

**Perspectives on Economic Flexible Operation (EFO)** 

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## Uniper is a global energy company



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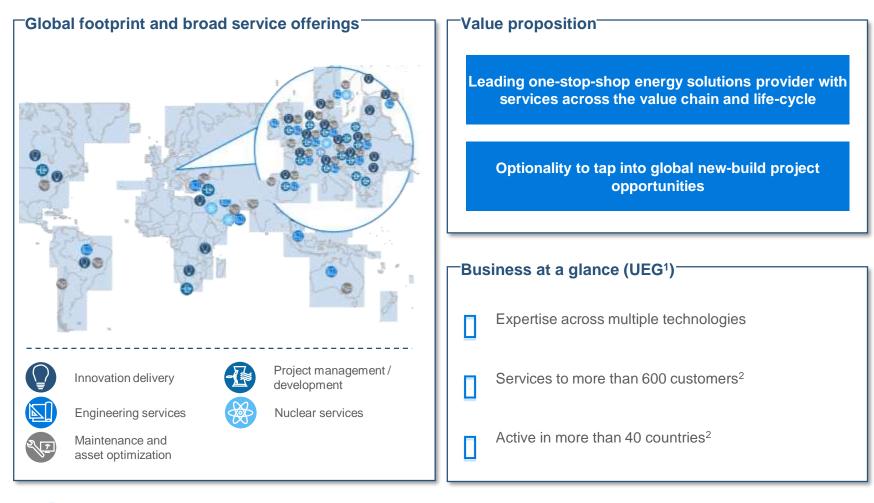


Employee data December 31, 2015. Capacity figures April 26, 2016.

# Uniper has 100 year heritage serving 600 power sector, industrial clients in 40+ countries



# Uniper's portfolio and capabilities allows to offer technology services with global footprint

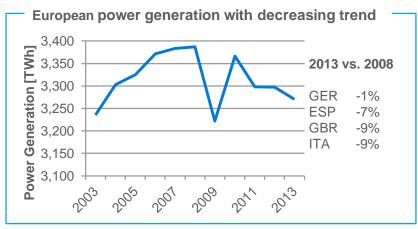


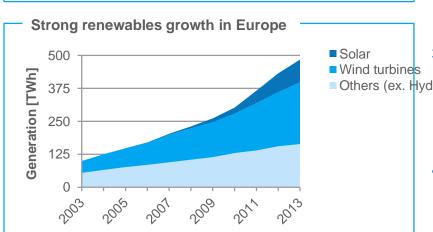


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Based on 2015

# European market has changed significantly over 10 years





Source: Eurostat (code: nrg\_105a)

#### 1. Reduction in Demand

Global recession has destroyed power demand across Europe

#### 2. Global Commodity Prices

- CO<sub>2</sub> prices have dramatically fallen caused by oversupply – attempts to reform have failed to date
- US shale gas has increased US coal exports making coal generation cheaper than gas
- However global gas prices have and oil prices putting coal at margin

#### 3. Renewables Growth

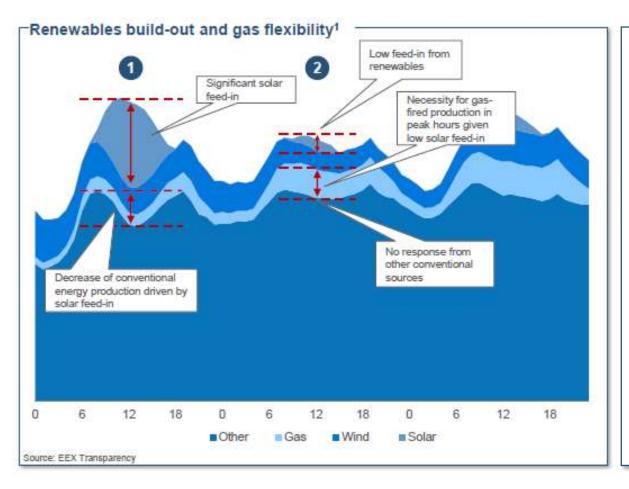
Others (ex. Hydro)

