## Value Realization through NetZero Implementation

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Imperative for Decarbonization in Iron & Steel sector





Key imperative for Iron & steel companies in India to decarbonize while also achieving cost efficiency & stakeholder value

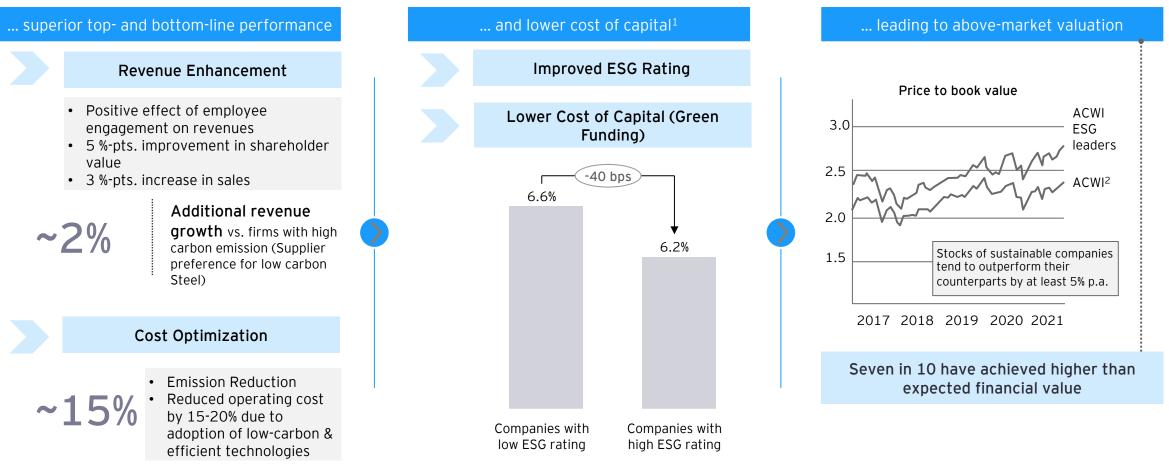


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Iron & Steel decarbonization has the potential to bring about organizational improvement affecting the top and bottom-line, cost of capital as well as market valuation

Companies with robust net-zero/decarbonization agenda typically exhibit...

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1. Applies both to debt and equity; superior access to capital, largely driven through reduction of ESG-related business risks 2. All Country World-Index (MSCI ACWI)

Sources: Oxford university; Arabesque Partners; Deutsche Bank; Hamburg University; MSCI; Harvard Business Review; Aon Hewitt; BNB Paribas; EY-Parthenon analysis; : EY 2022 Sustainable Value study



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# Global Iron & Steel sector: Decarbonization initiatives in short- and long-term perspective from the top Iron & Steel manufacturers globally

Top 10 Steel Producers (2022), MT	Key Players					
BAOWU 132	Key Player	% of global production	Emissio n intensity	Interim goals	Long term net zero target	Key Initiatives
ArcelorMittal 69	ArcelorMittal	3.6%	2.1	30% emission reduction by 2030 vs. 2019	Net zero by 2050	Launched XCarb <sup>™</sup> , designed to bring together all of their reduced, low and zero-carbon products and steelmaking activities.
	ArcelorMillur					<ul> <li>Investing 40 billion euros (\$48.4 billion) for low-emission steelmaking methods</li> </ul>
ANSTEEL     56       NIPPON STEEL     44	BAOWU	7.0%	1.8	30% emission reduction by 2025	Net zero by 2050	<ul> <li>Has signed agreements with BHP and Rio Tinto to invest US\$45m in low-carbon steel projects.</li> </ul>
41		2.35%	1.8	>30% reduction in t CO2	Carbon neutral by 2050	<ul> <li>Exploring new steelmaking routes using H2 which can reduce 80% C emissions compared to conventional methods of production.</li> </ul>
HBIS 阿钢集团 41		2.0070	1.0	emissions by 2030 vs. 2013		<ul> <li>Exploring carbon capture &amp; storage technologies to ensure it meets its environmental target.</li> </ul>
	posco	2.04%	1.5	10% emission reduction by 2030 and 50% by 2040 vs. 2019	Net zero by 2050	<ul> <li>Green Steel' that adopts green hydrogen and renewable energy (HyREX process)</li> </ul>
<ul><li>      建龙集团</li></ul>	TATA STEEL	1.6%	2.4	<2.0tCO2/tcs by 2025; <1.8 tCO2 /tcs by 2030	Net zero carbon by 2045	<ul> <li>Started trails for continuous injection of coal bed methane in one of its blast furnaces (E blast furnace) at Jamshedpur</li> </ul>
SHOLIGANG 30	thyssenkrupp	0.52%	1.3	Production & Purchase energy cut by 30% in 2030	Net zero by 2050	Started building a new steel mill that uses the hydrogen steelmaking method in August and will complete most of the construction by 2025.

