

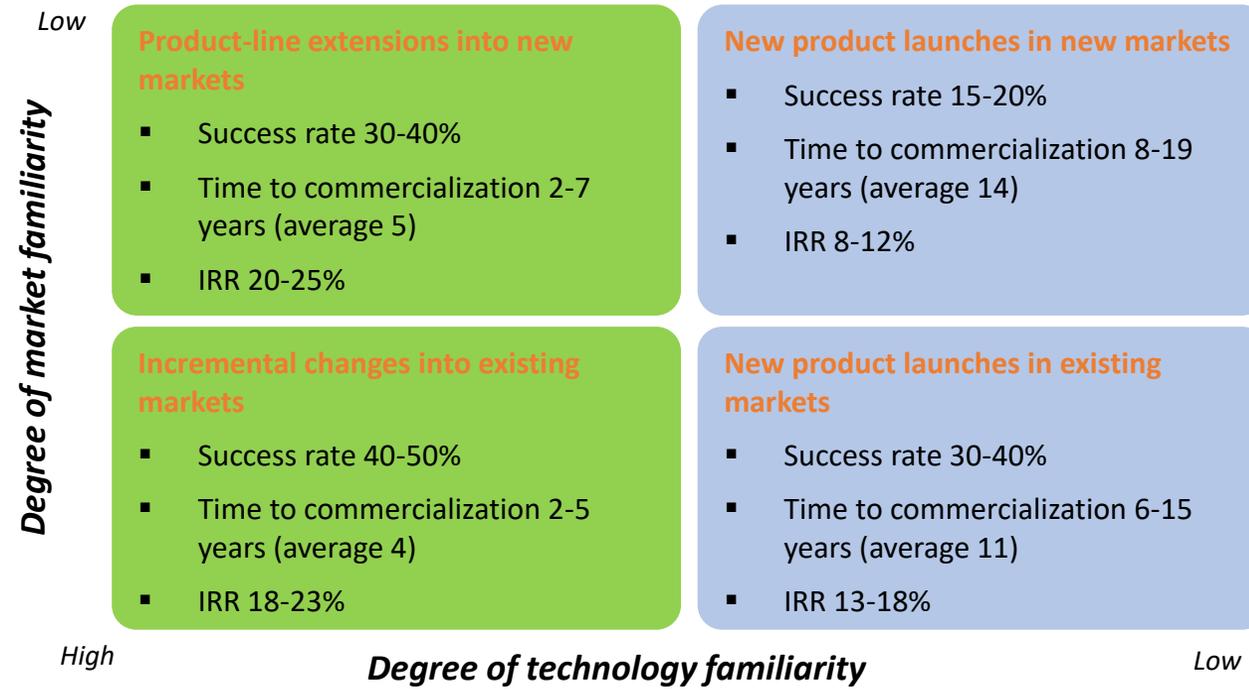
Industrial decarbonization risks and opportunities- a materials industry perspective

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Change is slow and capital intensive in Materials businesses



Miremadl, Musso, & Oxgaard, *Chemical innovation: An investment for the ages* (2013)

- Technology change efforts have long times to market and low returns, with low NPV's and IRR's
- Businesses emphasize short-term deliverable with an incremental change mentality
- Rapid commoditization reinforces the short-term thinking
- Decarbonization forced through the same investment lens, which drives a focus on low-hanging fruit
 - Scope 1 as an incremental cost reduction and classifying portfolio as Scope 3

