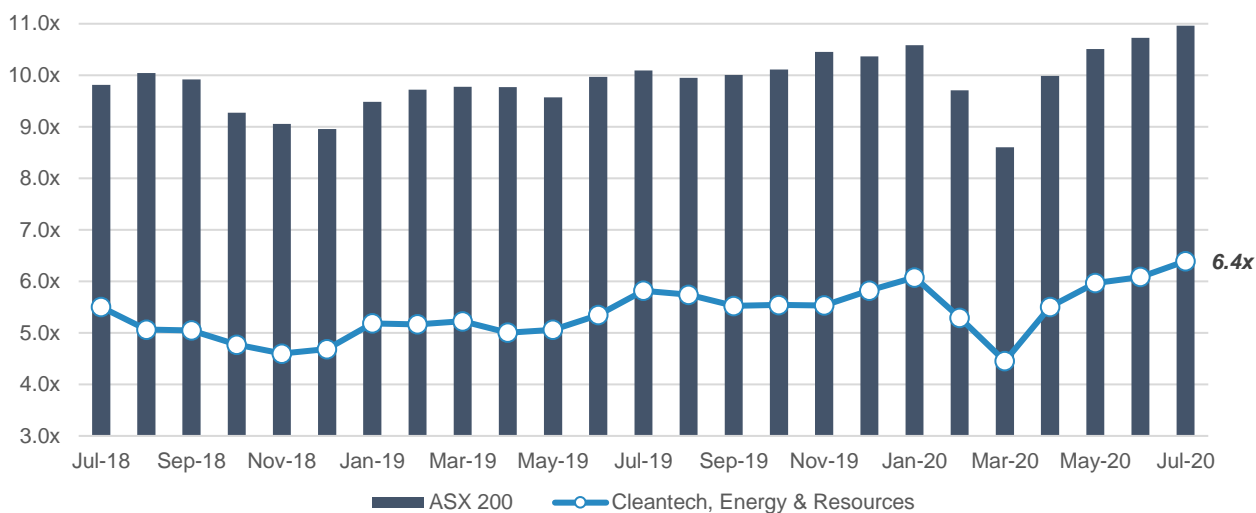


## VALUATION MULTIPLES

### Forward EV / EBITDA Multiples (monthly to 31/07/2020) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Multiples in the Cleantech, Energy & Resources sector increased over the period. At the end of July, the sector traded on a forward EV / EBITDA multiple of 6.4x, compared to the ASX200 on 11.0x.



### Average Values and Trading Multiples (monthly to 19/08/2020) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Subsector	Enterprise Value (\$ m)	EV/EBITDA FY2020	EV/EBIT FY2020	Price / Earnings FY2020
Energy & Utilities	52,892	7.5x	13.1x	24.7x
Environmental Services	7,723	8.6x	21.8x	36.2x
Metals & Mining	347,204	6.2x	10.7x	16.7x
Natural Resources	86	7.6x	NA	NA
Oil & Gas	42,297	5.7x	13.7x	20.7x
<b>Cleantech, Energy &amp; Resources</b>	<b>450,202</b>	<b>6.4x</b>	<b>12.2x</b>	<b>19.6x</b>

Note: Multiples are based on the forward year of the unreported period, which for the majority of companies in the sector is FY2020. Difference in forward EV/EBITDA multiples between Figure and Table are representative of the timing difference between month-end result, and current day result. Composition of companies in Sector Dashboards are updated every 6 months. Most recent update: February 2020.

<sup>1</sup> The InterFinancial Cleantech, Energy & Resources Index set is an unweighted index comprising Cleantech, Energy & Resources sector related companies trading on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX). Estimates are sourced from FactSet Research Systems Inc.

### MERGER & ACQUISITION NEWS...



Value: Not disclosed



**Novo Resources Corp** announced on 4 August that it has agreed to buy **Millennium Minerals**, an Australian-based gold producer, from **IMC**. The acquisition provides Novo with key processing infrastructure, including a 1.5 Mtpa processing plant, tailings storage facility, contract power station, administration offices, assay laboratory, and a 230-room camp.