# Private Iron & Steel manufacturers in Indian market (with >40% market share) have long term net zero targets with planned activities to realize their goals

Key Player	% of Indian steel production, 2023	Emission intensity, 2021-22	Short term targets (till 2025)	Medium term targets (2025- 30)	Long term targets (2030 -50)	Initiatives
Steel	18%	2.5	<ul> <li>Adoption of BAT</li> <li>Renewable energy</li> <li>Increasing PCI and NG in BF</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>&lt;1.95 t CO2/ tcs of crude steel by 2030</li> <li>Increased use of scrap</li> <li>Creation of carbon sinks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Carbon neutral by 2050</li> <li>Scaled deployment of CCUS</li> <li>Usage of H2</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CCU pilot at JSW plant, Salav.</li> <li>RE-RTC</li> <li>Green hydrogen</li> </ul>
TATA STEEL	16%	2.43	<ul> <li>Scrap recycling &amp; high charge</li> <li>BAT</li> <li>Renewable energy</li> <li>Internal carbon pricing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Scrap based EAF</li> <li>Shift to NG from Met. Coal</li> <li>Upscaling pilot of CCS and H2</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Net zero carbon emissions by 2045</li> <li>Hisarna technology</li> <li>Usage of H2 across steel value chain</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Coal bed methane injection in Blast furnace</li> <li>5 TPD CCS pilot plant</li> <li>Use of biomass in BF route</li> </ul>
AM/NS INDIA	8%	-	<ul> <li>Acquire major port infrastructure and assets</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Invest in renewable energy power project and secure 250MW of RE power annually for the next 25 years for Hazira steel plant</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Further vision to build a new integrated steel mill in East India</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Energy conservation measures across Hazira integrated steel plant</li> </ul>
STEEL & POWER	6%	2.6	<ul> <li>Adoption of BAT</li> <li>RE – RTC plant installation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>&lt;2.0 t CO2/tcs by 2030</li> <li>Modification of Electric Arc furnace to New-oxy furnace</li> </ul>	Net carbon zero by 2035	<ul> <li>Plans for 1 GW RE-RTC (with Greenko)</li> <li>Green Hydrogen</li> <li>CCU at Angul plant</li> </ul>
सेल SAIL	5%	2.51	Modernisation program     & Energy efficiency	Phasing out old energy intensive units & raw material quality improvement	Deep decarbonization through usage of H2, renewable electricity & CCUS	Installing coke dry quenching units.



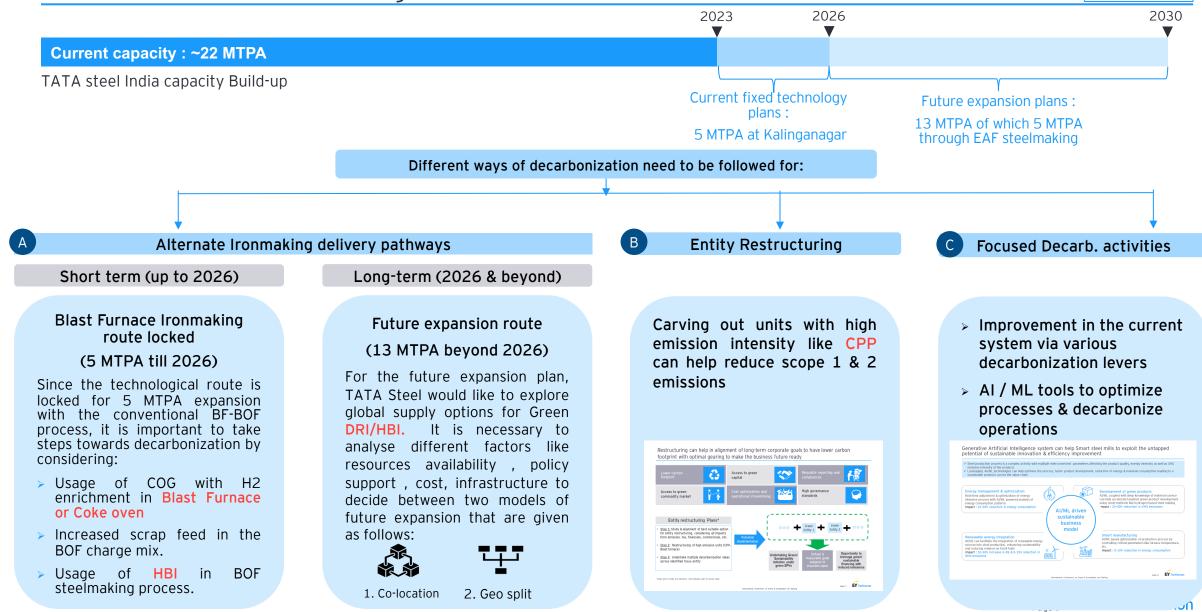
Source: IRADe, Sustainability reports 2022-23, Company websites, news articles, EY analysis

