

Q3-2012 Earnings Call

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Operational Update









Company Overview

Overview

- Etrion is an independent power producer (IPP) that owns and operates renewable assets with 60 MWp of operating ground-based solar photovoltaic (PV) power plants
- Current operations in Europe with new growth expected in the Americas
- Focus is on power purchase agreements (PPAs) with industrial clients in the Americas complemented by high quality Feed-in-Tariff (FiT) environments like Italy
- Future growth driven by:
 - Addressing energy solutions provided to the mining sector
 - Markets with a strong mandate to diversify energy mix

Corporate Information

- Stock exchange listings: Toronto Stock Exchange in Canada and NASDAQ OMX Stockholm exchange in Sweden (ticker symbol, "ETX")
- Shares outstanding: 205.7 million
- Market capitalization: CAD\$70 million

Net debt: CAD\$342 million

Enterprise value: CAD\$412 million

- Major shareholder: Lundin family (22%)
- Corporate bond listing (€60 million): Oslo Alternative Bond Market



Downstream Player

Raw material (poly)

Parts (modules, inverters)

Services (EPC, Engineering)

Development

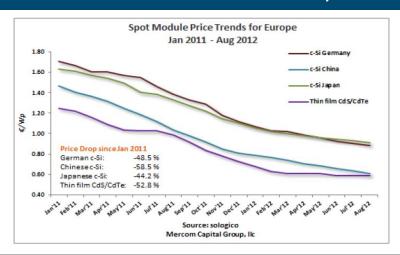
Finance

IPP (build, own, operate)

EPC = engineering, procurement and construction

- Raw material (e.g., polysilicon) required to make wafers and ingots, which in turn are utilized for the construction of solar cells
- Solar cells are then assembled and packaged in order to form solar panels, which are used in the construction of the solar plant
- Third parties provide different services to the project sponsor such as EPC
- Solar facilities are developed in new markets
- Financing is secured with third parties
- EPC and operations and maintenance (O&M) contracts are negotiated and managed
- Renewable assets are owned and operated by the independent power producer (IPP)

Photovoltaic Module Price Curve In 2011/2012



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Value chain characteristics:

- Accelerated cost reductions upstream resulting in new markets reaching grid parity
- Predictable returns downstream



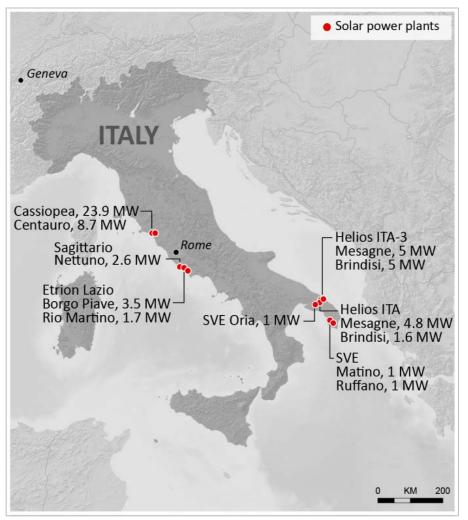
Strategic Direction and Growth Drivers

- 1. Enter new geographical region
- 2. Complement FiT revenues with PPA revenues
- 3. Develop vertical market to serve large industrial clients
- 4. Diversify technology
- 5. Prepare platform for dividend distributions





Current Platform - Italy



(Currency: EUR million)

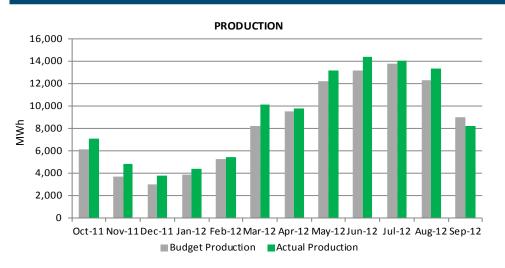
Project	MWp	Revenue	EBITDA
Cassiopea (Montalto, Lazio)	23.9	18.3	16.4
Centauro (Montalto, Lazio)	8.7	6.3	5.8
Helios ITA (Mesagne/Brindisi, Puglia)	6.4	4.8	4.1
SVE (Oria/Matino/Ruffano, Puglia)	3.0	2.2	1.9
Borgo Piave, Lazio	3.5	2.0	1.8
Rio Martino, Lazio	1.7	1.0	0.9
Helios ITA-3 (Brindisi, Puglia)	5.0	2.7	2.4
Helios ITA-3 (Mesagne, Puglia)	5.0	2.7	2.4
Sagittario (Nettuno, Lazio)	2.6	1.2	1.0
Total Operational	59.8	41.3	36.8

