



Company: Copperbelt Energy Corporation Plc  
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### COPPERBELT ENERGY CORPORATION PLC

Copperbelt Energy Corporation Plc (“CEC” or “the Company”) is a Zambian power generation, transmission, distribution, and supply Company, primarily operating in the Copperbelt Province of Zambia and the Katanga region of the Democratic Republic of Congo (“DRC”).

The Company owns and operates a multi-million-dollar power infrastructure, with the capacity to ensure consistent uptime and supply, comprising 45 substations and over 1,070Km of transmission lines, supplying power to mine customers in the Copperbelt Province as well as the DRC. Also embedded in its network are strategically located thermal power emergency generation assets, known as GTAs, with a generation capacity of 80 megawatts (“MW”), as well as a 34 MW solar power plant supporting the Company’s business operations, with an ambition to reach 300 MW of renewable energy by 2027.

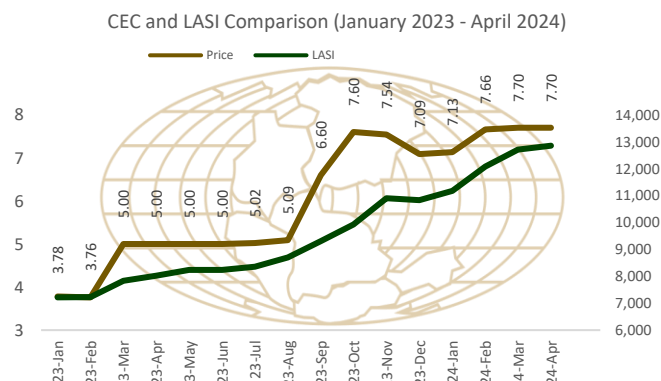
### SIGNIFICANT SHAREHOLDING AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2023

Shareholder Name	Percentage Owned
Aurora UK Acquisition Co Pte Ltd	34.64
ZCCM-Investments Holdings PLC	31.07
Private Individuals/Institutions	16.60
Zambia Energy Corporation Ireland Limited	13.25
Other	4.0

### MARKET INFORMATION AND PERFORMANCE

LuSE Ticker	CECZ
LuSE Price, in ZMW (Current)	7.81
LuSE Price in USD	0.3
Issued Shares	1,625,000,597
LuSE Market Cap, in ZMW [Fully Diluted]	12,691,254,663
Market Cap in USD [Fully Diluted]	485,325,226
52-Week High, in ZMW	7.84
52-Week Low In, in ZMW	5.00
Forex USD to ZMW [4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024]	26.15

### CEC AND LuSE INDEX AVERAGE PERFORMANCE



CEC was ranked the most traded stock based on volume in 2023 and this translated into being the first company on the LuSE turnover rankings in the same year. Three significant shareholders holding 34.64% of CEC shares sold to Aurora UK Acquisition for USD145 million in December 2023, which contributed to the number of trades and volume recorded in 2023. The spike in the price in August was attributed to the announcement of an interim dividend. Dividends increased by 10% amounting to a total of USD55.2 million. This translated into a dividend pay-out of USD0.034 per ordinary share.

CEC continues to be one of the top three stocks in 2024. During the year, CEC registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and listed on the LuSE a debut USD 200 million Green Bond, whose proceeds were directed towards the refinancing of the already developed 34 MW Riverside Solar Plant and the completion of the 60 MW Itimpi Solar Plant.

The first tranche amounting to USD53.5 million of the Green Bond was fully subscribed. The performance of the first tranche had a significant

influence on the performance of the Company on the LuSE and growing investor confidence.

### 2023 FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE RESULTS

Financials (USD'000)	2023	2022	Change (%)
Revenue	382,270	374,440	2%
Operating Profit	207,393	68,848	201%
Net Income	137,649	50,816	171%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	108,889	83,384	30.59%
EBITDA	231,787	93,101	148.96%
Total Assets	675,629	662,302	2%
Total Liabilities	259,869	330,750	-21%
Total Equity	415,760	331,552	25%

	2023	2022
Earnings Per Share (“EPS”)	0.085	0.0313
P/E	4.10	7.13
Acid Test	x 4.17	x 0.86
Operating Profit Margin	5.74%	2.51%
Return on Assets	20%	8%
Return on Equity (est.)	33%	15%

### 2023 COMPANY PERFORMANCE

CEC’S revenue has consistently been on an upward trajectory for the last three years. The Company recorded a 2% increase in revenue in 2023 which was attributed to increased local and regional power revenue. The Company’s financial statements show a significant 171% increase in net income from USD50.8 million to USD137.6 million in 2023. The positive financial impact was a result of better-quality sales, an effective power sourcing strategy and more importantly, the impact of the one-off debt write back of USD156 million which had the effect of diminishing the prior year’s performance. During the year, a Debt Settlement Agreement was signed between CEC and Konkola Copper Mines Plc. The implication of the Settlement Agreement on the Company was the immediate reversal in part of the previously impaired KCM receivable of USD171.6 million.

The Company’s focus on increasing shareholder value was displayed by an increase in return on equity from 15% in 2022 to 33% in 2023 and an increase of 25% in total. In addition, the EPS increased from USD0.0313 in 2022 to USD0.085 in 2023, reflecting a significant rise in profitability per share. The P/E ratio decreased by 74% due to an increase in EPS by 172%.

### 2024 OUTLOOK

The Company’s focus for 2024 will be in the deployment of renewable energy, being the identified cleaner energy sources, into the power sourcing portfolio. This will be achieved by the implementation of the following:

- I. Solar generation technology – CEC’s target for the year will be to commission the 60MW Itimpi Solar Project and commence the development and construction of the 126MW Itimpi II Solar Project;
- II. Wind generation technology – CEC’s target for the year will be to achieve an investment decision on the Upepo Wind project in Masaiti, Ndola; and
- III. CEC’s strategic objectives for 2024 include an agenda of initiating an accelerated energy transition by continuing to build modern, resilient, and sustainable energy systems.

The Company appears to remain solid on its growth trajectory. Achieving impressive capital gains and enhanced shareholder value.