



# CREATING THE LEADING CONSULTING FIRM FOR THE WORLD'S ENERGY **TRANSITION**

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# AGENDA

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Transaction Overview
- 3. Strategic Rationale
- 4. Financial Considerations
- 5. Key Takeaways



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President & Chief Executive Officer



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Chief Financial Officer

# TRANSACTION OVERVIEW

## **Achieving a New Milestone**





PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS

2012



Industry Leading Position

#1 | ENR

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

2014



Industry Leading Position

#1 | ENR

EARTH AND ENVIRONMENT

2020-2022

GOLDER WOOD.

Industry Leading Position

#1 | EA

POWER AND ENERGY

2024





Industry Leading Position

#1 | ENR

## The Global Leading Pure-Play Consulting Firm in Power & Energy





- Welcoming a U.S. Powerhouse
- Creating the global leading pure-play consulting firm in Power & Energy
- Significantly increasing footprint in the U.S.
- Enabling substantial revenue synergy opportunities
- Positioning for accelerated growth and enhanced financial profile











Large utilities invested nearly

\$171B

in 2023 to modernize and decarbonize<sup>(1)</sup>

Average age of large power transformers is

over 40 years old(2)

and 70% of transmission

over 25 years old(3)

Planned clean energy generation projects hit

\$122B

in 2023<sup>(4)</sup>

Data centers consume

10x to 50x

the energy of standard office buildings<sup>(5)</sup>

\$21.4T

be invested in electricity grids by 2050 to support a global net-zero trajectory<sup>(6)</sup> Electrification of transportation

driving up to 80%

load growth in highadoption areas<sup>(7)</sup>

More than

2,600GW

of generation is waiting to be connected to the grid<sup>(8)</sup> Forecasting a

**15% CAGR** 

in data center power demand from 2023-2030<sup>(9)</sup> There is a

\$1.5T

gap between current spending and projected needs by 2040<sup>(10)</sup>

# A critical timing fueled by long-term megatrends



World's push towards a low to zero carbon emissions future



Historical long-term commitments from governments to invest in infrastructure



Hypergrowth in the data centers market

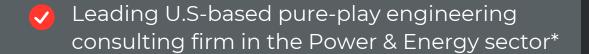


Shifting to electrification

## Leading Power & Energy Player in the U.S.

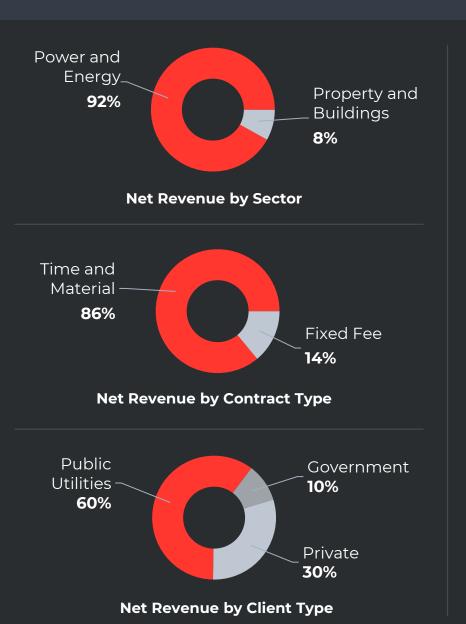






- Leading brand and reputation for technical excellence in complex projects
- Provides power delivery, transmission and generation engineering and advisory services
- Serves the majority of the largest Power Utilities in North America
- ✓ Revenues generated are ~97% within the U.S. and 90%+ from repeat clients
- Culture of innovation and digital expertise





~4,000

Employees

~900

Employee-Shareholders

~50

Offices

~\$800M US

2024E Net Revenues(1)

~13%

L3Y Organic Revenue CAGR (through 2023)

~16-17%

2024E Post-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA Margin (%)<sup>(1)</sup>

