

STRONGHOLD

# Strategy Overview and Carbon Capture Forum

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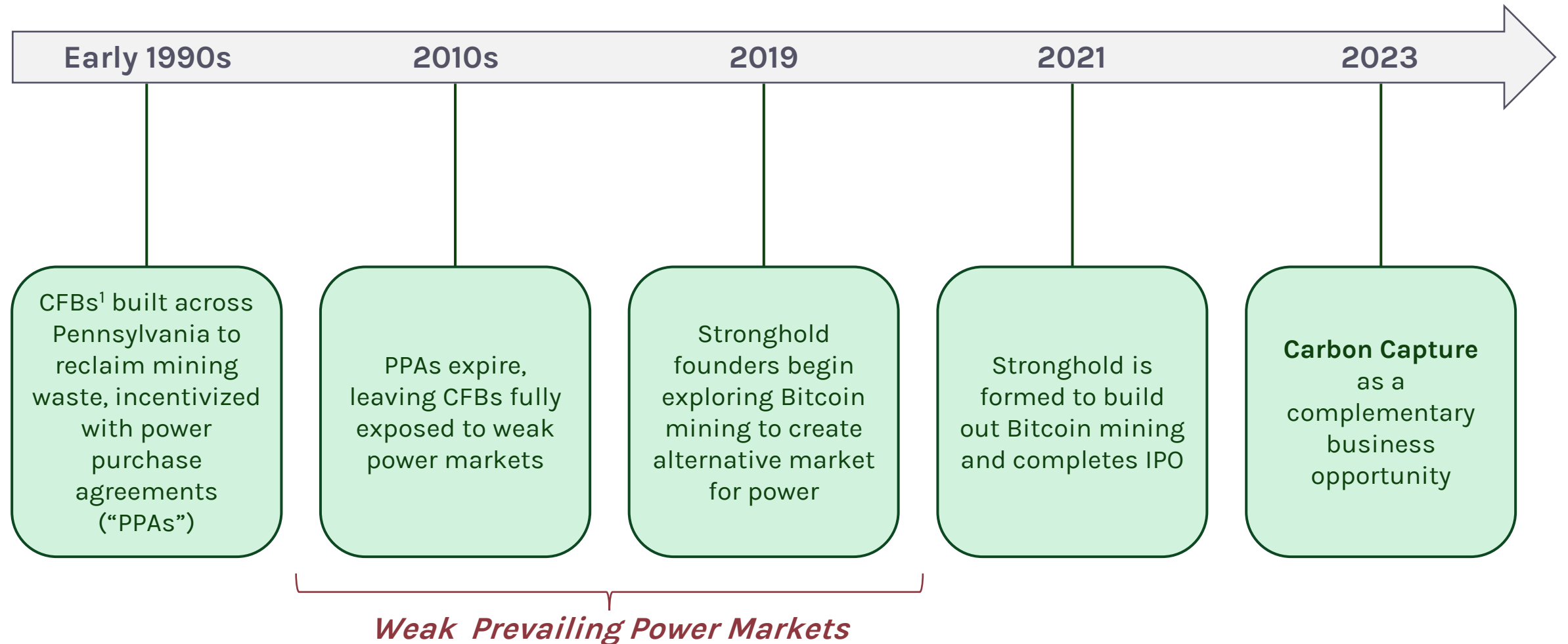
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# Evolution of Stronghold

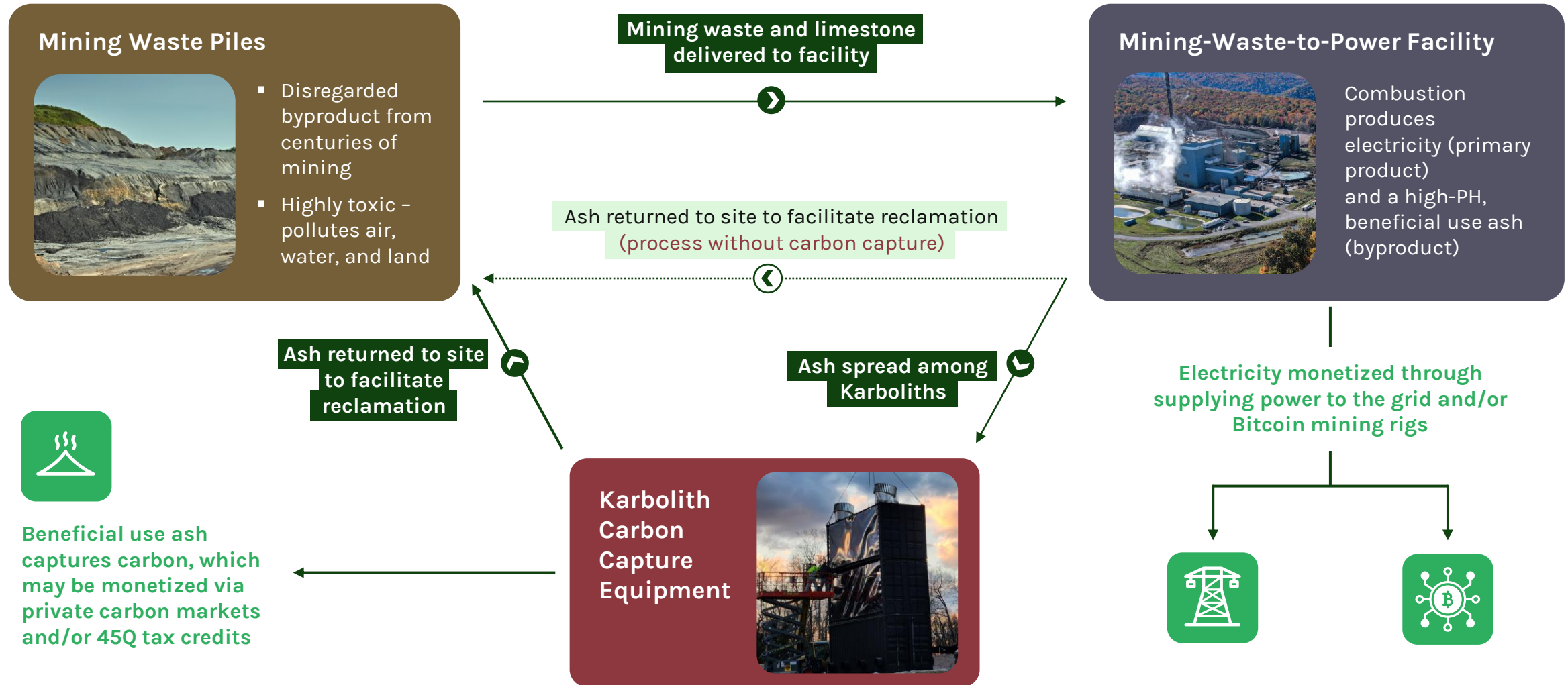
Innovatively enhancing legacy assets to drive incremental cash flow



1. Circulating fluidized bed mining-waste-to-power facilities

# Review of Stronghold's Vertically Integrated Business Model

Highly complementary operations create various monetization opportunities







# Reclamation Overview



# Mining Waste

## ■ A Widely Ignored Environmental Disaster

**Mining waste is the disregarded byproduct of centuries of coal mining**

Brought up from underground and left on the surface during mining process, exposing it to the atmosphere and placing it above the water table







There are over **840** toxic mining waste piles in Pennsylvania, and these large mountains of waste pollute the land, water, and air

Pennsylvania mining communities were instrumental in building America



**The aftermath:** these communities were stripped of their natural resources and jobs and left with this toxic waste in their backyards



If left alone, these piles emit CO<sub>2</sub>, particulates, and volatile organic compounds (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylenes, hexane, cyclohexane, naphthalene, and acrolein) into the atmosphere<sup>1</sup>



