# eEnergy

**Acquisition of Utility Team** 

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**Unleashing Net Zero** 

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## **Energy** A B2B Energy Services company delivering Net Zero Solutions



### Achieving rapid growth since IPO

- o 75% YoY Organic Revenue growth
- o Demonstrated synergies between energy management & EEaaS
- o Strong demand for capital free energy reduction solutions
- o 40% of Beond's initial priority customers engaged with LaaS



### Large & fast-growing addressable market

- o Global LaaS market forecast to grow at 41% CAGR (1)
- o European Energy Efficiency Services market expected to reach €50bn by 2025 (2)



### Compelling opportunity to acquire Utility Team

- o I&C Energy Management, Consultancy & Procurement business
- o Strong recurring and contracted revenue base
- o 80% renewal rates



#### **Attractive Deal Metrics**

- o Acquiring Utility Team, a UK Top 20 Energy Management business
- o Initial consideration £15.8m, max £21m (including earn-out) (3)
- o Significantly earnings enhancing in FY22
- o £200k Platform synergies



## 1.0 Summary (1/2)

#### WHERE WE ARE TODAY

A high growth, profitable and Integrated Energy Services company.

Providing organisations with energy management and capital free energy efficiency solutions to reduce their carbon footprint and unlock hidden cost savings.

Organic Growth Complemented By "Buy And Build" Strategy



**Zero Carbon Energy Procurement & Consulting** - Through a technology enabled Zero Carbon Marketplace



**Energy Consumption Measurement And Analytics** - Through our new proprietary MyZeERO firmware and software platform



**Energy Reduction Through Capital Free Energy Efficiency Solutions** - Through eLight

& Light-as-a-Service





## 1.1 Summary (2/2)

## THE OPPORTUNITY

Acquisition of Utility Team for Total Consideration of up to £21m cash-free / debt-free

Initial consideration of £15.9m (7.3x adjusted 2020 EBITDA) (1)

- A leading, high growth energy consulting and procurement business
- Highly attractive quality of earnings from recurring contracted customer base
- Long-term, strategic customer relationships
- Complementary I&C and mid-market customer base with strong crosssell potential
- Leverage the Beond platform to deliver operating efficiencies
- Expected to be significantly earnings enhancing in FY22





## 1.2 Transformational period since IPO

### Transitioned from pure-play LaaS business to integrated Energy Services business

- Scaled LaaS through acquisition of RSL, strengthened Group's position in Multi Academy Trusts and State Schools
- Secured differentiated
   Energy Management
   platform with acquisition of
   Beond
- Strategic investment in technology-enabled intelligent smart metering and analytics business (MyZeERO)

## Demonstrated strong and repeated organic growth in existing business segments

- Strong operating execution in Beond supporting increased revenues and robust new business performance
- Advanced discussions with a number of Beond's clients for Group's Light-as-a-Service ("LaaS") solution
- First combined LaaS and smart metering & analytics project delivered in June 2021
- Capturing more of customer wallet and delivering profitable growth

## Acquisitions fully integrated and providing opportunities to build scale

- RSL integrated into eLight delivery platform
- Integration of sales strategy and teams to maximise cross sell and upsell opportunities
- Beond fully integrated into Group structures
- Single, cloud based, collaboration platform deployed
- Energy Management division gives enhanced visibility and quality of earnings

### Launch of My ZeERO is a key strategic opportunity across the Group

- Energy Management –
  embed customer
  relationships and facilitate
  pivot to Energy
  Management-as-a-service
- Energy Efficiency –
   expected to increase
   customer conversion by
   enabling "share of savings"
   performance contract
- Customer relationships will be underpinned by data and analysis

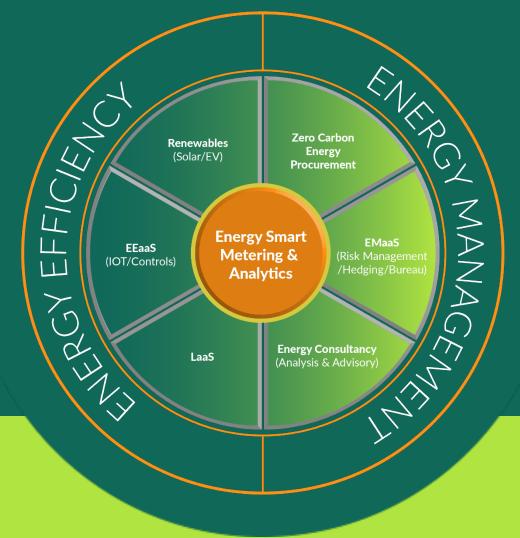






## 2.1 eEnergy – Integrated Energy Services Strategy

- Helping businesses achieve Net Zero with an end-to-end Energy Management solution "as a service"
- Enabled through a top tier energy procurement platform
- Granular Energy consumption analytics through IOT smart metering via a subscription service
- Energy intelligence from Big Data & consultancy around energy wastage<sup>1</sup>
- Energy reduction solutions delivered through LaaS & EEaaS<sup>2</sup>
- Renewable & Electric Vehicle solutions to provide energy independence and resilience<sup>2</sup>