Incentive schemes designed to deliver European 2020 targets have caused the strong and constant growth of Renewables

#### 4. Political Intervention



# Conventional generation as base load needed on days of low yield of wind and solar





Significant renewables feed-in with direct impact on electricity production from conventional power plants

Very limited production by conventional power plants in times of high renewables feedin

Conventional power plants required to address hours of limited renewables production



Change in operating regime for coal and gas power plants from base load to

# Higher renewable penetration on particular days can completely change the energy pattern





- → Reduction in absolute MWh from coal and gas units
- →Coal and gas switch on short run marginal costs (fuel)
- →The future is uncertain with many more questions what will electric cars mean?



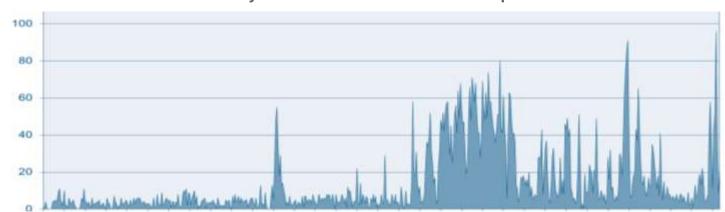


## Flexibility at Ratcliffe power station



#### Monthly starts over time for a coal fired plant





## **Uniper's Economic Flexible Operation (EFO)**

- Uniper has developed a low cost commercial solution
- Unique and expert flexibility support in a single package
- A turnkey, holistic approach with optional components
- Immediate, mid, and long term issues
- A focus on economic operation, maximising income & reducing risk
- Developed & demonstrated over decades
- We can help you get the most from your existing assets





#### **Potential Value of EFO**

The potential real world value of EFO approach typically includes\*:

- Shorten start-up times by 20-50%
- Improve ramp rate and load following by 50%
- Reduce major component replacement costs by 20-30%
- Increase max load by 5-10% of P<sub>max</sub>
- Reduce minimum load to 10-20% of P<sub>max</sub>
- Increase major outage intervals by 20-40%
- Reduce daily maintenance costs by 10-20%
- Reduce fuel oil and water consumption by 10-20%
- Extend economic plant life by 5-15 years



A significant increase in useful asset utilisation, life and profitability

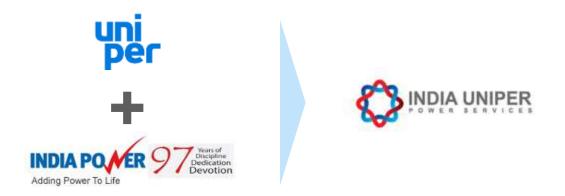


## Our journey so far and learning from you...

**Government agencies State utilities** Stakeholder management **Private companies Knowledge partners** 



# Uniper & India Power have formed a strategic partnership to develop, service power sector



#### **India Uniper Power Services (IUPS)**

- 50:50 joint venture in power plant services
- A value-based service provider
- Offering a broad range of flexible and customised services
- Highly skilled talent pool of ~600 employees in India
- Supported by expertise from UK and Germany



# Our experience as owner and operator allows us to offer services across the value chain

## Project Development

- Early ProjectDevelopmentParticipation
- Owners Engineer
- EPC Tendering
- Planning, permitting and Impact Assessment
- Conceptual and Basic Design
- External Stakeholder Management

# Construction and Implementation

- Owners Engineering Activity
- Construction Management
- Commercial Management
- Site Management & Inspections
- Planning & Execution
- Commissioning

#### **Asset Operation**

- Asset Strategy & Management
- Business Planning
- O&M Strategy and Execution
- Asset Improvement
- Performance Management
- Risk Management
- Training, Learning and Development

#### **Energy Trading**

- Fuel Supply
- Coal
- LNG
- Natural Gas
- Market Access
- Offtakes
- Market Analysis

#### **Decom-missioning**

- Plant
   Decommissioning
- Residual Waste
  Treatment Centre
- Plant Demolition

