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## CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN 2025 BRIEFING PRESENTATION

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# CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN BRIEFING

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# AGENDA

1. Climate Change Action Plan 2025
2. A portfolio for the global energy transition
3. Working to reduce our emissions
4. Strengthening our resilience to climate impacts
5. Summary and Q&A



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# OUR CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN 2025

**We have matured our approach to climate change to reflect progress, learnings and updated risks, while remaining broadly consistent with our inaugural CCAP**

## Taking climate action



Position our portfolio for the energy transition



Reduce our operational emissions



Support emissions reduction across our value chain



Strengthen our resilience to climate impacts

Support a just transition

## Key enablers



Government engagement



Governance and reporting



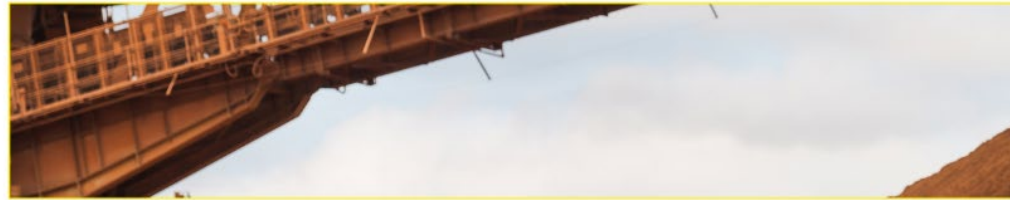
Climate risk management

# OUR PURPOSE AND STRATEGY

## Our purpose

To make a difference by developing natural resources, improving people's lives now and for generations to come.

We are trusted by our owners and partners to realise the potential of their resources.



Our purpose is underpinned by a simple **strategy**



We **optimise** our business by working safely, minimising our impact, consistently delivering stable and predictable performance, and continually improving our competitiveness.



We **unlock** the full value of our business through our people, innovation, projects and technology.



We **identify** and pursue opportunities to sustainably reshape our business for the future, and create enduring social, environmental and economic value.

# ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE

## Repositioning our portfolio, working to reduce emissions and strengthening our resilience to climate impacts

### Our journey addressing climate change:

- ✓ Committed to supporting the goals of the Paris Agreement<sup>(a)</sup>
- ✓ Set a target<sup>(b)</sup> to halve our net operational emissions (Scope 1 and 2) by FY35, relative to FY21 levels
- ✓ Expanded our net zero by 2050 goal<sup>(c)</sup> to include Scope 3 emissions
- ✓ Repositioned our portfolio toward minerals and metals critical to the energy transition
- ✓ Invested in energy efficiency and decarbonisation projects

### Since our last Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) in 2022 we have:

- ✓ Commenced development of the first stage of our regional scale Hermosa project
- ✓ Sold Illawarra Metallurgical Coal (IMC), reducing our transition risk and Scope 3 emissions
- ✓ Converted two of Worsley Alumina's coal-fired boilers to natural gas as an interim step
- ✓ Continued working with stakeholders towards securing low-carbon<sup>(d)</sup> energy for Hillside Aluminium
- ✓ Enhanced our analysis, understanding and disclosure of transition and physical climate change risks



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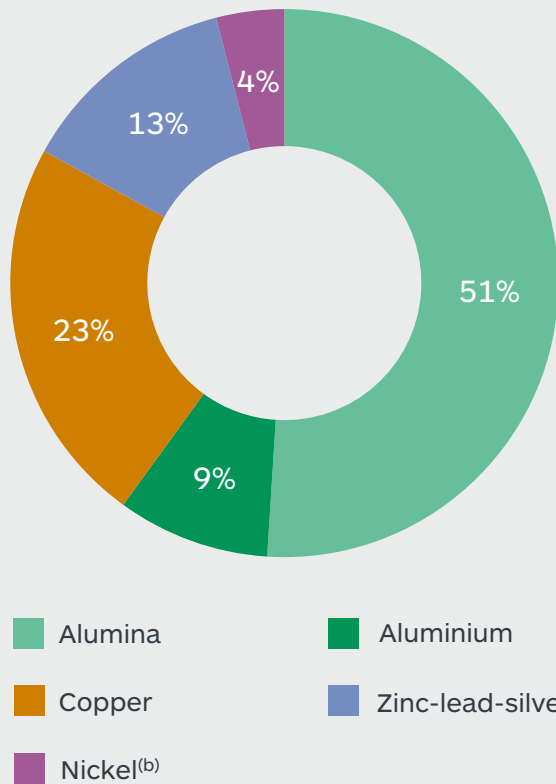
- The goals of the Paris Agreement underpin government efforts to limit global temperature rise to well below 2 degrees this century and to pursue efforts to limit the increase to 1.5 degrees.
- Target is defined as an intended outcome in relation to which we have identified one or more pathways for delivery of that outcome, subject to certain assumptions or conditions.
- Goal is defined as an aspiration to deliver an outcome for which we have not identified a pathway for delivery, but for which efforts will be pursued towards achieving that outcome, subject to certain assumptions or conditions.
- Refers to substantially lower levels of GHG emissions when compared to the current state. Where used in relation to South32's products or portfolio, it refers to enhancement of existing methods, practices and technologies to substantially lower the level of embodied GHG emissions as compared to the current state.



