



QUARTERLY REPORT

**Period Ending
31 December 2020**

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1. PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

1.2 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Synergy's financial performance for the period ending 31 December 2020 is presented along with the FY2020-21 Mid-Year Review (MYR).

\$ Millions	Actual	MYR	Variance
Revenue	1,466.4	1,445.0	21.3
Direct costs	1,234.6	1,191.6	(43.1)
Gross Profit	231.7	253.5	(21.8)
Other income	6.3	8.7	(2.5)
Operating costs	216.4	239.6	23.2
Doubtful debt expense	(18.1)	11.5	29.6
EBITDA	39.7	11.1	28.6
Depreciation & amortisation	37.3	38.0	0.7
EBIT	2.4	(26.9)	29.3
Net finance costs	2.1	10.9	8.8
Share of profit of joint ventures	1.7	0.8	(1.0)
Reported NPBT	2.0	(38.5)	40.6

Synergy's net profit before tax is \$2.0 million and is \$40.6 million favourable to the MYR.

The material results underpinning this performance are:

- (a) Favourable revenue of \$21.3 million, predominantly the result of:
 - (i) higher electricity retail sales revenue, driven by an increase of 194 GWh, offset by:
 - (A) lower retail and wholesale gas sales of 1,045 TJ, resulting in lower revenue; and
 - (B) lower non-contractual Wholesale Energy Market (**WEM**) sales totaling 349 GWh, primarily due to lower South West Interconnected System (**SWIS**) demand, resulting in a reduction in revenue.
- (b) Adverse direct costs of \$43.1 million, predominantly the result of:
 - (i) higher energy purchases from both power purchase agreements and the WEM totaling 542 GWh;
 - (ii) higher network costs, primarily due to higher retail sales volumes and account numbers; and
 - (iii) higher renewable energy costs, primarily due to a higher quantity of certificates required and a higher than anticipated large-scale generation certificate market price, offset by:
 - (A) lower fuel costs, as a result of a reduction in generation of 665 GWh. The reduction in generation follows a lower overall SWIS demand; and
 - (B) lower fuel trading and other costs, due primarily to lower volumes.

- (c) Favourable operating cost of \$23.2 million, predominantly the result of:
- (i) timing of generation unit maintenance spend and reduction in planned outage scope arising from resource constraints due to COVID-19; and
 - (ii) reduction in outsourced customer service costs due to lower than forecast call volumes and a reduction in metering costs due to the State Government moratorium on customer disconnections.
- (d) Doubtful debt expense is favourable \$29.6 million to the MYR. This due to the impact of the WA Government household electricity credit, reducing the cost of doubtful debt.
- (e) Depreciation costs are in line with the MYR.
- (f) Net finance costs \$8.8 million favourable to MYR, primarily due to decreasing interest rates and an improved cash position as a result of COVID 19 stimulus including the WA Government household electricity credit

2. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Measure	YTD Actual	Target	Variance
EBITDA (\$M)*	39.6	57.5	(17.9)
RIFR**	2.80	1.90	(0.9)
Customer Engagement***	70.5%	67.5%	3.0%

* FY 2020-21SCI. End of year target is \$57.5 million.

** RIFR - recordable injury frequency rate. End of year target is 19

*** Customer engagement score: Percentage of customers that rate Synergy at least 9 out of 10, or 10. End of year target is 67.5%

3. COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE

Commercially sensitive information deleted in accordance with section 109(3) of the *Electricity Corporations Act 2005*.

SEGMENT REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

For management purposes, Synergy is organised into business units based on functions and activities. It has four reportable operating segments (the Group) detailed as follows:

- (a) generation business unit (GBU) - manages operations involving the construction or operation of generating works (as defined in the Electricity Industry Act 2004 section 3);
- (b) wholesale business unit (**WBU**) - manages operations involving the wholesale supply of energy and related products (including pricing in respect of such acquisition or supply);
- (c) retail business unit (**RBU**) - manages operations involving the pricing, sale and marketing of energy and related products to customers;
- (d) corporate shared services (**CSS**) - manages operations relating to the following activities:
 - (i) corporate development and strategy;
 - (ii) accounting;
 - (iii) finance;
 - (iv) compliance and legal matters;
 - (v) human resources;
 - (vi) information technology support; and

any other operations undertaken in connection with two or more business units. CSS includes the operations of the South West Solar Development Holdings Pty Ltd and its subsidiary Synergy Renewable Energy Development Pty Ltd which is in the business of providing asset management services and vehicle management services.

The Group is required to present segment information under Part 2 of the *Electricity Corporations (Electricity Generation and Retail Corporation) Regulations 2013 (the Regulations)*. Regulations do not require comparative information to be presented.

Inter-segment revenues are eliminated upon consolidation. No operating segments have been aggregated in arriving at the reportable segments of the Group.

Formal arrangements exist between:

- (a) WBU and RBU whereby WBU sells energy to RBU in accordance with the Regulations; and
- (b) WBU and GBU whereby GBU is compensated by WBU for both maintaining and making available a fleet of plant, as well as the efficient utilisation of that plant.

31 December 2020	GBU \$'000	WBU \$'000	RBU \$'000	CSS \$'000	Eliminations \$'000	Group \$'000
Revenue						
External customers	6,914	132,211	1,329,185	0	0	1,468,310
Inter-segment	196,531	474,539	0	0	(671,070)	0
Total Revenue	203,445	606,750	1,329,185	0	(671,070)	1,468,310
Cost of sales	(177,975)	(556,801)	(1,152,458)	0	671,049	(1,216,185)
Operating costs	(127,875)	(2,496)	(31,531)	(52,923)	21	(214,804)
Impairment	(1,566)	0	18,104	(18)	0	16,520
Other income	554	25	10	3,924	0	4,513
EBITDA	(103,417)	47,478	163,310	(49,017)	0	58,354
Depreciation and amortisation	(25,803)	(7,113)	(1,462)	(7,805)	0	(42,183)
Finance income	0	0	0	1,710	0	1,710
Finance costs	(972)	(14,211)	0	(2,400)	0	(17,583)
Net finance costs	(972)	(14,211)	0	(690)	0	(15,873)
Segment profit/ (loss)	(130,192)	26,154	161,848	(57,512)	0	298
Unallocated items						
Share of profit of joint ventures and associates						1,714
Tax equivalent expense						0
Profit for the year from continuing operations						2,012

Note: The segment report is prepared based on accounting conventions under the Australian Accounting Standards. Hence some of the line items may not match the summary table of financial performance on page 1.