Pathways for emission reduction for an integrated iron & steel plant





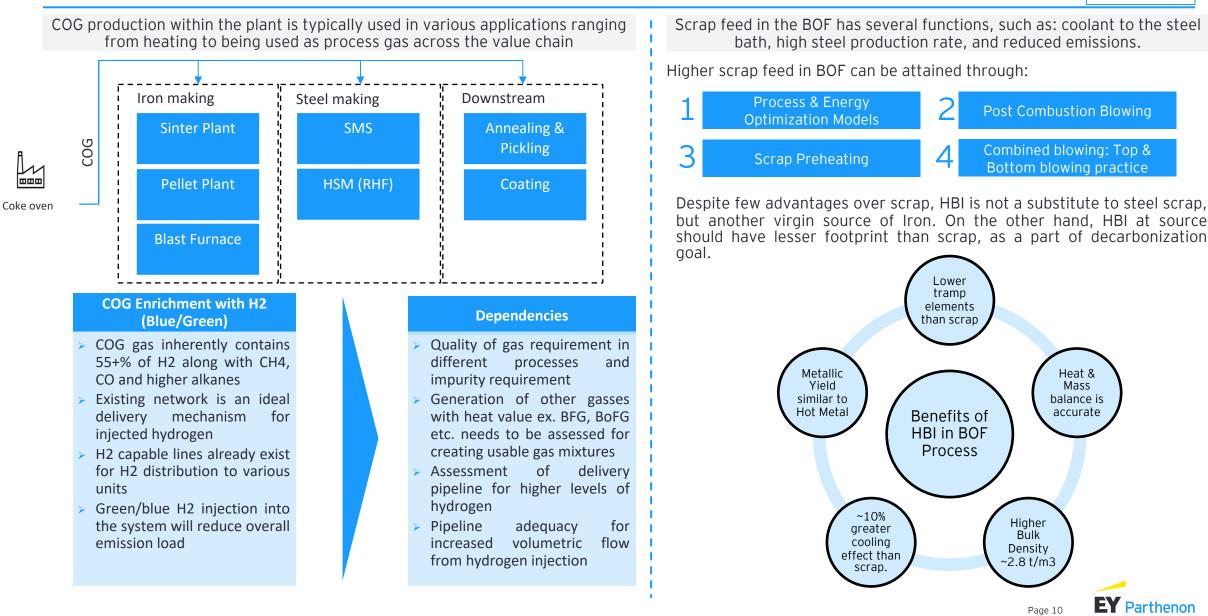
Tata steel Capacity Expansion Overview: Looking at opportunities/constraints and how it would tie-in with Green Iron – making initiatives