# A PORTFOLIO FOR THE ENERGY TRANSITION

## Portfolio repositioned towards minerals and metals critical to the world's energy transition

South32 FY25 Underlying EBITDA<sup>(a)</sup>



### Commodities

#### Aluminium value chain

#### Base metals

#### Manganese

### Applications

Lightweight metal for electric vehicles (EV), power transmission, construction and packaging

Used in EVs and renewable power infrastructure, distribution and storage

Required for steel production and recycling, plus emerging demand in EV batteries

### Portfolio opportunities

- New mining areas at Worsley Alumina
- Energy transition projects and electrification studies at Worsley Alumina
- AP3XLE implementation and work to secure low-carbon electricity at Hillside Aluminium
- Large-scale, long-life Taylor zinc-lead-silver project under construction
- Copper growth options at Sierra Gorda including fourth grinding line and stockpiled oxide material
- 20+ greenfield exploration partnerships and options in highly-prospective regions
- Life extension options at Australia Manganese
- Potential to produce battery-grade manganese at Clark for the North American EV market

Notes:  
a. Presented on a proportional consolidation basis. Excludes Hermosa, third party product and Group and Unallocated EBITDA. FY25 excludes IMC following its divestment in August 2024, and our Manganese EAI as Australia Manganese was temporarily suspended due to Tropical Cyclone Megan.  
b. On 7 July 2025, South32 entered into a binding agreement for the sale of Cerro Matoso to an entity owned by CoreX Holding B.V. Refer to market release "Agreement to divest Cerro Matoso" dated 7 July 2025.

# A PORTFOLIO FOR THE ENERGY TRANSITION

**Demand for most of our commodities is expected to rise through the energy transition**

## Future modelled primary demand, by scenario<sup>1,(a)</sup>

	Accelerated Transition <sup>(b)</sup>	Fragmented Transition <sup>(b)</sup>	
	Primary demand	Primary demand	Risks and opportunities
Aluminium value chain	▲	▲ ▲	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Increasing demand associated with renewable energy infrastructure and EVs</li> <li>▲ Possible substitute for plastics in packaging and other applications</li> <li>■ Recycling improvements</li> </ul>
Copper	▲	▲	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Increasing demand in electricity-related technologies and rising EV adoption</li> <li>■ Recycling improvements</li> </ul>
Zinc	▲ ▲	▲ ▲	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Higher zinc galvanisation for renewable energy and climate-resilient construction</li> <li>▲ Limited recycling growth due to carbon intensity compared to primary production</li> <li>■ Downstream zinc processing exposed to higher carbon prices</li> </ul>
Lead	▼	▼	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Lead-acid batteries widely used in automotive systems and critical infrastructure</li> <li>■ Primary demand expected to decline as conventional vehicles are phased out</li> </ul>
Manganese	▲	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Widely used in renewables and EVs to improve the quality and strength of steel</li> <li>▲ Limited recycling due to economic and technical constraints</li> <li>■ Decarbonisation pressures may increase demand for alternatives to steel</li> </ul>

▲ Positive   — Neutral   ▼ Negative

▲ Opportunity   ■ Risk

Notes:

a. Triangles illustrate CAGR estimates for modelled commodity demand (2025 to 2040) under each scenario, assuming no action is taken to mitigate potential risks. Estimates of demand change are based on scenario-specific assumptions (see slide 25) and are subject to uncertainty. The transition scenarios may evolve differently than shown, leading to materially different demand impacts.

b. Accelerated Transition scenario is based on a 1.5°C temperature rise (2100) and Fragmented Transition scenario is based on a 2.8°C temperature rise (2100).

