

# Solarcentury africa

#### Delivering solar hybrid systems in Africa

Balama Mine, Mozambique

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#### Solarcentury Africa – who we are and what we do

- > A leading fully integrated developer of solar & hybrid power plants
- > One of the longest established solar companies around
  - Solarcentury founded in 1998 and active in Africa since 2012
- > Focus on large captive power and utility scale projects, both on and off grid
- Unparalleled engineering capability
  - Integrator of grid LNG HFO diesel hydro wind battery solar PV systems
- > Technology and supplier agnostic
  - Work with all Tier 1 battery and solar PV suppliers and technology types
- > Able to provide fully funded solutions under various commercial models
- > Rapidly growing business committed to Africa
  - Current African pipeline of over 60 projects representing some 2GW/1GWh
  - 35+ mining clients several with peak demands of over 100MW



### Solarcentury Africa - who we work with





#### **The Balama Mine**



- Approximately 265 km west of Pemba in Cabo Delgado
- Leading Tier 1 graphite mine supplying highgrade natural flake graphite globally
- Commenced commercial mining in 2019 with a life of mine of c.50 years
- Graphite is a key component of lithium-ion batteries used in electric vehicles
- Owned and operated by Twigg, part of
  Australian-listed mining group Syrah Resources
- Strategy to become the leading global integrated producer and supplier of battery anode material to the growing EV battery market outside of China



#### What the hybrid system will deliver for Balama



- > Delivered and operational in 2022
- Greenest off-grid mine in Africa
- Fully funded solution
- Significant reduction in cost of power
- > Less exposure to future fuel price increases
- **Significant reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**
- Less exposure to any future carbon taxing
- Strong ESG credentials for investors
- More 'green' graphite product, in line with increasing consumer demands in the end market



## Multiple factors successfully addressed in developing the project



Trusted Energy Partner model Worked closely with the Mine to deliver the best system for its needs



#### System designed to deliver robust power ...





### ... and optimised to best meet the Mine's aims for the project



> Maximise use of cheap renewable power

#### > Minimise total blended power price

- Mine's power demand profile(s)
- Its future power needs
- Solar generation profile
- Use of BESS
- System funding cost
- Reduce emissions
- Achieved average c.35% renewable power penetration over the year
  - Up to 100% during peak daylight hours
  - Corresponding decrease in diesel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Scope for Mine to improve this by changing power demand profile