Piles spontaneously combust, releasing more harmful emissions – Pennsylvania DEP estimated that ~40 piles were burning continually in 2020<sup>2</sup>

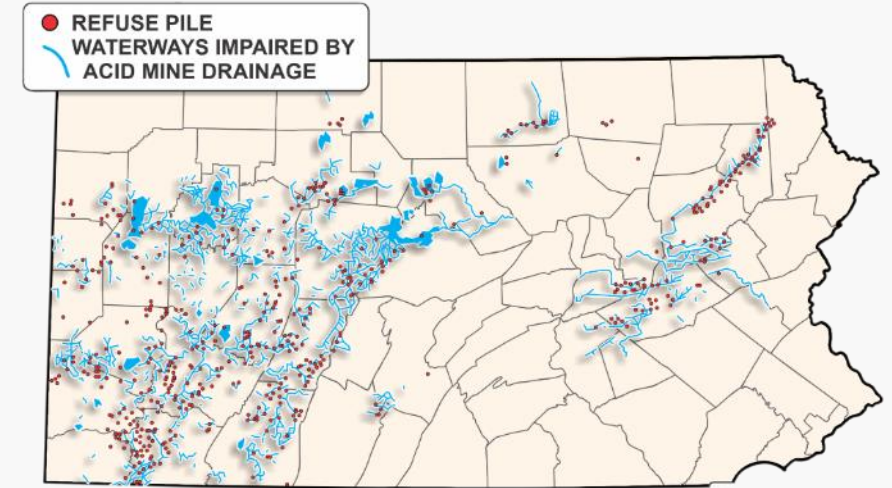


Acid mine drainage from mining waste piles is one of the largest sources of water pollution in Pennsylvania

1. See: "Coal Refuse Whitepaper." *ARIPPA*, p. 5, [http://arippa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/ARIPPA-Coal-Refuse-Whitepaper-with-Photos-10\\_05\\_15.pdf](http://arippa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/ARIPPA-Coal-Refuse-Whitepaper-with-Photos-10_05_15.pdf)  
2. See: Prepared Testimony of Patrick McDonnell, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, before the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee, 3 Feb. 2020, p. 1, [https://files.dep.state.pa.us/aboutdep/Testimony/2020/2020.02.03\\_JLCC\\_Waste\\_Coal\\_Hearing\\_DEP\\_Testimony.pdf](https://files.dep.state.pa.us/aboutdep/Testimony/2020/2020.02.03_JLCC_Waste_Coal_Hearing_DEP_Testimony.pdf)



Over 5,500  
miles of waterways impaired<sup>1</sup>



- Acid mine drainage from mining waste piles is among the 2 largest known pollutants of waterways in Pennsylvania<sup>1</sup>
- Causes rivers to run orange
- Highly detrimental to aquatic life
- Problem is severe and widespread and threatens water supply downstream, with all impacted streams within or extending to all major river basins in Pennsylvania, which ultimately extend to the Chesapeake Bay, Delaware River, Ohio, Mississippi, and Gulf of Mexico watersheds

1. See: "2022 Pennsylvania Integrated Water Quality Report." *Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection*, 2022, <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/b9746eec807f48d99decd3a583eede12>

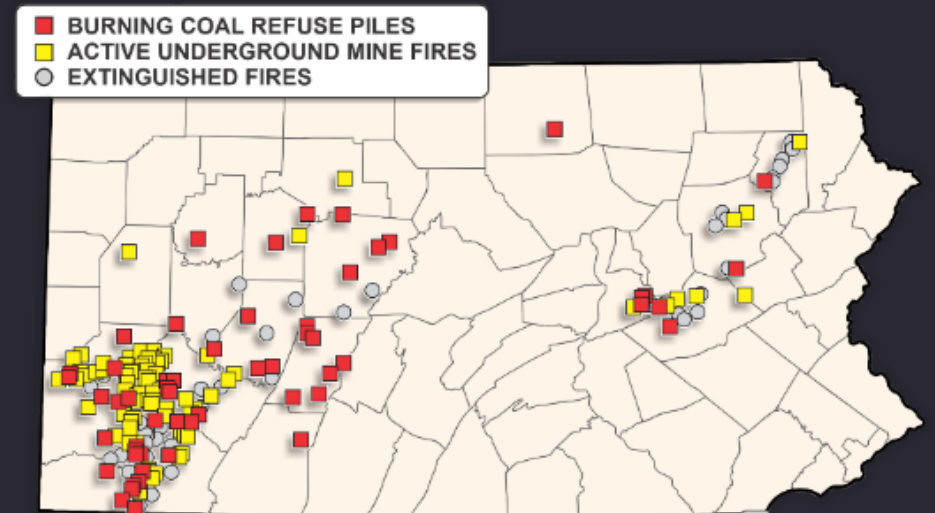




All mining waste piles have burned, are burning, or are likely to burn... unless they are reclaimed

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2. Estimates provided by the Pennsylvania DEP in 2016
3. See: "Economic and Environmental Analysis of Pennsylvania's Coal Refuse Industry." *Econsult Solutions, Inc.*, 8 Sep. 2016, p. 13, <https://www.congress.gov/116/meeting/house/110202/witnesses/HHRG-116-1106-Wstate-HughesR-20191114-SD017.pdf>

- ⚡ Piles spontaneously combust through oxidation and lightning strikes
- 📄 Multiple large piles have burned for decades
- ☠️ When burning, piles release toxic, uncontrolled emissions into atmosphere: hydrogen sulfide, sulfur dioxide, ammonia, oxides of nitrogen, particulates, carbon monoxide, and CO<sub>2</sub><sup>1</sup>
- 🔥 Estimated that nearly 7 million tons of mining waste burn each year in Pennsylvania in unintended, uncontrolled fires, releasing ~9 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> and numerous other air pollutants without any emissions controls<sup>2,3</sup>



# Mining Waste Reclamation Is the Foundation of Our Business

BEFORE



AFTER



## Reclamation Process

1 Remove toxic mining waste from environment

2 Generate energy from mining waste through highly specialized process that can eliminate most harmful emissions:

~90% of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions

~98% of SO<sub>2</sub> emissions

~99.9% of particle

~99.9% of mercury

3 Utilize ash byproduct in reclamation and carbon capture projects

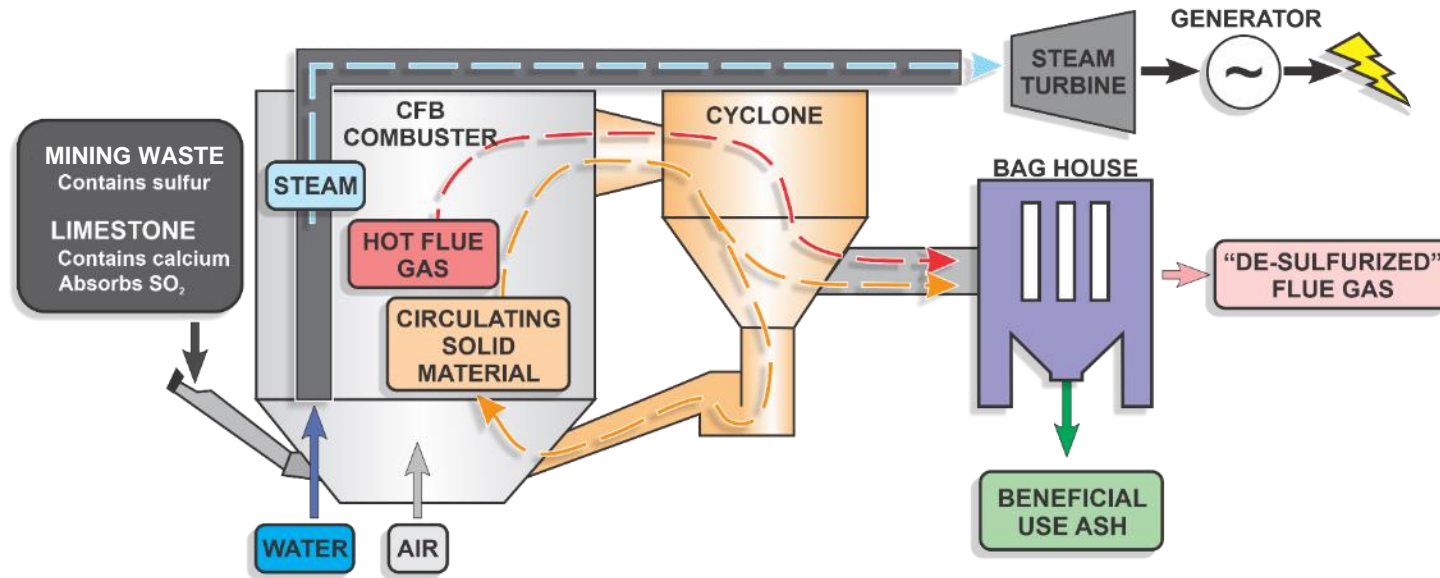
We believe that power generation with CFB facilities is the only practical way to solve Pennsylvania's toxic mining waste problem, and Stronghold has already reclaimed over **1,050 acres** of previously unusable land.