HSSE

Renewabl es

CCGT

Full Technology Coverage

Coal

Hydro



# Coal: reliable partner for fluctuating solar and wind production ...



## Power Plant Heyden – technical data

**General**: 1987 start operation

Installed Capacity 800 MW<sub>el</sub>

Todays capacity 875 MW <sub>el</sub>

Efficiency Full load 41 %

Steam 2700 t/h

Supercritical presure 215 bar

Supercritical temperatur 544 °C

Intermediate pressuer / Temp 46bar / 545 °C

**Flexibility** 

Min load 20% / 180MW

Since 01.06.2017 11% / 100MW

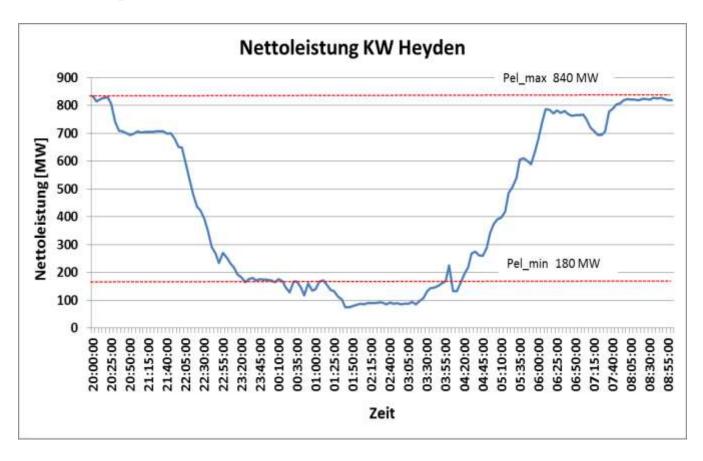
Ramp rate 15...20MW/Min

Hot start time to grid 1 hour

Hot start time to full load 3 hours



## One Mill operation for ~10% min load

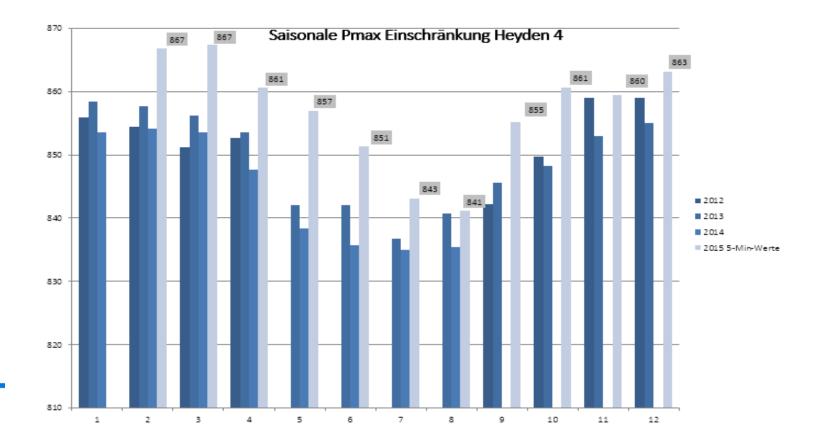


- 2015: planning and checking technical feseability
- 2016: testintg
- 2017 optimizing, as normal operation since 01.06.2017



## **Increase of max Capacity**

1987 Start operation 800 MW brutto
1993 Increase output 880 MW brutto
1998. Increase output 910 MW brutto
2005. Increase output 920 MW brutto
2015 Optimize output Back to 920MW brutto