#### Alternate Ironmaking delivery pathways - Short term

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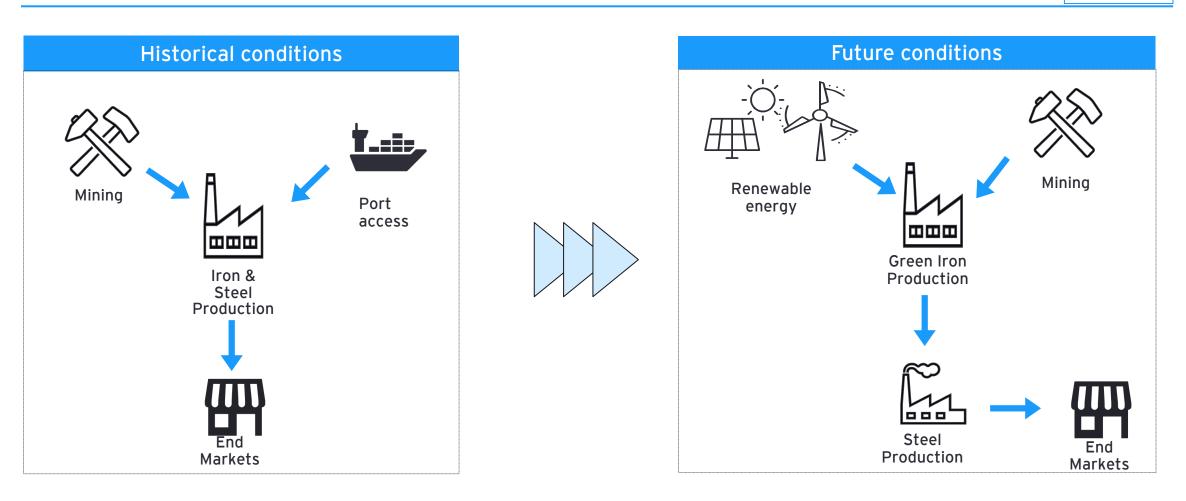
# Injection of Coke Oven Gas with H2 enrichment in Blast Furnace is one of the effective ways to achieve low carbon intensity Ironmaking; Scrap & HBI in BOF can further reduce the footprint



#### Alternate Ironmaking delivery pathways - Long term

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Alternative Ironmaking delivery pathways : Proximity to low-cost renewable power, Green H<sub>2</sub> and high-grade iron ore will be future critical conditions for Green Iron production



A geo-split model could be a solution - with potential iron(ore) shipping in order to decarbonise Iron & Steel sector



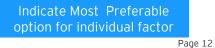
#### Alternate Ironmaking delivery pathways – Long term

# Comparing low emission pathways: Cost competitiveness is driven by multiple factors, many of which are geographic, and at times site specific

Mill efficiency has been a dominant cost driver in the historic & current pathways leading to focus on integrated manufacturing of iron & steel.

- However, going forward as new production pathways emerge, the cost drivers will diversify amongst renewable cost, availability of high-quality ore, availability of natural gas, etc.
- A detailed analysis of these pathways is required for developing most cost-efficient low carbon emission steel delivery methodology

Approach	E	Example locations	Cost drivers					
			CFR iron ore cost	Iron ore quality	Natural gas cost	Firmed renewables	Mill efficiency	Key advantage
Mine-adjacent hematite-	Α	Country 1	\$	XX%	\$	Solar / wind	_	Freight, gas, renewables
based HBI	В	Country 2	\$	XX%	\$\$	Hydropower	_	Iron grade
Natural-gas adjacent hematite/magnetite DRI	С	Country 3	\$\$	XX%	\$	Solar / wind	_	Gas, renewables
	D	Country 4	\$\$	XX%	\$	Solar / wind	—	Gas, renewables
Mine-adjacent	E	Country 5	\$\$\$	XX%	\$\$	Hydropower	—	Iron grade
magnetite-based DRI	Country 6	\$\$\$	XX%	\$\$\$	Hydropower	—	Iron grade	
Integrated steel mill DRI-EAF	G	Country 7	\$\$\$	XX%	\$\$\$	Solar / wind	$\checkmark$	Integrated mill efficiency
	Н	Country 8	\$\$\$	XX%	\$\$\$	Solar / wind	$\checkmark$	Integrated mill efficiency