# A PORTFOLIO FOR THE ENERGY TRANSITION

**Directing 100% of our capital expenditure towards transition materials<sup>(a)</sup>**

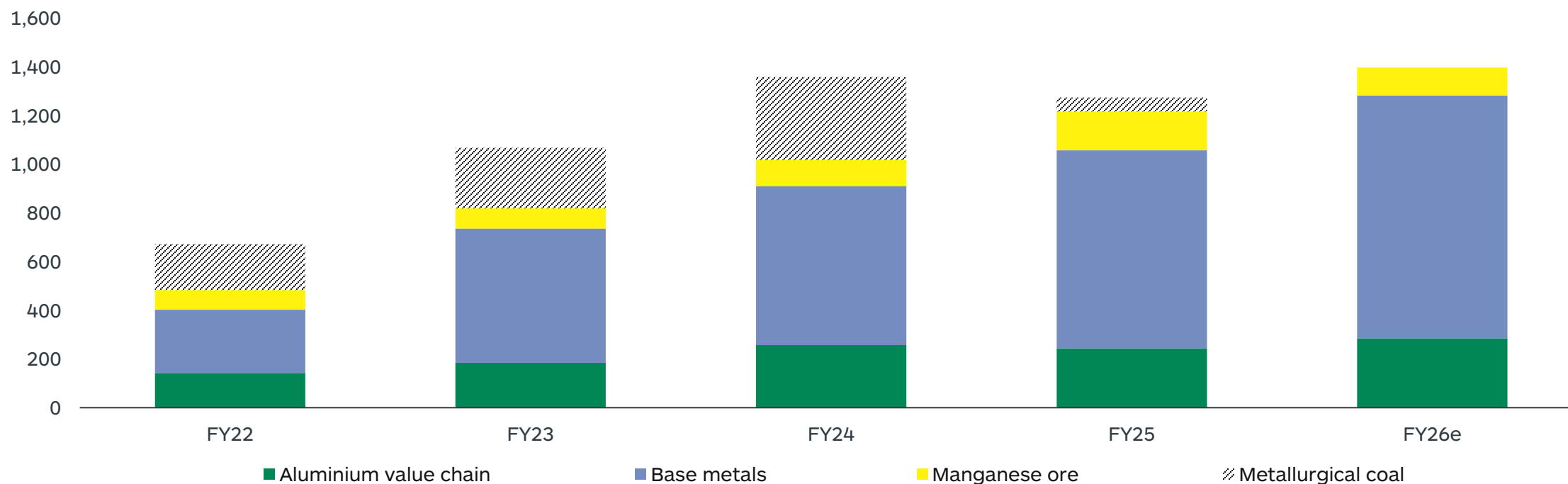
Acquired and commenced construction of Hermosa's Taylor zinc-lead-silver project

Acquired 45% interest in the Sierra Gorda copper mine

Sold IMC, unlocking value and capital to invest in base metals

Progressing a pipeline of base metals growth options

**South32 Group capital expenditure<sup>(b)</sup>**  
(US\$M)



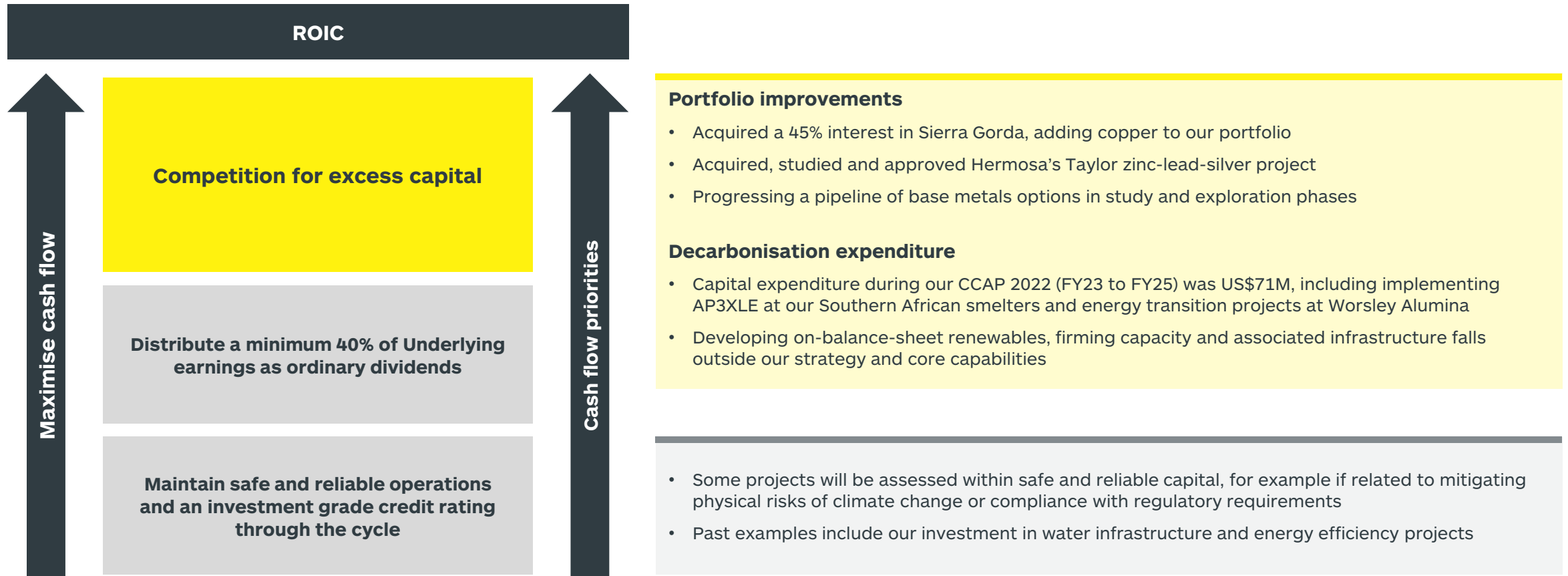
**Notes:**

- a. CA100+ Net Zero Standard for Diversified Mining, defines transition materials into two categories which include Key Transition Materials (KTMs) and Other Transition Materials (OTMs). KTMs include lithium, copper, nickel, cobalt for example, while OTMs include aluminium, alumina and bauxite, silver, zinc, manganese and lead for example (both lists are not exhaustive).
- b. Excludes Group and unallocated capital expenditure.



