

## JSC "Samruk-Energy" Development Strategy for 2024-2033

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# The energy trilemma shapes the external environment and development path of JSC "Samruk-Energy"



**Energy transition** 

- Kazakhstan's commitments to carbon neutrality
- Growing cost-competitiveness of renewable energy sources (RES)
- Enhanced tariff conditions for RES

**Sustainable Development** 

#### • Energy supply reliability

- Significant low-cost fuel sources (Coal)
- Limited gas reserves and lack of gas infrastructure
- Limited flexible generation capacity
- Aging energy infrastructure

#### • Affordability

- Low purchasing power of the population: limited ability to raise tariffs
- Climatic conditions: need for thermal energy

JSC "Samruk-Energy" as a key quasi-state company in the energy sector

# **Priorities of JSC "Samruk-Energy" – Energy security, Energy transition, Sustainable development and Efficiency**

**(C)** Linking the energy sector trilemma to the strategic development directions of JSC "Samruk-Energy"

In the long term, JSC "Samruk-Energy" will As an **agent of state policy** in the electric power support the national goals of the energy sector, JSC "Samruk-Energy" will continue to serve transition (achieving carbon neutrality by as a guarantor of Kazakhstan's energy security. 2060) and will act as a driver for the External factor constraints lead to the necessity of **Energy Transition Energy Security** development of renewable energy sources, maintenance and expansion of both base and shifting its focus in alignment with state flexible generation in the near term policy Reliability <sup>of electricity</sup> <sup>Supply</sup> Sustainable development (environmental, social, Ø, The affordability of electricity and heat at the and corporate governance) is an integral element of level of JSC "Samruk-Energy" can only be ESG the sustainable energy supply component within the  $\checkmark$ managed through the efficiency of its operations. Affordability energy trilemma and has a comprehensive impact at **Efficient production** of electricity and heat is a the national level. At the company level, however, key approach to reducing overall costs, creating managing sustainable development is extensive and Sustainable Development greater opportunities to establish affordable Efficiency includes a significant range of tasks, necessitating pricing the establishment of ESG as a separate strategic direction

## Основные элементы миссии и видения АО «Самрук-Энерго»



### **Mission and Vision**

#### Mission

We ensure the country's energy security and facilitate an accelerated energy transition, adhering to principles of sustainable development and efficient resource management

#### Vision

A highly efficient, innovative leader in the electric power industry, creating a favorable ecosystem for all stakeholders based on principles of reliable partnership, care for people, and respect for the environment

# **Strategic directions, goals, objectives and KPIs**

Strategic directions	Energy Security	Efficiency	<b>Energy Transition</b>	ESG Sustainable Development
Strategic goals	Ensuring coverage of the economy's growing demand for electric power and energy	Enhancing the efficiency of operational, financial, and investment activities	Accelerated development of renewable energy sources and reduction of environmental impact	Following the best ESG practices
Objectives	<ol> <li>Implementation of investment projects for building base and flexible capacity through international cooperation</li> <li>Modernization and reconstruction of existing assets using advanced technologies</li> <li>Timely and high-quality maintenance and repairs</li> <li>Ensuring supply chain reliability</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Improving energy efficiency and introducing energy-saving technologies and processes</li> <li>Optimizing asset management structure</li> <li>Enhancing operational efficiency (cost optimization, business process improvement)</li> <li>Ensuring financial stability</li> <li>Implementation of modern digital solutions and technologies, including artificial intelligence</li> <li>Formulating legislative initiatives and setting tariffs</li> <li>Executing investment projects with acceptable returns, on time, and within budget</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Execution of renewable and hydropower projects and international cooperation</li> <li>Decarbonization and reduction of carbon footprint</li> <li>Implementing recycling and beneficial waste use practices (e.g., utilizing ash slag)</li> <li>Ensuring stable power supply from renewable generation through energy storage systems</li> <li>Minimizing emission levels of pollutants</li> <li>Localization of production</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Enhancing corporate governance and compliance</li> <li>Integrating climate risk management</li> <li>Developing human capital</li> <li>Providing social guarantees, stability and protection</li> <li>Reducing workplace injuries by applying best practices in H&amp;S</li> <li>Improving engagement with key stakeholders</li> <li>Applying modern practices to minimize impact on water, biodiversity, and soil in new projects</li> </ol>
KPIs	<ul> <li>Total volume of electricity sales from base and gas generation</li> <li>Volume of commissioned capacity for base and gas generation</li> <li>Capacity utilization factor</li> <li>Fulfillment of coal supply plan</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Debt / EBITDA</li> <li>Specific fuel consumption (SFC)</li> <li>Capital investment</li> <li>Gross inflow of foreign direct investment (FDI)</li> <li>Net Asset Value (NAV)</li> <li>EBITDA Margin by business segments</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reduction of specific CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent emissions (relative to 2021 baseline) across total power generation</li> <li>Share of installed capacity of renewable energy sources (RES) and hydropower in the generation mix</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increase in ESG rating</li> <li>Improvement in social stability rating - SRS index</li> <li>Achievement of zero injuries and fatalities (reduction in LTIFR, LDR, and FIFR)</li> </ul>

