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## **"TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY OF CO-FIRING AMMONIA AND SUB-BITUMINOUS COALS IN A PILOT-SCALED COMBUSTOR"**

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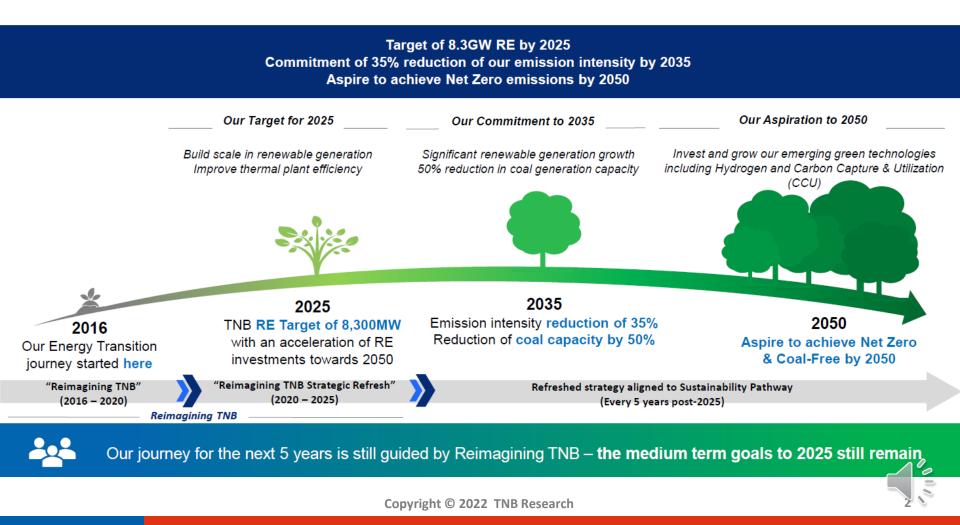
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## Overview



# We believe that our sustainability pathway towards 2050 will open new growth opportunities whilst remaining true to our core role



## Our case study:

Demonstration of the technical feasibility of co-firing ammonia at TNB Research combustion test facility involved three parties

To supply Ammonia for co-firing assessment

PETRONAS

- Provide technical advisory on feasibility of Ammonia co-firing
- Execute pilot scale testing for co-firing assessment

Key aims are

- To determine what are the conditions required for the (i) reduction of emission release in ammonia co-firing
- To obtain the flame temperatures for insights on in furnace (ii) real time monitoring
- (iii) To ascertain unburnt carbon reduction in ammonia co-firing.



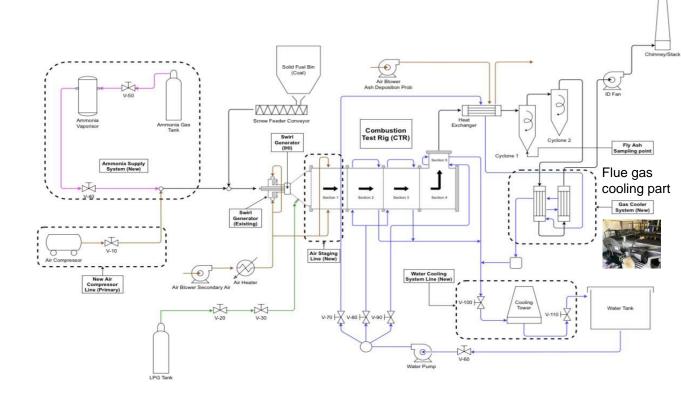




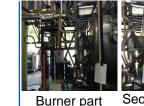


### **TNBR Combustion Test Rig for Ammonia co-firing testing programme**





Equipment parameter	Capacity	Remarks
Ammonia flowrate	0 - 10 kg/hr	Depends on testing condition
Primary air flowrate	9 Nm³/hr	Fixed throughout this programme
Coal flowrate	0 - 40 kg/hr	Depends on testing condition
Secondary air flowrate	0 - 150 Nm³/hr	Depends on coal properties
Staging air flowrate	0 – 45 Nm³/hr	Typically 0%, 30%, 40%
LPG flowrate	2 kg/hr	Fixed throughout this programme



Burner part



Section 1





Section 2, 3, 4

A total set of 6 testing conditions were established whereby each conditions was conducted daily:

- Melawan Coal single firing
- Melawan ammonia co-firing
- SM Coal single firing
- SM Coal ammonia co-firing
- MHU Coal single firing
- MHU Coal ammonia co-firing
- To obtain swirl air flow, swirl vane was . installed into the combustion air flow: The swirl intensity influence the NOx emissions; a pulverised coal flame is established
- LPG is used for support fuel to maintain the . furnace temperature
- In all ammonia co-firing conditions, leakage ammonia was checked using a detector tube and was not detected in any case (0 ppm).





#### **Conclusions**

- Assessment on co-firing impact was successfully carried out whereby the flame temperature as in furnace real time monitoring for both single and ammonia co-firing conditions for all the tested coals do not vary significantly.
- Reduction of CO2 and SO2 emissions were achieved when firing the coal: ammonia 40:60 ammonia, while the increasing of NOx was found to be under controlled through staged combustion application.
- No ammonia slip was found at the furnace exit throughout the testing programme.
- However, future research is needed to determine the optimal method of NOx reduction.





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