# OUR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

**Our capital management framework considers investments and strategic decisions, including those designed to support our Climate Change Action Plan**





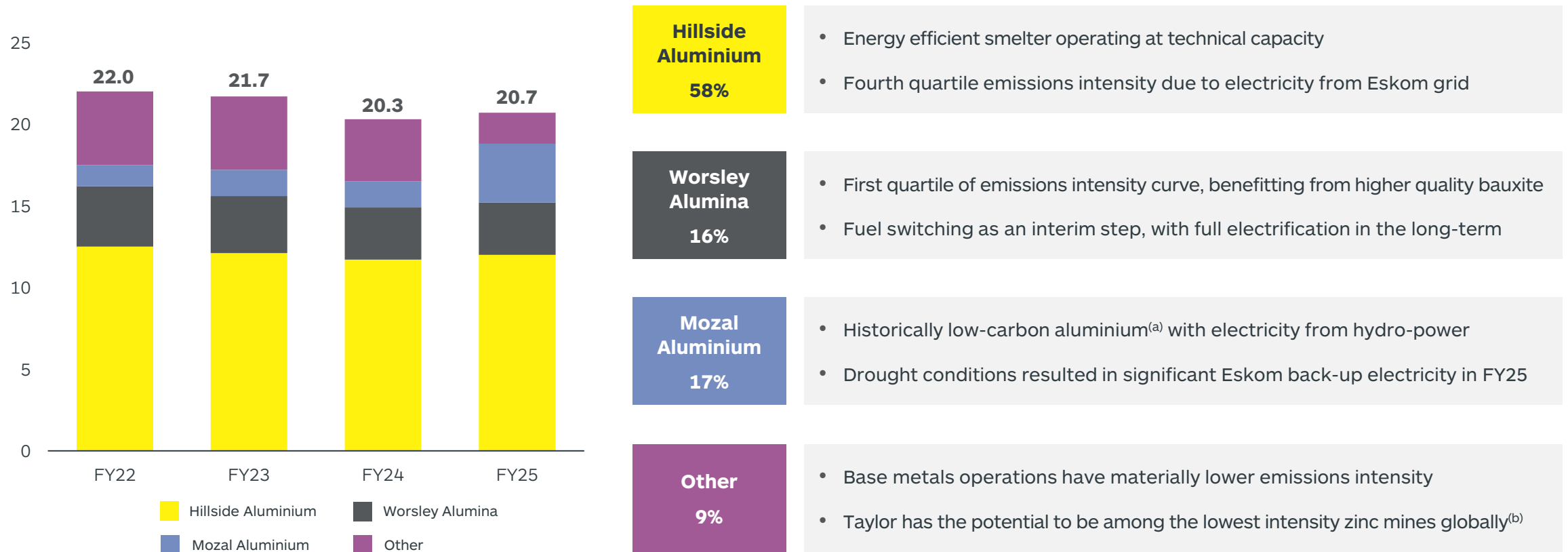
# ADDRESSING EMISSIONS AND STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE



# OUR OPERATIONAL EMISSIONS

## Operational emissions are concentrated in our aluminium value chain

### Operational emissions (Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-e)



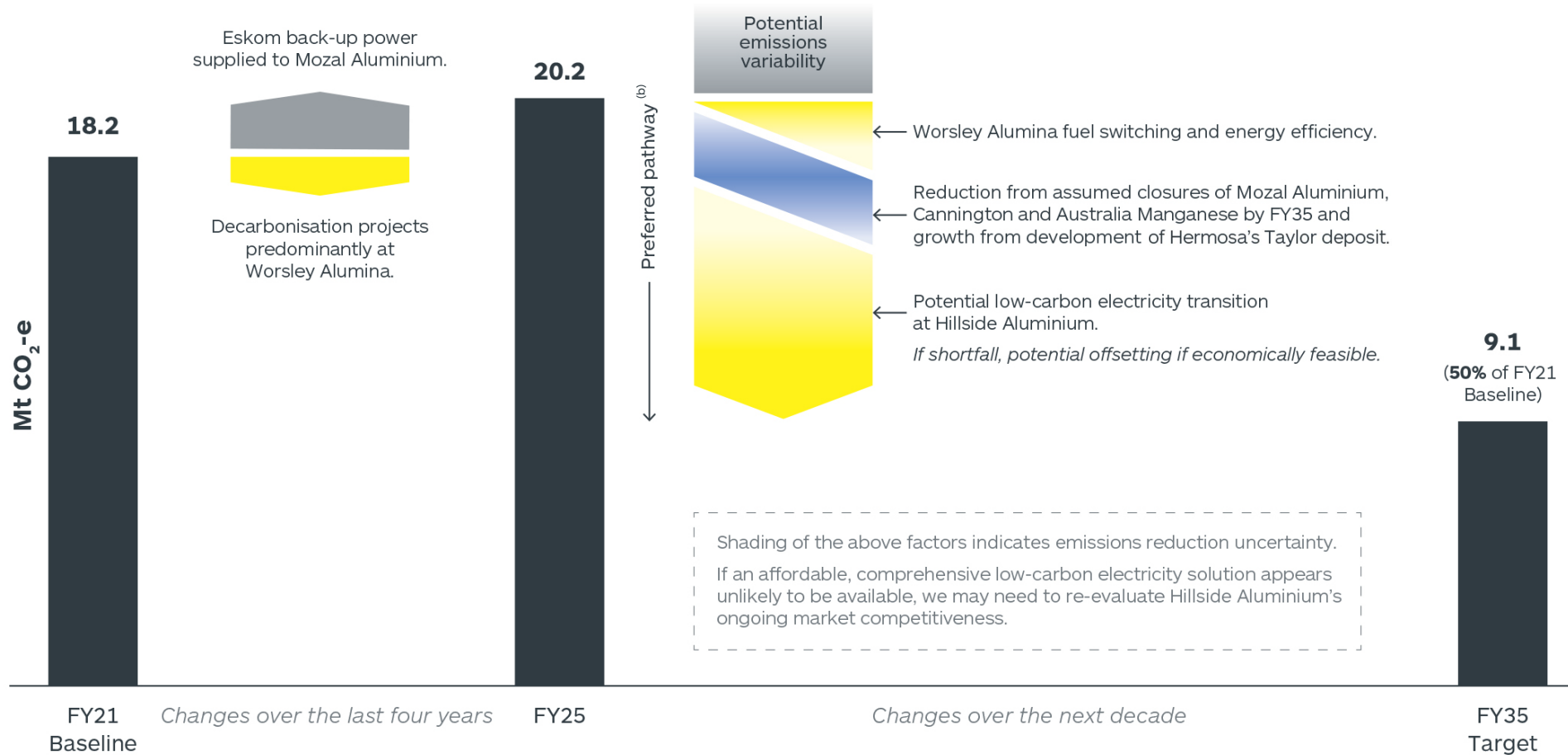
#### Notes:

- a. Aluminium produced in a process that results in less than 4t CO<sub>2</sub>-e Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions per tonne of aluminium.  
b. Based on our assessment of potential future operational emissions intensity using the Skarn Zinc Mine GHG and Energy Intensity Curve Generator (v1.0 May 2025).



# OUR PREFERRED PATHWAY TO ACHIEVE OUR FY35 TARGET

**Our target to halve our net operational emissions by FY35<sup>(a)</sup> requires multi-stakeholder support to secure large-scale, reliable and affordable low-carbon electricity for Hillside Aluminium**