1976

Founding Year

Idaho, USA

Headquarters

Colombia

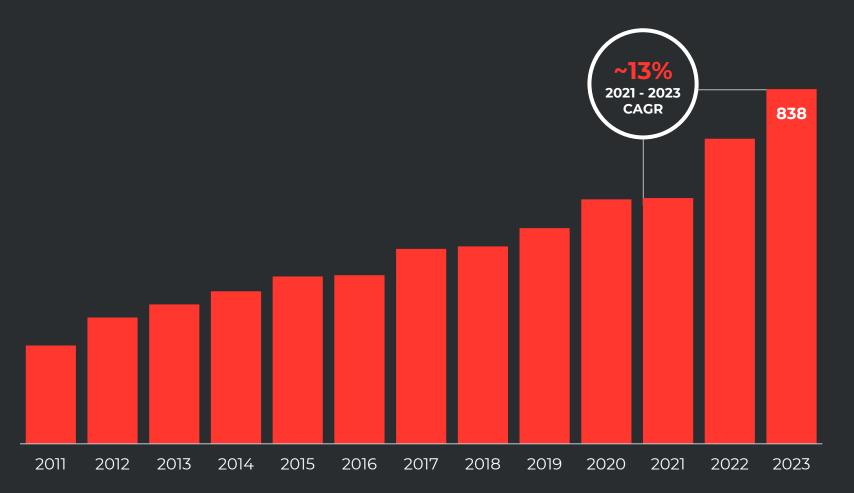
Complementary Resource Center

## Double-Digit Organic Growth Over a Decade





# 12-year Revenues <u>Organic Growth</u> CAGR ~10%



track record of top-tier organic growth over the last 10 years supported by secular trends

**Premier brand** with an enviable blue-chip customer base

**Industry-leading** employee retention rate

## Access to an Established Network of Clients





Leading U.S. pure-play consulting firm in the Power & Energy sector

- Extensive relationships with the largest power utilities in the U.S. and Canada
- Average length of relationship with U.S top clients is ~20 years
- Repeat Clients generate 90%+ of revenues

















































## Access to a Sought-After Expertise in a High Growth Sector





## **COMBINED LEADING POSITIONS\***



#1 Global & U.S.



TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION #1 Global & #2 U.S.













### **HIGH NICHE EXPERTISE**

Transmission and Distribution Engineering Services • Generation • Electrical Studies and Energy Advisory Services

**Smart Grid** • Mission Critical Infrastructure • Digital Solutions

## **An Extensive Projects Portfolio**



### POWER ENGINEERS

# NV Energy Greenlink Project



- **\$2.5B US** program to build
- ~700 miles of 525 kV and 345 kV transmission lines
- New distribution and transmission lines

## PacifiCorp Gateway Program



- Over 2,500 miles of high-voltage transmission
- 3,000 MW of renewable energy more readily available

## General Electric Power Plant



 Temporary reserve power plant to provide backup winter power during a fuel shortage

### WSP

## Propel New York Energy



- Projects contributes to achievement of New York's clean energy transition goal
- Nearly 70% renewable energy sources by 2030
- Zero-emission electric grid by 2040

