



# **Zambia's Investment Opportunities in the Energy Sector**

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Good Leadership and  
Transparency

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Private Sector Driven  
Policies

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Available Skilled Workforce

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Infrastructure Availability

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## 2. Conducive Environment



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Favorable Tax regime

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Political stability and  
rule of law

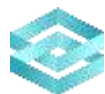
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Peaceful and in Harmony  
with neighbors

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100% Repatriation of Profits

Staff leader



# 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 resources<sup>1</sup>

- 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 installed<sup>2</sup>
- Irradiation levels are **5.9 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day<sup>2,3</sup>**
  - 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 GW<sup>1</sup>**, 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 incentives<sup>1</sup>

- **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

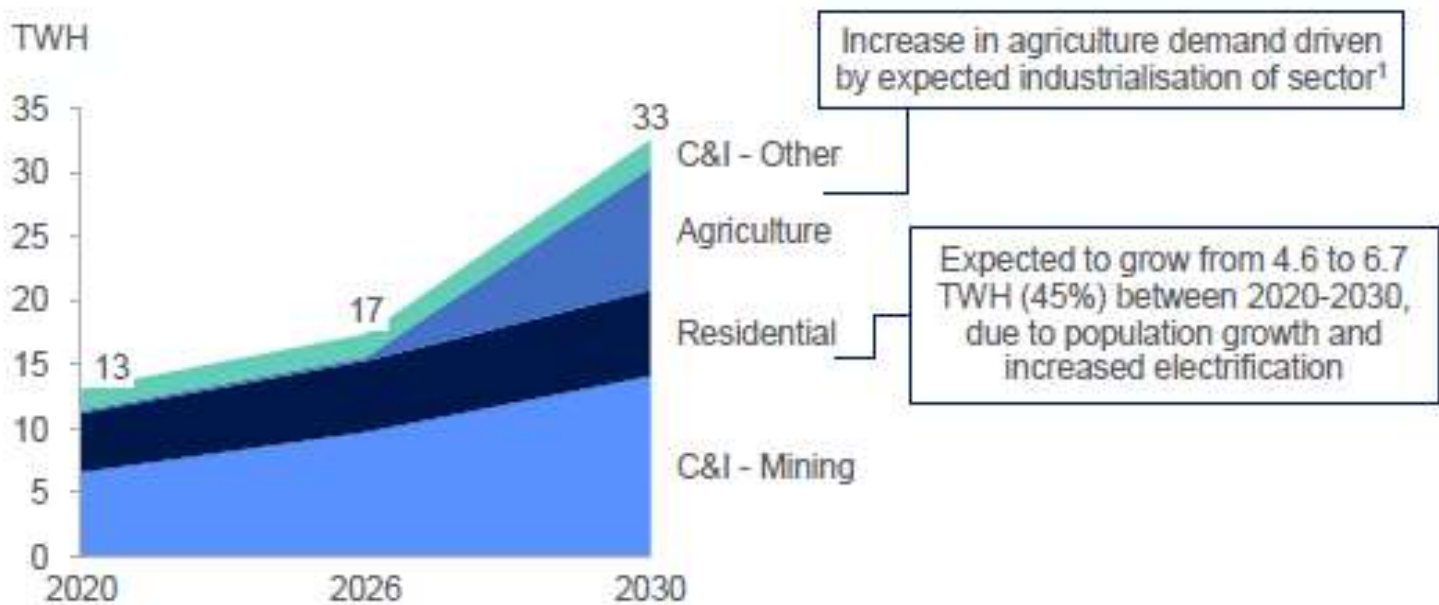
## Government actively encourages private sector investment<sup>4</sup>

- 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



# 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 agriculture<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>3,4</sup>
- In line with Zambia's commitment to reduce GHG-emissions by at least 25% compared to 2010<sup>5</sup>

This translates into a large market potential of \$775M by 2030<sup>2</sup>

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 sources<sup>1</sup>

=  
**\$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



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## Fiscal Incentives

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

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## Non-Fiscal Incentives

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

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## Sector-Specific Incentives

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





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