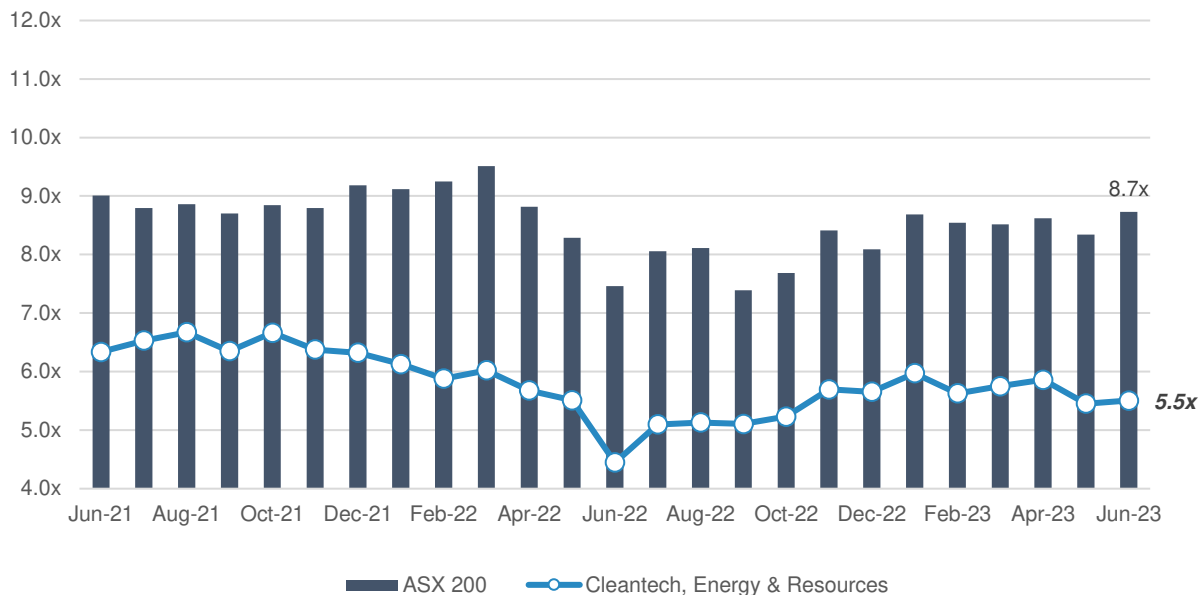


## VALUATION MULTIPLES

### Forward EV / EBITDA Multiples (monthly to 30/06/2023) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Multiples in the Cleantech, Energy & Resources sector have decreased over the period. At the end of June, the sector traded on a forward EV / EBITDA multiple of 5.5x, compared to the ASX200 on 8.7x.



### Average Values and Trading Multiples (monthly to 30/06/2023) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

| Subsector                                | Enterprise Value (\$m) | EV/EBITDA FY2023 | EV/EBIT FY2023 | Price / Earnings FY2023 |
|--|------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Energy & Utilities                       | 39,419                 | 7.3x             | 14.8x          | 23.1x                   |
| Environmental Services                   | 7,498                  | 11.2x            | 24.9x          | 33.2x                   |
| Metals & Mining                          | 383,869                | 4.0x             | 11.0x          | 17.0x                   |
| Oil & Gas                                | 108,335                | 3.4x             | 4.7x           | 6.2x                    |
| <b>Cleantech, Energy &amp; Resources</b> | <b>539,121</b>         | <b>4.5x</b>      | <b>11.2x</b>   | <b>17.1x</b>            |

Note: Multiples are based on the forward year of the unreported period, which for the majority of companies in the sector is FY2023. 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.

<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:** AUD 39m

Australia-based **Cleanaway Waste Management** [ASX:CWY] has announced that it has entered into a binding agreement to acquire **Australian Eco Oils (trading under the name Scanline)**, Australian collector and processor of used cooking oil, for AUD 39m (USD 26.5m). In FY24, the business is expected to generate annualized EBITDA of ~AUD 6m and EBIT of ~AUD 4m. The acquisition is subject to customary conditions precedent and is expected to complete in the first quarter of FY24.



**Value:** EUR 200m

**INPEX Corp.** [TYO: 1605] has agreed with **Enel Green Power S.p.A.**, a subsidiary of **Enel S.p.A.** [BIT: ENEL], to acquire a 50% stake in Enel Green Power Australia Pty, the Tokyo-based explorer and developer of oil, natural gas, and other mineral resources said in a press announcement. It is believed that the deal gives a valuation of EUR 400m (USD 445.6m) to the entire business of Enel Green Power Australia, including EUR 140m debt.