## UK National Grid Great Grid Upgrade

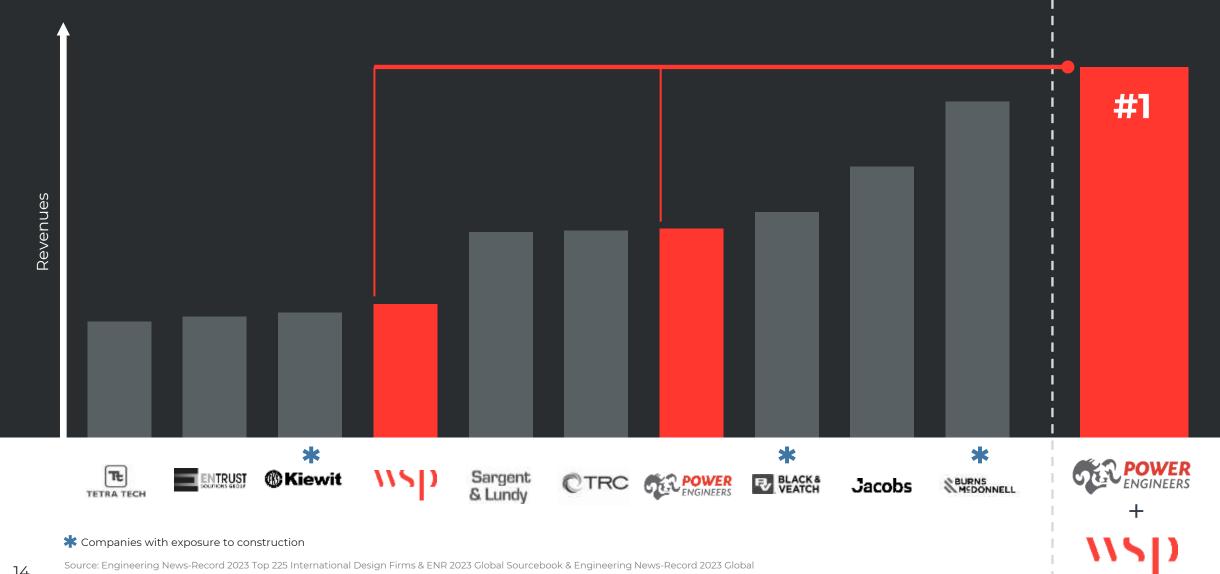


- Largest program ever won by WSP
- Electricity transmission delivery infrastructure
- Enabling 50 gigawatts of network capacity by 2030

# STRATEGIC RATIONALE

## Creating the Undisputed Global Leader in Power & **Energy**

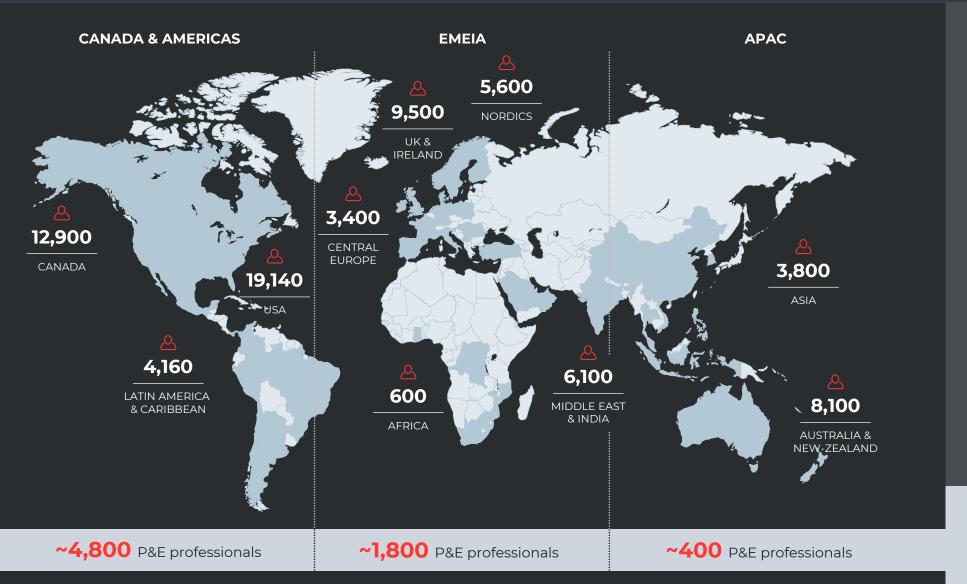




## Creating a Strong Network of ~ 73,300 Experts











~ **73,300** TOTAL

~ 7,000
Power & Energy

professionals

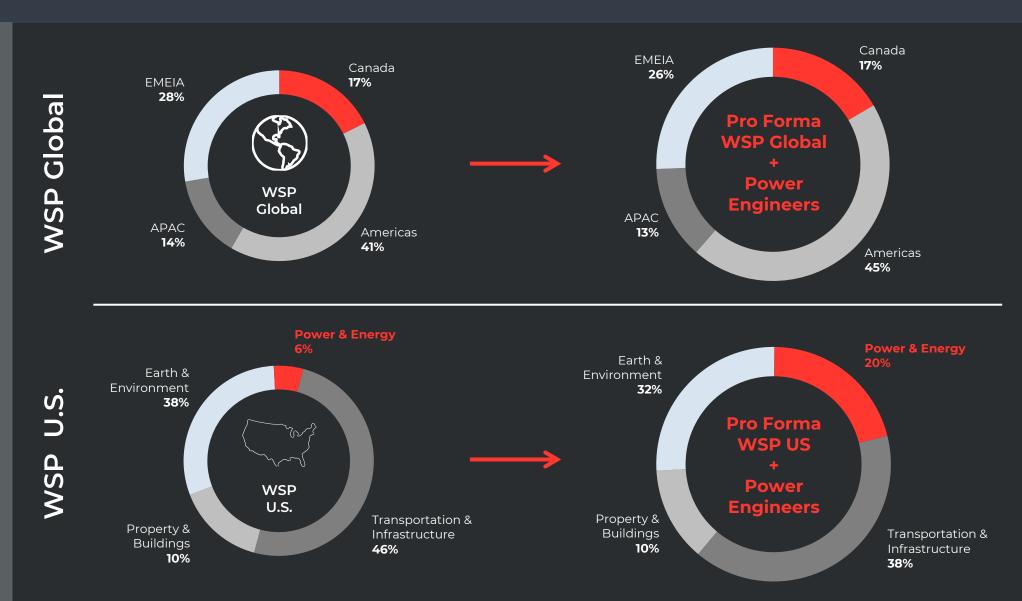
## A Global and U.S. Platform Poised for Accelerated Organic Growth Concerns



