

# Future of Coal & Role of Commercial Mining

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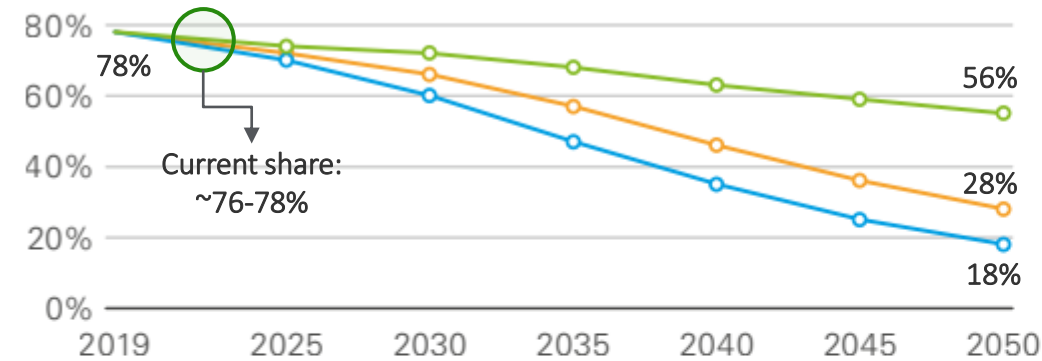


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# The future of global energy is dominated by four trends: declining role for hydrocarbons, rapid expansion in renewables, increasing electrification, and growing use of low-carbon hydrogen

