

# Setting yourself up for climate leadership

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#### **About the Carbon Trust**

Advise businesses, the public sector and governments on their opportunities in a sustainable, low carbon world

Measure and certify the environmental footprint of organisations, products and services

Develop and deploy low carbon technologies and solutions, from energy efficiency to renewable power

Independent, mission-driven, not-for-dividend









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 Understand what science-based targets are and why they are important

Appreciate the key factors to consider when setting a science-based target

• Gain insights on from our practical experience in supporting companies set science-based targets





- Paris Climate Agreement approved by 195 nations at COP21 came into force on 4th November 2016
- Agreed to hold the increase in global average temperatures well below
  2°C and pursue efforts to limit the increase to 1.5°C



- Emissions should peak as soon as possible, and rapidly reduce thereafter
- Mitigation performance to be reviewed every five years and national plans (NDCs) improved



## **Context for Science Based Carbon Targets in India**

- India ratified the Paris Agreement in October 2016, its NDC targets:
  - to lower the emissions intensity by 33% 35% by 2030, and
  - to increase non-fossil based power generation capacity to 40% by 2030



- NDC predates the recent rapid growth in renewable energy in India and recent government targets of 175 GW renewable energy capacity by 2022
- "Upgrading the Indian NDC to match planned policies would (...) place it in a leadership position globally." - climateactiontracker.org
- PM Modi recently vowed to go "above and beyond the Paris accord"



#### What are Science Based Carbon Targets?



Source: Climate Action Tracker, 2017

Targets adopted by companies to reduce carbon emissions are considered "science-based" if they are in line with the level of decarbonisation required to keep global temperature increase below 2°C.



#### How do Science Based Carbon Targets compare?

#### **Genesis of Carbon Reduction Target Approaches**





• **Demonstrate leadership in doing what's necessary** and maximise the reputational benefits by adopting credible science-based targets now





**Align your sustainability ambitions with science** – and anticipate future climate change regulation

 Unlock long-term reduction opportunities to make your business more competitive and drive innovation



# The Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)

- Joint initiative between the CDP, the UN Global Compact (UNGC), the World Resources Institute (WRI), and the WWF
- Adopted an overseeing role for reviewing science-based target methodologies and validity of individual company's science-based targets



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#### **Pledge and Review Process**

- Framework that enables businesses to pledge their commitment to developing science-based targets
- **Review process** includes methodology applied, level of ambition and scope of emissions
- 298 leading companies have already pledged and over 70 have successfully passed the review process

#### Methodologies

- Developed its own methodology, the Sectoral Decarbonisation Approach (SDA), which applies sector-specific pathways to define targets
- Published a **manual for setting science-based targets** which includes a review of all current methodologies







# SBTi - Key criteria and recommendations





#### How do you calculate a science-based target?

**1. Assessing the global carbon budget** *How large is the pie?*  2. Calculating your business' carbon budget How large is my slice?

**3. Compare your budget and** your footprint Am I eating too much?







Different methodologies will take slightly different approaches to these steps



1. Develop robust emission baseline

2. Select most appropriate methodology

3. Understand your scope 3 emissions

4. Calculate Science Based Targets

5. Submit Targets to SBTi

# **Questions to consider when calculating an SBT**





### Methodology Example: Sectoral Decarbonisation Approach





- Largest listed real estate company in the UK (£14.6bn portfolio)
- Land Securities' ambition is to be a leader in carbon reduction and science-based targets seen as a key part of this



- The Carbon Trust translated sector-based data into insights that provided the basis for practical action:
  - A bespoke reduction target model was built based on the Sectoral Decarbonisation Approach (SDA)
  - An easy-to-understand methodology report was created, making targets accessible to stakeholders and verifying the robustness of the approach





This decarbonisation pathway leads to the following reduction requirements by 2030, 2040 and 2050:

Company Target Years	2030	2040	2050	
Intensity Reduction Against Baseline	40%	<b>70</b> %	80%	

Land Securities Emission Reduction Targets against 2013/2014 baseline



### Case study: Implementation approach

Set a **science based carbon target** in accordance with our decarbonisation pathway. Set an equivalent energy reduction target which will be the primary vehicle for delivering the required carbon reductions. Use the targets as long-term drivers for promoting energy management investment, improvement and innovation.

- Be confident with your data
- Engage with a wide range of stakeholders, internally and externally
- Establish milestones along the way...2030 is far away!
- Keep it simple, especially externally. Support with management KPIs internally



#### Engagement

• Helps support internal buy-in and staff engagement...people like to play their part in keeping with 2 degrees

#### Longevity

• Targets are long-term and help to define sustainability strategy. Opened up discussions on implications of target for other areas, e.g. new developments and acquisitions

#### Robust

 Established methodology, figures calculated by third party, independent, experts

#### Leadership

• Commits to what is required and not just achievable









#### Case study: Scope 3 targets



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#### THE TARGETS

Land Securities commits to reduce GHG emissions 40% per square meter by 2030. from a 2014 base-year (scope 1, scope 2 and a portion of scope 3 emissions from downstream leased assets). This will set the company on the path to accomplish an 80% carbon intensity reduction by 2050 from the same base-year.

The company also commits to engage with all main contractors (lead construction partners) to encourage them to set science-based targets by 2023, so that the embodied carbon from key materials can be reduced in line with what is required for a 2 degrees pathway. Additionally, the company will ensure that all leased floor area has an energy efficiency rating of at least an E (ratings are A-G) by 2023, in order to reduce the operational carbon emissions associated with that floor area.









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Calculate a scope 3 hotspot to assess the materiality of the 15 emissions categories in your value chain

Calculate accurate scope 3 footprint for material categories

Develop scope 3 targets to meet requirements of the Science Based Targets initiative Call to Action

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We supported Carlsberg Group in the development of the carbon strategy for their recently launched new sustainability ambition, **Together Towards Zero** 

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- Working closely with Carlsberg's in-house sustainability, utility management, and supply chain teams, we:
- Developed a detailed end-to-end value chain carbon footprint for Carlsberg's global operations
- Defined ambitious carbon reduction targets, in line with what's considered a **Science-Based Target**, for their operations as well as their value chain
- Developed a clearly defined roadmap to achieve the carbon reductions to meet these targets