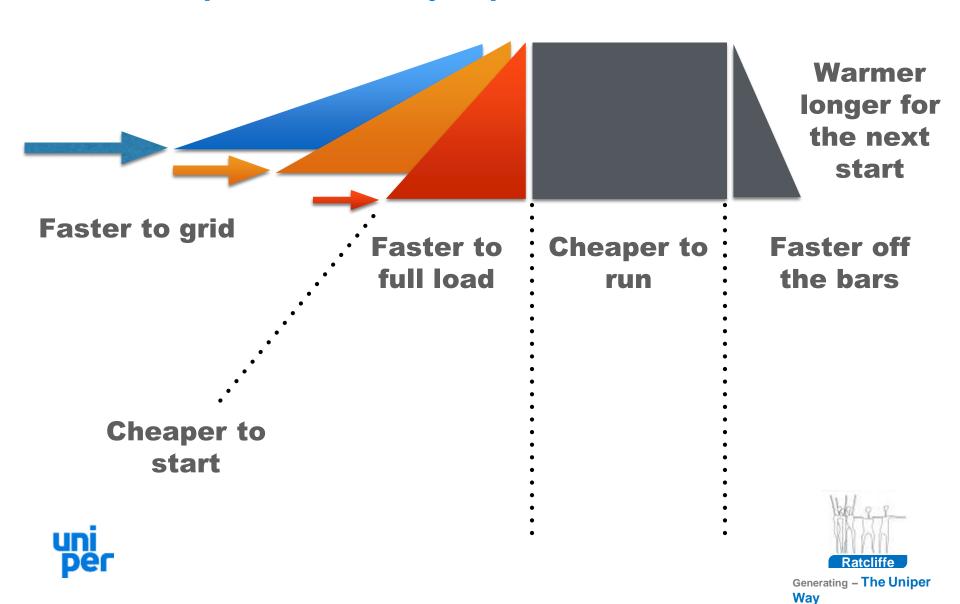


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# Production@Ratcliffe:

Increasing Ratcliffe's flexibility and commercial offer to meet current and future energy market demands

# Production@Ratcliffe: More competitive in every aspect



# Production@Ratcliffe: Taking Responsibility

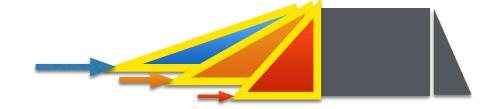


- Pond Fines and Fuel Mix
- Hot Warm & Cold Starts
- Faster to Grid (improved NDZ)
- Access to market if NDZ within 90 minutes more attractive for hot standby
- Fast Shutdown from SEL
- Super SEL
- Loading Rates / Hold Points
- NDZ/MZT/MNZT Parameters
- On-load Oil Use
- 3 Mill Loading
- Boiler pressure raising with coal prior to sync





# Production@Ratcliffe: Faster to full load

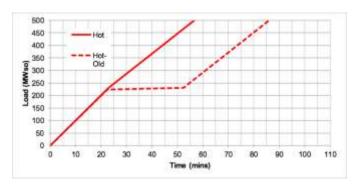


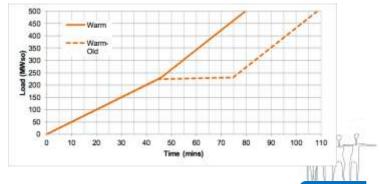
- Objective
  - Increase loading rates and reduced hold points
- Benefit
  - Supports reduced oil burn
  - 'Extrinsic' commercial value
- Status
  - · Hold points removed from all starts
  - Aspiration to return to 5min hot turbine run-up to speed
  - Aspiration to achieve 50MW block load after synch (hot start)
  - 2MW/min load rate to 50MW trialled (cold start) [currently 0.5MW/min]

State		Now (mins)
Hot	86	57
Hot / Warm	67	67
Warm	109	80
Cold	190	190

Underpinned by work on start-ups

- + Improved reliability of sequences (e.g. FGD)
- + Improved familiarity with soft desk







#### **Startup Hot & Hot/Warm**



#### Objective

- Reduce oil burn, reduce firing time & target oil burners out by 100MWso
- Extend Hot status window into Hot/Warm
- Reduce Notice to reach BOA market (85 mins on Hot now with trading)

#### Benefit

- Oil burn saving £750k £1.25m
- Normalise UO workload & avoid 'peaks'
- Increased value from more runs

#### Status

- Stage 1 testing completed (oil burners O/O/S by 160MW), New Ops procedure written & rolled out to all shifts.
- Stage 2 testing in progress oil burners O/O/S by 100MW, aim for ~60 mins first fire to unit sync



## **Startup - Warm**

- Objective
  - Similar principle to Hot & Hot/Warm (faster & cheaper!)
- Benefit
  - Oil burn saving £200k £400k
- Status
  - To start following Hot & Hot/Warm trials