Value: AUD 180m



**Partners Group**, the Swiss global private equity firm, on 3 August announced it has invested over AUD 180m in equity on behalf of its clients to acquire and construct the second stage of Australia-based **Murra Warra Wind Farm**. The construction of Murra Warra II will commence this month and is expected to be completed by mid-2022. The wind farm will comprise 38 GE Cypress 5.5MW turbines with a total nameplate capacity of 209MW.



Value: Not disclosed

**Shell Australia**, the Australian subsidiary of **Royal Dutch Shell**, is set to fully acquire **Select Carbon**, the Western Australia-based specialist company that partners with farmers, pastoralists and other landowners to develop carbon farming projects across Australia.



Value: Not disclosed

**SIMEC Energy**, an international energy and natural resources group headquartered in the UK, has decided to demerge from **ZEN Energy**, an Australian provider of solar panels, systems, and retail energy. The majority stake will be sold back to **ZEN Energy** owner Professor Ross Garnaut. **SIMEC Energy**, will retain the existing project development business. The move is expected to provide cheaper power for South Australian consumers, as the new structure will increase local competition, and lower costs through increased use of renewables.



Value: Not disclosed



**Metso Corporation**, the Finnish industrial machinery company, announced on 3 August its acquisition of **Davies Wear Plate Systems**, an Australian fastener and wear monitoring technology provider. The target's technology will help Metso in augmenting safer and faster maintenance work and fits in with its focus of offering encompassing solutions for the full gamut of the wear lining value chain.

## DRILLING FOR DEALS...

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- **Stone Resources Australia** has sold its **Ben Hur** project to **Regis Resources** for AUD 10m.
- Buyers shortlisted for **John Liang's** Australian renewable assets are believed to be seeking equity partners. The buyers will need to pay at least AUD 250m for the portfolio, which includes three **John Liang** wind farms. Known shortlisted buyers include; **Infrastructure Capital Group**, and **Federation Asset Management**.
- Perth-based gold, diamond, and gemstones explorer **Torian Resources** is pursuing a strategic review to unlock value from non-core assets.
- **Gascoyne Resources**, an Australian gold and development company, is expected to launch an equity raising worth up to AUD 85m to recapitalize the business.
- London-based **Neptune Energy** has emerged as a potential buyer for **Eni's** Australian oil and gas assets.
- Canadian-based convenience store company **Couche-Tard** could revive its efforts to buy Australian service station business **Ampol**, after it walked away from an AUD 8.8bn offer earlier this year due to coronavirus-related disruptions.
- Hong Kong's **CLP Group** remains interested in selling down a stake in **EnergyAustralia**, an Australian energy business.
- **Montem Resources**, an Australia-based developer of steelmaking coal projects in Canada, is looking to raise AUD 8m through an initial public offering of ordinary shares on the ASX.
- **Brookfield** has withdrawn from the USD 2.5bn auction for a stake in the infrastructure connected to **Shell's QCLNG** gas project.
- **North Stawell Minerals**, an Australian gold miner, is set to raise AUD 20m in an ASX IPO slated for September.
- **5B**, a Sydney-based solar technology innovator, has secured a strategic investment from **AES Corporation**, the Virginia-based sustainable energy provider.
- **Melbana Energy**, an Australian oil and gas explorer, is seeking joint venture partners for its Australian projects the **Beehive** and **Tassie Shoal** operation, both situated off Australia's north coast.
- **Alkane Resources Ltd** has completed the planned demerger of its critical materials subsidiary, **Australian Strategic Materials**.
- **CIMIC Group** is in advanced negotiations with **Elliott Advisors (UK)** regarding a potential investment by Elliott into 50% of the share capital of **Thiess**, the Australian largest mining services provider.
- **Monadelphous**, an Australian engineering business, is eyeing investments in suitable business opportunities.
- **Imdex**, the Australian-based maker of drilling fluids and industrial instruments, is said to be eyeing strategic acquisitions.
- Perth-based mining and metals company **South32** has stated that it will sell its shareholding in the **Tasmanian Electro Metallurgical Company (TEMCO)** to an entity within **GFG Alliance**.

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