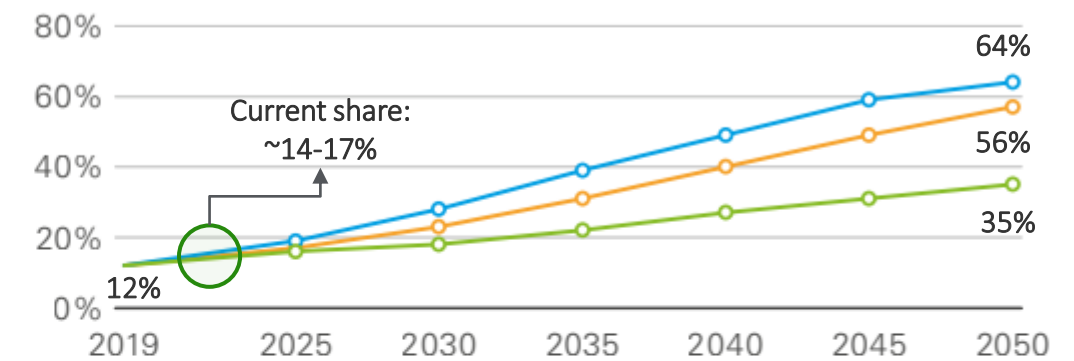
## Fossil fuels

Share of primary energy



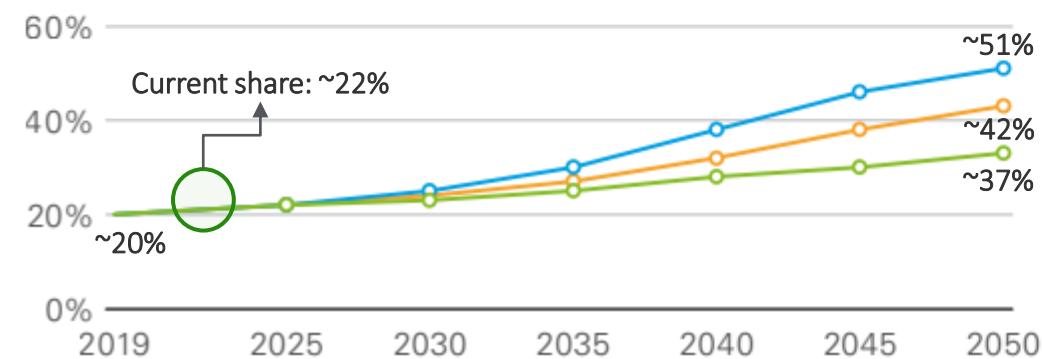
## Renewables

Share of primary energy



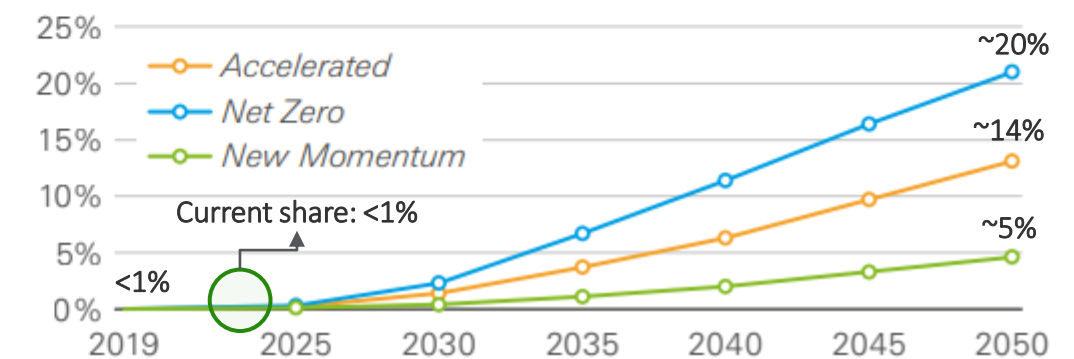
## Electricity

Share of total final consumption



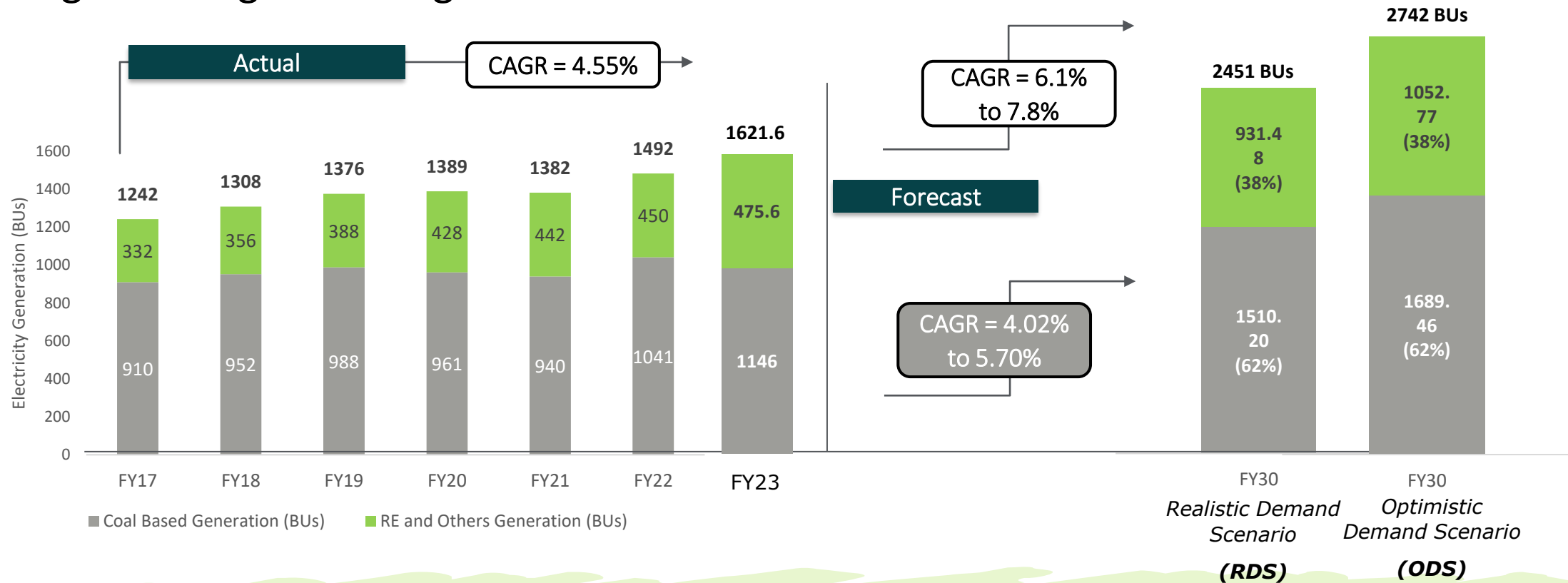
## Low-carbon hydrogen

Share of primary energy used in production of hydrogen



Note: CO<sub>2</sub>e fall by 75% by 2050 relative to 2019 levels in Accelerated scenario and by 95% in Net Zero scenario. CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions in New Momentum peak in the 2020s and by 2050 are around 30% below 2019 levels.