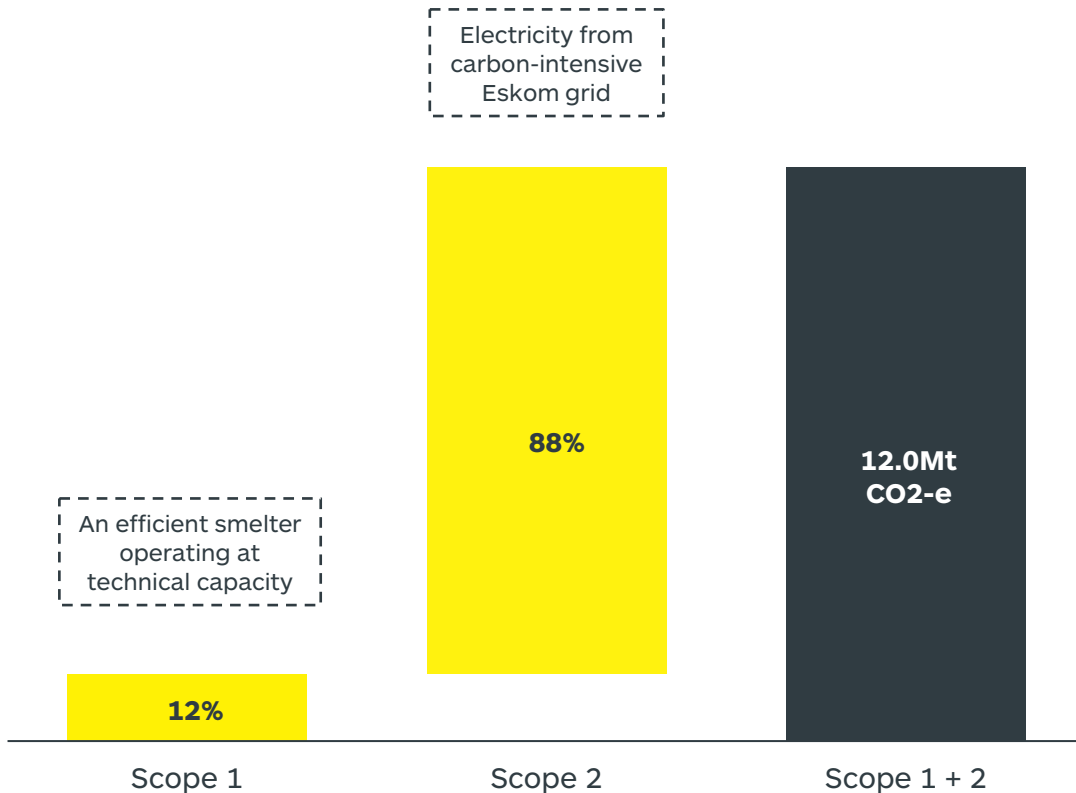


## Notes:

- a. Relative to our FY21 baseline.
- b. Our preferred pathway excludes emissions associated with exploration and development projects that have not yet reached final investment decision.

## Working to secure large-scale, reliable and affordable low-carbon electricity

### Hillside FY25 operational emissions (Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-e)



### Progress and learnings since our 2022 CCAP

- Relined 57% of the smelter's pots using AP3XLE technology, delivering further gains in energy efficiency
- Continued to work with the South African government, Eskom and other potential partners to identify options to secure low-carbon electricity
- Investigated off-site renewable options, which highlighted challenges such as substantial, high-cost firming capacity required to ensure reliable energy supply
- Explored nuclear energy attributes to reduce potential carbon tariff exposure

### Next steps

- A comprehensive solution is required to enable a blended tariff that combines large-scale renewable energy with firming capacity
- Continue to engage with Eskom and other government stakeholders with the aim to establish an affordable, low-carbon electricity solution

## Fuel switching as an interim step while we progress our steam electrification study

### Operational emissions sources

Gas, coal and biomass



Steam for Bayer process

### Operational emissions (average)<sup>(a)</sup>

~75%

### Decarbonisation pathways

Coal to gas boiler conversion as an interim step

Steam electrification and renewables

Calcination



Alumina

~20%

Low-carbon calcination

### Progress and learnings since our 2022 CCAP

- Converted two of five coal-fired boilers to natural gas as an interim step, supporting an ~12% decrease in operational emissions from FY21 levels
- Concept study identified full electrification as the refinery's long-term decarbonisation path, subject to renewable energy access, technology commercialisation and SWIS<sup>(b)</sup> infrastructure upgrades
- Progressed study work on efficiency projects, however technical constraints and commercial viability concerns have impacted some projects

### Next steps

- Progress studies to convert remaining coal-fired boilers to natural gas, considering developments in the WA energy sector and just transition planning for Collie
- Progress steam electrification studies and technology pathways to support the electrification of steam generation and calcination
- Engage proactively with Western Power and industry on options for increasing renewable transmission capacity to the refinery
- Maintain our annual process to identify high-potential energy and process efficiency initiatives for further evaluation

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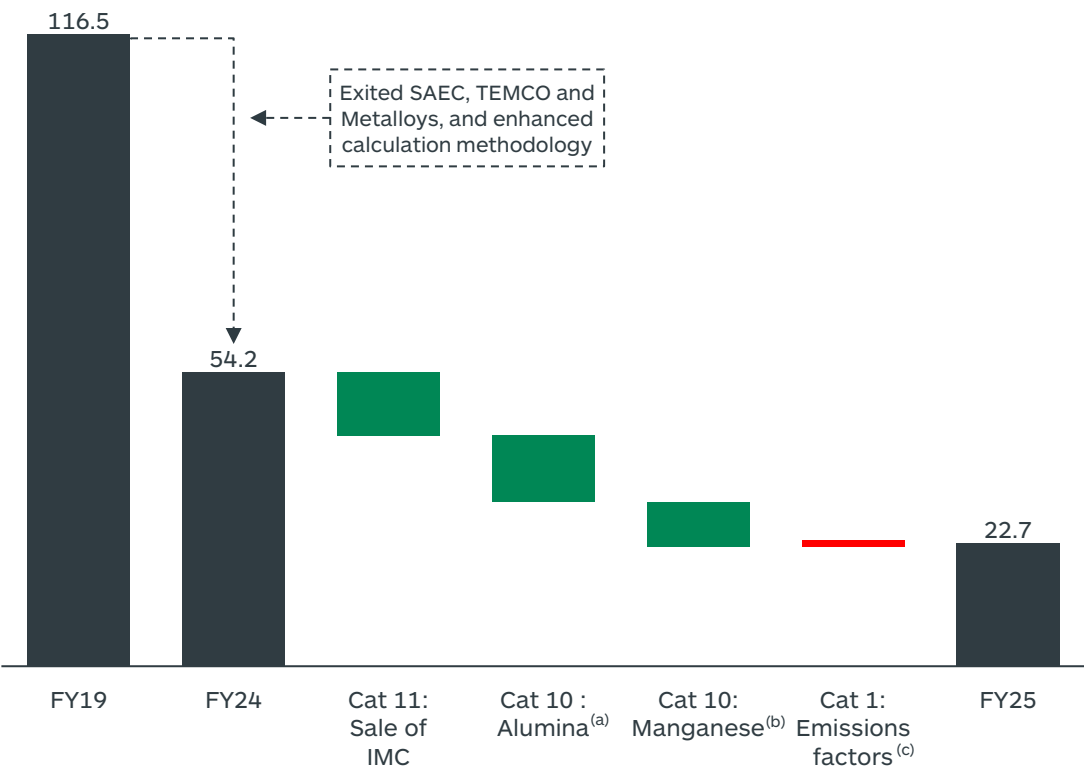
- a. Remaining 5% of operational emissions includes emissions from diesel consumption, Scope 2 emissions and other immaterial emissions sources.
- b. South-West Interconnected System.