CFB facilities were purpose-built for Pennsylvania to solve mining waste problem

- At the time, construction was only economically feasible through above-market power purchase agreements
- Today, process has bipartisan support in Pennsylvania - we receive alternative energy credits and waste coal tax credits to perform this vital work
- Operate at the direction of and in partnership with Pennsylvania DEP to reclaim mining waste piles



# CFB Power Generation Process



Using **CFB facilities** is only way to generate power with low-BTU toxic mining waste

- Traditional thermal coal has ~12,000 BTU/lb heat content; mining waste has ~5,500 BTU/lb heat content
- Pushing air through circulating mining waste effectively fluidizes material and enables combustion

**Limestone** added to feedstock to mitigate SO<sub>2</sub> emissions (calcium in limestone absorbs sulfur)

Resulting ash byproduct is a beneficial use ash – it is basic and a certified liming agent

## INPUTS

Mining Waste, Limestone



## OUTPUTS

Electricity (Product)

Beneficial Use Ash (Byproduct)

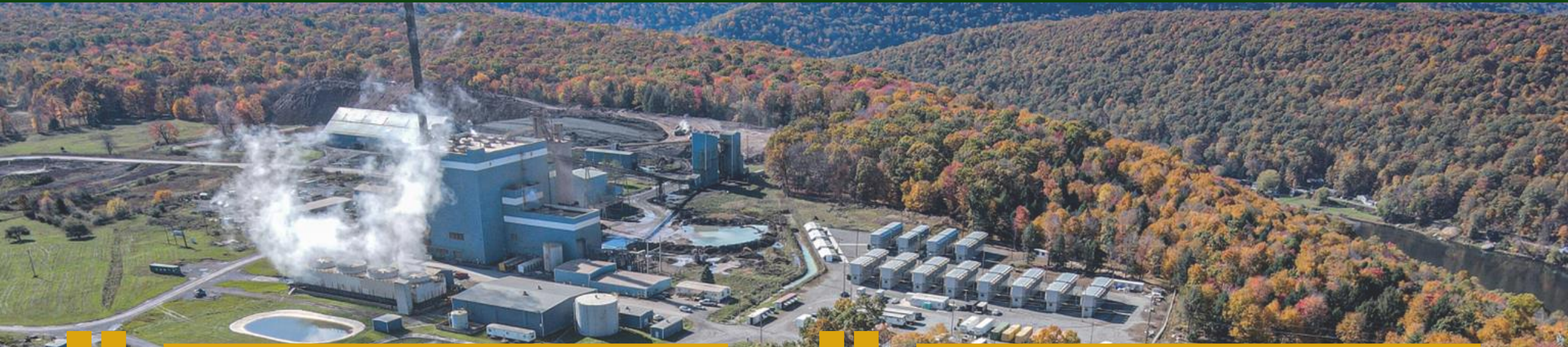
### Beneficial Use Ash

Currently, majority of ash is returned to mining waste sites to facilitate reclamation

- Basic nature of ash offsets acidic nature of the sites, facilitating vegetation and life
- Ash used to fill in the sites and is subsequently covered with soil and seeded until fully reclaimed

**Calcium content of ash also facilitates absorption of CO<sub>2</sub>, which is the focus of our carbon capture efforts**

# Third-Party Studies Support That Mining-Waste-to-Power Activities Are Net **Carbon Negative**, Reducing Net GHG Emissions by **50-80%**<sup>1</sup>



The coal refuse reclamation-to-energy facilities in Pennsylvania (PA) and West Virginia (WV) alone reduce the equivalent net GHG emissions that would otherwise be emitted from the same amount of coal refuse by over 20 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> [equivalent] in a single year.<sup>2</sup>



Each ton of coal refuse is expected to produce GHG emissions between 2.43 and 6.44 tons CO<sub>2</sub>, [equivalent] with a net reduction of between 1.16 and 5.17 tons CO<sub>2</sub> [equivalent] per ton of coal refuse reclaimed by the coal refuse [reclamation-to-energy] industry.<sup>1</sup>



1. See: Romero, Carlos (Dr). "Comparison of the Impact on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Between Unabated Coal Refuse Piles and Reclamation-to-Energy Power Plants." *Energy Research Center*, Lehigh University, 23 Jan. 2023, p. 3, <https://strongholddigitalmining.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Lehigh-University-Jan.-2023.pdf>

2. See: Fraser, Robert G. (QEP), and Patrick Fennell (PE). "Net Air Emission Benefits from the Remediation of Abandoned Coal Refuse Piles." *TRC Environmental Inc.*, March 2023, p. 2, <https://strongholddigitalmining.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/TRC-Environmental-Inc.-March-2023.pdf>





# Business Overview

# Why Own Power Assets?

## Increasing Scarcity of Thermal Generation Assets in PJM

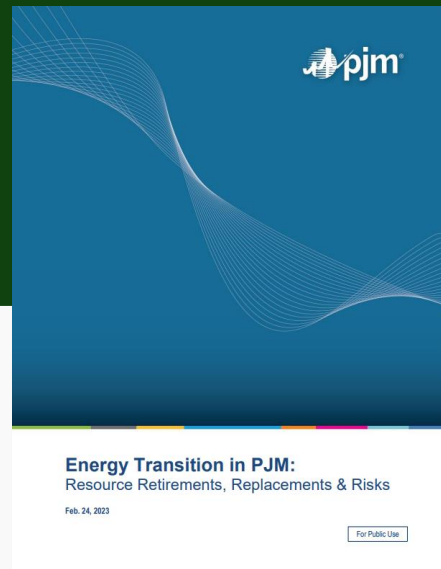


**40 GW**

(21% of current supply/capacity)

existing PJM baseload generation capacity at risk of being retired by 2030

PJM reliability study written in February 2023 provides a striking picture of potential supply shortfalls:



"For the first time in recent history, PJM could face decreasing reserve margins should these trends continue."

"PJM's interconnection queue is composed primarily of intermittent and limited-duration resources... **we need multiple megawatts of these resources to replace 1 MW of thermal generation.**"

"PJM's New Services Queue consists primarily of renewables (94%) and gas (6%). Despite the sizable nameplate capacity of renewables in the interconnection queue (290 GW), the **historical rate of completion for renewable projects has been approximately 5%**. The projections in this study indicate that the **current pace of new entry would be insufficient to keep up with expected retirements and demand growth by 2030.**"

- ▼ The PJM reliability study paints a picture of tightening power markets, which we believe will result in increased volatility and, therefore, value of baseload generation assets, including Stronghold's 2 mining-waste-to-power facilities, Scrubgrass (85 MW) and Panther Creek (80 MW).