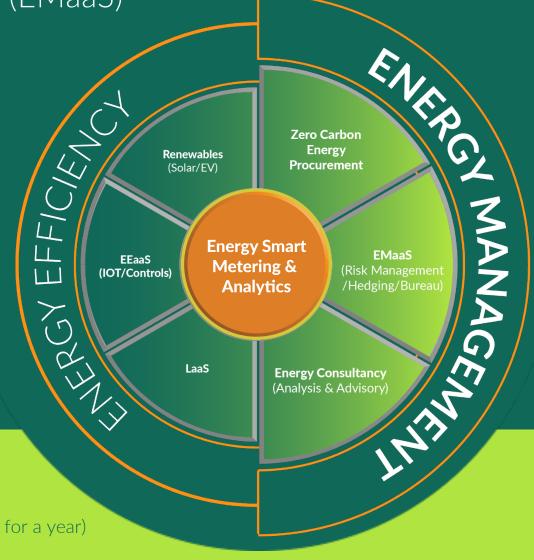




2.2 eEnergy – Energy Management as a Service (EMaaS)

- Energy Procurement is an essential & valued business service
- Increasing pressure to source green energy which is complex
- Energy Management services allow for ongoing customer engagement
- Trusted advisor status well positioned to provide consultancy on Net Zero
- Customer acquisition platform for zero capital energy reduction solutions
- Increasing demand for intelligence on energy consumption
- Opportunity for measurement & analytics "as a service" with My ZeERO

- 1,000+ Existing customers
- Over 30,000 Meters under management
- Existing technology platform enables operating efficiencies
- 3.4 TW of energy managed (enough to power all Greater Manchester households for a year)
- Significant number of key customers engaged with potential LaaS projects





2.3 eEnergy – Energy Efficiency as a Service (EEaaS)

- EEaaS enables capital free energy conservation measures (ECM's)
- Seeking to unlock surplus cash savings via a 'pay as you save' business model
- LED is the natural first ECM
- Embedding intelligent smart metering is expected to increase conversion rate
- Enable consumption measurement to identify additional energy wastage
- Capture additional ECMs through EEaaS (e.g. IOT / Automated Controls / HVAC)
- A leading EEaaS business in the UK & Ireland
- Education sector is £1.5bn opportunity for LaaS
- 75% organic growth rate (FY20 to FY21)
- 70% increase in projects completed year-on-year
- 1,100+ LaaS projects to date across UK and Ireland
- Secured first client for combined LaaS and smart metering solution





## 2.4 eEnergy - Intelligent Smart Metering & Analytics

#### **EMaaS**

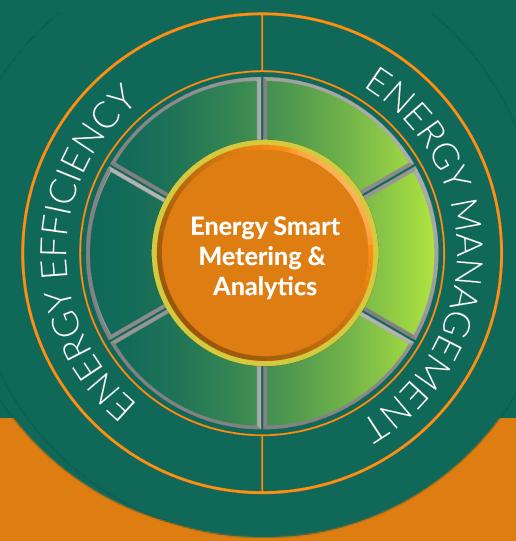
- Transition to Energy Management as a Service through a subscription model
- Empowers big data discussion with clients around Net Zero strategy
- Additional revenue opportunity around data analysis and advisory
- Pinpoints energy wastage

#### **EEaaS**

- Assurance around energy savings expected to drive increased conversion of LaaS projects
- Provides ability to transition from LaaS to EEaaS
- Capture additional share of the energy savings wallet