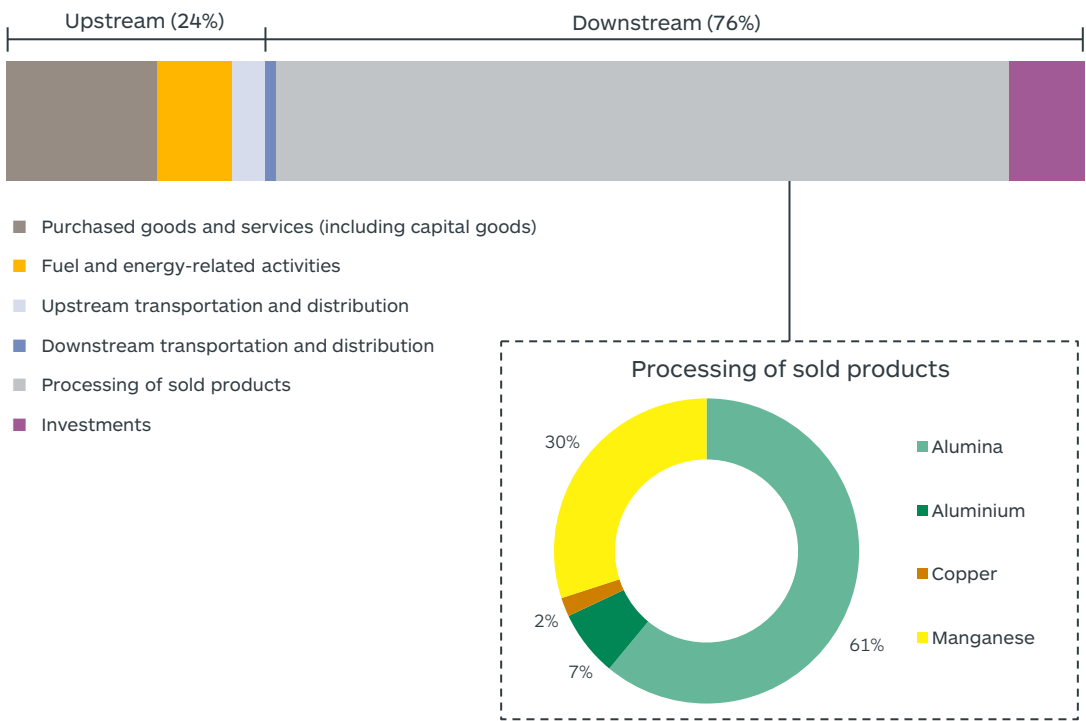
# OUR SCOPE 3 EMISSIONS

Portfolio reshaping has reduced our transition risk and contributed to an ~80% reduction in Scope 3 emissions

Scope 3 emissions FY19 to FY25  
(Mt CO2-e)



FY25 Scope 3 emissions by position in our value chain  
(excludes IMC)



Notes:

a. Improved tracking of alumina sales and updated emission factors from the global average factor to country- or asset-specific emission factors.

b. Lower sales volumes at Australia Manganese, alongside the adoption of the latest global average emission intensity for processing of manganese ore.

c. We have upgraded spend-based emission factors with supplier-specific and global-average product emission factors for several emissions-intensive purchased goods.

# RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE IMPACTS

**Strengthening our capabilities to adapt and respond to physical climate change impacts through five key initiatives**

## Present-day resilience

- 1** Enhance weather and climate forecasting
- 2** Integrate physical risk insights into our insurance program

## Future resilience

- 3** Embed adaption into key business processes
- 4** Share climate risk insights to help strengthen community resilience

## Risk management

- 5** Incorporate climate-related skills and expertise into our risk management processes

# SUPPORTING A JUST TRANSITION

**Effective responses to climate change must address sustainability-related risks and opportunities**

## Our just transition guiding principles



**Net zero pathways**



**Governance and transparency**



**Community resilience**



**Multi-stakeholder collaboration**



**Workforce evolution**

## Embedding these principles into our approach

- Continuing to deliver our economic development and social investment plans
- Implementing the community-related components of our Climate Adaption and Resilience Plan
- Engaging with stakeholders to secure a comprehensive low-carbon energy solution for Hillside Aluminium and on issues related to a just energy transition in South Africa
- Continuing to participate in the Collie Just Transition Working Group led by the Western Australian Government