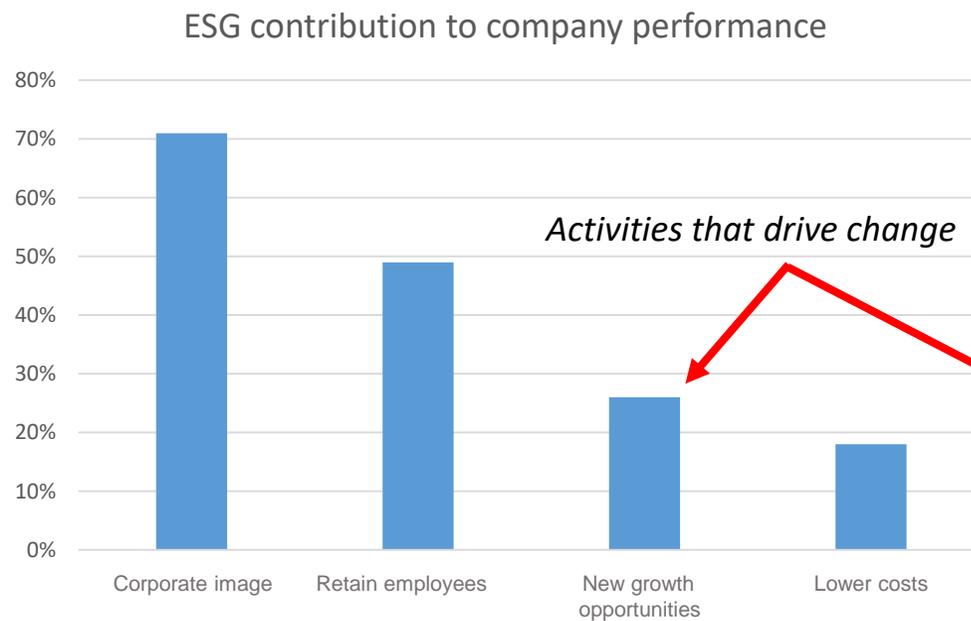
Environmental concerns cannot be ignored, so controlled action is taken

- Materials companies seek a balance between quarterly earnings and sustainability metrics
 - UN SDG, ESG investing, TCFD, SASB, and GRI
- Materials companies are in the wrong place in the value chain for unilateral action
 - Materials firms are generally B2B, upstream in the value chain
 - B2C companies control the market and determine pricing
- C-suite tenures are short- 6.5 yrs for CEO's and 4 yrs for CMO's in industrial sector*
 - Low incentives to take risk
 - Leaders incur the cost penalty but do not reap the benefits of long-term investments
- Focuses the company efforts on compliance as part of a short-term mentality
- Enables incremental positive adjustments in metrics in the face of a long-term challenge

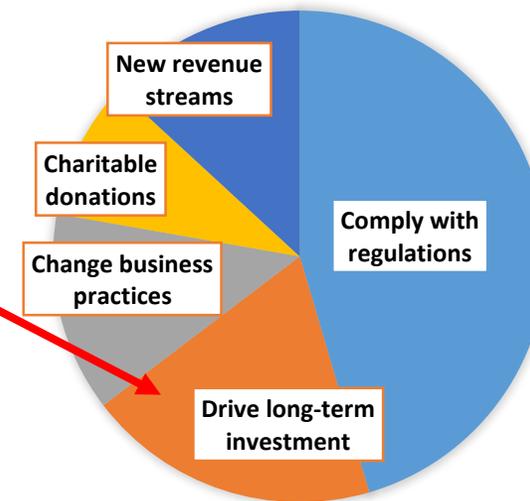
* Korn Ferry analysis 1/2020

ESG activities reflect short-termism- Executive attitudes survey

- ESG scores are increasing and high scores are shown to lead to higher shareholder value
- Pressure is applied by investors to continuously improve the environmental and financial performance of firms
- The balance allows “doing better, but not doing enough” behavior
- Impact on decarbonization is negligible
- Mismatch between climate needs and incentives to executives



Most important aspect of ESG



C-suite members lead based on their incentives

- Companies measure what they value and leaders act on what they can measure
- Incentives need to be designed to support the bold steps required for change
- Build strategy for decarbonization across multiple measurable activity horizons
 - Hold leaders *financially* accountable for their commitment to the investments
 - Provide detailed execution and investment roadmaps with measurable and timely objectives
 - Recognize that each horizon has its own execution risks and opportunities and they work together to achieve the end goal



Data from www.ceres.org/turningpoint

Change discussion from focus on costs to focus on opportunities

- There is profit to be made in activities across all 3 time horizons
 - Recognize that waste is waste and its elimination goes to the bottom line for the company and its value chain
 - Long-term stability and reputation of the company is enhanced by reaching the decarbonization goals
 - Influence in managing regulatory compliance can be increased
- Focusing on growth can gain investor and leader buy-in for an investment plan
 - Build and articulate a strong growth strategy based on a sustainable future, including bold steps and their future commercial value for the company
 - Advocate for and take advantage of incentives across all 3 horizons
 - Examples might include R&D tax credits targeted for decarbonization and carbon tax structure that drives investment
 - Provides investor support for a strategy of change and helps build patience
 - Leverage across the value chain and enable multi-company investment against common environmental goals
 - De-risk where required through public-private partnerships with early contributions from academia and national labs

Questions?