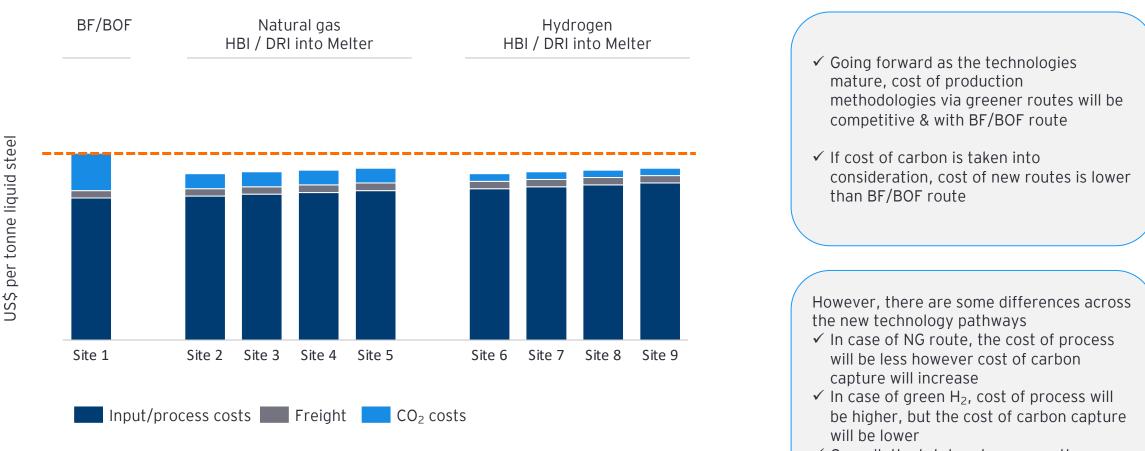


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# Carbon prices will create a competitive market for low emission steelmaking pathways based on imported green iron metallics into EU

Ironmaking pathway economics for EU market, 2030

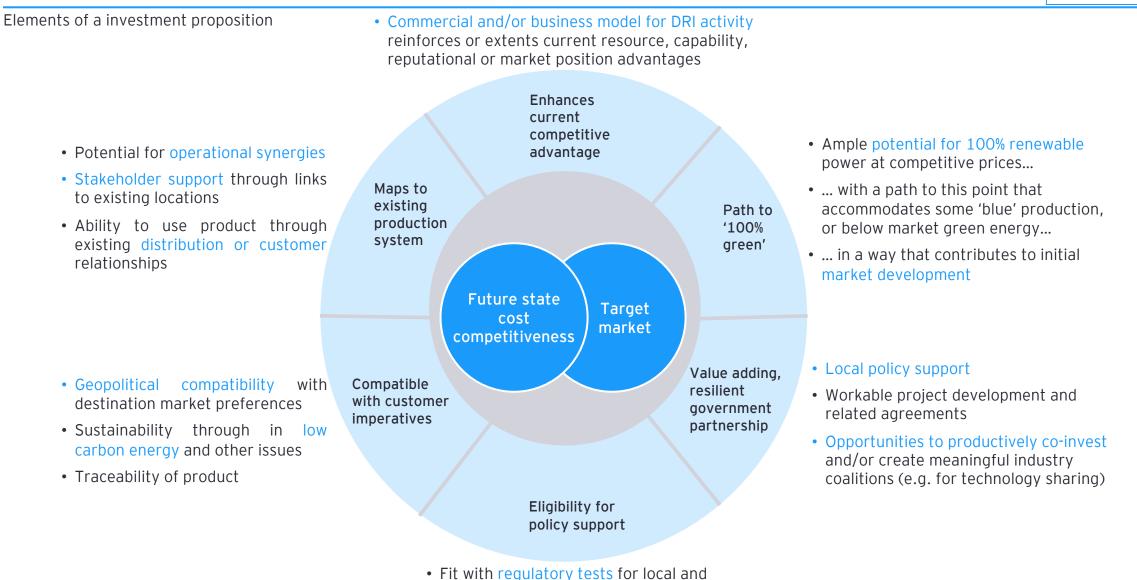


✓ Overall, the total cost across pathways will be almost equal



Source: Incremental steel decarbonisation economics model between Australia / Europe / Korea Cost of CO<sub>2</sub>e = US \$ 80 / tonne CO<sub>2</sub>e A

### Other factors must compliment competitiveness and market access for the best proposition. This framework ranks locations for likely business success



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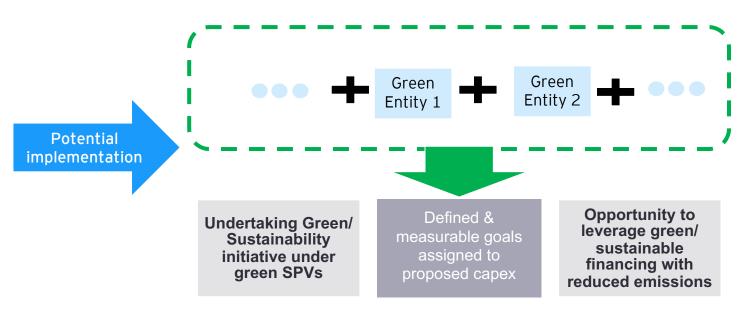
#### Entity Restructuring