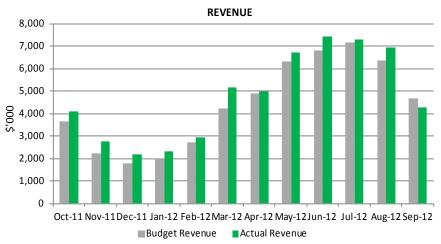
- 1. All projects owned 100% by Etrion.
- 2. EBITDA = earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (excluding internal management fees of approximately €1 million per year).
- 3. Revenues and EBITDA are annual estimates.
- 4. Power plant capacity is referred to as megawatt-peak (MWp) on a direct current (DC) basis.



Operating Performance







- Proven track record of operational excellence (17 plants consistently performing above plan and exceeding covenant obligations)
- Predictable revenues enabling long term forecasting
- Over 88 million kWh produced in 2011 and on target to produce over 100 million kilowatthours (kWh) in 2012

Notes:

1. Production fluctuation month to month is due primarily to solar irradiation seasonality. However, on an annual basis, solar irradiation in Italy varies less than 10%.



Growth Plan – Chile

Overview

- Focus is on power purchase agreements (PPAs) with industrial clients in the Americas, initially Chile
- Leverage the Lundin Group (Mining and Natural Resources to become a niche power generation player to the natural resources sector)
- ➤ Targeted several multinational mining companies to address offgrid and on-grid power generation solutions
- Explore mini-hydro to complement solar portfolio

Market Validation

- > Key drivers for success:
 - stable revenues
 - abundant renewable resources (i.e., attractive solar irradiation)
 - 3. high wholesale electricity prices
 - 4. low equipment prices
 - 5. available long-term low cost financing
 - Increasing energy demand
- * Consistent with Etrion's business model and proven track record of success



- North Chile among highest solar radiation in the world (25% above Nevada / 50% above Spain)
- Module prices at all time low, with continued drop in price due to technology improvements and scale
- Mining growth in Chile to double by 2020 with very limited sources of energy to meet demand



Financial Review









Q3-2012 Highlights

Financial

- Generated solar electricity revenues of US\$18.3 million (2011: US\$18.2 million)
- Recognized EBITDA of US\$14.4 million / 79% margin (2011: US\$14.9 million / 82% margin)
- Generated positive cash flow of US\$5.1 million (2011: negative cash flow of US\$6.1 million)
- Results were negatively impacted by a 9% weakening of the Euro against the US dollar in the same period of 2011

Operations

- Produced 35.6 million kWh of solar electricity (2011: 30.9 million)
- Produced approximately 1% more electricity than planned and 15% more than the same period of 2011

Summary					
	Three months ended		Nine months ended		
	September 30	September 30	September 30	September 30	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	
Production ⁽¹⁾ (MWh)	35,610	30,890	93,092	72,361	
Revenue ⁽¹⁾ (US\$'000)	18,341	18,219	48,277	43,325	
Gross profit (US\$'000)	12,368	12,765	30,998	28,142	
Net income/(loss) (US\$'000)	379	(2,849)	(1,166)	(6,494)	
Adjusted net income before non-cash items(2) (US\$'000)	5,596	1,203	12,851	3,992	
EBITDA ⁽²⁾ (US\$'000)	14,409	14,891	39,555	32,832	
EBITDA margin	79%	82%	82%	76%	
Operating cash flow ⁽³⁾ (US\$'000)	14,259	24,608	26,046	7,575	
Cash flow (US\$'000)	5,066	(6,074)	(3,338)	(5,874)	
Working capital ⁽³⁾ (US\$'000)	23,786	(27,992)	23,786	(27,992)	

