

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**



This business plan outlines the construction of a 200 MWh clean coal power plant integrated with an algae pond facility and greenhouses. The project is designed to capture and utilize CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to cultivate algae for biofuels, biochar, and food products while using 25% of the captured CO<sub>2</sub> to enrich greenhouses for vegetable production. The electricity generated will be sold at \$0.17/kWh or \$0.25/kWh, depending on the market. Additional revenue will come from biochar, vegetables, algae-derived food products, and carbon credits.

This innovative project contributes to clean energy, carbon sequestration, and sustainable agriculture, achieving an attractive ROI of 38.5% (at \$0.17/kWh) to 59.5% (at \$0.25/kWh). It aligns with Zambia's National Green Growth Strategy (GGS), which promotes development pathways for a low-carbon, resource-efficient, resilient, and socially inclusive economy by 2030. Additionally, the project supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

**SDG 7:** Affordable and Clean Energy.

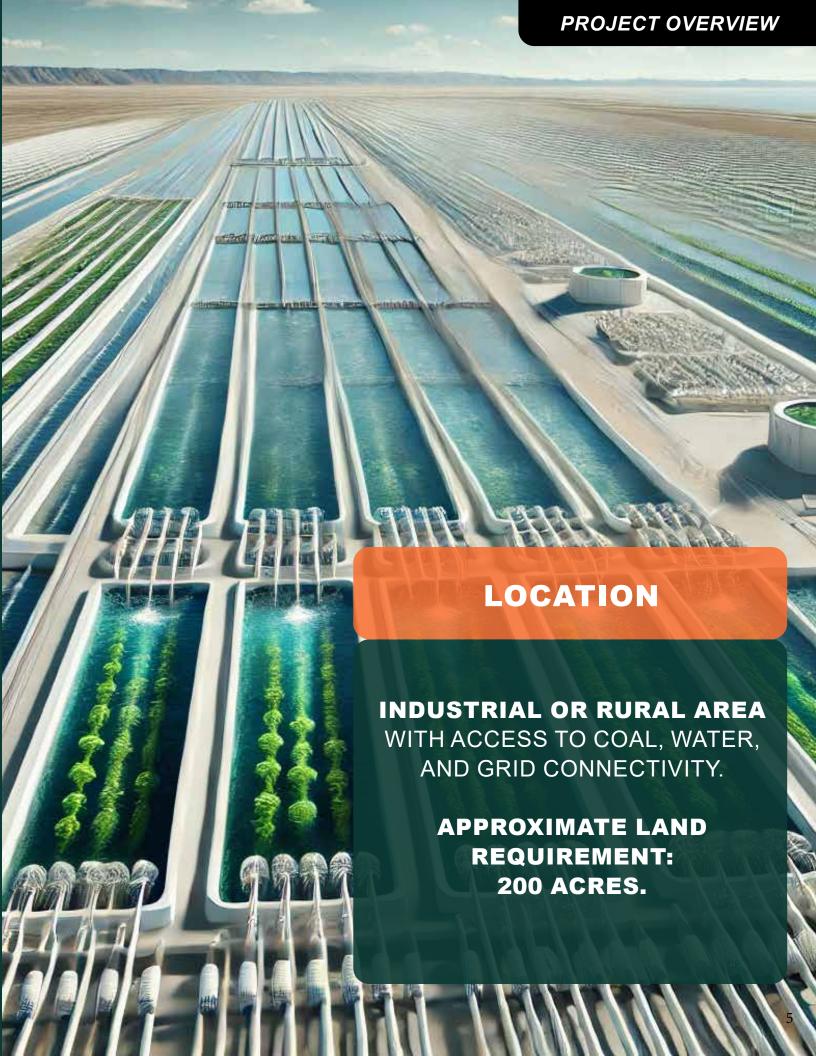
**SDG 12:** Responsible Consumption and Production.

**SDG 13:** Climate Action. **SDG 15:** Life on Land.



# **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

- Generate 200 MWh of clean electricity using advanced carbon capture technology.
- Capture 90% of CO₂ emissions and utilize them for algae cultivation and greenhouse production.
- Develop sustainable products: bio-oil, syngas, biochar, and vegetables.
- Diversify revenue through electricity sales, carbon credits, and agricultural outputs.
- Promote environmental sustainability, job creation, and food security.
- Align with Zambia's National Green Growth Strategy (GGS) and SDGs.





# **KEY FEATURES**

#### **CLEAN COAL POWER PLANT**

- Capacity: 200 MWh.
- **Technology:** Advanced combustion with 90% carbon capture.
- **Purpose:** Generate reliable base-load electricity for Zambia's growing energy needs.

#### **ALGAE CULTIVATION FACILITY**

- Area: 75 acres of raceway ponds.
- CO2 Utilization: 75% of captured CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Output: 400 tons/day of algae biomass.
  - □ **90% Biomass:** Pyrolyzed into bio-oil, syngas, and biochar.
  - □ **10% Biomass:** Used for food and animal feed production.