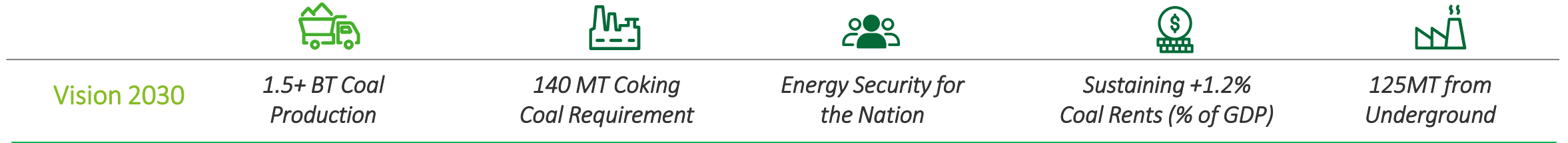
# Electricity generation in India to grow at a substantial CAGR of ~6.1% to 7.8% till 2030, owing to strong demand growth



- Per capita energy consumption of India (1218 KWh) is way below some of the leading nations
- In FY23, coal-based generation rose 10.1% to reach 1145.86 Bus, total generation grew ~9% Y-o-Y
- Electricity generation, closely linked to demand, is estimated to be ~2451 to 2742 BU for FY30
- The share of coal in the domestic electricity generation has hovered around ~71% in the last decade.
- It is likely to decline to 62% by FY30 which translates to coal demand ranging from 1037 to 1160 MTPA by FY30

# Coal is here to stay

Coal to remain a dominant source of fuel supply for electricity generation in India along with increased demand from NRS due to steel & cement capacity additions

