



Zambia's Investment Opportunities in the Energy Sector

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Invest in Energy



Overview

- About 3.8GW of installed capacity
- 85% hydro
- 9.9% Coal
- 6.0 Solar/HFO
- 2.6 Diesel
- Projected increase in Demand, up to 120%

Energy regulation adjustments

- ❑ Energy Single Licensing System (ESLS) – One Stop Shop
- ❑ Open Access
- ❑ Power Purchase Agreements
- ❑ Generation capacity projection to grow from 3,705 MW to 10,013 MW by 2030 and to 23,193 MW by 2050
- ❑ Multi-year tariff Framework to improve the tariff to match the market
- ❑ Net-metering
- ❑ Streamlined regulation for projects below 5MW – no need for Feasibility study and standardized rates of US7 cents per KWH (without storage)



Huge untapped potential and fast-growing markets offer unique opportunities in Zambia's renewable energy industry



High generation potential at low production cost

- Enormous hydropower, solar and wind potential, currently largely untapped

Rapidly growing domestic and regional markets

- Growing domestic C&I market, driven by mining and manufacturing sectors
- Significant export potential, with room to fill electricity supply gap in the region

Abundance of natural resources and low cost of production give Zambia an edge in renewable energy generation

Copious natural resources are available to generate clean power



Immense hydropower resources¹

- Home to **40% of Southern Africa's freshwater resources**, incl. Zambezi, Kafue, Luangwa and Chameshi Rivers
- **6 GW of hydropower potential**, of which ~3.6 GW are currently untapped



Solar irradiation levels amongst highest in the world

- 2,000 to 3,000 hours of sunshine annually, offering **2.3 GW potential**, of which only 76MW is installed²
- Irradiation levels are **5.9 kWh/m²/day**^{2,3}
 - Vs. 5.4 in Mozambique, 5.6 in SA, 5.2 in DRC and 5.7 in Tanzania



Vast wind power potential

Wind potential of **up to 6 GW¹**, with several projects currently under development

- Examples include: Pensulo (130MW), Muchina (100MW), Masaiti (100MW)

Renewable energy plants can be installed at relatively low cost

Compelling tax incentives¹

- **Duty-free import** of equipment and machinery
- **Accelerated depreciation** on capital equipment
- **0% duty and 0% VAT** on selected components of solar mini grids, solar lanterns and SHS

Accessible landscape, reducing cost of wind and solar installations

- **Large blocks of land** allow for large-scale installations, lowering cost per kWh
- **Flat landscape** facilitates installation efforts, leading to lower construction (labour) costs

Government actively encourages private sector investment⁴

- Independent power producers allowed to **feed into the grid**
- Projects up to 20 MW procured through **REFIT policy and GET FIT programme**
- **Scaling Solar programme** implemented to enable private sector investment in solar projects

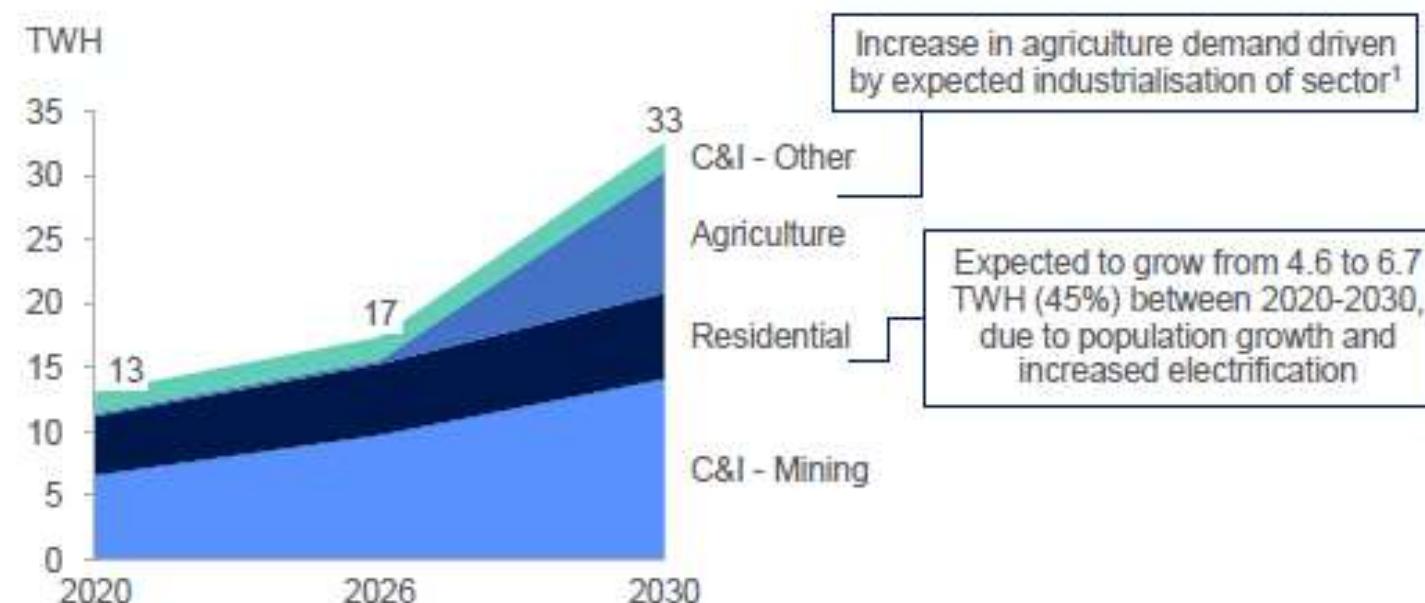
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Domestic demand for electricity is growing rapidly, leading to additional market potential of ~\$775M by 2030