# Owning Power Plants Enhances Broader Business

## Multiple Avenues to Generate Value

- Optimize revenue generation between two cyclical and complementary markets: (1) generate power to mine Bitcoin, (2) generate power to deliver to the grid, (3) buy power from the grid to mine Bitcoin
- Beneficial use ash proven to capture carbon, and potential resulting carbon-negative ash may be attractive in a variety of markets
- Significant real estate footprint (plants own over 680 acres) and access to grid interconnect may present incremental opportunities

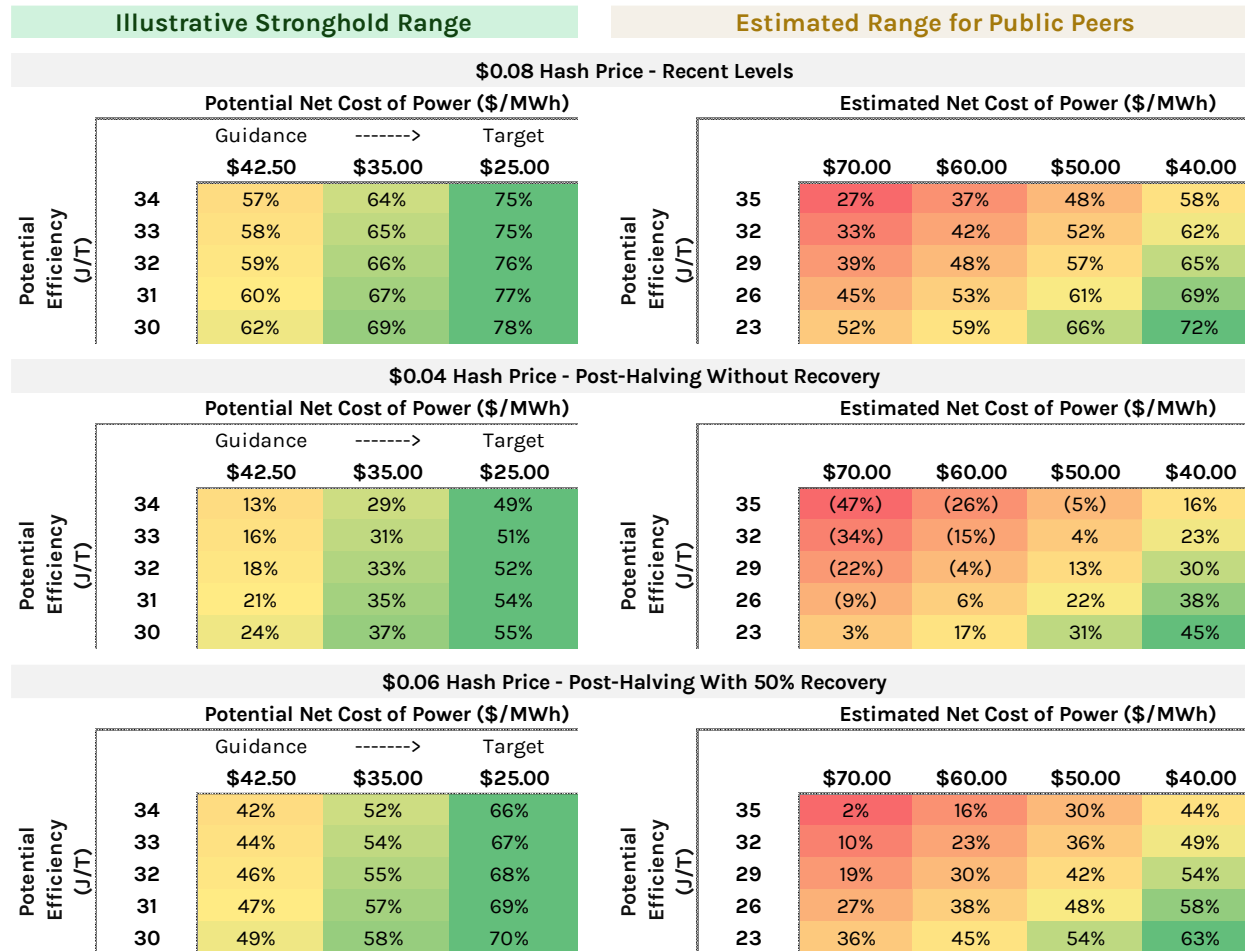
## Access to Low-Cost Power

- Cost of power is our cost to produce electricity – not forced to buy spot or enter into PPAs with adders (as most Bitcoin miners are)
- Relatively large portion of cost structure within our control, allowing us to be responsive to market conditions
- Carbon capture has potential to drive step-function reduction in net cost of power

1. Assumes a \$0.075 hash price (see Appendix for information about hash price and how it is calculated), \$42.50/MWh cost of power, and 34 J/T average miner efficiency

# Low Cost of Power Can Provide Significant Advantage Post-Halving

## Illustrative Gross Mining Margin<sup>1</sup>



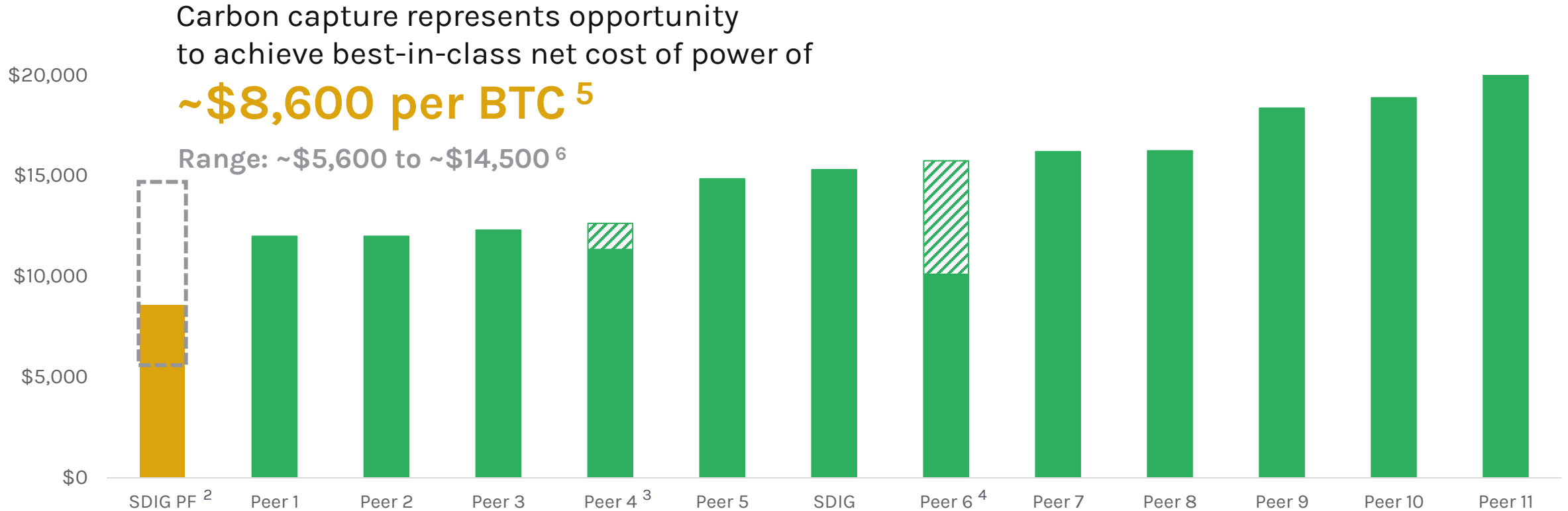
- Two primary levers Bitcoin miner can use to improve gross mining margin:
  - Reduce cost of power and
  - Improve energy efficiency of miner fleet
- Many miners have announced significant capital investments to enhance miner efficiency, which enhances margin profile and is reflected in the output on the left
- Stronghold margin profile is currently attractive relative to estimated range for public peers
- We believe that the carbon capture opportunity has the potential to reduce Stronghold's cost of power to a level where our implied gross margin would be the best among its public Bitcoin mining peers, despite peer investment in fleet upgrades