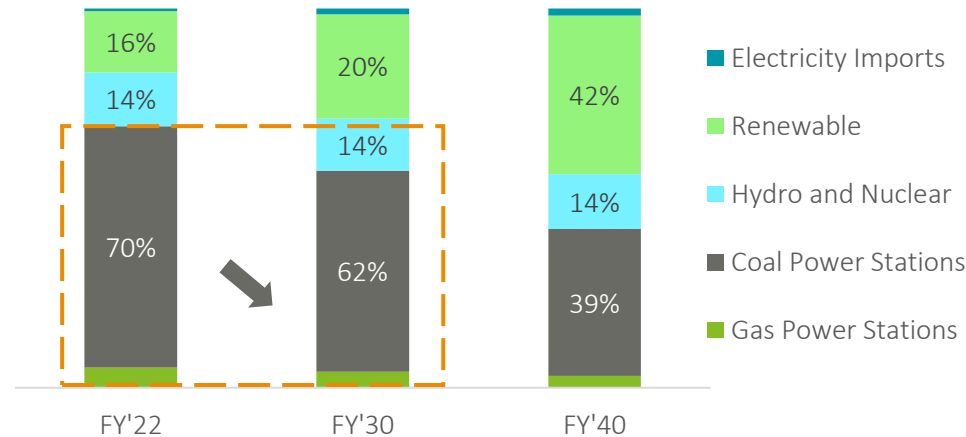


Raw Material Security & Import Reduction

Logistics Infrastructure Development

Technology & Industry 4.0

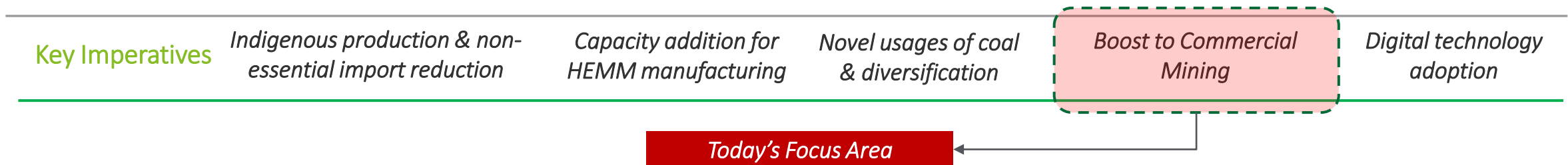
Projections of India's Generation Mix



Alternate & Green Usage of Coal

Decarbonization & Energy Efficiency

Environmental & Social expectations



# Future of the Coal Sector – Mining of tomorrow will be different from how it looks today

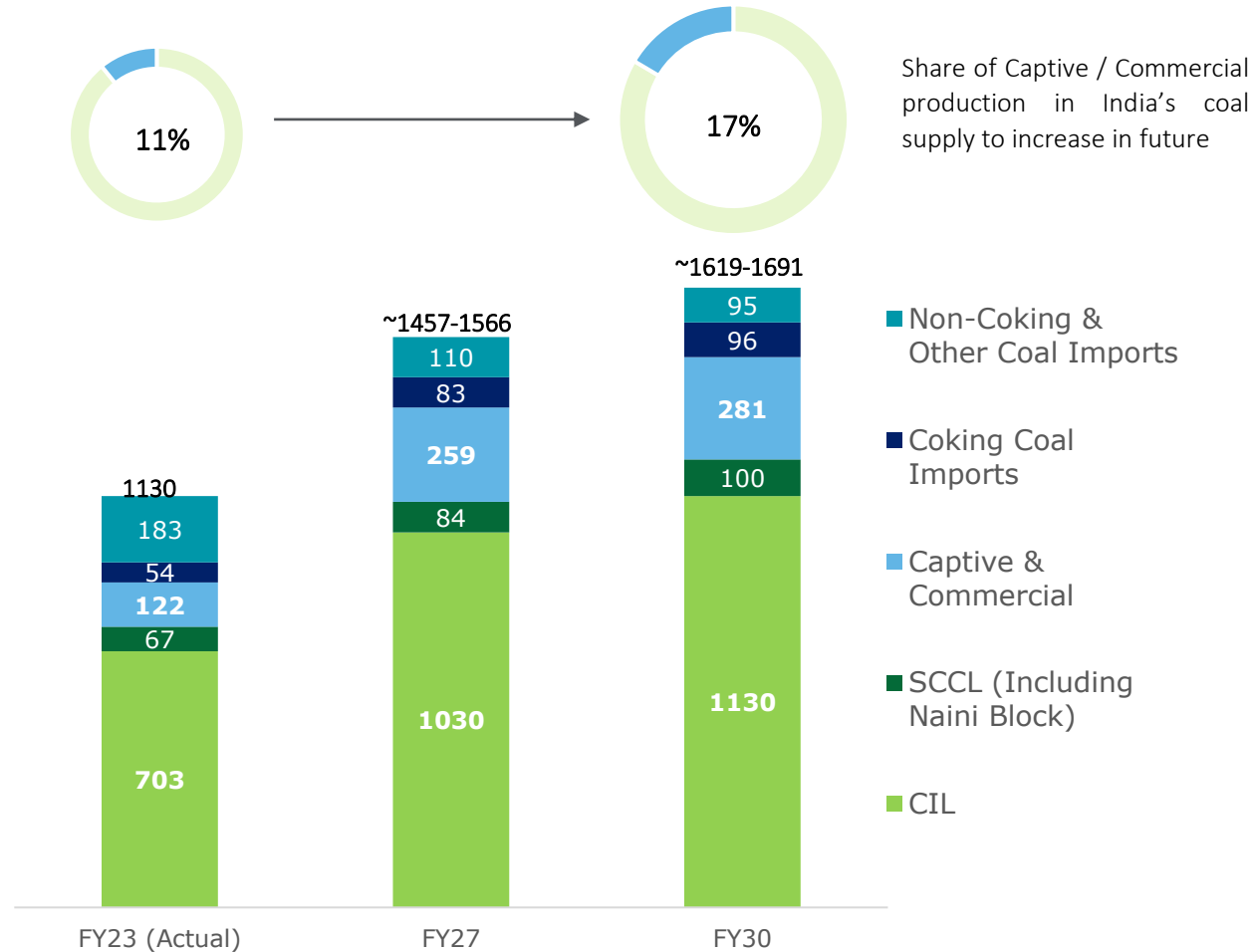
*Globally, 69% of mining companies are looking at remote operation and monitoring centres, 29% at robotics and 27% at unmanned drones.*