**Value:** AUD 53m

**A-Cap Energy Ltd** [ASX:ACB] has agreed to be fully acquired by **Lotus Resources Ltd** [ASX:LOT] for a merger by way of a scheme of arrangement, the two companies said in a joint announcement filed with the Australian Securities Exchange. Under the scheme, A-Cap Energy shareholders will receive one new Lotus Resources share for every 3.54 A-Cap Energy shares held, and Lotus Resources shareholders will hold about a 79.0% stake in the merged entity upon implementation of the scheme.



**Value:** Not disclosed

**Nikola Corporation** [Nasdaq:NKLA], an Arizona-based provider of zero-emissions transportation and energy supply and infrastructure solutions, via the Hyla brand, and **Fortescue Future Industries** (FFI), a Australia-based iron ore mining company that seeks to develop green electrons, green hydrogen and green technology at scale, announced that FFI will acquire Nikola's Phoenix Hydrogen Hub (PHH) project.



**Value:** AUD 152.6m

**Essential Metals Ltd** [ASX:ESS] has entered into a binding agreement to be fully acquired by **Develop Global Ltd** [ASX:DVP] by way of a scheme of arrangement, the two companies said in a joint announcement filed with the Australian Securities Exchange. The scheme consideration is one new Develop Global share for every 6.18 Essential Metals shares held, giving Essential Metals an implied value on a fully diluted basis of up to AUD 152.6m (USD 101.4m), the statement said.



**Value:** AUD 9.03m

**Cradle Resources Ltd** [ASX:CXX] has entered into a binding agreement to acquire a 84% stake each in **Volt Geothermal Pty Ltd** and **Within Energy Pty Ltd**, with geothermal assets in Queensland and South Australia. The consideration for the acquisition is 220,360,329 Cradle Resources shares.

## MERGER & ACQUISITION NEWS...

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**Value:** Not disclosed

**Mineral Resources Ltd**, the Australia based iron ore, lithium and manganese mining company, also providing mining support services has acquired **G&G Mining Fabrication Pty Ltd**, the local engaged in the refurbishment, manufacture and design of fabrications for heavy earth moving equipment from SSAB AB, the Sweden based manufacturer in processing raw material to steel. The terms of the deal were undisclosed.



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**Value:** \$30m

**Albemarle Corp**, the United States based developer, manufacturer and marketer of highly-engineered specialty chemicals including lithium, bromine and catalysts, through its subsidiary **Albemarle Lithium Pty Ltd**, the Australia based lithium exploration company, has agreed to acquire **Western Lithium Ltd**, the Australia based lithium miner, from Lithium Power International Ltd, the Australia based lithium explorer.

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## DRILLING FOR DEALS...

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- London-headquartered **Foresight Group** and Australian fund manager **Igneo Infrastructure Partners** are no longer bidding for **Sims Group** (Sims) [ASX:SGM]'s 50% stake in Australian waste business **LMS Energy**. Pacific Equity Partners' (PEP) Secure Assets Fund remains in the running. Indicative bids were due in May. LMS Energy is Australia's biggest landfill biogas operator with 60 plants. It also has production units in New Zealand and the US. The facilities turn methane from landfill into power. The methane is converted to the less potent greenhouse gas carbon dioxide.
- The Bald Hill lithium mine owned by **Alita Resources** could be put back up for sale after **Australia's Foreign Investment Review Board** (FIRB) blocked a suitor with Chinese links from buying the company. According to the report, Jim Chalmers, Australia's federal treasurer, blocked a proposal by Austroid to purchase collapsed Alita Resources' Bald Hill mine on advice from the FIRB. Alita shareholders are likely to welcome the deal's collapse because they believe Bald Hill's value has increased due to strong demand for lithium.
- **Macquarie** [ASX:MQG] has withdrawn from talks to buy a 50% stake in **EnergyAustralia**, an Australian electricity and gas supplier. According to the report, **CLP Group** [HKG: 0002], EnergyAustralia's Hong Kong-based owner, has been seeking an equity partner to help transition EnergyAustralia away from fossil fuels for nearly one year.
- **Talon Energy** [ASX: TPD] received a takeover offer from **Strike Energy** [ASX: STX]. Talon confirmed in a statement that Strike submitted a proposal, subject to several conditions, to Talon's board but the offer was withdrawn before it could be rejected. Strike offered Talon investors 0.4586 Strike shares for every Talon share owned plus continued ownership of the company's Mongolian assets.

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