- (1) Production is based on megawatt-hours (MWh) of electricity produced. Revenues are received in Euros (€) and have been translated at the average £/\$ exchange rate for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, of 1.28 (2011: 1.41). The average price per kWh produced dropped from US\$0.59 in the third quarter of 2011 to US\$0.52 in the third quarter of 2012, as a result of: (a) exchange rate variations; and (b) new projects being added in the third quarter of 2011 with a lower FiT.
- (2) Adjusted net income before non-cash items and earnings, before interest, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) are non-International Financial Reporting Standard measures.
- (3) Operating cash flow refers to cash flows before investing and financing activities and effects for foreign exchange rate differences. Working capital refers to current assets less current liabilities.



Financial Results

		Q3-2012 ree months	;)	
(US\$'000)	2012	2011	Variance	
Revenue	18,341	18,219	122	
Operating expenses	(1,185)	(667)	(518)	EBITDA margin
General and administrative expenses	(2,774)	(3,240)	466	of 79%
Other income	27	579	(552)	
EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	14,409	14,891	(482)	
Depreciation and amortization	(4,850)	(4,883)	33	Net income durin
Net finance costs	(6,880)	(8,374)	1,494	Q3-2012
Income tax expense	(2,300)	(4,483)	2,183	
Net income/(loss)	379	(2,849)	3,228	
Adjustments for non-cash item items:				Non-recurring/
- Other income (exchange right)(2)	32	-	32	non-cash items
- Liquidation damages ⁽³⁾	(54)	-	(54)	
- EPC cancellation fee(4)	-	(394)	394	Recurring/
- Depreciation and amortization	4,850	4,883	(33)	non-cash items
- Fair value movements (derivatives) ⁽⁵⁾	246	(682)	928	
- Share-based payment	143	245	(102)	
Adjusted net income before non-cash items(1)	5,596	1,203	4,393	

	(3-2012 ne months)	
2012	2011	Variance
48,277	43,325	4,952
(2,638)	(1,696)	(942)
(8,102)	(10,762)	2,660
2,018	1,965	53
39,555	32,832	6,723
(14,839)	(13,734)	(1,105)
(21,070)	(19,082)	(1,988)
(4,812)	(6,510)	1,698
(1,166)	(6,494)	5,328
(1,371)	-	(1,371)
(54)	(2,194)	2,140
-	187	(187)
14,839	13,734	1,105
301	(2,129)	2,430
302	888	(586)
12,851	3,992	8,859

- (1) EBITDA and adjusted net income before non-cash items are non-IFRS measures.
- (2) Other income recognized in 2012, related to the 10% equity interest in the Company's subsidiary, Solar Resources Holding Sarl (SRH), previously held by Marco A. Northland, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and director (Mr. Northland), to adjust the previously recognized share-based payment expense for the portion of the performance condition not met at conversion (March 30, 2012).
- (3) Liquidation damages were received in 2011, associated with delays encountered by the EPC contractors responsible for the construction of two solar power projects (Etrion Lazio and SVE).
- (4) An expense of US\$0.6 million was recognized during 2011, for the EPC contract cancellation fee related to the Helios ITA-3 solar power project. However, during the three months ended September 30, 2011, the Group received a credit note of US\$0.4 million from the contractor associated with this cancellation fee, resulting in a total expense of US\$0.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011.
- (5) At September 30, 2012, all of the Group's derivative financial instruments (i.e., interest rate swap contracts) qualified for hedge accounting with only the ineffective portion of fair value movements included within profit or loss (within finance costs/income).