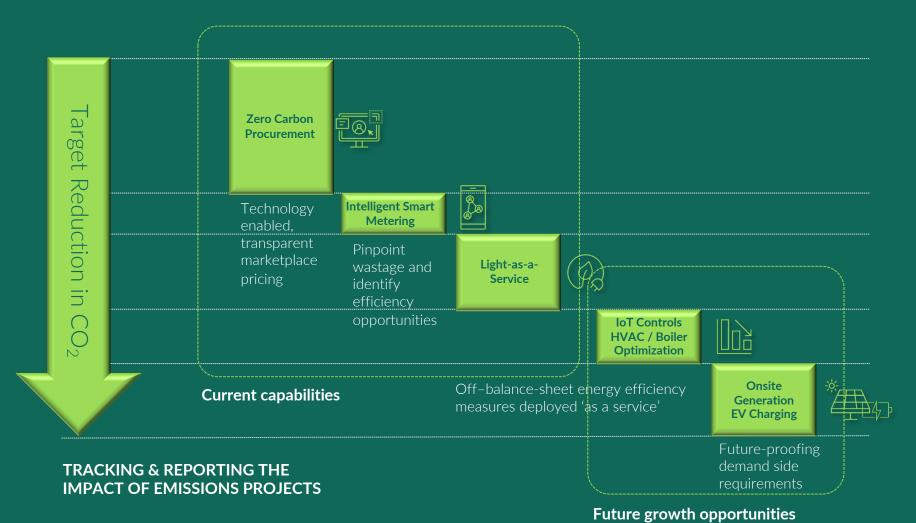
#### STRATEGIC HUB OF THE GROUP

- Proprietary intelligent smart metering and software analytics platforn
- Providing live, behind the meter (BTM) energy consumption data to the cloud
- Enabling businesses to measure & monitor energy usage at the circuit & asset leve
- Ability to identify energy wastage & ECM's





## 2.5 Illustrative Case Study: Potential economic value of delivering Net Zero



**Potential** 10 year value to eEnergy £500K £240K £340K £300 - £500k £300 - £500k

£1.6- £2m

Illustrative only. Based on actual customer case study, assuming one renewal, and pipeline for Current Capabilities and eEnergy estimate of value for Future Growth Opportunities. Actual savings and value to eEnergy are subject to each client's energy



## 2.6 FY21 Full Year Trading Update

TRANSFORMATIONAL YEAR in which the Group has demonstrated strong organic growth, entered the energy management market and delivered its maiden profit<sup>(2)</sup> in line with market expectations, despite challenges of global pandemic

REVENUE: £13.5m

+200% YoY growth

FY20: £4.5 million



ADJUSTED EBITDA(1):

£0.7 million

FY20: £1.5 million LOSS

PROFIT BEFORE EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS<sup>(2)</sup> **£0.1 million** 

FY20: £1.5 million LOSS

**ORGANIC REVENUE:** 

UP 75% to £7.9m

FY20: £4.5 million

LAAS GROSS MARGIN

(incl. commission expense)<sup>(3)</sup>:

34.4% up 350 bps

FY 20: 30.9%



**NET CASH (inc. LEASES)** 

£0.7 million

FY20: £0.5 million NET DEBT



LAAS PROJECTS INSTALLED:

211 (+69% YoY)

FY20: 125

LAAS PROJECTS AVERAGE REVENUE:

£52k (+52% YoY)

FY20: £34k

METERS UNDER MANAGEMENT: 30,040 (+9%)

15 Dec 20: 27,481





<sup>(1)</sup> Adjusted EBITDA is EBITDA excluding transaction-related costs and share based payment expenses.

<sup>(2)</sup> Profit before exceptional items is the profit before and after-tax excluding transaction-related costs and share based payment expenses.

<sup>(3)</sup> Gross margin excluding commissions improved by 260bps to 38.1% from 35.5% in FY20

## 2.7 Near Term Growth Drivers

Existing capabilities across Energy Management, Energy Efficiency and Intelligent Measurement & Analysis driving strong organic growth.

Supported by acquisition strategy to in-fill capability gaps and accelerate growth.