1. Gross mining margin defined as (Bitcoin mining revenue - cost of power) / Bitcoin mining revenue



# Compelling Cost of Power Compared to Bitcoin Mining Peers

## Standardized Electricity/Hosting Cost per Coin<sup>1</sup>



1. Q1 2024 estimated costs based on equity research report dated 10/9/23, which assumes network hash rate of 450 EH/s; peers include CLSK, RIOT, BITF, WULF, IREN, CIFR, HUT, BTDR, ARGO, MARA, BTBT

2. SDIG PF adjusted for carbon capture (based on page 27 and page 33)

3. Peer 4 adjusted to reflect 2024E cost of power provided by this company

4. Peer 6 adjusted to exclude sales of electricity

5. Represents a PF net cost of power of ~\$24/MWh, which assumes 100k tons of CO<sub>2</sub> captured per year, \$160/ton price of CO<sub>2</sub> removal certificates, and qualification for 45Q DAC tax credits (see page 27 for additional assumptions)

6. Represents a range of ~\$16/MWh to ~\$40/MWh for net cost of power, per page 27

# Maximizing Value from Our Bitcoin Mining Operations

## Current Operations

- Stronghold fully owns ~3 EH/s of Bitcoin miners and has strategic Bitcoin Mining Agreements for the remaining ~1 EH/s of mining capacity
  - Unique Bitcoin Mining Agreements: Stronghold shares in the profits of mining Bitcoin and selling power to the grid with no capital outlay
- Frontier Mining has achieved 95%+ utilization at Panther Creek and greatly improved miner efficiency at Scrubgrass with significant utilization gains expected

## Future Opportunities

- Evaluating opportunities to high-grade portions of our fleet to replace our least efficient miners ahead of the halving
  - Prices remain compelling
- Continue to evaluate additional mining sites

## Stronghold Bitcoin Revenue (\$/MWh)







# Carbon Capture



## Stronghold's Beneficial Use Ash Proven to Capture Carbon

### Large-Scale CO<sub>2</sub> Removal

Potential to capture up to **~100k tons of CO<sub>2</sub>** from ambient air annually by end of 2024<sup>1</sup>

### Financially Transformative

Potential to drive up to **~\$30mm** of incremental annual EBITDA and reduce Stronghold's net cost of power to as low as **~\$16/MWh**<sup>2</sup>

### Low Technology Risk

Carbon capture process is largely a combination of basic chemistry and airflow

1. See inputs and assumptions on page 25

2. See inputs and assumptions on pages 26-27; assumes receipt of 45Q tax credits; see Disclaimer page for details and risks associated with 45Q; it is currently uncertain whether we will be successful in monetizing our carbon program



# Stronghold Carbon Capture



Third-party lab results indicate that **our ash can capture CO<sub>2</sub> at a capacity of up to 12% by weight of starting ash**, and initial analysis of field results is supportive of this conclusion



Worked with construction, design, and engineering partners to develop **direct air capture (“DAC”)** technology that utilizes the stack effect to drive air through ash

First DAC unit installed at Scrubgrass on November 10<sup>th</sup> and has been running initial pilot tests since

1. Actual CO<sub>2</sub> absorption may vary, including by site, type of ash, arrangement of ash, and weather conditions

# How Our Direct Air Capture Technology Works

**Calcium Oxide**  
CaO

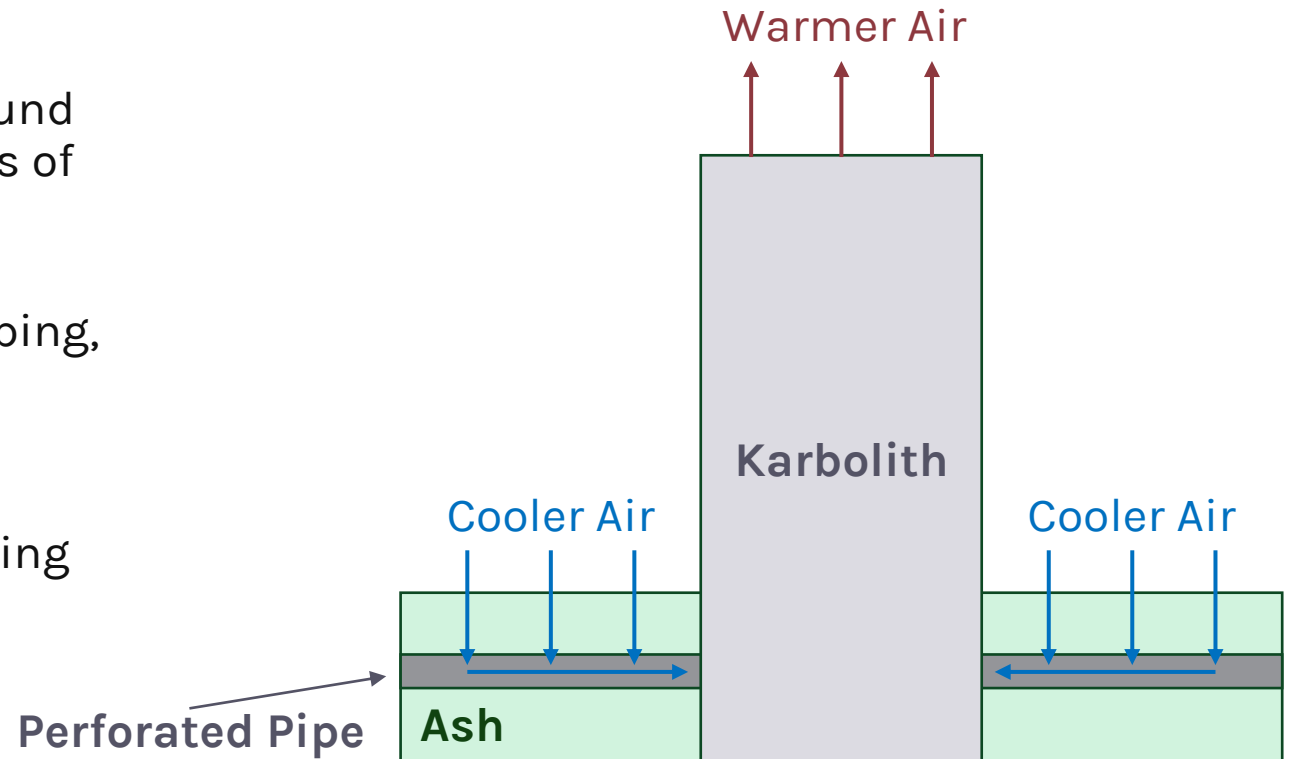


**Carbon Dioxide**  
CO<sub>2</sub>



**Calcium Carbonate**  
CaCO<sub>3</sub>

1. Beneficial use ash is removed from plant and quickly spread among Karboliths, on and around perforated piping that extends from the bases of the Karboliths
2. Ambient air is drawn through ash, into the piping, and up through the Karboliths
3. As air passes through the ash, CO<sub>2</sub> in the air naturally bonds with the CaO in the ash, forming CaCO<sub>3</sub> (calcium carbonate, a stable and geologically stable solid) - thus, the ash permanently absorbs the CO<sub>2</sub>