# **Target KPI Values**

Goal	KPI		Unit of Measurement	2027	2030	2033				
Energy Security										
Ensuring coverage of the	1	Total volume of electricity sales from base and gas generation	Coefficient relative to baseline 2023	≥1,0	≥1,5	≥2,0				
economy's growing demand for electric power	2	Volume of commissioned capacity for base and gas generation	GW, cumulative from 2023	≥1,5	≥6,0	≥7,0				
and energy	3	Capacity utilization factor	%	≥75%	≥80%	≥80%				
	4	Fulfillment of coal supply plan	%	≥90%	≥90%	≥90%				
Efficiency										
	5	Debt / EBITDA	Coefficient	≤5,5	≤5,5	≤3,5				
	6	Specific Fuel Consumption (SFC)	Grams per 1 kWh	≤350	≤340	≤330				
	7	Capital investment	Trillion KZT, cumulative from 2024	≥2,5	≥3,5	≥4,0				
Enhancing the efficiency	8	Gross inflow of foreign direct investment (FDI)	Billion USD, cumulative from 2024	≥4,0	≥7,0	$\geq$ 8,0				
of operational, financial,	9	Net Asset Value (NAV)	Coefficient relative to baseline 2023	≥1,3	≥1,6	≥2,0				
and investment activities	10	EBITDA Margin by business segments	Coefficient relative to baseline 2023	Coal Production ( $\geq 1.05$ ) Electricity Generation ( $\geq 1.10$ ) Heat Energy Generation ( $\geq 1.00$ ) Electricity Distribution ( $\geq 1.00$ )	Coal Production ( $\geq 1.10$ ) Electricity Generation ( $\geq 1.20$ ) Heat Energy Generation ( $\geq 1.00$ ) Electricity Distribution ( $\geq 1.00$ )	Coal Production ( $\geq 1.15$ ) Electricity Generation ( $\geq 1.30$ ) Heat Energy Generation ( $\geq 1.00$ ) Electricity Distribution ( $\geq 1.00$ )				
Energy Transition										
Accelerated development of renewable energy	11	Reduction of specific CO <sub>2</sub> -equivalent emissions (relative to 2021 baseline) across total power generation	% relative to baseline 2021	≥30%	≥40%	≥40%				
sources and reduction of environmental impact	12	Share of installed capacity of renewable energy sources (RES) and hydropower in the generation mix	%	≥25%	≥35%	≥40%				
Sustainable Development										
	13	Increase in ESG rating	Rating	Medium ESG Rating / Medium Risks	High ESG Rating / Low Risks	High ESG Rating / Low Risks				
Following the best ESG	14	Improvement in social stability rating - SRS index	Rating	Stable	Stable	Favorable				
practices	15	Achievement of zero injuries and fatalities (reduction in LTIFR, LDR, and FIFR)	Coefficient	LTIFR (0,24), FIFR (0,07), LDR (185)	LTIFR (0,21), FIFR (0,04), LDR (170)	LTIFR (0,18) FIFR (0,01) LDR (155)				

With the implementation of all planned renewable energy projects by 2035, JSC "Samruk-Energy" will outpace national targets for the share of renewables

#### **Opportunities**

• International support for renewable energy projects

The "Paris Agreement" and the "Strategy for Achieving Carbon Neutrality by 2060" encourage investments in renewable energy, including financial instruments

- Kazakhstan's government commitment to renewable energy development
   Kazakhstan has pledged to reduce environmental impact, with target shares for renewables set at 15% by 2030 and 50% by 2050
- Integration of energy storage systems with renewable energy solutions The issue of renewable energy instability can be mitigated by implementing energy storage systems (ESS)
- Favorable climatic conditions for renewable energy

Kazakhstan's wind potential exceeds 900 billion kWh per year, and modern wind turbines allow for blade adjustment to adapt to wind direction and speed

#### Risks

• Growing need for flexible generation capacity

The active deployment of renewables increases the risk of electricity imbalances (deficits), increasing the demand for additional flexible generation capacity

• Shorter lifespan compared to other generating assets

The lifespan of wind and solar stations is approximately 20-30 years, which may impact future generation volumes