Increasing U.S. and global diversification

Positioning a high growth key end-market

Enabling cross-selling and expertise sharing



## Significant Opportunity to Accelerate Revenue Growth







TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE





POWER & ENERGY





A world-leading science-based consulting firm with a network of ~73,300 experts deployed globally

# Fueled by long-term megatrends



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# FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

## Acquiring a Rare Asset in a High Growth Sector





# Acquiring POWER Engineers

**US \$1,780M Purchase Price** 

**15.2x** POWER's 2024E pre-IFRS 16 Adj. EBITDA<sup>(1)(2)(8)</sup> or **12.5x** post-synergies<sup>(2)(4)(5)</sup>

Up to **US\$170M in Incentive Awards** to be paid over 3 years

(**US\$107M present value after-tax**)

Transaction expected to close in early **Q4 2024**, subject to closing conditions

# Immediately accretive with sizable upside

Expected to be **immediately accretive**<sup>(1)(6)</sup> to WSP's adjusted net earnings per share<sup>(2)(3)</sup>

Expected **accretion in mid-single digits for 2026** once cost synergies are fully realized<sup>(2)(7)</sup>

Minimum of US ~\$25M in cost synergies<sup>(5)</sup> plus significant revenue synergy opportunities

Significant **Adjusted EBITDA margin enhancement opportunities** 

# **Capital Structure Preserving Flexibility for Future Growth**

### Equity raise of \$ 1,000 M:

\$500 private placements with \$500 bought deal public offering (subscription receipts) expected to close on August 19, 2024

Transaction supported by cornerstone investors

New ~US \$1,780 M fully committed term loan financing

Estimated Pro forma net debt to Adj. EBITDA ratio<sup>(2)(3)</sup> of 2.2x upon closing<sup>(8)(9)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Non-IFRS measures. These measures are defined on page 31 of this presentation.

<sup>(2)</sup> Refer to the cautionary statement on forward-looking statements on page 29.

<sup>3)</sup> Non-IFRS and other financial measures. These measures are defined in section 19, "Glossary of segment reporting, non-IFRS and other financial measures disclosed by other issuers. These measures are defined in section 19, "Glossary of segment reporting, non-IFRS and other financial measures" of WSP's Q2 2024 MD&A.

<sup>4)</sup> When factoring the expected synergies of US\$25M as if they were realized at acquisition date.

<sup>5)</sup> Expected cost synergies of a minimum of approximately US\$25 million are expected to be achieved by the end of 2026, with 50% expected to be realized in 2025. The cost to realize synergies is estimated at ~US\$25 million.

The transaction is expected to be immediately accretive, excluding synergies.

<sup>2) 2026</sup> Adjusted EPS accretion figures assume the full realization of estimated cost synergies. The prospective financial information included in this document has been prepared by, and is the responsibility of, the Corporation's management. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has not audited, reviewed, examined, compiled nor applied agreed-upon procedures with respect to the accompanying prospective financial information and, accordingly, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP does not express an opinion with respect thereto. WSP's basic net earnings per share were \$4.41 and \$6.90, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2023.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, Power Engineers Pre-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA and net earnings were US\$86.8 million and US\$52.4 million, respectively.

WSP's net debt to last twelve months adjusted EBITDA was 1.7x on June 29, 2024. WSP's Adjusted EBITDA and Earnings before net financing expense and income taxes were approximately \$1,921.3 million and \$947,5 million, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2023.

## **Transaction Timeline**



AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

Transaction
Announcement

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

POWER shareholders' expected meeting date

**EARLY Q4 2024** 

Expected closing

REGULATORY REVIEW

PREPARE INTEGRATION PLAN

Voting and support agreements in favour of the acquisition for over 99% of the shares held by POWER shareholders (including POWER's management committee and employee directors) who hold together approximately 83% of all of the issued and outstanding POWER shares.