Restructuring can help in alignment of long-term corporate goals to have lower carbon footprint with optimal gearing to make the business future ready



### Entity restructuring Plans\*

- <u>Step 1:</u> Study & alignment of best suitable option for entity restructuring, considering all impacts form emission, tax, financials, commercials, etc.
- Step 2: Restructuring of high emission units (CPP)
- <u>Step 3</u>: Undertake multiple decarbonization ideas across identified focus entity

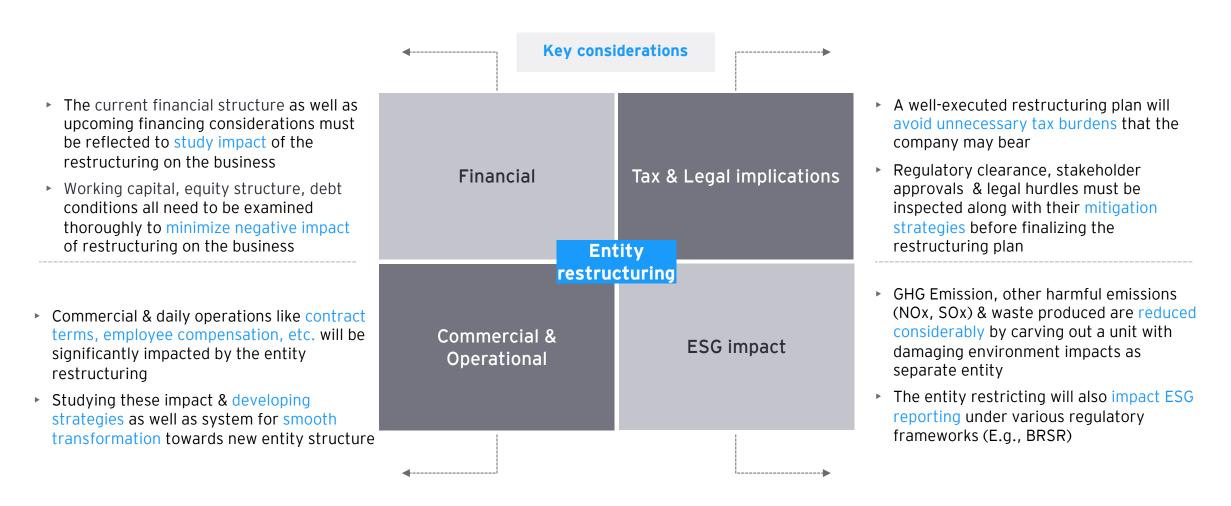






#### Entity Restructuring

Entity restructuring is a complex exercise & will affect company's business in multiple fronts which must be kept into considerations while finalizing the restructuring plans



- > Entity restructuring is a complex process with implications across the business unit
- At EY Parthenon we have sectorial expertise across to strategically deal with every considerations to help company with successful implementation of the process





#### Decarbonization Strategy

Interventions across the Ironmaking value chain of the production process are necessary to operationalise a sustainable downstream plant operations

Material Flow Clean Energy Flow	Inbound transport	Raw Material & Fluxes	Illustrative	
Value chain step	Ore mining & preparation	Iron Making via Blast Furnace	Iron Making via DRI (Gas Based Shaft DRP)	
Emission footprint of finished steel	-	2.33* tC02/tcs	1.37** tCO2/tcs	
Decarbonization Levers at individual value chain components	<ul> <li>Carbon capture &amp; utilization</li> <li>Sustainable sourcing</li> <li>Energy Substitution         <ul> <li>Biofuel for Heat</li> <li>Circularity &amp; feed mix optimization</li> <li>Use of Scrap to reduce emission</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Carbon Capture &amp; Utilization</li> <li>Energy Substitution         <ul> <li>Biochar/Bio coal</li> </ul> </li> <li>Process reconfiguration         <ul> <li>CBM, Hydrogen Injection</li> <li>New ferrous materials</li> <li>Cross cutting innovation</li> <li>Heat Recovery</li> <li>Carbon cycle analysis</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CCUS integration with Natural Gas based DRI</li> <li>Process reconfiguration         <ul> <li>Shift to H2 based DRI process</li> <li>Cross cutting innovation</li> <li>Deploying DRI Melter for conversion to liquid hot metal, and retaining downstream facilities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Decarbonization levers applicable across value chain	<ul> <li>Energy Substitution</li> <li>Increase renewable % in electricity mix</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Digitization         <ul> <li>Digitization of the value chain can help identify &amp; optimize process to reduce emission &amp; save costs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Green finance &amp; restructuring</li> <li>Green financing assist execution of decarbonization projects</li> <li>Restructuring can be a short term lever</li> </ul>	

