

# Carbon neutral and waste to value opportunities

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## **Carbon neutrality has become a strategic imperative**

Companies are committing to net zero by 2050, some as early as 2030







## How companies achieve their net zero targets

CO2 removal required as early as 2030 to be net negative by 2050



## Key carbon neutrality levers and technologies

### **Technologies with broad applicability to several industries**

	PROCESS IMPROVEMENT	FUEL & FEEDSTOCK SWITCH	MATERIAL EFFICIENCY & SUBSTITUTION	CIRCULARITY	CCUS
REDUCE EMISSIONS	<ul> <li>Energy efficiency</li> <li>Automation</li> <li>Automation</li> <li>Automation</li> </ul>	Alternative fuels •• Renewable energy ••••• Electrification •••• Biomass •• Hydrogen •••• Nuclear fusion •	<ul> <li>Alternative &amp; novel materials ••</li> <li>Biobased materials •</li> <li>Synthetic fuels ••</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Secondary raw materials ••••</li> <li>Waste sorting &amp; recovery/recycling •••</li> <li>Waste-to-value ••••</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Capture</li> <li>Utilization</li> <li>Mineralization</li> <li>Chemical</li> <li>Biological</li> <li>Storage</li> </ul>
	CARBON CREDITS	NATURE-BASED S	SOLUTIONS	BECCS	DACCS
EMISSIONS	<ul> <li>Analytics, trading and sale</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Land Management</li> <li>Forest Management</li> <li>Ocean Fertilization</li> </ul>		or energy (incl. CO2 • G • M	eological storage lineralization

Cement, Chemicals, Iron & Steel, Mining, Oil & Gas, Power, Transport

**CCUS**: Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage; **CCS**: Carbon Capture and Storage;

DACCS: Direct Air Capture with Carbon Storage; BECCS: Bio-energy with carbon capture and storage

## **Example: Mining**

## 1.9 to 5.1Gt GHG emissions annually (~4 to 7% of global emissions)

### SIZE & SOURCE



### **TECHNOLOGY LEVERS**

#### Renewable energy

- Renewable electricity generation
- Energy storage
- Smart microgrids
- Mine site remediation & reclamation

#### **Electrification & automation**

- Trucking & transport
- All-electric mine
- New enabling sensors
- Advanced AI & data analytics (predictive or real-time)
- Continuous mining

#### **Process & technology innovation**

- Efficiency improvement
- Grade engineering / precision mining

- Energy-efficient comminution
- Robotic inspection & maintenance
- Mineral processing

#### Waste-to-value

- Metal recycling
- Secondary production
- Waste to value: waste dumps and tailings

## Waste to Value Opportunities

### Framework for Evaluation of the Value Proposition & Economics

### Feedstock

- Access to concentrated or abundant feedstock
- Feedstock specifications
  - Annual supply (volume / mass)
  - $\circ$  Composition
- Pre-processing requirements
- Geographic constraints
- Feedstock cost/value
- Current treatment of waste (venting / flaring)

### **Conversion & Transport**

- CAPEX
  - Modularity
  - o Balance of plant
  - Requirement of large- scale pilot/ demo
- OPEX

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- o Labor
- o Energy
- $\circ$  Consumables
- Performance metrics
  - o Yield
  - o Throughput

### Product

- Market applications and value streams
- Product price and volatility
- Value to volume ratio
- Product specifications
  - $\circ~$  Input for product or process
  - $\circ~$  Commodity product
  - Annual production (mass / volume)
- Post-processing and sorting
- Geographic limitations
- Logistics cost



## 2<sup>nd</sup> generation products from biomass

Pathway to chemicals, materials and fuels

- ✓ Second generation products from waste biomass avoiding competition with food crops
- After pretreatment lignocellulosic biomass can be converted to several industrially relevant chemicals
- Lignocellulosic biomass's composition is variable, and pretreatment can produce process-limiting compounds
- Valorizing lignin, due to its complex composition and poor properties have not yet resulted in large-scale applications
- Consumer-facing brands have established downstream partnerships with a few leading startups, with the most interest directed toward the development of second-generation packaging material
- Emerging companies valorizing lignocellulosic feedstocks are developing a wide array of second-generation products



## Innovation

Industry collaboration, technology developers upstream and down stream



