what we do continued

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We are focused on Africa as we believe the continent's energy poverty is one of the most urgent and important problems facing the world today.



Light bulb

equivalent

consumption

#### Annual electricity consumption per person (kWh)



Source: World Bank, EIA, The Economist.

In Sub-Saharan Africa, aggregate electricity consumption per person is estimated to be less than that consumed by a standard US household fridge, 8% of what an average UK citizen is estimated to consume or 3% of what an average US citizen is estimated to consume.

#### % of population below World Bank extreme poverty rate (2022)



The impact of energy poverty in Africa is clear to see; 32% of those people living in Sub-Saharan Africa are estimated by the World Bank to be living in extreme poverty (i.e. earning less than US\$2.15 per day).

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# We invest in Hydrocarbons AND Renewables as we believe both are critical components of the 2030-50 energy mix.

# Energy dominates global capital and operating expenditures

Share of global non-financial corporate CAPEX by sector (%)



# Estimating share of OECD GDP spent on energy end use (%)



Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence, S&P Global Ratings. Universe is Global Capex 2000.

Over 80% of today's global energy mix is provided by hydrocarbons, 54% of which is from oil and gas. Approximately 42% of all global capital expenditures relate to energy projects. Similarly, 18% of OECD GDP is spent on energy end use. It is therefore clear that: (1) oil and gas production Source: OECD

is a critical contributor to the current functioning of the global economy and the maintenance of human living standards; and (2) this is clearly evidenced by the money people are prepared to spend to sustain their "status quo" quality of life.

# Energy transitions take (a lot of) time

It has taken decades for major energy sources to provide a significant share of global supply:



Sources: Vaclay Smil. Modern renewables include: wind. solar, and modern biofuels: Bill Gates: How to Avoid a climate disaster

Previous energy transitions took over 50 years, and the modern renewable energy transition only began around 2015. The extent to which the world requires oil and gas in the future will depend on the absolute and relative rate of renewable energy and carbon mitigation technological improvements. While it is reasonable to suggest that these processes are generally faster today than in earlier periods, it would also seem reasonable to recognise that the pace of the global energy transition is likely to take a relatively long time (and foolish for the world to plan on a different assumption). Further, it is important to note that previous energy transitions have not resulted in the complete displacement of older energy sources with, for example, coal still providing around 26% of the global energy mix in 2022.



#### Forecast energy mix and consumption: trend case scenario

On a current trend basis the Energy Information Administration ("EIA") estimates that global energy consumption will grow by 44% 2020A to 2050F, from 615 Quad BTU to 885 Quad BTU, with oil and gas' share of the global energy mix falling from 54% to 50% over this period. In absolute terms this would see oil production rising by 35% and gas production rising by 30% respectively over the period.



#### **Energy consumption** (Quad BTU)



#### Forecast energy mix and consumption net zero emissions scenario

To meet the net zero standard by 2050, the International Energy Agency ("IEA") estimates that oil and gas' share of the global energy mix would have to fall from 54% to 19%. In absolute terms this would see oil production falling by 78% and gas production falling by 60% respectively over the period.



#### Total energy supply in net zero emissions scenario (Quad BTU)



Source: IEA.

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## Why we do what we do continued



We believe that all Africans have the right to benefit from economic development.

In principle, we are willing to invest in any African country where projects will meet our investment criteria (i.e. financial, legal structure, social impact and materiality) as we believe:

That all Africans have the right to reap the benefits of economic development.

That jurisdiction and associated projects risks can be identified and mitigated down to acceptable tolerance thresholds (including through diversification) which we acknowledge may be higher than those of jurisdictions and projects being conducted in the OECD. In our own ability to build highly motivated teams, capable of delivering projects in such environments.

#### UK vs. Sub-Saharan Africa: expected life outcomes at birth



Source: World Bank

# Carbon use has driven economic development

Rich industrial countries developed through the consumption of carbon. The US, UK, EU and China have accounted for over 60% of cumulative carbon emissions to date, with Africa having contributed only 3%.



#### GDP/capita vs. Cumulative annual CO, emissions per capita (US\$ vs. Tonnes)

Per capita CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in tonnes per capita

Africa is by far the lowest global CO<sub>2</sub> emitter...

0.0 0.1 0.2 0.5 • 1.0 2.0 • 5.0 • 10.0 • 20.0

Source: Our World in Data, based on the Global Carbon Project, 2022.



Source: Notre Dame Global Adaptation Initiative.

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Source: Our World in Data, IMF.

# Strategic Report Why we do what we do continued



# We believe that trade and private sector investment are essential for economic development.

Private sector investment and trade, inter alia, stimulates economic growth, enhances the efficiency of resource allocation, facilitate technology transfer, create jobs, reduce poverty, generate government revenue and foster market integration and stability.

#### Investment and economic growth in selected developing countries



Private Investment

Source: IFC, Bouton and Sulinski, "Trends in Private Investment in Developing Countries," IFC Discussion Paper Number 41.

# GDP per capita vs. Foreign Direct Investment ("FDI") per capita (US\$)



GDP per capita (US\$) • FDI per capita (US\$)

Source: World Bank 2021.

In contrast, while potentially essential in times of real crisis, long term aid programs create dependency traps, crowds out of private sector investment and are associated with the enablement of corruption.

#### Aid received vs. economic growth rates<sup>2</sup> (2011-2021)



There is nothing in the history of aid that suggests that aid promotes economic growth. Countries that have managed to sustain high rates of growth... have done through the free market<sup>3</sup>."

#### **Baroness Dambisa Moyo**

Developmental Economist and author

Give a person a fish, and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to fish, and you feed them for a lifetime"

#### Anonymous



We cannot solve poverty without 66 wealth creation. We cannot solve wealth creation without business. And we cannot create business without efficient and effective free markets<sup>4</sup>."

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Source: Interview with the Telegraph, 2013.

# Footnotes

## Why we do what we do

- Gapminder.org
  Data is representative of the top 111 countries (with a population over 1 million) based on the amount of official aid received. Economic growth rates shown have been adjusted for inflation over the period.
  Source: Interview with the Telegraph, 2013.
  Source: Dead Aid: Why Aid is not working and how there is a better way for Africa.