- 1. Market Demand for Zero Carbon Energy & Energy Data
- 2. Switch to Energy Management 'as a service'
- 3. Data insights enabled by My ZeERO drive energy reduction through EEaaS
- 4. Digitisation of LaaS model; eLight App drives scalable SME growth
- 5. Leverage expanded customer base to capture additional Energy Conservation Measure's with measured savings
- 6. Integration & efficiencies leverage platform capabilities
- 7. Renewable generation & Electric Vehicle solutions



NHS England plans to become world's first carbon neutral health service



Legally enshrined target to reduce carbon emissions by 78% by 2035



ESG reporting to become mandatory for LSE premium listed companies from 1 January 2022

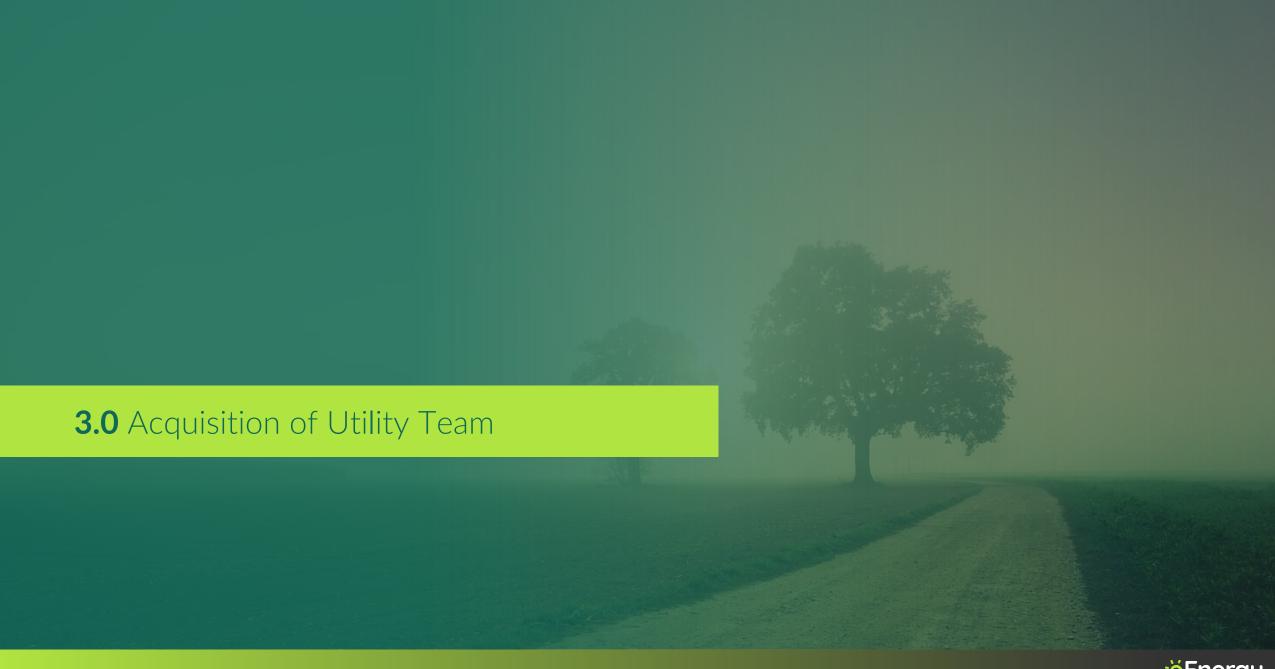


Streamlined Energy & Carbon Reporting requirements apply from 2020 onwards



Government procurement rules to require businesses to commit to achieving Net Zero by 2050







## 3.1 Top 20 Energy Consulting & Procurement Business

#### **UTILITY TEAM**

- Established in 2009
- HQ in Coventry
- Offers energy consulting and procurement services to reduce costs and support transition to Net Zero
  - Every tender has a renewable option
  - Founder member of the future Net Zero Standard
  - 39% contracts signed in 2021 are with renewable energy

#### **Services**

- Green energy strategy
- Bill validation
- Energy Audits
- Site Works

#### Key strengths

- 26% CAGR (2014-2020)
- +36% EBITDA margin
- One of the largest independents focussing on the I&C market
- Dedicated energy services function identify, design, finance, implement
- Net Zero strategy and capability fully integrated into traditional energy procurement
- Highly accomplished digital sales and marketing capability delivering strong new business wins
- Differentiated client offer with particular focus on large, complex multi-site portfolios and a dedicated energy services function





Strong Recurring And
Contracted Revenue Base
With Over 800 Contracted
Customers

80% Contract Renewal Rates

2.8 Average Contract Length of 2.8 Years

27 Employees



Sustainable Energy Services



Risk And Bureau



## 3.2 Strategic Rationale

## COMPELLING & ALIGNED COMMERICAL STRATEGY

- High quality sales engine delivered 27% revenue growth in 2020
- Differentiated proposition and strong 'Zero Carbon' credentials
- Ability to secure large-scale, high-volume energy users with a strategic solution

## LEVERAGING EXISTING TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM

- £200k operating efficiencies identified by transitioning customer portfolio to existing platform
- Increased scalability to leverage existing cost base for future growth
- Enhanced product offering and creating digital journey for customers
- Improved industry ranking for combined entity