# SUMMARY

**Addressing the risks and opportunities of climate change has been central to our strategy since day one**

**Repositioned our portfolio and lowered transition risk**

**Growing our base metals production**

**Advancing low-carbon solutions through stakeholder collaboration**

**Strengthening resilience to physical climate impacts**

**Committed to reporting our progress**





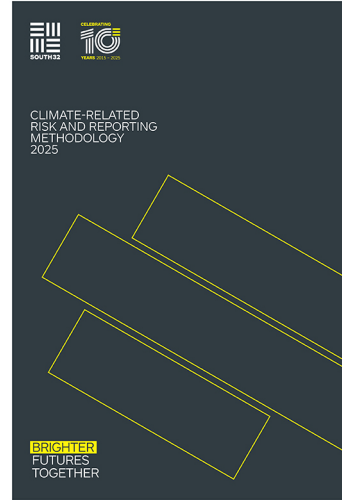
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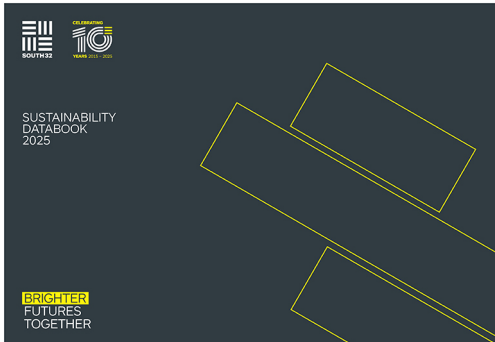
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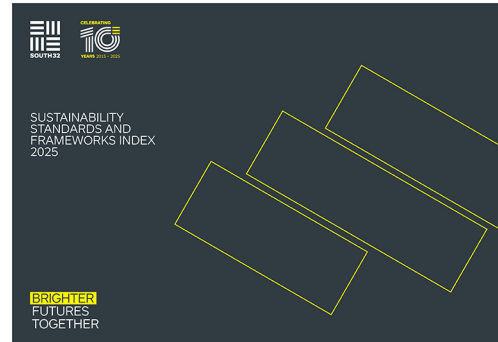
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# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# TRANSITION RISK KEY SCENARIO ASSUMPTIONS AND INPUTS

	Accelerated Transition	Fragmented Transition
<b>Temperature (2100)</b>	1.5°C	2.8°C
<b>Global CO2 emissions</b>	Global CO2 emissions (including non-energy sources) fall below zero by 2050 (i.e. net-negative).	Global CO2 emissions decline but do not achieve net zero by 2050.
<b>Global explicit carbon price (real Jan 2025)</b>	US\$200/tCO2 by 2040 increasing to US\$253/tCO2 by 2050, based on a combined influence of abatement cost and policy.	US\$68/tCO2 from FY40 onwards.
<b>Policy</b>	Immediate policy action and international cooperation to scale decarbonisation technologies with large-scale investments (including in emerging economies).	Ad hoc and uncoordinated international cooperation, with climate policies becoming more ambitious and effective over time. Geopolitical tensions and protectionist policies prevail.
<b>Energy</b>	Final energy consumption declines modestly over time, supported by uptake of low emissions technologies across key sectors and improved energy efficiency.	Final energy consumption continues to rise, with energy efficiency improvements and uptake of low emissions technologies occurring at a slower rate.
<b>Electricity</b>	Share of electricity in final energy consumption doubles by 2050, exceeding 50%.	Electricity share rises, but more gradually, with a slower transition away from fossil fuels.
<b>Power generation</b>	Near complete decarbonisation by 2050 and almost tripling of power generation growth. Solar and wind account for nearly 39% of total power generation in 2030, and 80% by 2050.	Solar and wind generation increases, but at a moderated pace aligned with existing energy and climate policy action.
<b>Electric Vehicles (EVs)</b>	Rapid EV adoption, 100% (79 million units) by mid-2030s. Shared mobility substitutes some private car ownership.	Slower EV penetration due to weaker policy, infrastructure limitations and regional disparities in affordability and access.

# FOOTNOTES

1. We use transition risk scenario analysis to stress test how different market and policy environments may affect our portfolio across a range of plausible climate futures. A scenario consists of a set of assumptions narrating a pathway towards a particular outcome. It is not intended as a forecast, but rather a tool to enhance critical thinking by highlighting elements of potential pathways and outcomes. This approach enables us to identify risks and opportunities, assess strategy and business model resilience, and inform mitigation actions, strategic planning and investment decisions.

The denotation (e) refers to an estimate or forecast year.

The following abbreviations have been used throughout this presentation: equity accounted investment (EAI); environmental, social and governance (ESG); electric vehicle (EV); financial year (FY); greenhouse gas (GHG); International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS); million (M) and United States (US).