## **Strong WSP Performance\***





|   | Q2 2024 YTD   |   |
|---|---|---|
| Strong Organic Growth supported by secular trends | <b>+7%</b><br>Organic Growth <sup>1)</sup>                |   |
| Continued focus on margin expansion               | <b>+10%</b><br>Adjusted EBITDA <sup>2)</sup>              | <b>+50 basis points</b><br>Adjusted EBITDA margin <sup>2)</sup> |
| Sustained financial performance                   | <b>+17%</b> Adjusted net earnings per share <sup>2)</sup> |   |
| Increased cash flow profile                       | +\$150M Free Cash Flow <sup>2)</sup>                      |   |
| Record-high backlog 3)                            | \$14.7B ~11.9 months of revenues                          |   |

3) Supplemental financial measure. Backlog represents future revenues stemming from existing signed contracts to be completed.

<sup>\*</sup> All numbers showcased are based on year-to-date performance versus prior year except for backlog.

<sup>1)</sup> Net revenue organic growth of 6.3% for the six-month period ended June 29, 2024, would be approximately 7.0% if normalized for the same number of billable days in the first quarter of 2024 when compared to the corresponding period in 2023...

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# KEY TAKEAWAYS

## **Key Takeaways**





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Over 95% of revenues will be generated by four sectors for which WSP holds global leading positions

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Allocating capital in a hyper-growth market

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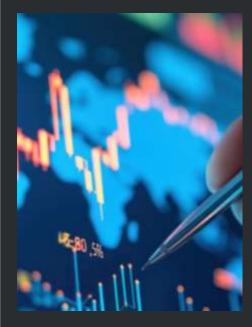
Will diversify WSP's global platform with the creation of a fourth end-market: Power & Energy

04



Expanding
market penetration
via cross-selling
opportunities as
well as revenue
synergy and
margin
enhancement
opportunities

05



Supported by cornerstone investors and preserving flexibility for future growth







# World's push towards a low to zero carbon emissions future

**Energy is at the heart of the climate challenge** and key to the solution<sup>(11)</sup>

Critical need to invest in alternative sources of energy that are clean, accessible, affordable, sustainable, and reliable

Climate action in cities is essential for achieving ambitious net-zero emissions goals

U.S. utilities committing to cut emissions by 80% by 2030<sup>(13)</sup>

**75%** of road transport energy consumption by 2050<sup>(12)</sup>

Planned clean energy generation projects hit \$122 billion in 2023<sup>(14)</sup>





## Hypergrowth in the data centers market

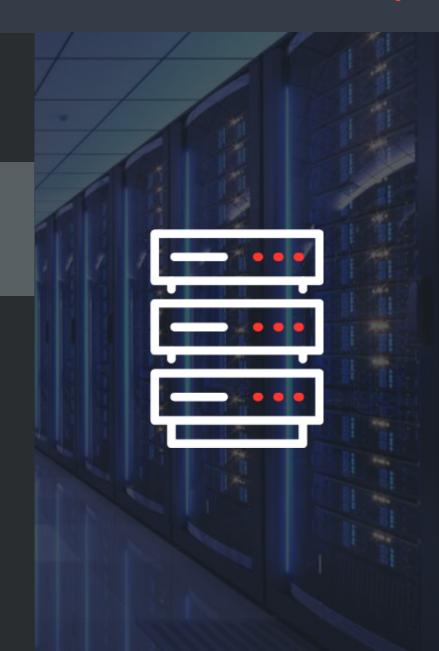
**Driven by AI,** broader demand, and a deceleration in the pace of energy efficiency gains, **global data center power demand is poised to more than double by 2030**(15)

Large technology firms expected to drive a **threefold increase in annual demand** by later this decade<sup>(16)</sup>

Data centers to make up **8% of total US power** demand by 2030 from about 3% in 2024<sup>(18)</sup>

U.S. data center market to witness investments of ~**\$150B** by **2029** (17)

Data shows grid planners expect US **power demand to grow 4.7%** over the next five years, compared to a previous estimate of 2.6%<sup>(19)</sup>









# Historical long-term commitments from governments to invest in infrastructure

An estimated \$275 trillion of energy infrastructure investment is required throughout the next three decades<sup>(20)</sup>