#### **GREENHOUSES**

- Area: 30 acres.
- CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization: 25% of captured CO<sub>2</sub>.
- **Output:** 7,300 tons/year of high-value vegetables (e.g., tomatoes, cucumbers, leafy greens).

#### PYROLYSIS PLANT

- Processes algae biomass into:
  - ☐ **Bio-oil:** 50% of biomass (~200 tons/day).
  - ☐ **Syngas:** 30% of biomass (~120 tons/day).
  - ☐ **Biochar:** 20% of biomass (~80 tons/day).

#### **POWER GENERATION**

- Additional electricity from:
  - ☐ **Bio-oil turbines:** Generate 60 MWh/day.
  - Syngas turbines: Generate 20 MWh/day.
  - ORC systems: Generate 10 MWh/day from waste heat recovery.



# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND PROCESSES

#### **CLEAN COAL POWER PLANT**

- **Technology:** Advanced combustion with 90% CO₂ capture.
- **Purpose:** Provide reliable base-load electricity with minimal emissions.
- Carbon Capture: Captured CO₂ is repurposed for algae cultivation and greenhouse operations.

#### **ALGAE POND SYSTEM**

- Area: ~75 acres of raceway ponds.
- CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization: 75% of captured CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Output: ~400 tons of algae biomass daily, supporting biofuel production and food security.

#### **PYROLYSIS PROCESS**

- Input: 360 tons/day of algae biomass.
- Outputs:
  - ☐ **Bio-oil:** 50% of biomass (~200 tons/day).
  - □ **Syngas:** 30% of biomass (~120 tons/day).
  - ☐ **Biochar:** 20% of biomass (~80 tons/day).

#### **GREENHOUSES**

- Area: ~30 acres.
- CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization: 25% of captured CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Outputs: ~7,300 tons/year of vegetables for local markets.

#### **POWER GENERATION UNITS**

- Primary Source: 200 MWh from the clean coal plant.
- Supplementary Sources:
  - ☐ **Bio-oil turbines:** Generate 60 MWh/day.
  - ☐ Syngas turbines: Generate 20 MWh/day.
  - □ **ORC units:** Generate 10 MWh/day using waste heat recovery.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS**



## CO<sub>2</sub> SEQUESTRATION:

Prevents the release of 1 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> annually. Biochar provides long-term carbon storage while improving soil health.

## **SUSTAINABLE OUTPUTS:**

Algae absorbs 30-50 times more CO<sub>2</sub> than terrestrial plants. Contributes to a circular economy by transforming CO<sub>2</sub> into valuable products.

## **FOOD SECURITY:**

Provides 7,300 tons/year of vegetables and 14,600 tons/year of algae-based food products, addressing local food shortages.



# **ECONOMIC IMPACT**

## **JOB CREATION**

**Construction Phase:** 

~3,000 direct jobs and ~6,000 indirect jobs.

#### **Operational Phase:**

~1,500 permanent jobs, including roles in power plant operations, algae farming, and greenhouse management.

## **ECONOMIC GROWTH**

Boosts local economies through procurement of construction materials and services.

Generates significant tax revenues and reduces reliance on food imports.



# FINANCIAL PLAN

CAPITAL INVESTMENT				
Expense Item	Base Cost (USD)	Contingency (20%)	Total Cost (USD)	
Clean Coal Power Plant	\$300,000,000	\$60,000,000	\$360,000,000	
Algae Pond & Cultivation	\$100,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$120,000,000	
Pyrolysis Plant	\$80,000,000	\$16,000,000	\$96,000,000	
Greenhouse Construction	\$60,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$72,000,000	
Power Generation Systems	\$40,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$48,000,000	
CO <sub>2</sub> Management Systems	\$20,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$24,000,000	
Utilities & Infrastructure	\$20,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$24,000,000	
Total Investment	\$620M	\$124M	\$744M	

REVENUE STREAMS			
Product	<b>Annual Output</b>	Price/Unit	Annual Revenue
Electricity	1,752,000 MWh	\$0.17-\$0.25/kWh	\$297M-\$438M
Biochar	29,200 tons/year	\$350/ton	\$10.22M
Vegetables	7,300 tons/year	\$1,000/ton	\$7.30M
Algae for Food	14,600 tons/year	\$800/ton	\$11.68M
Carbon Credits	1 million tons/year	\$10/ton	\$10.00M
Total Revenue			\$336M-\$477M

OPERATIONAL COSTS	
Expense Item	Annual Cost (USD)
Coal Supply	\$30,000,000
Labor & Maintenance	\$10,000,000
Utilities & Water	\$6,000,000
Algae Cultivation & Harvesting	\$14,000,000
Pyrolysis Operations	\$8,000,000
Greenhouse Operations	\$5,000,000
CO□ Management Costs	\$3,000,000
Total Costs	\$76M