Now seeing benefits from other areas will influence ability to deliver Data shows learning points from other states are already being embedded

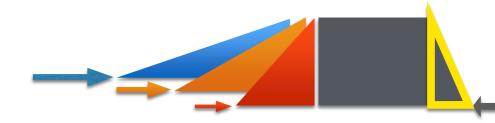


## **Startup - Cold**

- Objective
  - Reduce total cold start time by ~3hrs (7 hrs down to 4 hrs)
  - Reduce time from Sync to SEL.
- Benefit
  - Unit in the money faster after sync
  - Oil burn saving £250k £500k
  - Reduce cold NDZ to <300Mins (if boiler N2 capped) or <479 (if boiler 'wet stored')</li>
- Status
  - 2 Cold start trials carried out U3 30/07/2017 & U2 04/09/2017
  - Initial trials successful.— 27.4T of oil saved, total time from first burner to sync 4hrs, and then Sync to 230MW 1hr.
  - Area's identified where further improvements can be made Aim to target oil usage of <50t for cold start.</li>



# Production@Ratcliffe: Faster off the bars



### Objective

- Reduce shut down time and oil burn
- Retain more heat in turbine to facilitate faster return and extended warmth states (stay hotter for longer)
- Benefit
  - Oil burn saving ~ £250k
- Status
  - Plant Sim for 140MW shutdown permissive & 80l implemented for testing on all available units.
  - Shut down time reduced from 17mins to 9mins for 230MWso 0MW.
  - 9 mins shut down now being achieved consistently.
  - Ready to be rolled out



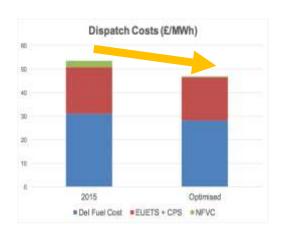
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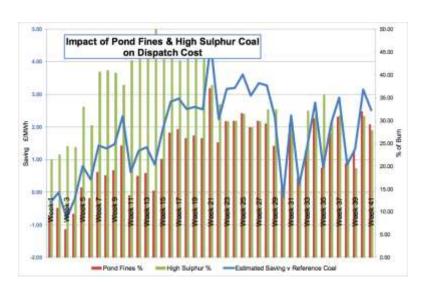


Focus on actual fuel mix to bunkers. Increasing pond fines and USHS proportions

Improved ash & gypsum sales

Integrated work with trading to reflect actual costs in dispatch









#### **On-Load Oil Use**



- Objective
  - Reduce on-load oil usage
    - No oil burners for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> /7<sup>th</sup> mills In/Out of service
- Benefit
  - Supports reduced oil burn (£300k £600k)
- Status
  - Test procedure written and circulated for comment
  - Testing planned to start in October



## 3 Mill Loading

#### 4 Mills I/S @ 230MW

- Nox emissions close to monthly limit c.440mg



#### 3 Mills I/S @ 230MW

- Nox emissions very good c.350mg.

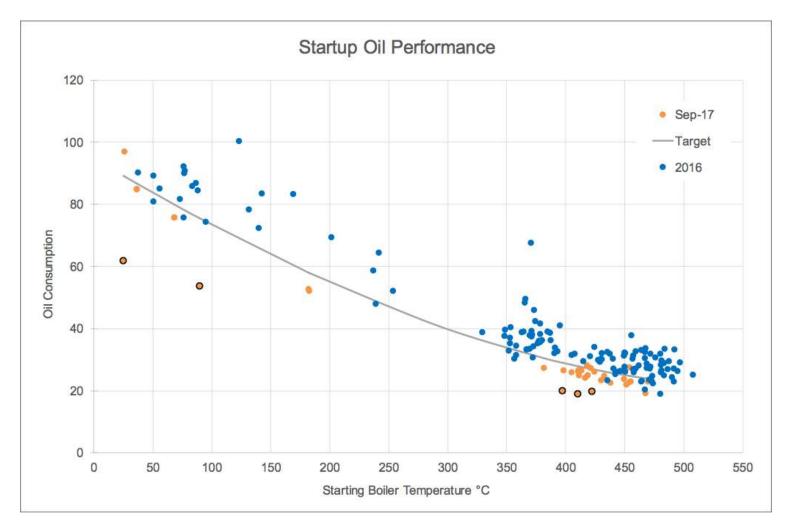


#### In both Cases

- No supporting ignition fuel required for stable flame
  - Fire was clean and stable
- No impingement of burner flame on furnace rear wall
  - PF flame 'well rooted' to the ignition tube
    - No pulsating of the flame
- Furnace pressure stable and maintaining ~-0.5 mbar



