

Investment Policy

The Company will invest in a diversified portfolio of utility scale energy storage projects. Individual projects will be held within special purpose vehicles into which the Company will invest through equity and/or debt instruments. Typically, each special purpose vehicle will hold one project but there may be opportunities where a special purpose vehicle owns more than one project. The Company will typically seek legal and operational control through direct or indirect stakes of up to 100 per cent. in such special purpose vehicles but may participate in joint ventures or acquire minority interests where this approach enables the Company to gain exposure to assets within the Company's investment policy which the Company would not otherwise be able to acquire on a wholly-owned basis. In such circumstances the Company will seek to secure its shareholder rights through the usual protective provisions in shareholders' agreements and other transactional documents. The Company currently intends to invest primarily in energy storage projects using lithium-ion battery technology as such technology is considered by the Company to offer the best risk/return profile. However, the Company is ultimately agnostic as to which energy storage technology is used by its projects and will monitor projects with alternative battery technologies such as compressed air technologies, and will consider such investments (including combinations thereof) where they meet the investment policy and objectives of the Company.

The Company may invest cash held for working capital purposes and pending investment or distribution in cash or near-cash equivalents, including money market funds.

The Company intends to enter into hedging arrangements as appropriate to seek to manage its exposure to foreign currency risks associated with capital expenditure, interest rate risk and risks relating to power prices as well as repayment of intra-Group debts.

The Company will not enter into derivative transactions for speculative purposes. The Company does not have any borrowing restrictions in its Articles but the Directors intend that the Company will maintain a conservative level of borrowings with a maximum level of Aggregate Group Debt of 50 per cent. of Gross Asset Value at the time of drawdown of the relevant borrowings.

For these purposes, the "Gross Asset Value" shall mean the Company's Net Asset Value increased by the amount of the Aggregate Group Debt.

The Net Asset Value is the value of all the assets of the Company less its liabilities, determined in accordance with the accounting principles adopted by the Company from time to time.

The “Aggregate Group Debt” is the Group’s proportionate share of the outstanding third-party interest bearing borrowings of any Group companies and any non-subsidiary companies in which the Group holds an interest.

It is intended that debt will be secured at asset level or SPV level, with parental company guarantees or other collateral security, if any, provided at Company level. Debt arrangements will ultimately depend on the structure adopted by the Company, having consideration to key metrics including lender diversity, debt type and maturity profiles.

The Company intends to invest with a view to holding assets until the end of their useful life. However, assets may be disposed of or otherwise realised where the Investment Manager determines in its discretion, that such realisation is in the interests of the Company. Such circumstances may include (without limitation) disposals for the purposes of realising or preserving value, or of realising cash resources for reinvestment or otherwise.

Risk and diversification

The Board will be focused on ensuring that there is sufficient diversity of risk within the Company’s portfolio.

It is the Company’s intention that when any new acquisition is made no single project (or interest in any project) will have an acquisition price (or, if it is an additional interest in an existing investment, the combined value of the Company’s existing interest and the additional interest acquired shall not be) greater than 20 per cent. of Gross Asset Value (calculated at the time of acquisition). However, in order to retain flexibility, the Company will be permitted to invest in any single project (or interest in any project) that has an acquisition price of up to a maximum of 25 per cent. of Gross Asset Value (calculated at the time of acquisition). The Company will target a diversified exposure with the aim of holding interests in no fewer than 10 separate projects at any one time once fully invested.

The Company may invest in projects in the UK, the Republic of Ireland, North America, Western Europe, Australia, Japan and South Korea, although it does not intend that the aggregate value of investments outside the UK and the Republic of Ireland will be more than 60 per cent. of Gross Asset Value (calculated at the time of investment).

Additionally, given the flexibility of batteries as an energy storage technology, revenue diversification can be achieved through the potential to “stack” a number of different income streams with different counterparties, contract lengths and return profiles through one project, such as frequency regulation services to National Grid and EirGrid and/or their subsidiaries and back up capacity power to the Electricity Market Reform delivery body, TNUoS and DUoS reduction and constraint management to industrial clients, as well as wholesale arbitrage to profit from intra-day wholesale electricity prices.

The Company will further aim to achieve diversification within the Company’s portfolio through the use of a range of third party providers, insofar as appropriate, in respect of each energy storage project such as developers, EPC contractors, O&M contractors, battery manufacturers, asset managers, landlords and sources of revenue.

In addition, each MW of a typical energy storage project will contain a battery system which has a number of battery modules in each stack, each of which is independent and can be replaced separately, thereby reducing the impact on the project as a whole of the failure of one or more battery modules.

The Company will not invest in any projects under development so that, save in respect of final delivery and installation of the battery systems, all other key components of the projects are in place before investment or simultaneously agreed at the time of investment (such as land consents, grid access rights, planning, EPC contracts and visibility of revenue contract(s)).

No material change will be made to the investment policy without the approval of Shareholders by ordinary resolution and, for so long as the Company's shares are listed on the Official List, in accordance with the Listing Rules.