Transformation to Integrated Energy Company on track, aims to grow earnings through 2030 and accelerate net zero ambition

- Confident in delivering 2025 targets, aiming to grow EBITDA to 2030
- Aims for EBITDA from resilient hydrocarbons now to be sustained out to 2030
- Expects investment in transition growth businesses to be over 40% of bp capex by 2025
- Aiming to generate $9-10bn EBITDA from transition growth businesses by 2030
- bp now aiming to be net-zero across operations, production and sales by 2050 or sooner

bp today reports its full year results for 2021 and will also give an update on its strategic transformation, including accelerating its net zero ambition.

The strong progress bp has made over the past few years has reinforced its confidence in the delivery of its earnings and returns targets for 2025. In addition, it is now aiming to continue to grow EBITDA through to 2030.

bp is now aiming to sustain earnings (EBITDA) from resilient hydrocarbons out to 2030¹, despite focusing its oil and gas production and refining throughput.

bp also expects to increase the proportion of its capital expenditure in transition growth businesses to more than 40% by 2025 and is aiming for around 50% by 2030. It aims to generate earnings of $9-10 billion from these businesses by 2030², driven by five transition growth engines – bioenergy, convenience, electric vehicle (EV) charging, renewables and hydrogen.

Bernard Looney, bp chief executive, said: “Over the past two years we have set a new purpose, direction and strategy for bp, and completed the largest re-organisation in our history. With this period of change fully behind us, we are now solely focused on driving value through the safe, efficient delivery of our strategy.

“We enter 2022 with growing confidence. The past two years have reinforced our belief in the opportunities that the energy transition presents - to create value for our shareholders and to get to net zero. The need for, and role of, an integrated energy company (IEC) has – to our minds - never been clearer. Underpinning all of this is our steadfast commitment to perform while transforming.”
Disciplined strategic progress

Since setting out its strategy in August 2020, bp has made strong progress across each of its three strategic focus areas and is on track to meet the targets it set for 2025.

- **In resilient hydrocarbons**, eleven new major projects have begun production since the start of 2020, completing a six-year programme that delivered 35 major projects, on average on schedule and around 15% below budget.

  bp now expects to sustain EBITDA from resilient hydrocarbons at around $33 billion a year to 2025 and aims to maintain it in a $30-35 billion range to 2030, even while oil and gas production is expected to decline 40% from 2019 levels by 2030. bp plans to deliver this through a continued focus on costs and performance, and disciplined investment in high margin opportunities, while also continuing to focus and high-grade its portfolio.

  As the world seeks lower carbon fuels, bp sees clear opportunities to leverage its portfolio of assets and customer base – hence bioenergy is one of bp's transition growth engines. This includes biofuels, including sustainable aviation fuel, and biogas. Building on its refinery footprint, bp anticipates investing in five major biofuels projects, including the conversion of up to two refineries. It also sees opportunity for considerable growth in biogas in the US, Europe and UK.

- **In convenience & mobility**, through the strength of its customer offer, bp has grown its margin share from convenience and electrification from 25% to 29% since 2019. Over the same period bp has already almost doubled its EV charging points to more than 13,000 worldwide.

  bp remains on track with its aim to double 2019 earnings from convenience & mobility to $9-10 billion in 2030, with both convenience and EV charging as transition growth engines.

  bp has 2,150 strategic convenience sites worldwide and has now increased its aim for 2030 to around 3,500. bp has also increased its aim for charging points to more than 100,000 by 2030. With a focus on fast and on-the-go charging – almost half bp’s current network is fast or ultra-fast – and on fleets, bp is aiming to increase the energy sold across its EV charging networks 100-fold from 2019 to 2030.

- **In low carbon energy**, bp has quadrupled its renewables development pipeline since the end of 2019, from 6GW to 24.5GW. This includes its entry into offshore wind, now with a pipeline of 5.2GW net, including its recent success in the ScotWind leasing round.

  With disciplined annual capital expenditure in low carbon energy planned to grow to $3-5 billion by 2025 and $4-6 billion by 2030, bp is aiming for EBITDA of $2-3 billion by 2030.

  bp sees both renewables and hydrogen as transition growth engines. With its renewables pipeline and 4.4GW developed to FID at end-2021, it is on track for its target of having developed 20GW renewable power capacity by 2025 and its aim for 50GW by 2030. bp remains confident of achieving 8-10% levered returns for these investments.
In hydrogen, bp has built a significant portfolio of options in advantaged markets worldwide with potential capacity of 0.7–1.3 million tonnes a year. These also enable additional value creation through integration with renewables and CCS.

**bp investing in Britain**

In delivering its strategy, bp expects to show how operating as an integrated energy company can create value while supporting the low carbon ambitions of cities, countries and regions. This is demonstrated by its plans in its home in the UK, where it expects to invest across all its transition growth engines.

bp anticipates spending more than double the profit it generates in the UK out to the middle of this decade. Its plans represent an important return to growth for bp and its investment in the UK.

bp helped to create hydrocarbon value chains in the UK – in the North Sea, retail and convenience, and supply and trading – and now intends to help lead the creation of new electron and hydrogen value chains.