The Inflation Reduction Act pushes renewables and electrification to \$369B in Energy Security and Climate Change programs<sup>(21)</sup>

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has **\$65B for power grid** improvements<sup>(23)</sup>

IIJA funding a network of **500,000 EV chargers**, accelerating demand<sup>(22)</sup>

The **need to upgrade and modernize aging infrastructure** is driving a need for long-term investment, planning, road mapping, and other advisory services<sup>(24)</sup>





## Shifting to electrification

Anticipated that by 2050 more than 70% of the world's population will live in cities, resulting in massive growth in demand for urban energy infrastructure<sup>(25)</sup>

Half of global energy consumption will be electricity by 2045, driving a huge need for electricity system flexibility<sup>(26)</sup>

To accommodate renewables, the U.S. alone will need to add or **refurbish more than 80 million kilometers of grid by 2040** – the equivalent of the existing global grid in 2023<sup>(28)</sup>

Buildings account for about **40%** of the world's energy consumption<sup>(27)</sup>

Electrification could drive \$600B in transmission & distribution spending by 2050 to support the necessary infrastructure needed for transit, buildings, industry, and data centers<sup>(29)</sup>







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#### **Additional Underlying Assumptions**

The Corporation cautions that the assumptions used to prepare the estimated 2026 Accretion, 2024 Power Engineers Pre-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA, 2024 Power Engineers Post-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA, and WSP's Pro forma net debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio upon closing of the Acquisition and within 12 months following closing of the Acquisition could prove to be incorrect or inaccurate. Accordingly, the actual results could differ materially from the Corporation's expectations as set out in this presentation. The Corporation considered numerous economic and market assumptions regarding the foreign exchange rate, competition, political environment, and economic performance of each region where the Corporation and [Power Engineers] operate. In addition to the assumptions disclosed above under "Forward-Looking Statements", the following assumptions were used to develop these forward-looking financial measures:

#### 2026 Accretion:

- WSP's net revenue organic growth of approximately the same level as the average of the last three years for each of the years until 2026 (WSP's revenue and net revenue were \$14,437.2 million and \$10,897.0 million, respectively, for the financial year ended December 31, 2023);
- Power Engineers' net revenue organic growth in line with the last 3-year compound annual growth rate ("CAGR") revenue growth and gradually reducing in 2025 and 2026 to mid-to-high single digit (Power Engineers revenue and net revenue were approximately US\$837.8 million and US\$687.2 million, respectively for the financial year ended December 31, 2023);
- Power Engineers's Pre-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA margin and Post-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA margin expansion supported by a combination of levers, including utilization and pricing, where significant opportunity has been identified.
- Expected cost synergies of a minimum of approximately US\$25 million are expected to be achieved by the end of 2026, with 50% expected to be realized in 2025.

#### 2024 POWER ENGINEERS Pre-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA3 et 2024 POWER ENGINEERS Post-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA3

- Power Engineers mid-teens organic revenue growth for the financial year ending December 31, 2024, in line with Power Engineers' actual performance for the first six months of the financial year ending December 31, 2024, including productivity and pricing improvements resulting in approximately 150 bps in Power Engineers' Pre-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA margin<sup>3</sup>;
- Power Engineers Pre-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA margin expansion supported by a combination of levers, including utilization and pricing, where significant opportunity has been identified;
- Annual cost savings from a \$7.0 million non-recurring expense incurred during the financial year ended December 31, 2023 (representing an estimated positive impact of approximately 100 bps on Power Engineers' Pre-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA margin and Power Engineers' Post-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA margin);

WSP's Pro forma net debt to Adjusted EBITDA ratio (upon closing of the Acquisition and within 12 months following closing of the Acquisition):

- Acquisition closing date assumed to be September 30, 2024;
- WSP's Adjusted EBITDA<sup>3</sup> for the financial year ending December 31, 2024, ranging from \$2.1 billion to \$2.14 billion<sup>1</sup>
- Power Engineers' Post-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA<sup>2</sup> for the financial year ending December 31, 2024, being in line with Power Engineers' actual performance for the first six months of the financial year ending December 31, 2024;
- All elements of WSP's consolidated statements of cash flows for the applicable period being in line with those generally experienced by WSP in comparable periods;
- WSP net revenue organic growth, calculated on a constant currency basis, between 6% and 8% for the financial year ending December 31, 2024 (WSP net revenue was \$10,897.0 for the financial year ended December 31, 2023, and WSP revenue was \$14,437.2 million for the financial year ended December 31, 2023); and
- Power Engineers cash flow in the fourth quarter of the financial year ending December 31, 2024, being in line with Power Engineers Pre-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA for the financial year ending December 31, 2024.