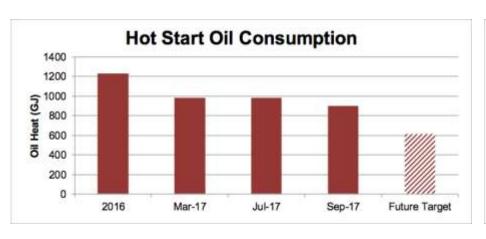
## **Startup Oil**

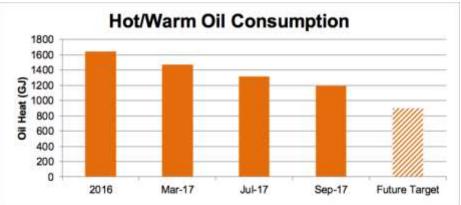


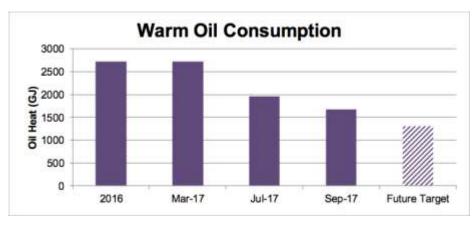


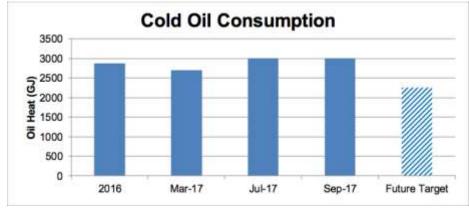
Reduced Consumption Reduced Variation Future Targets

## Start Oil Reductions – achieved and target



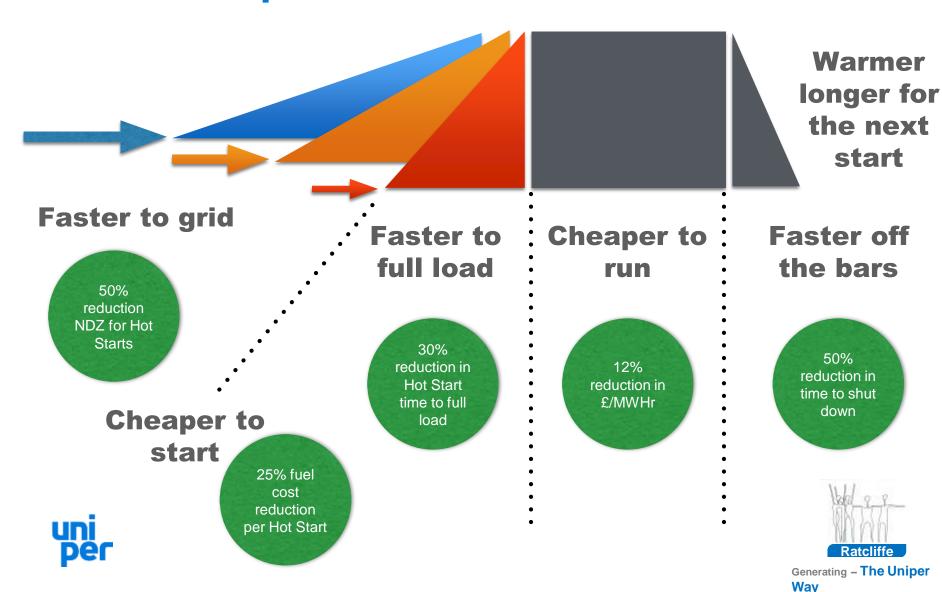








# Production@Ratcliffe: More Competitive



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