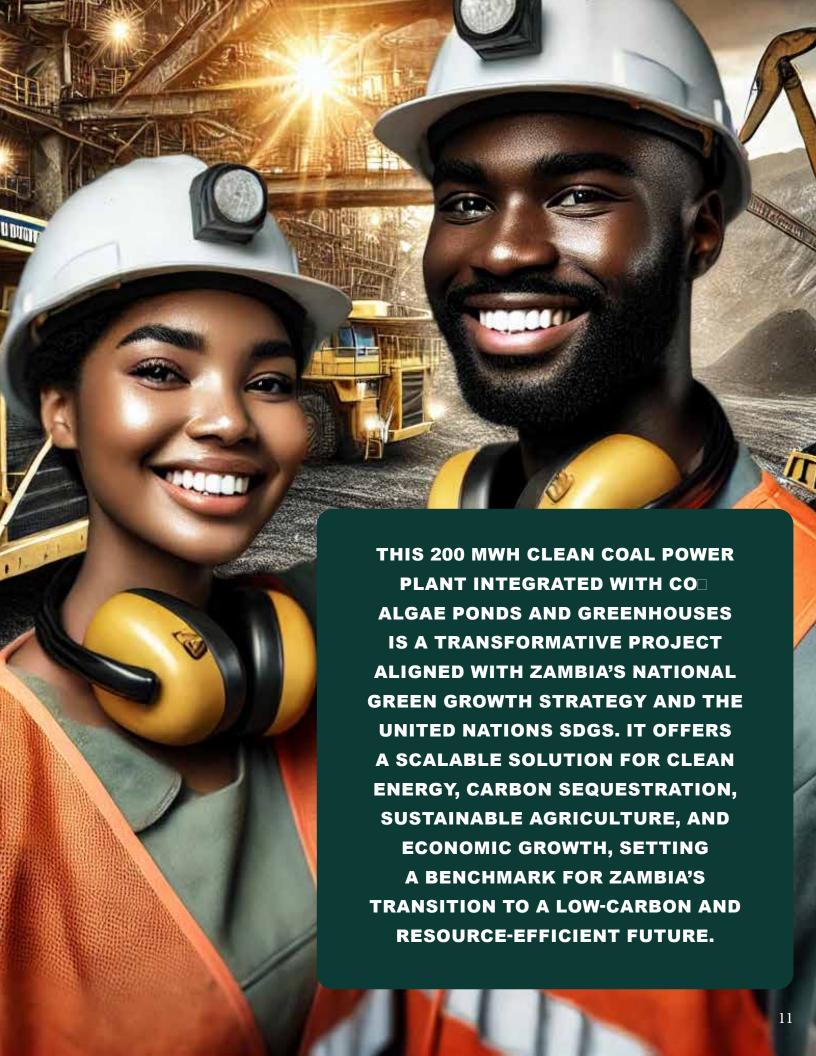
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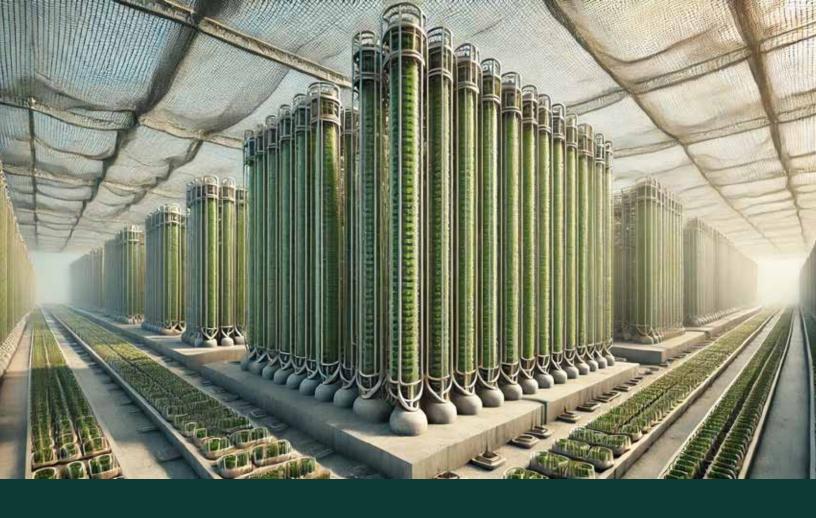
Electricity at \$0.17/kWh: \$336M - \$76M = \$260M.
 Electricity at \$0.25/kWh: \$477M - \$76M = \$401M.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE**

**Planning (6 Months):** Feasibility studies, permitting, and funding procurement. **Construction (24-30 Months):** Build power plants, algae ponds, pyrolysis plants, and greenhouses.

**Commissioning (6 Months):** System integration, testing, and operational launch.





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