*While in India, only ~25% of the mining companies are looking for remote operation & monitoring centers.*



# Captive and Commercial blocks to play an enhanced role in India's energy security

India's current and future coal supply portfolio  
(Million Tonnes)



**Note:** Supply potential of ~1.69 BT may slip due to operationalization of blocks. Further, production includes ~10% of vendible stock i.e., ~170 MTPA. This means actual coal consumption in FY30 would be ~1.53 BT

## Key Insights

### Coal Supply

- CIL and SCCL both major coal producers' share in total coal supply would increase from **68% in FY23 to 72% in FY30**. CIL to cross 1BT production mark by FY30.

### Role of Commercial blocks

- **Captive and commercial blocks** can achieve production ranging from 250 MTPA to 400 MTPA, with **281 being MoC's realistic projection**. Share in supply portfolio to jump to 17% from current 11%.

### Reduction in Coal imports

- With continued focus on import substitution (G7-G14), **Non-coking coal imports would decline to 95 MTPA by FY30** under the best effort scenario. This reduction would be compensated by CIL, SCCL and Captive/commercial blocks

# Commercial coal block auctions in 2020 opened the sector to private sector investment

With a shorter auction timeline and liberal FDI & entry norms, the government expects to fulfil growing domestic demands and decrease coal imports



## What has changed?

- **Change in regime:** Revenue sharing mechanism instead of regime of fixed INR per tonne
- **No end-use categorization:** Earlier only captive consumers with end-use ownership could bid
- **Liberalization of entry norms:** No eligibility conditions, only upfront payment with a ceiling
- Incentive **through rebate in revenue share** for early production and gasification or liquefaction of coal would encourage faster development of coal blocks



## Need for the change

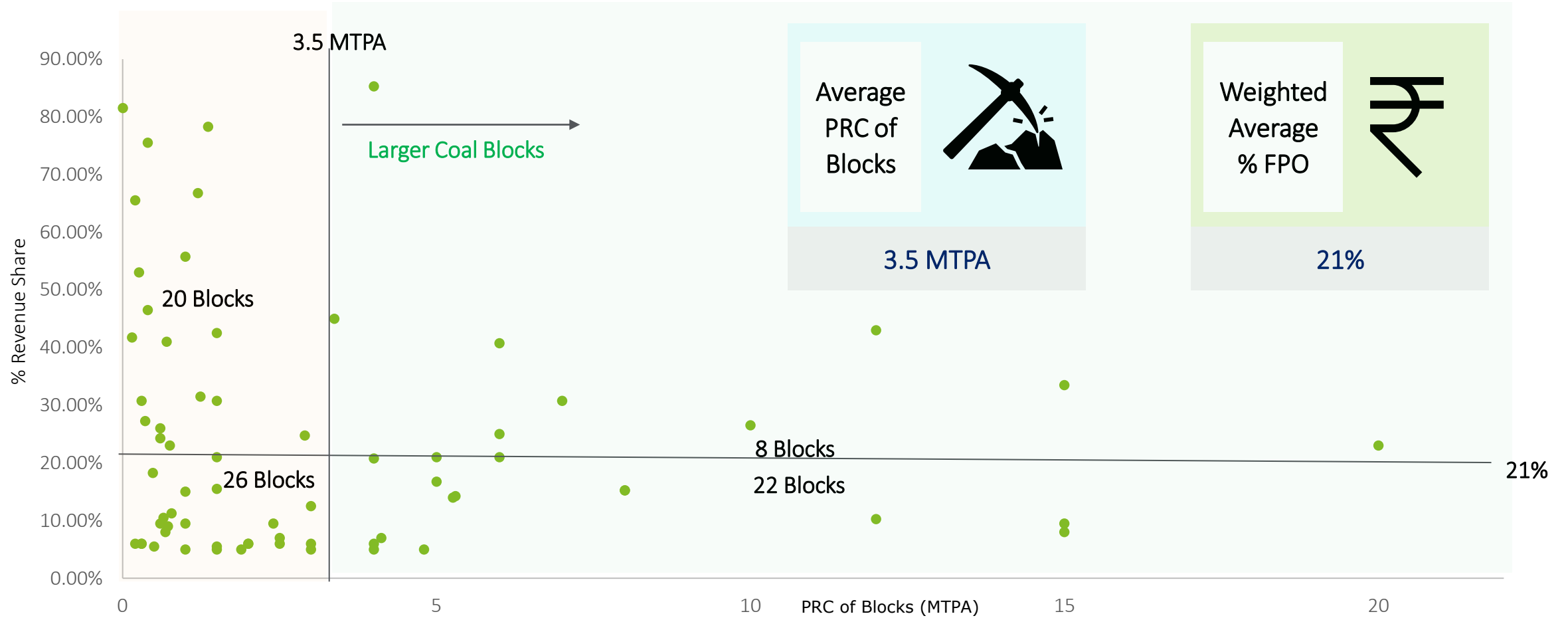
- Enhance domestic coal supply to meet growing demand
- Drive **Import substitution** for thermal coal
- Bring **competition, efficiency and transparency** to the sector