• Lack of suitable recycling facilities The limited lifespan of renewable energy assets also necessitates disposal, recycling, or storage of turbine blades and energy storage systems The current high share of hydropower generation and ongoing projects will enable JSC "Samruk-Energy" to maintain its leadership in the industry

**Hydropower Generation** 

#### **Opportunities**

- Significant hydropower potential Kazakhstan has a gross hydropower potential of 170 billion kWh, with an economically feasible potential of 30 billion kWh, concentrated in the wellwatered Irtysh and Balkhash-Alakol basins
- Hydropower as a source of flexible capacity

Hydropower plants are among the most in-demand sources of flexibility in the energy system

- Water flow regulation Hydropower facilities play a vital role in irrigation, water supply, and flood prevention
- Renewable energy source Hydropower remains the primary and most thoroughly researched renewable energy source
- Government priority According to the electricity sector development plan through 2035 and the updated hydropower development plan, hydropower is prioritized by the government

#### Risks

• Environmental, hydrological, and climate risks

A lack of well-founded water resource balance and reliable forecasts accounting for all factors ("loss of stationarity"); negative impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem functions; and the effects of climate change on lateral inflow in the Irtysh and Ili rivers

• Economic risks The investment appeal of hydropower is mixed due to high capital costs, extended construction timelines, and lengthy commissioning periods

#### Coal generation will remain an essential component of the industry, gradually being replaced by more environmentally friendly alternatives

#### **Opportunities**

- Low coal prices
   Kazakhstan has substantial and accessible coal reserves, enabling additional cost savings on resources
- Opportunity to address heat and power deficits through international cooperation

International support in financing and technology availability can help address energy deficits.

• Participation in Kazakhstan's largest coal asset

JSC "Samruk-Energy" owns the country's largest coal asset, increasing reliance on coal generation but enhancing synergies from vertical integration and creating potential for lower raw material costs

• Emission reduction opportunities through production modernization Implementing carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies and upgrading power plants can reduce the carbon footprint and extend asset lifespans

#### Risks

• Additional funding restrictions for coal plants by certain institutions and countries

There is a trend of reduced funding for coal projects by international development banks and countries

• Social risks of phasing out coal generation

Reducing coal generation may lead to social and economic impacts, including job losses and decreased income in coal-dependent regions

- Characteristics of mined coal The coal from current mining assets has high ash content and low calorific value
- Need for significant investment in the heating sector

JSC "Samruk-Energy" manages the Ekibastuz CHP and plans to build several large CHPs, requiring substantial investments in heating infrastructure.

#### **Gas Generation**

#### Gas generation will play a key role in providing flexibility but will not fully replace coal generation

#### **Opportunities**

• Active implementation of renewable energy projects requires development of flexible systems

Currently, gas generation is the most indemand solution for meeting the need for flexible capacity

- Gas Plants are More Environmentally
   Friendly than Coal Generation
   Unlike coal plants, gas plants emit less
   carbon dioxide, and many countries are
   promoting the shift from other fossil fuels
   to gas generation
- New pipelines increase the potential for gasification in northern and southern regions

Supplying gas to the southern and northern regions will create additional flexibility opportunities in these areas

• Integration of the western zone networks with the unified power system enhances the appeal of combined cycle gas turbines (CCGT) Given the location of gas reserves, synchronizing networks can positively impact the prospects for CCGT development

#### Risks

• Geographical presence of current assets

Key gas fields and gas power facilities are located in the western part of Kazakhstan, while most of JSC "Samruk-Energy" assets are concentrated in the Pavlodar, Abay, and Almaty regions

• Greenhouse gas emissions While gas generation emits less CO<sub>2</sub> than coal, it remains a source of greenhouse gases and is a less environmentally friendly option compared to renewable energy sources and hydropower

# **Geography of generating assets and future projects**



# By 2033, the installed capacity of JSC "Samruk-Energy" will increase from 8.5 to 23.5 GW, primarily due to renewable energy sources

**Current list of infrastructure projects and their impact on the installed capacity of JSC "Samruk-Energy**" GW, 2024-2033



JSC "Samruk-Energy" has defined a list of infrastructure projects for the next 10 years.

The implementation of these projects will increase the installed capacity of JSC "Samruk-Energy" by 2.8 times, from 8.5 GW in 2024 to 23.5 GW in 2033, representing an increase of 15 GW.

# JSC "Samruk-Energy" will become a driver of changes in the industry regarding the volume and structure of generation

Structure of installed capacity of JSC "Samruk-Energy" GW, 2024-2033



The implementation of planned projects will enable JSC "Samruk-Energy" to become a driver of the ecological agenda

Accelerated development of the industry through the implementation of renewable energy projects, gas generation projects, and hydropower projects will allow for a change in the current generation structure and align it with the target structure at the national level