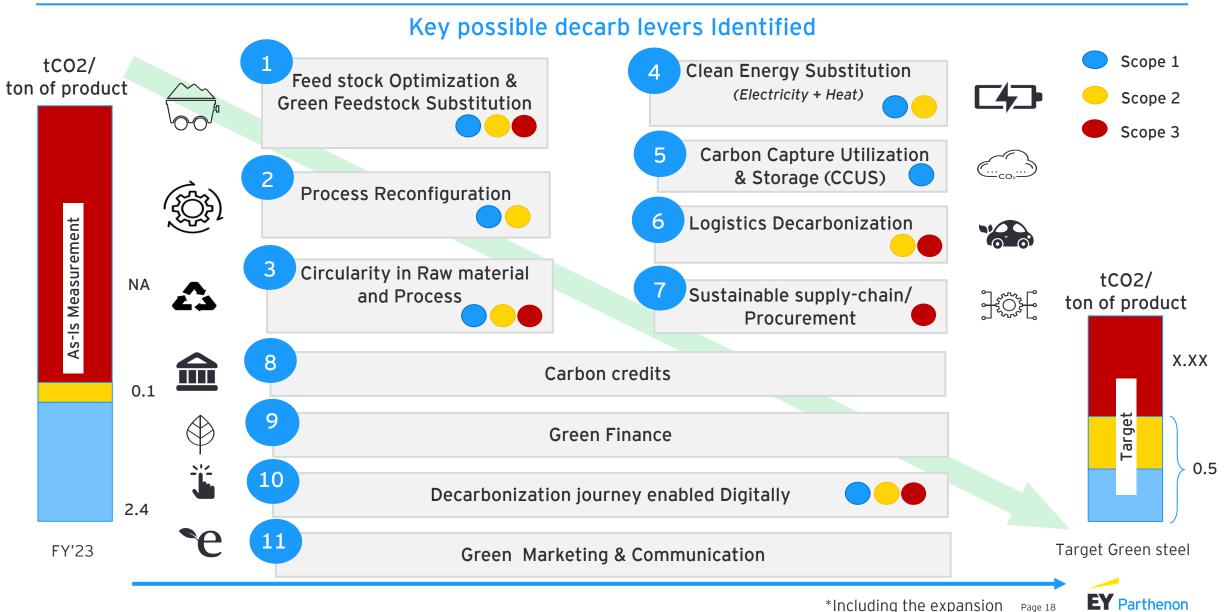




Decarbonization Strategy

### **Decarbonization Levers**

EY-P has developed a 11 lever framework to solve for Industrial decarbonization of clients



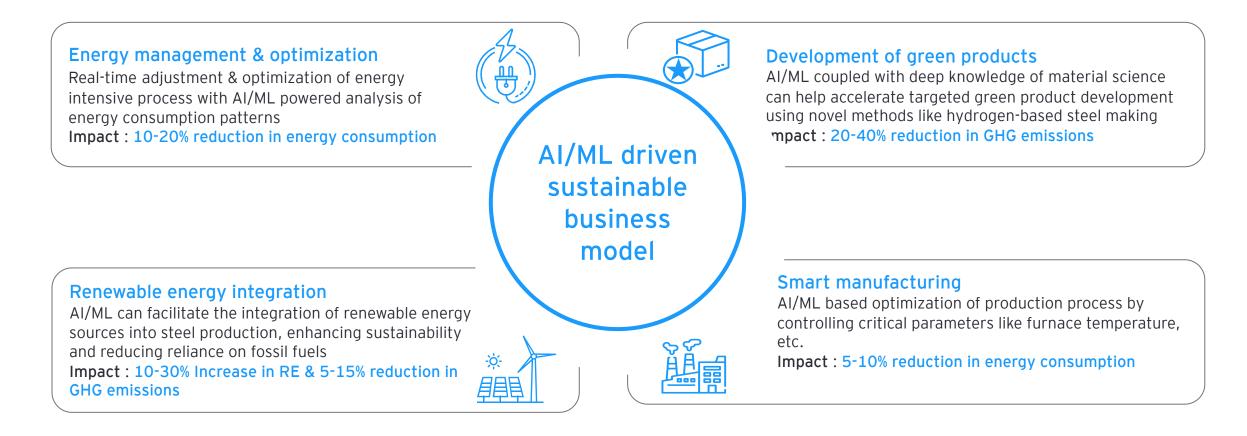
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Generative Artificial Intelligence system coupled with material science knowledge can help Smart Iron & steel mills to tap the potential of sustainable innovation & efficiency improvement