## Likely impact on coal sector

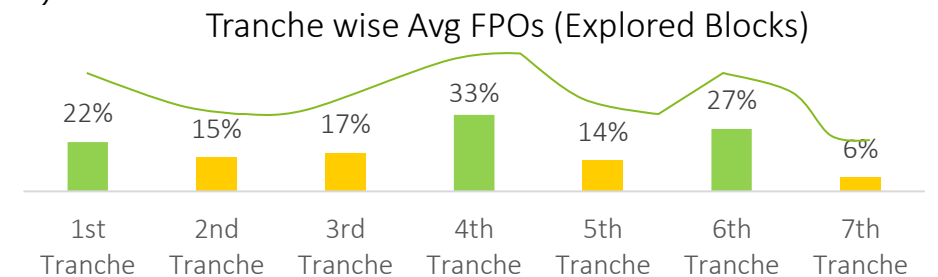
- Self-Reliance in thermal coal
- **Increase participation of private sector** in coal production necessitating the need for an **open market or exchange** for coal commodity trading
- Domestic players **may redefine their business models** based on level of interest from investors

# Revenue Share (%) vs PRC distribution of explored blocks till 7th tranche



~60% of the blocks, explored and partially explored, have PRC of <3.5 MTPA i.e., are smaller coal blocks in terms of economies of scale.

The above representation excludes Namchik Namphuk and Garampani blocks for ease of representation as these blocks fetched 344.75% and 288.75% FPO (Final Price Offer) respectively.





# Key Challenges faced by Commercial Coal Miners

Multiple challenges exist across the value chain from issues in operationalization to price volatility of international markets

## Land Acquisition & Operationalization

- **Long extensive process** for land acquisition, often for secondary land, not the mine itself
- Issues in obtaining EC & FC

## Issues in Logistics

- Coupled with **limited loading facilities**, rake availability is a challenge with projected **additional requirement of ~99,000 wagons by FY30**

## Limited Ecosystem Maturity

- **Limited options of indigenous HEMM manufacturers** & maintenance ecosystem



## End Markets

- Long term FSAs with existing coal producers is a hindrance to **commercial coal block owners struggling to secure long term assured offtake**

## Price Volatility

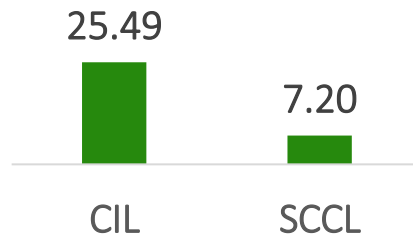
- As opposed to recent high international prices of coal, **competitiveness on energy basis to remain a challenge for domestic miners** with long term prices forecasted to settle at USD 60 /T\* to USD 89 /T#