Financial Position

	Q3-2012	YE-2011	Variance ⁽¹⁾
(US\$'000)			
Non-current assets	380,743	408,144	(27,401)
Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	363,002	377,778	(14,776)
Available for sale investments	2,061	2,061	-
Other (trade and other receivables and deferred tax)	15,680	28,305	(12,625)
Current assets	81,370	59,432	21,938
Trade and other receivables	45,052	19,776	25,276
Cash and cash equivalents (including restricted cash)	36,318	39,656	(3,338)
Total assets	462,113	467,576	(5,463)
Non-current liabilities	409,495	425,696	(16,201)
Borrowings	365,815 -	390,825	(25,010)
Other liabilities (derivatives, deferred income tax and provisions)	43,680	34,871	8,809
Current liabilities	57,584	39,318	18,266
Borrowings	32,650 -	16,030	16,620
Trade and other payables	4,729	12,791	(8,062)
Other (derivatives, income tax and provisions)	20,205	10,497	9,708
Total liabilities	467,079	465,014	2,065
Total equity ⁽²⁾	(4,966)	2,562	(7,528)
Working capital (current assets less current liabilities)	23,786	20,114	3,672

Borrowings: US\$398.5 million

- ➤ Corporate bond (US\$80.1 million) at 9% with 4-year maturity
- ➤ Project loans (US\$318.3 million)

- (1) Balance sheet movements are primarily attributable to: (a) depreciation of the Group's solar power projects; (b) an increase to current trade receivables associated with the higher revenue generating summer months; (c) net cash outflow during the period; (d) the conversion by the CEO of his previously held 10% equity interest in the Company's subsidiary, releasing the US\$5.3 million (€4 million) liability to equity; (e) an increase to the net liability position of the Group's derivative financial instruments (interest rate swaps) due to a lower forecasted euribor curve; and (f) the net repayment of the Group's non-recourse project loans
- (2) Total equity includes share capital (US\$33.3 million), contributed surplus (US\$10.2 million), net losses associated with cash flow hedges (US\$20.3 million) and net gains associated with currency translation adjustments (US\$0.3 million) and accumulated deficit (US\$28.5 million). Excluding the net losses associated with cash flow hedges, the Company's net equity would have been positive (US\$15.4 million) at September 30, 2012.



Net Debt Position

Net Debt Position (IFRS)

	Q3-2012	YE-2011
(US\$'000)		
Borrowings		
Non-recourse loans		
Cassiopea (BIIS, Societe Generale and WestLB)	136,499	142,638
Etrion Lazio/Helios ITA-3/Sagittario (Natixis Portfolio) ⁽¹⁾	76,185	75,833
Centauro (Barclays)	49,373	52,402
Helios ITA (Societe Generale and Dexia)	40,140	41,216
SVE (Centrobanca)	16,123	16,374
Corporate debt		
Corporate bond	80,145	78,392
Total borrowings	398,465	406,855
Cash and cash equivalents (including restricted cash ⁽²⁾)	(36,318)	(39,656)
Net debt position	362,147	367,199

Net Debt Position (Cash-flow basis)

(US\$'000)	Q3-2012	YE-2011
Borrowings		
Total borrowings (per consolidated financial statements)	398,465	406,855
VAT facilities ⁽³⁾	(22,683)	(26,201)
Accrued interest ⁽⁴⁾	(4,387)	(3,436)
Transaction costs ⁽⁴⁾	10,694	11,586
Total borrowings (excluding non-cash items)	382,089	388,804
Cash and cash equivalents (including restricted cash ⁽²⁾)	(36,318)	(39,656)
Adjusted net debt position	345,771	349,148

- (1) Natxis portfolio includes Natixis, WestLB and Mediocreval.
- (2) Restricted cash relates to cash and cash equivalents held at the project level that is restricted by the lending banks for future repayment of interest and principal and working capital requirements related to the specific project.
- (3) Value added tax (VAT) is excluded from total borrowings as this is a cash-in/cash-out item (i.e., VAT facility will be repaid using proceeds from input VAT).
- (4) Borrowings per the consolidated financial statements include accrued interest, net of transaction costs, in accordance with IFRS. These non-cash items are excluded from total borrowings to calculate the Group's net debt position on a cash flow basis.



Conclusion – Etrion Well Positioned for Growth

- <u>Transformation</u> of the business to a sustainable growth platform
- Credible plan to achieve <u>diversification</u>
 - Geography Europe and the Americas
 - Contract regime FiT complemented by PPAs
- Clear path to reach <u>critical mass</u> and option for <u>dividends</u>
- Business model evolving to <u>non-subsidy environment</u> resulting in sustainable long-term growth
- Vertical market focus to address the mining sector
- Strong management and scalable platform with proven track record for success







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