Domestic demand for electricity projected to rise rapidly, mainly driven by expansion of mining and agriculture¹



Current electricity generation is 17.7 TWH, which implies that generation needs to increase by at least 13.8 TWH to meet demand increase by 2030

Renewable energy sources best suited to respond to rise in demand:

- Most cost-effective, as levelised cost of energy (LCOE) for fossil fuels is up to 6x higher than LCOE for renewables^{3,4}
- In line with Zambia's commitment to reduce GHG-emissions by at least 25% compared to 2010⁵

This translates into a large market potential of \$775M by 2030²

C&I - Other	2.2 TWH	x	\$0.068 / kWh	=	\$150M
Agriculture	9.5 TWH	x	\$0.068 / kWh	=	\$650M
Residential	6.7 TWH	x	\$0.044 / kWh	=	\$295M
C&I - Mining	13.1 TWH	x	\$0.066 / kWh	=	\$865M



x 44%
56% (17.7 TWH) is already generated annually, so 44% of demand will need to be met with new generation capacity – and more if existing plants go out of operation or need to be replaced

x 90%
Zambia plans to meet extra demand for 90% through renewable energy sources¹

=
\$775M

If future tariff increases were included in the calculations, market size would rise beyond \$960M

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Some Selected Opportunities

**Northwestern
Energy
Corporation**



- Project costing US\$104.7 million
- Brownfield project
- Existing feasibility study
- Requiring partners/funders

**Giga Global Limited
Company**



- Solar field with a capacity of 40 MWp AC, with 48.2 MWp DC installed
- The project will feature two 33 kV circuits for the wind farm and two for the solar farm.
- Project costing US\$ 90 million
- Greenfield project

**DanAon Renewable
Energy Zambia Ltd**



- Project costing US\$23 million
- 22.5MW solar plant
- Signed PPA
- Feasibility study conducted
- Looking for Equity partners



Some Selected Opportunities

Lufubu Hydro Power



Project costing US\$700 million

- Greenfield project
- Existing feasibility study
- ESIA done
- Total capacity of 163MW
- EBITDA projected at USD118.4m in year 1 of operation
- Requiring partners/funders

Mutinondo and Luchenene Hydroelectric



Solar field with a capacity of 40 MWp AC, with 48.2 MWp DC installed

- Project costing US\$ 90 million
- The project will feature two 33 kV circuits for the wind farm and two for the solar farm.
- Greenfield project

Western Power Company Limited



Ngonye Falls Hydroelectric Project

- Project costing US\$600 million
- PPA signed
- Study conducted



Investment Incentives



1

Fiscal Incentives

Accelerated depreciation,
duty-free imports of
machinery and equipment.

2

Non-Fiscal Incentives

Investment guarantees,
facilitation of permits and
land acquisition, and
advisory services

3

Sector-Specific Incentives

Duty-free imports for
petroleum exploration,
electric vehicles, and
energy equipment



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