Bernard Looney commented: “Britain has been our home for more than 110 years and we are excited to help as it transitions to a thriving net zero economy.”

bp’s plans in the UK include:

- producing clean energy from offshore wind in the Irish Sea and off the coast of Scotland, and from solar across the country developed by Lightsource bp;
- manufacturing green and blue hydrogen, and other opportunities enabled by CCUS, in Teesside, Scotland and elsewhere;
- growing new markets for hydrogen, including in centres such as Teesside and Aberdeen, and transport opportunities for hydrogen and biofuels;
- continued growth of its market-leading EV charging network and convenience offers; and
- commercial and geographic integration through bp’s trading, and regions, cities & solutions teams can further enhance returns created in these new value chains.

This approach is not limited to the UK - bp sees opportunities to apply this integrated energy company model in many other geographies around the world.

**Accelerating net zero ambition**

The strategic progress bp is making, and the growing confidence it has in the opportunities of the energy transition, is now also allowing it to accelerate its net zero ambition and aims.

Bernard Looney said: “We are accelerating the greening of bp. Our confidence is growing in the opportunities that the energy transition offers. This allows us to raise our low carbon ambitions, and
we are now aiming to be net zero across operations, production and sales by 2050 or sooner – unique among our peers. In a world heading for net zero, we’re best positioned for success if we are also heading for net zero. We believe our ambition is both good business and supports society’s drive towards the Paris goals.”

- **Aim 1**: bp now aims to reduce operational emissions by 50% by 2030, compared with an aim of 30-35% previously, on the way to net zero by 2050 or sooner.
- **Aim 3**: bp is now also aiming for net zero lifecycle emissions from the energy products it sells by 2050 or sooner – a significant advance from the previous aim of a 50% reduction in their emissions intensity. Additionally, the aim’s scope is expanding to include physically traded sales of energy products. For 2030 bp is aiming for a 15-20% reduction in the lifecycle carbon intensity of these products.

bp intends to provide shareholders with the opportunity of an advisory vote on its net zero ambition at its 2022 AGM.

**Growing earnings and distributions**

Continuing to deliver this strategy is expected to allow bp to meet its 2025 targets of:

- growing EBIDA per share at a 7-9% CAGR to 2025;
- growing ROACE to 12-14% by 2025; and
- growing the proportion of capital employed in transition growth businesses to over 20%, and the proportion of capital investment allocated to them to over 40%, by 2025.

With a continuing commitment to its financial frame, including strict capital discipline, bp believes that – at an oil price of around $60 per barrel and subject to board discretion – it has the capacity to increase its dividend per ordinary share by around 4% a year through 2025. In addition, with its commitment to returning at least 60% of surplus cash flow through share buybacks – subject to retaining a strong investment grade credit rating – bp also expects to deliver around $4 billion buybacks a year at $60 a barrel through to 2025 – with upside in higher price environments.

Together with the strategy this underpins confidence in bp’s investor proposition to deliver long-term value to shareholders through committed distributions, profitable growth and sustainable value.

bp’s fourth quarter and full year 2021 results can be seen [here](#).
Further information

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Footnotes:

2. at $60/bbl Brent (2020, real) and bp planning assumptions.
3. between 2H19/1H20 and 2025, at oil prices of $50-60 per barrel in 2020 real terms and bp planning assumptions.
4. at oil prices of $50-60 per barrel in 2020 real terms and bp planning assumptions.

Definitions:

- For the purposes of this announcement, each of the following terms has the meaning given to it in bp's fourth quarter and full year 2021 financial results announcement: adjusting items; EV charge points; renewables pipeline / renewables development pipeline; major projects; upstream; developed renewables to final investment decision (FID); and surplus cash flow.
- For the purposes of this announcement, each of the following terms has the meaning given to it in the bp Annual Report and Form 20-F 2020: capital expenditure; margin share for convenience and electrification; return on average capital employed (ROACE); and strategic convenience sites.
- EBIDA: underlying replacement cost profit before interest and tax, add back depreciation, depletion and amortization and exploration expenditure written-off (net of non-operating items), less taxation on an underlying replacement cost basis.
- EBIDA per share: share buybacks are modelled across a range of share prices in this calculation and EBIDA is after impact of planned divestments.
- EBITDA: replacement cost profit before interest and tax, excluding net adjusting items, adding back depreciation, depletion and amortization and exploration write-offs (net of adjusting items).
- CAGR: compound annual growth rate.
- Fast or ultra-fast: Fast charging includes rapid charging ≥50kW and ultra-fast charging ≥150kW.
- Energy product: a product that is used by an ultimate end-user to satisfy an energy demand. In the case of fuels, to burn them to release their calorific content, and in the case of electricity to provide work or heat. A refined product such as a lubricant base stock does not count as an energy product as it is not used to provide energy in its use phase.
• **Physically traded energy product:** for the purposes of Aim 3, this includes trades in energy products which are physically settled in circumstances where bp considers their inclusion to be consistent with the intent of the Aim. It therefore excludes, for example, financial trades, and physical trades where the purpose or effect is that the volumes traded net off against each other.