# Process Expected to Dramatically Increase CO<sub>2</sub> Removals

## Status Quo Process

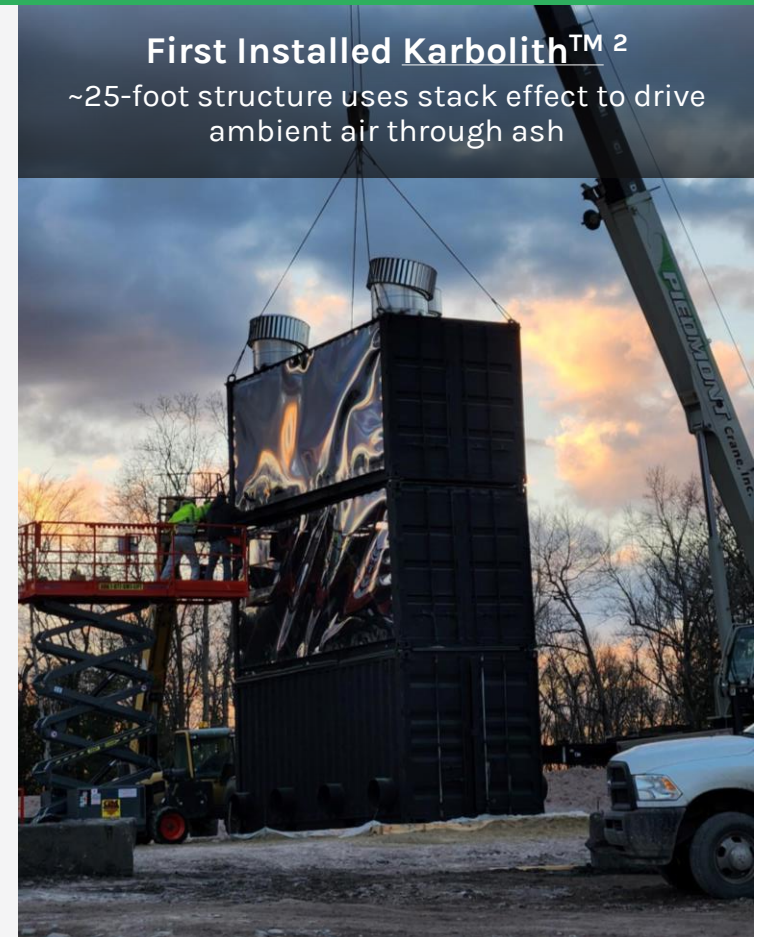
- 1 Ash is dispensed from facilities
- 2 Most ash is promptly transported back to mining waste piles, replacing the waste as it is extracted, until fully reclaimed
- 3 Ash is packed into ground and covered with soil to revegetate land

**Note:** Given ash's limited exposure to air, little carbonation occurs



## Expected Process with Carbon Capture

- 1 Ash is dispensed from facilities
- 2 Ash is immediately directed to a field and methodically spread out among Karboliths™ to maximize aeration
- 3 Karboliths™ drive airflow through ash, facilitating permanent and secure carbonation
- 4 After carbonation has occurred, CO<sub>2</sub> removals are quantified, and most ash is transported back to mining waste piles
- 5 Ash is packed into ground and covered with soil to revegetate land (working on alternative uses as well)
- 6 CO<sub>2</sub> is permanently and securely stored<sup>1</sup>



1. Ash may release CO<sub>2</sub> in the remote event that it is exposed to extreme heat (1,500 degrees Fahrenheit) or hydrochloric acid  
2. Design subject to change based on results from initial units; contemplating larger structure (up to ~50 feet) to evaluate how size of the unit impacts carbon capture results

# Scrubgrass Initial Field Test Results Are Supportive of Lab Results

Confirmed capability of Karbolith and more ultimate potential capture than previously expected

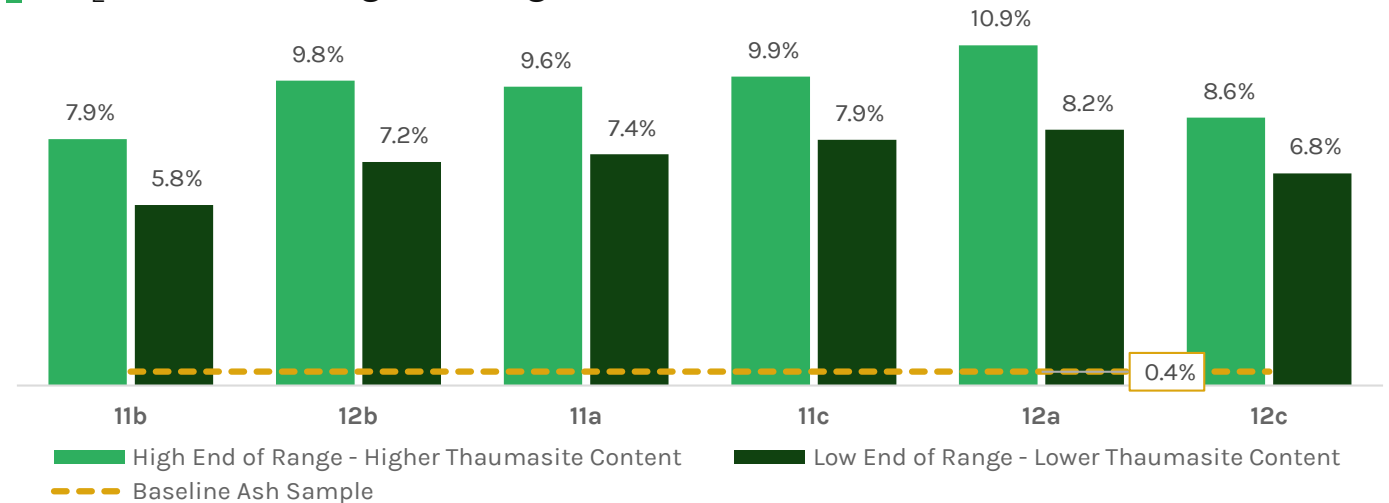
## Process

- Ash samples are taken at various point in the carbon capture process, sealed in air-tight bags, and shipped to a third-party lab
  - “Baseline Ash Samples” are taken immediately after ash is dispensed from plant – tested for CO<sub>2</sub> content (for a baseline/reference point to quantify how much CO<sub>2</sub> is present before Karbolith process) and CaO content (to identify additional CO<sub>2</sub> capture potential)
  - “Exposed Ash Samples” are taken “from around Karbolith” following various exposure times from various depths – tested for CO<sub>2</sub> content to quantify carbon captured
- Lab measures chemical composition samples using industry-standard techniques (QXRD and TGA), and results are analyzed by Karbonetiq and Stronghold

## Ash Test Results From Scrubgrass

- Tested 3 batches of exposed ash and 2 batches of baseline ash (18 samples in aggregate)
- **Baseline Ash** shows low levels of CO<sub>2</sub> (~0.4% of starting dry ash weight) and high levels of CaO
  - Little carbonation has occurred before process
  - With ~17% CaO by starting weight of dry ash, **potential exists to capture CO<sub>2</sub> at capacity of >13% by starting dry ash weight**
- **Exposed Ash** shows higher CO<sub>2</sub> content (~6-11% of starting dry ash weight)
  - Ash has captured significant amount of CO<sub>2</sub> after 7-12 days in the field

**Summarized Test Results for Recent Exposed Ash Samples<sup>1</sup>**  
CO<sub>2</sub> as % of Starting Ash Weight



## Next Steps

- Increase rate of capture through iteration around Karbolith design, Karbolith spacing, and ash placement to maximize airflow and exposure of CaO to CO<sub>2</sub>
- Refine capture estimates through incorporation of mass spectrometry with TGA

1. Represents Karbonetiq's interpretation of QXRD and TGA test results



# Potential to Be Among World's Largest DAC Projects & The Largest Announced U.S. DAC Project Operational Before 2025<sup>1</sup>

