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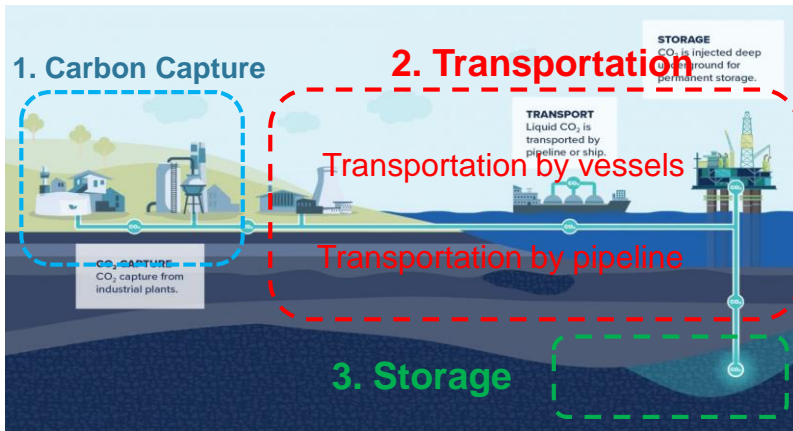
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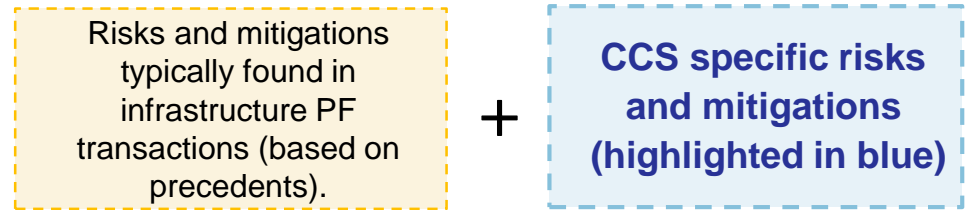
CCS– High Level Bankability Considerations



2 + 3 = Transportation and Storage (T&S) business model

Project Finance (PF) is a suitable way to finance large-scale projects with long loan tenor

Bankability consideration (for PF)



Key risks to be addressed to ensure bankability

Risk Categories	Key Considerations
Revenue risks	<p>Need to ensure <u>stable project cash flow for long term</u> (for more than [10-15] years)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ T&S Co should be insulated from CO₂ volume and price risks and “project-on-project” risks on the emitter side (as they are out of control of T&S Co) → ideally it should receive <u>revenue based on the availability of the T&S service, from creditworthy counterparties</u> ✓ Different revenue models can be considered → see the next page ✓ Contract structure enabling the borrower to receive enough termination payment from counterparties ✓ Need to give economic incentives to the parties involved, such as subsidies or carbon pricing. However, for the T&S Co, relying solely on such forms of support with high volatility may pose difficulties
Construction / operation/ technology risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Construction delay / under-performance / operation shut-down / CAPEX & OPEX overrun ✓ Reservoir risk (lower annual / total volume of CO₂ injected, CO₂ leakage)
Other risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Regulatory / Environmental & Social risks ✓ Force Majeure etc.

CCS– High Level Bankability Considerations (Revenue risks)

Potential CCS revenue models

- **Stable** (rather than high but volatile) **revenue** is important to ensure bankability and maximize leverage
- There could be several ways but each has pros & cons and the best approach would depend on project-specific situations

Case 1

Long-term T&S service contracts with emitters

- ✓ **Long-term contracts with emitters** (fee payers) which covers the loan tenor (e.g. construction + [10-15] years)
- ✓ **Creditworthy fee payers** (e.g. Investment Grade)
- ✓ **Availability based fee structure**

Case 2

Tolling contracts with T&S Co sponsors

- ✓ Similar to Case 1, but **the fee payer (toller) is T&S Co sponsor**
- ✓ The toller will enter into T&S service agreements with emitters to recover fees

Case 3 PPP scheme

- ✓ Similar to Case 1, but **the fee payer is a public entity**
- ✓ Cost to be recovered by carbon tax or other measures - incentive mechanism for emitters can be flexibly designed
- ✓ **Technical challenges to apply it to cross-border T&S transactions**

Case 4 Regulated Asset Base (RAB) model

- ✓ Similar to Case 3, but **suitable for the specific environment with some pre-conditions, including the well designed regulation**
- ✓ T&S Co charges fees to the emitters based on CO2 volume
- ✓ The adjusted fee level for the T&S Co to recover a certain level of return on asset investment, depreciation and other costs

CCS– High Level Bankability Considerations (Other risks)

Risks	Possible mitigations
Construction risks - e.g. construction delay, underperformance, CAPEX overrun	✓ Technical DD and conservative budgeting (contingency) and scheduling ✓ Sponsor support, Lump-sum turnkey EPC contract, warranty/LD mechanism
Operation risks - e.g. shutdown, underperformance, OPEX overrun	✓ Technical DD and conservative budgeting ✓ Risk sharing with the O&M service provider, ongoing performance warranty by the EPC contractor / licensor ✓ Risk sharing under the revenue contract
Reservoir risk - e.g. insufficient capacity, CO2 leakage	✓ Technical DD ✓ Sufficient allowance of reservoir capacity / securing alternative reservoir ✓ Limiting T&S Co's liability on leakage (risk sharing with the Insurance company and the government by contract or regulation)
Regulatory / sovereign risks	✓ Legal DD, establishing clear regulatory framework, agreement with the host country government (London Protocol, CCS Business Act, JCM) ✓ ECA cover
Environmental & Social risks	✓ E&S DD and covenants in loan agreements ✓ Community engagement
Force Majeure	✓ Insurance

Additional point – Shipping technology risk

- For long-distance transportation (e.g. cross-border T&S), CO2 would need to be transferred by ships in liquid form
- Mid-temperature, mid-pressure (-25° C, 15-18 bar) technology has been used for commercial shipping, but not suitable for larger scale. Low-temperature, low-pressure (-50° C, 6-8 bar) and high-temperature and high-pressure (20° C, 40-60 bar) technologies are being developed

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