• **Net zero:** References to net zero for bp in the context of our ambition and Aims 1, 2 and 3 mean achieving a balance between (a) the relevant Scope 1 and 2 emissions (for Aim 1), Scope 3 emissions (for Aim 2) or product lifecycle emissions (for Aim 3), and (b) the aggregate of applicable deductions from qualifying activities such as sinks under our methodology at the applicable time.

• **Net zero operations:** bp’s aim to reach net zero* operational greenhouse gas (CO2 and methane) emissions by 2050 or sooner, on a gross operational control basis, in accordance with bp’s Aim 1, which relates to our reported Scope 1 and 2 emissions. Any interim target or aim in respect of bp’s Aim 1 is defined in terms of absolute reductions relative to the baseline year of 2019.

• **Net zero production:** bp’s aim to reach net zero* CO2 emissions, in accordance with bp’s Aim 2, from the carbon in our upstream oil and gas production, in respect of the estimated CO2 emissions from the combustion of upstream production of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids (NGLs) on a bp equity share basis based on bp’s net share of production, excluding bp’s share of Rosneft production and assuming that all produced volumes undergo full stoichiometric combustion to CO2. Aim 2 is bp’s Scope 3 aim and relates to Scope 3, category 11 emissions. Any interim target or aim in respect of bp’s Aim 2 is defined in terms of absolute reductions relative to the baseline year of 2019.

• **Net zero sales:** bp’s aim to reach net zero* for the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the lifecycle (including end use) of its marketed and physically traded* energy products, in accordance with bp’s Aim 3. Any interim target or aim in respect of bp’s Aim 3 is defined in terms of reductions in the weighted average greenhouse gas emissions per unit of energy delivered (in grams CO2e/MJ) relative to the baseline year of 2019. (Work is ongoing to confirm an assured baseline for this Aim to incorporate the inclusion of physically traded sales.) Greenhouse gas emissions (CO2, methane, N2O) are estimated on a lifecycle basis covering production/extraction, transportation, processing, distribution and use of the relevant products (assuming full stoichiometric combustion of the product to CO2).
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In order to utilize the ‘safe harbor’ provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the ‘PSLRA’) and the general doctrine of cautionary statements, bp is providing the following cautionary statement: The discussion in this announcement contains certain forecasts, projections and forward-looking statements - that is, statements related to future, not past events and circumstances - with respect to the financial condition, results of operations and businesses of bp and certain of the plans and objectives of bp with respect to these items. These statements may generally, but not always, be identified by the use of words such as ‘will’, ‘expects’, ‘is expected to’, ‘aims’, ‘should’, ‘may’, ‘objective’, ‘is likely to’, ‘intends’, ‘believes’, ‘anticipates’, ‘plans’, ‘we see’, ‘focus on’ or similar expressions.

In particular, the following, among other statements, are all forward looking in nature: plans and expectations regarding bp’s performance, earnings, returns, capital expenditure, targets, aims and market position through 2025 and/or 2030 at the group, segment and business level, including with respect to bp’s resilient hydrocarbons, convenience and mobility and low carbon energy businesses; plans and expectations related to bp’s 2025 targets of growing EBIDA per share at 7-9% CAGR through 2025, growing ROACE to 12-14% by 2025, and growing proportion of capital investment in transition growth businesses to over 40% by 2025; plans, expectations and assumptions regarding oil and gas demand, supply or prices, storage, the timing of production of reserves; plans and expectations regarding capital expenditure dedicated to bp’s transition businesses; expectations regarding bp’s earnings from transition businesses, including the aim to generate $9-10 billion from transition businesses by 2030, and the drivers thereof; plans and expectations regarding investments in new projects, including biofuels, hydrogen and CCS projects; plans to high grade bp’s oil and gas portfolio, as well as plans and expectations related to costs and margins in bp’s resilient hydrocarbons business; plans and expectations related to the growth of convenience sites, EV charging points and energy sold across bp’s networks by 2030; plans and expectations in renewables to develop 20 gigawatts of power capacity by 2025 and 50 gigawatts by 2030; plans and expectations regarding bp’s five growth engines of biofuels, convenience, EV charging, renewable power and hydrogen, including plans and expectations related to allocation of capital expenditure and their levered returns and EBITDA growth; plans and expectations regarding bp’s potential capacity in hydrogen; plans and expectations regarding bp’s investment in the UK, including plans to spend more than double the profit bp generates in the UK out to the middle of this decade and potentially longer, plans to develop offshore wind, solar power, hydrogen and CCUS projects in the UK and plans to grow bp’s EV charging and convenience offers; plans and expectations regarding bp’s net zero ambitions and aims, including targets related to reduction of operational and lifecycle emissions and carbon intensity of bp’s products and bp’s aim to be net-zero across operations, production and sales by 2050 or sooner; plans regarding future quarterly dividends and the amount and timing of share buybacks; and plans and expectations regarding the allocation of surplus cash flow.
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