The target ranges were prepared assuming no fluctuations in foreign exchange rates in markets in which the Corporation operates. The first quarter of 2024 will have two less billable days than the first quarter of 2023, while the fourth quarter of 2024 will have two additional billable days than the fourth quarter of 2023. The impact on the quarterly organic growth is expected to be approximately 3% in each of Q1 2024 (negative ~3%) and Q4 2024 (positive ~3%). The Corporation anticipates organic growth in net revenues by segment will be in the mid-to-high-single digits in its Canadian operations and Americas operations and the mid-single digits in its EMEIA and APAC operations. Head office corporate costs in 2024 are expected to be between \$120 million and \$135 million.





#### NON-IFRS AND OTHER FINANCIAL MEASURES

The Corporation reports its financial results in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). In this presentation, the following non-IFRS and other financial measures are used by the Corporation: adjusted EBITDA; adjusted net earnings, adjusted net earnings per share, 2026 Accretion and net debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio. Other than in respect of 2026 Accretion which is defined below, explanations of the composition and usefulness of these measures can be found in section 19 titled "Glossary of segment reporting measures, non-IFRS and other financial measures" of WSP's Q2 MD&A, which section is incorporated by reference in this presentation, as posted on WSP's website at www.wsp.com, and filed on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca. Reconciliations of such measures to the most directly comparable measure under IFRS can be found in section 8, "Financial Review" and section 9, "Liquidity" in WSP's Annual MD&A and Q2 MD&A, which sections are also incorporated by reference in this presentation.

The information in this presentation also includes non-U.S. GAAP (as defined below) financial measures and non-U.S. GAAP financial ratios with respect to Power Engineers, namely Power Engineers Net Revenues, Power Engineers Pre-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA, Power Engineers Post-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA margin and Power Engineers Adjusted net earnings per share. These measures are not recognized measures under U.S. GAAP and do not have standardized meanings prescribed by U.S. GAAP and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies, including WSP's. Rather, these measures are provided a additional information to complement U.S. GAAP measures by providing further understanding of Power Engineers' results of operations. Accordingly, these measures should not be considered in isolation nor as a substitute for analysis of Power Engineers' financial statements reported under U.S. GAAP. WSP discloses Power Engineers Pre-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA because this non-U.S. GAAP measure is a key measure used by Power Engineers to evaluate its business, measure its poperating performance and make strategic decisions. WSP believes Power Engineers Pre-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA is useful for investors and others in understanding and evaluating its operations results in the same manner as Power Engineers. However, Power Engineers Pre-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA is not a financial measure calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP and should not be considered as a substitute for net income, income before income taxes, or any other operating performance measure calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Using this non-U.S. GAAP financial measures business would have material limitations because the calculations are based on the subjective determination of management regarding the nature and classification of events and circumstances that investors may find significant. In addition, although other companies in its industry may report measures titled adjusted EBITDA or similar measures, such non-U.S. GAAP financial meas

- "Power Engineering Net Revenue" is defined as Revenue less subconsultants and other direct expenses.
- "Power Engineering Pre IFRS 16 adjusted EBITDA" is defined as net earnings excluding depreciation and amortization, Interest expense, interest revenue, income tax and unusual items.
- "Power Engineering Post-IFRS 16 adjusted EBITDA" is defined as the Power Engineering Pre IFRS 16 adjusted EBITDA adjusted for operating lease costs to reflect the impact of IFRS 16.
- "Power Engineering Post IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA margin is defined as Power Engineering Post IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA divided by Power Engineering Net Revenue
- "2026 Accretion" is calculated as the increase in WSP's forecasted pro forma adjusted net earnings per share for the financial year ending December 31, 2026 after giving effect to the Acquisition, the public offering, the concurrent private placement, advances and funds expected to be drawn under the new term loans to be entered into in connection with the Acquisition-related adjustments, as compared to WSP's forecasted adjusted net earnings per share for the financial year ending December 31, 2026 on a stand-alone basis. Refer to "Additional Underlying Assumptions" below.