- Steel production process is a complex activity with multiple interconnected parameters affecting the product quality, energy intensity as well as GHG emission intensity of the products
- Leveraging AI/ML technologies can help optimise the process, faster product development, reduction of energy & material consumption leading to a sustainable products across the value chain









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Global Steel manufactures have started adopting AI/ML in their business model improving operations & thus shareholder value

Steel manufacturing Company	AI/ML related initiatives
ArcelorMittal	ArcelorMittal, one of the world's leading steel companies, implemented AI/ML and material science to <b>optimize energy consumption</b> in their blast furnace operations, resulting in a <b>15% reduction in energy usage</b> and significant cost savings (Source: MIT Technology Review, 2020).
NUCOR	Nucor, a major mini-mill operator in the United States, utilized AI/ML technologies to minimize their carbon footprint, achieving a 10% reduction in CO <sub>2</sub> emissions and a 20% improvement in resource efficiency (Source: GreenBiz, 2021).
SSAB	SSAB, a leading Nordic steel producer, employed AI/ML and material science to <b>develop HYBRIT</b> , a novel low-carbon steelmaking process that uses hydrogen instead of coal, <b>reducing their CO2 emissions by 35%</b> compared to traditional steelmaking processes (Source: SSAB, 2021).
posco	POSCO, a South Korean steel giant, utilized AI/ML in their <b>research and development</b> process to discover and develop target alloys with specific properties, resulting in faster development times, <b>increased product quality, and better customization</b> to meet customer requirements (Source: Business Korea, 2020).







#### Decarbonization Strategy | GenAI

Case study 1 : Energy optimization of integrated steel mill operations to reduce cost & process emissions using generative AI (1/2)

### Blast Furnace Net Fuel Rate Optimization

- Streamlining of workflow along with data integration & analysis to deliver optimal operational ranges of parameters for initial analysis
- The metallurgical domain expertise coupled with analytical ability of AI/ML offered valuable insights into the relationships among the critical parameters of the plant operations
- The resultant model led to cutting down the fuel consumption by 10-15% without impacting other production parameters

### Electric Arc Furnace Power Consumption Optimization

- ✓ A material science driven AI/ML based optimization framework to optimize the total scrap cost and EAF energy consumption per ton of scrap
- The model considered parameters like types of scrap, cost, and additives to arrive at the optimal operational parameters.
- ✓ The resultant model had potential to reduce the energy consumption and scrap cost by 1.5-8% and 2-5% form business as usual cases respectively .







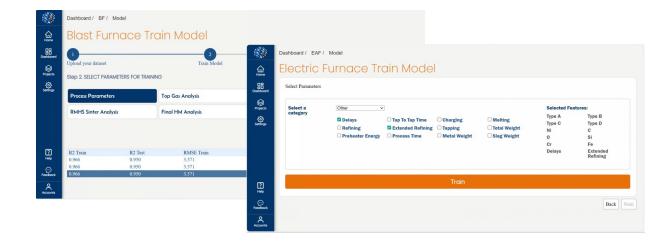


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Case study 1 : Energy optimization of integrated steel mill operations to reduce cost & process emissions using generative AI (2/2)

## <u>Step 1 : Building a precise process model as per tailored need of the client</u>

- With the customization prevalent in industry, building a tailored model for each furnace is a critical task
- With the advance algorithm used in the modelmaking we ensured precise predictions with actionable insights
- Finetuning of process model was carried out using the hyperparameters from the top metrics



#### Step 2 : Precise optimization for fuel & power savings

- The state-of-the-art optimization tool powered by the data input received from the plant gives optimal solution of utilization of power
- With the ability to set custom constrains based on customer preference, multiple conditions can be simulated multiple scenarios to arrive at optimal operating point.
- Thus, leading to increasing operational efficiency with reduction in fuel consumption & cost savings





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