## Technology Adoption

- **Limited deployment** of Mass Production Technologies & adoption of digital interventions

# Underground Commercial Coal Miners – MDO is a potential solution

UG mining contribution is low (4%) due to various challenges



~1 MT by Others (Figures in MT for FY22)









## Challenges

- Safety concerns in terms of geotechnical parameters, ventilation and roof support systems
- Lower productivity for manpower as well as machinery
- Difficult to plan high-capacity mines using PSLW equipment
- Non-deployment of mass production technologies (MPT)
- Lower economies of scale as limited mine capacity (PRC)
- lack of skilled manpower
- Lack of advanced and digitalization technologies etc.
- High capital & operating cost

Improving operational efficiency through MDO deployment for UG mines

- Engaging MDOs for existing and abandoned mines to infuse efficiency and expertise
- MDO with revenue sharing model
- Deployment of Mass Production Technologies (MPT) such as CM & PSLW
- Push for indigenization of UG Machines and technology

## Snapshot of pool of Mining Contractors

Name of Players	Geographical Footprint	Value Proposition	Experience	Major Clients
 <b>Bhushilp</b>	• Western region	• Maintenance contractor • Recently undertaken coal production in UG	30+ years	• WCL - Tandsi
 <b>Coherent</b>	• Eastern region	• L/W production experience	7+ years (Formerly Gayatri Projects Pvt Ltd.)	• ECL
 <b>Delta construction</b>	• Pan India	• Shaft sinking • Metal experience	30+ years	• SCCL • HCL • MOIL • OMC
 <b>Gainwell</b>	• Pan India	• Manufacturer of UG Room and Pillar equipment • Experience of Continuous Miner	80+ years	• ECL • Tata Steel • SCCL
 <b>Maheshwaree</b> (EOI submitted in name of <b>VM Indo Mine</b> )	• Pan India	• Experience in UG both coal and metals • End-to-end mining solutions including exploration	40+ years	• JSW • MOIL • TATA STEEL • UCIL
 <b>Singh &amp; sons</b>	• Pan India	• Having presence in nearby area	35+ years	• WCL • SECL • Ambuja • Hindalco
 <b>SMS</b>	• Pan India	• Experience in UG both coal and metals • Experience of Continuous Miner	50+ years	• HCL • HZL • MOI
 <b>Technoblast</b>	• Pan India	• Experience of Continuous Miner • Global partnerships • Past association with Jindal • Having presence in nearby area	15+ years	• Ambuja • Hindalco • Sarda

# Way Forward – Role of key stakeholders in the evolving commercial coal mining landscape

	Commercial Coal Miners	Government	Ecosystem Partners
<b>Short Term (up to 2030)</b>	<p>Focus on import substitution (existing potential of ~60-80 MT)</p> <p>Long term offtake agreements replacing MCL &amp; SECL linkages which are expiring in FY25 &amp; FY27 (potential of ~21 MT)</p> <p>Adoption of digital interventions like IoT, sensor enablement</p>	<p>Aiding development of logistics infrastructure for commercial miners (such as Public Freight Terminals for loading, etc.)</p> <p>Grant of permission for UG development after Stage-I (in-principal) approval as in case of linear projects</p> <p>Abolition of non-creditable taxes</p>	<p>Availability of long-term contract services as opposed to existing MDO model which is capital intensive</p> <p>Sector-focused digital services</p> <p>Skill ecosystem development for Future of Work in coal sector</p>
<b>Mid-Long Term (beyond 2030)</b>	<p>Identification of competitive international markets</p> <p>Setting up of washeries to cater to domestic as well as international markets</p> <p>Long term FSAs with power producers (post expiry of existing FSAs)</p>	<p>Incentivizing exploration through grant of exploration cum mining rights</p> <p>PLIs &amp; tax reliefs for indigenous manufacturing of mining machinery</p> <p>Extension of RoDTEP scheme for coal to promote exports</p>	<p>Development of manufacturing &amp; maintenance ecosystem for mining machinery</p> <p>Commercialization &amp; wide-scale adoption of alternate usages of coal (such as coal gasification)</p>



## Thank You



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