The non-IFRS and other financial measures used in this presentation do not have a standardized meaning as prescribed by IFRS. Management of the Corporation believes that these non-IFRS and other financial measures provide useful information to investors regarding the financial condition and results of operations of the Corporation and Power Engineering as they provide additional key metrics of their performance. Refer to section 19 "Glossary of segment reporting, non-IFRS and other financial measures" of the Q2 2024 MD&A for more information on the usefulness to investors of each such measures are not recognized under IFRS and may differ from similarly-named measures as reported by other issuers, and accordingly may not be comparable. These measures should not be viewed as a substitute for the related financial information prepared in accordance with IFRS.

The tables in the appendix attached to this presentation set forth detailed reconciliation, if applicable, of the non-IFRS and other financial measures used in this presentation to the nearest or most equivalent IFRS measures.

#### **Presentation of Financial Information**

Power Engineers' financial statements were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP"). IFRS differs in certain material respects from U.S. GAAP. The financial information of Power Engineers presented in this presentation has not been adjusted to give effect to the differences between U.S. GAAP and IFRS or to accounting policies that comply with IFRS and as applied by WSP, nor has such financial information been conformed from accounting principles under U.S. GAAP to IFRS as issued by the IASB, and thus may not be directly comparable to WSP's financial information prepared in accordance with IFRS. We have assessed the differences between U.S. GAAP and IFRS for Power Engineers and have determined the impact to be immaterial except for Lease Accounting. Under IFRS, Lease Accounting is governed by IFRS 16 while under U.S. GAAP, it is governed by Accounting Standard Codification (ASC) 842. While similar with regards to the recognition of leases on the balance sheet, the standards have many differences in application. However, the impact of the differences between U.S. GAAP and IFRS for Lease Accounting on the proforma financial measures presented in this document, namely WSP Pro Forma Net Revenue and WSP Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA, is immaterial, such that no adjustments would be necessary.

The US\CAD exchange rate used to convert Power Engineers numbers is 1.35.



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- (2) The average age of large power transformers, which handle 90% of U.S. electricity flow, is over 40 years. Link
- (3) Almost 70 percent of U.S. transmission lines are over 25 years old. Link
- (4) Planned clean energy generation projects hit \$122 billion in 2023 Link
- (5) Data centers consume 10 to 50 times the energy of standard office buildings. Link
- (6) At least \$21.4T must be invested in electricity grids by 2050 to support a global net-zero trajectory. Link
- (7) Electrification of transportation driving up to 80% load growth in high-adoption areas. Link
- (8) More than 2,600 GW of generation is waiting to be connected to the grid. Link
- (9) Forecasting a 15% CAGR in data center power demand from 2023-2030. Link
- (10) There is a \$1.5 trillion gap between current spending and projected needs by 2040. Link
- (11) Energy is at the heart of the climate challenge and key to the solution. Link
- (12) Electricity is expected to represent 75% of road transport energy consumption by 2050. Link
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- (16) Large technology firms expected to drive a threefold increase in annual demand by later this decade. Link
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## Reconciliation of 2023 Power Engineers net earnings to Power Engineers Pre-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA and Power Engineers Post-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA

| (in millions of US dollars)                  | 2023  |
|--|-------|
| Net income                                   | 52.4  |
|  |       |
| Depreciation and amortization                | 13.7  |
| Interest income                              | (2.5) |
| Interest expense                             | 4.2   |
| Income taxes                                 | 15.6  |
| Unusual items                                | 3.4   |
| Power Engineers Pre-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA  | 86.8  |
| Operating lease costs (IFRS 16 Adjustment)   | 12.1  |
| Power Engineers Post IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA | 98.9  |

## Reconciliation of 2023 Power Engineers Revenue to Power Engineers net revenue is provided in the table

| (in millions of US dollars)              | 2023  |
|--|-------|
| Revenue                                  | 837.8 |
| Subconsultants and other direct expenses | 150.6 |
| Power Engineers Net Revenue              | 687.2 |

#### Reconciliation of WSP Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA for the year ended December31, 2023

| (in millions of Canadian dollars)              | 2023    |
|--|---------|
| WSP Adjusted EBITDA                            | 1,921.3 |
| Power Engineering Post-IFRS 16 Adjusted EBITDA | 133.5   |
| WSP Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA                  | 2,054.8 |