## ATTRACTIVE AND COMPLEMENTARY CUSTOMER BASE

- 800+ customers aligned in complementary sectors e.g Healthcare with clear LaaS/ EEaaS potential.
- Provides substantial opportunity with large scale customers to deliver highcontract-value EEaaS solutions

## HIGH QUALITY OF EARNINGS

- Multi-year contracts with strong (c. 80%) renewal history
- £10m forward order book





## 4.1 Integration and Growth Acceleration

#### **INTEGRATION**

- Single leader (MD) for the enlarged Energy Management Division (EMaaS)
- Move Utility Team into eEnergy group collaboration platform
- Move Utility Team client data into Beond Platform and consolidate operational activities
- Combine all EMaaS sales prospect data into single CRM
- Drive all EMaaS campaigns and sales activities through a single route to market

#### **GROWTH ACCELERATION**

- Create sector specific sales channels that focus on the Public Sector (Beond) and I&C markets (Utility Team)
- Repurpose capacity to develop and grow energy price risk management products to lock in longer term revenues
- Create Energy Efficiency (EEaaS) opportunities through embedding MyZeERO into all new EMaaS energy procurement solutions
- Increase our "share of energy savings wallet" through identification of energy conservation measures

 Single leader MD for EMaaS Single technology platform for all EMaaS client data

Value creation through embedding My ZeERO















## Light-as-a-Service



#### WHAT WEDO

Energy Efficiency-as-a-Service / Light-as-a-service

We provide customers with quality LED lighting with no upfront capital investment



## OUR CUSTOMERS

#### **Education Sector**

Independent Schools Multi-Academy Trusts State Schools

#### **Commercial Sector**

Food manufacturers
Food services
Distribution and logistics
Healthcare



## BENEFITS FOR CUSTOMERS

No upfront capital investment

Transfer of risk – technical, financial and maintenance

Unlock free cash flow from day 1



## HOW WE WIN BUSINESS

Digital engagement

Multi channel direct marketing

Strong sales force supported by referrals



## FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

Assign or sell contract receivables

Working with Energy Efficiency investors

Secured capital sufficient to fund foreseeable growth



## The LaaS Proposal

### Financial summary and carbon savings of a LaaS proposal

#### **First Year Summary:**

£52,450 Gross Savings
£30,124 Fixed Payment

£22,325 Net Saving Year 1

#### 7-Year Summary:

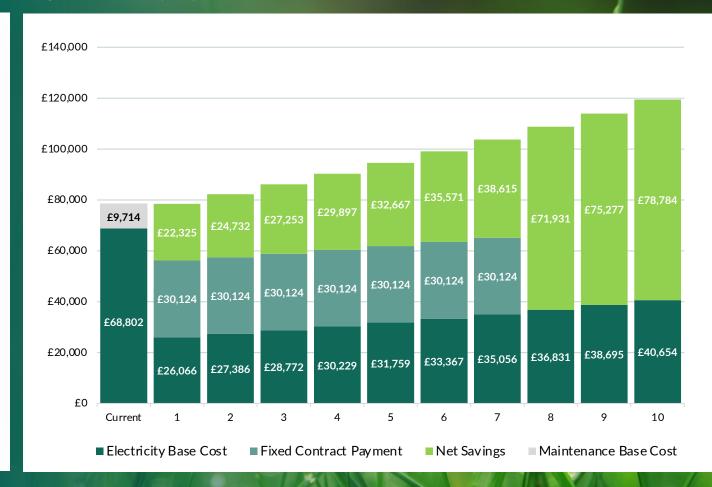
£211,060 Net Savings

33% Cost Savings

400 tCO<sub>2</sub>eCarbon Savings

#### **10-Year Summary:**

£437,052 Net Savings
45% Cost Savings
1,411 tCO<sub>2</sub>eCarbon Savings



£22,325

Total Net Savings
1 Year

£437,052

Total Net Savings 10 Year

1,411 tCO<sub>2</sub>

Carbon saved in 10 years



## LaaS contract economics illustration

#### **TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE (100%)**

Finance Partner (15%)

OEM Equipment (28%)

Installation Contractor (24%)

eLight Gross Profit (33%)

### Allocation of contract value

eLight Revenue (85%)

- Project Finance partner takes all credit risk on future monthly service fees
- Majority of eLight revenue earned upon installation and typically received < 5 days later from Project Finance partner
- OEM terms for payment are typically the month after the month of installation
- Installer will typically invoice eLight upon completion and are paid after 30 days

Each funded project is immediately cash positive