**~800-900k tons**

of ash produced per year<sup>2</sup>

**Up to 12%**

CO<sub>2</sub> capture capacity by weight of starting dry ash<sup>3</sup>

**Implies up to ~100k tons of CO<sub>2</sub> captured per year**

## Two Potential Income Streams

**~\$130-190/ton**

Voluntary CO<sub>2</sub> removal certificate pricing<sup>4</sup>

Implies **~\$13-19mm** in annual proceeds from carbon credit sales (at 100k tons of CO<sub>2</sub>)

**\$180/ton**

45Q DAC tax credits (project intended to qualify)<sup>5,6</sup>

Implies **~\$18mm** in addl. annual proceeds (at 100k tons of CO<sub>2</sub>), potential to occur by 2025/26

## U.S. DAC Projects with First Operation Before 2030<sup>1</sup>

#	Project Name	Partners	First Operation Year	Announced Capacity (000s of Tons of CO <sub>2</sub> per Year)
1	Project Bison (WY) Phase 4	CarbonCapture, Frontier Carbon Solutions	2028	4,000
2	HIF USA eFuels Matagorda County (TX)	HIF USA	2026	2,200
3	Oxy CE Kleberg County DAC plants (TX)	Occidental, 1PointFive, Carbon Engineering	2025	1,000
4	Project Bison (WY) Phase 3	CarbonCapture, Frontier Carbon Solutions	2028	800
5	DAC-1 Ector County (TX) train 1	Occidental, 1PointFive, Carbon Engineering	2025	500
6	DAC-1 Ector County (TX) train 2	Occidental, 1PointFive, Carbon Engineering	2026	500
7	Project Bison (WY) Phase 2	CarbonCapture, Frontier Carbon Solutions	2026	200
8	<b>Stronghold Carbon Capture<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>Stronghold Digital Mining</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>60-100</b>
9	Project Bison (WY) Phase 1	CarbonCapture, Frontier Carbon Solutions	2024	10
10	TBD <sup>8</sup>			

1. See: *CCUS Projects Explorer*. IEA, 2023, <https://www.iea.org/data-and-statistics/data-tools/ccus-projects-explorer>  
 2. Tons produced by Scrubgrass and Panther when operating at baseload capacity, inclusive of fly ash and bottom ash  
 3. Based on extrapolation of Scrubgrass ash lab results; CO<sub>2</sub> absorption may vary, including by site, type of ash, arrangement of ash, and weather conditions  
 4. Approximate 2023 range for Puro's CO<sub>2</sub> Removal Certificate Weighted Index, quoted in Euros; assumes 1.07 USD:EUR

5. Subject to adjustment based on lifecycle analysis  
 6. Qualification at this amount requires secure geological storage based on current 45Q requirements; see Disclaimer page for details and risks associated with 45Q  
 7. We expect to achieve our target capture capacity by the end of 2024, although this may be impacted by various factors  
 8. No other projects included in IEA database fit parameters and have announced target CO<sub>2</sub> capture capacities

# Carbon Capture Represents a Compelling Value Proposition

Potential to capture ~60-100k tons of CO<sub>2</sub> annually, which could drive **transformational EBITDA uplift** of ~\$13-31mm annually with 45Q tax credits, or ~\$3-14mm without 45Q tax credits <sup>1,2,4</sup>

## Key variables:

- Quantity of CO<sub>2</sub> captured driven by amount of ash processed, and timing thereof, and ash-CO<sub>2</sub> absorption capacity
- Price of CO<sub>2</sub> removal certificates based on Puro's CO<sub>2</sub> Removal Certificate Weighted Index Family, which has trended between \$130 and \$190 in 2023 <sup>3</sup>
- 45Q tax credits shown for DAC sequestration at \$180/ton <sup>4</sup>

## Illustrative Tons of CO<sub>2</sub> Captured Annually

		CO <sub>2</sub> Captured % of Starting Dry Ash Weight		
		8.0%	10.0%	12.0%
Tons of Dry Ash Utilized per Year	700,000	56,000	70,000	84,000
	800,000	64,000	80,000	96,000
	900,000	72,000	90,000	108,000
	1,000,000	80,000	100,000	120,000

- Assumes 10% of carbon credit proceeds and 5% of 45Q tax credit proceeds paid out in the form of fees and royalties, annual fixed opex of \$1.5mm, and variable opex of \$30 per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> captured; see Disclaimer page for details and risks associated with 45Q
- If we qualify for 45Q tax credits, it is unlikely that we receive such credits until 2025 or 2026 (however, a three-year lookback applies); we expect that we will begin selling some quantum of voluntary carbon credits in 2024 and in earnest by 2025
- Puro's CO<sub>2</sub> Removal Certificate Weighted Index Family is quoted in Euros; conversion based on 1.07 USD:EUR exchange rate; such pricing may change in the future, including due to entry of additional market participants; there are also additional requirements that must be satisfied in order to be listed, and we cannot make any assurance we will be able to do so or, even if we do, to maintain compliance with such additional requirements going forward
- We are exploring our ability to qualify for 45Q tax credits; see Disclaimer page for details and risks associated with 45Q

## Illustrative EBITDA Uplift (\$mm) <sup>1,2,4</sup>

Assumes Receipt of Voluntary Credits and \$180/ton 45Q Tax Credits		Price of CO <sub>2</sub> Removal Certificates (\$/ton)				
		\$120	\$140	\$160	\$180	\$200
Tons of CO <sub>2</sub> Captured per Year	60,000	\$13	\$15	\$16	\$17	\$18
	70,000	\$16	\$17	\$18	\$20	\$21
	80,000	\$18	\$20	\$21	\$23	\$24
	90,000	\$21	\$23	\$24	\$26	\$27
	100,000	\$23	\$25	\$27	\$29	\$31

Assumes Receipt of Voluntary Credits Only		Price of CO <sub>2</sub> Removal Certificates (\$/ton)				
		\$120	\$140	\$160	\$180	\$200
Tons of CO <sub>2</sub> Captured per Year	60,000	\$3	\$4	\$5	\$6	\$8
	70,000	\$4	\$5	\$6	\$8	\$9
	80,000	\$5	\$6	\$8	\$9	\$11
	90,000	\$6	\$7	\$9	\$10	\$12
	100,000	\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12	\$14



# Significant Potential Benefit to Stronghold's Net Cost of Power

## EBITDA Uplift = Net Cost of Power Reduction because ash is byproduct of power generation

- Potential new income from carbon capture would improve the economics of our existing business
- Carbon capture has potential to drive net cost of generating power to less than \$20/MWh (over 50% reduction from current guidance of \$40-45/MWh) in the event that we qualify for 45Q tax credits <sup>1,2,3</sup>

### Illustrative Impact on Net Cost of Power <sup>1,2,3</sup>

Assumes 80,000 Tons of CO<sub>2</sub> Captured per Year

Net Cost of Power Guidance Midpoint (\$/MWh)	\$42.50
CO <sub>2</sub> Removal Credits	\$160
45Q Tax Credits	\$180
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Gross Revenue (\$ / ton of CO <sub>2</sub> )	\$340
<b>Gross Revenue (\$mm)</b>	<b>\$27</b>
(-) Fees, Royalty, Opex (\$mm)	(\$6)
<b>Implied EBITDA (\$mm)</b>	<b>\$21</b>
(/) Illustrative MWh (130 MW net output)	1,138,800
<b>Implied Net Cost of Power Reduction (\$/MWh)</b>	<b>\$19</b>
<b>Illustrative Pro Forma Net Cost of Power (\$/MWh)</b>	<b>\$24</b>

1. We are exploring our ability to qualify for 45Q tax credits; see Disclaimer page for details and risks associated with 45Q
2. Assumes 10% of carbon credit proceeds and 5% of 45Q tax credit proceeds paid out for fees and royalties, annual fixed opex of \$1.5mm, variable opex of \$30 per ton of CO<sub>2</sub>, and 130 MW of average net power output
3. If we qualify for 45Q tax credits, it is unlikely that we receive such credits until 2025 or 2026 (however, a three-year lookback applies); we expect that we will begin selling some quantum of voluntary carbon credits in 2024 and in earnest by 2025

## Illustrative Pro Forma Net Cost of Power (\$/MWh) <sup>1,2,3</sup>

Assumes Receipt of Voluntary Credits and \$180/ton 45Q Tax Credits		Price of CO <sub>2</sub> Removal Certificates (\$/ton)				
		\$120	\$140	\$160	\$180	\$200
Tons of CO <sub>2</sub> Captured per Year	60,000	\$31	\$30	\$29	\$28	\$27
	70,000	\$29	\$27	\$26	\$25	\$24
	80,000	\$26	\$25	\$24	\$23	\$21
	90,000	\$24	\$23	\$21	\$20	\$18
	100,000	\$22	\$20	\$19	\$17	\$16

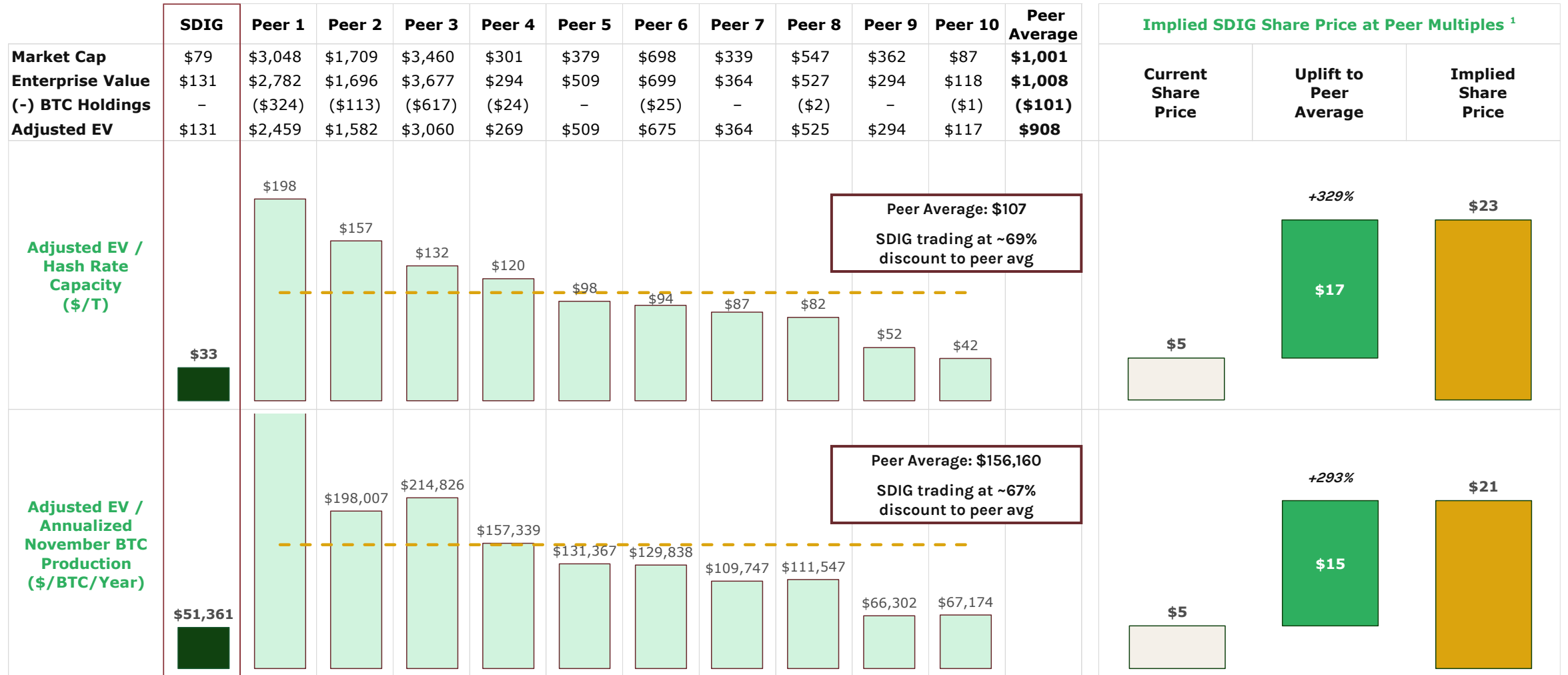
Assumes Receipt of Voluntary Credits Only		Price of CO <sub>2</sub> Removal Certificates (\$/ton)				
		\$120	\$140	\$160	\$180	\$200
Tons of CO <sub>2</sub> Captured per Year	60,000	\$40	\$39	\$38	\$37	\$36
	70,000	\$39	\$38	\$37	\$36	\$35
	80,000	\$38	\$37	\$36	\$35	\$33
	90,000	\$38	\$36	\$35	\$33	\$32
	100,000	\$37	\$35	\$34	\$32	\$31



# Conclusion

# Where We Are: Acute Relative Value Dislocation

Select valuation metrics for public self-mining-focused peers



Note: All Stronghold data per latest Stronghold disclosures; all peer data for market cap and enterprise value per Bloomberg as of 12/6/23; all peer data for BTC holdings, hash rate, and BTC production pulled directly from peers' November 2023 disclosures; Stronghold makes no representation as to the accuracy of Bloomberg data and peers' disclosures; Peers include RIOT, CLSK, MARA, BTBT, WULF, CIFR, HIVE, BITF, IREN, ARBK

1. Represents implied share prices based exclusively on the selected valuation metrics; implied share prices calculated as ( [Average Multiple] x [Relevant Stronghold Metric] - [Net Debt] + [BTC Holdings] ) / [Fully Diluted Share Count (at implied share price)]



# Opportunities to Differentiate Ourselves in the Market



Bitcoin mining growth opportunities including additional data centers, high-grading of existing miner fleet: **\$5-10 million of incremental EBITDA potential**



Execute on carbon capture opportunity: **\$30 million** of potential run-rate EBITDA by 2025/2026



Own **\$10-20mm** of existing end-to-end data center equipment to be potentially deployed at additional sites or monetized if compelling opportunities arise



Improved execution in data centers and improved utilization of existing hash rate: **\$650k-\$1mm (\$0.08-0.10/THs hash price) EBITDA** per 1% utilization improvement; Frontier Mining execution excellent thus far



Continue finding and executing on cost-cutting initiatives. O&M run-rate improving, and Cash G&A expected to be **\$16-18 million in 2024** vs. \$18-20 million in 2023, for example

# Carbon Capture Panel

Moderated by Stronghold CEO Greg Beard



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# Appendix



# Carbon Capture Key Assumptions

<p><b>Tons of CO<sub>2</sub> Captured</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total ash production of 800-900k metric tons at baseload capacity utilization</li> <li>• 8-12% CO<sub>2</sub> capture by weight of ash</li> <li>• <b>Implies ~60-100k tons of CO<sub>2</sub> captured</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Multiple Income Streams</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private Market: \$120-200/ton, beginning 2024, reaching capacity in 2025</li> <li>• IRS 45Q: up to \$180/ton, earliest qualification would be 2025 but 2026 is more likely</li> </ul>
<p><b>Operating Expenses</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10% of carbon credit gross proceeds and 5% of 45Q tax credit proceeds paid out in the form of fees and royalties</li> <li>• Annual fixed opex of \$1.5mm (includes personnel and equipment leasing)</li> <li>• Variable opex of \$30 per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> captured</li> <li>• No incremental G&amp;A</li> </ul>
<p><b>Capital Expenditures</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100-150 <u>Karboliths™</u> @ \$40-60k per <u>Karbolith™</u> for equipment</li> <li>• \$1-2mm for labor/construction</li> </ul>



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Pictured: Actual Reclaimed Mining Waste Site





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