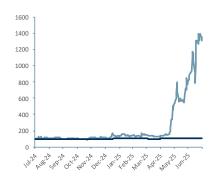


# **UPDATE**

# Value Range

# GBp 858 - 902



MAST.L (lighter line) vs. FTSE 350 price relative

880

0.86

### Thursday, 31 July 2025

Intrinsic Price GBp

Value Range Low	858
Value Range High	902
Implied MCAP (£m)	116.54
Implied EV (£m)	115.97
Standard List	MAST
Financial YE	31-Dec
Currency	GBP
<b>Business Activity</b>	
Utilities Renewable	
Energy	
Key Metrics	
Close Price GBp	79.00
MCAP (£m)	10.47
Net Debt (Cash) (£m)	-0.57
EV (£m)	9.90
52 Wk Hi GBp	88.00
52 Wk Lo GBp	5.20
Key Ratios	
Net Cash /	5.42%

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# **Mast Energy Developments**

### Megawatt Momentum

Mast Energy Developments plc (MAST.L, ESCC Transition) is a flexible power generation plant owner, developer and operator targeting >300 MW of new, grid critical, generation for the UK flexible power market by 2030. *Our current value range is based only on the first 150 MW*. Since our initiation MAST recently bought exclusive rights to five sub-5 MW flexible-generation sites from Green Light Energy (GLE). The transaction cost £50k (£2k per MW) – in a 50% cash and equity at £0.77 p/s deal raising MAST's portfolio >2x to 48 MW. Each site has grid and gas access and planning precedent (planning attitude of the local authorities has been a key verification and diligence item). GLE upside comes from MAST shares, GLE is locked-in for 6 months and the GLE/MAST framework is targeting a scalable 100 MW pipeline. Capex/MW likely reduced.

- Cost £50k (£2k per MW) –50% cash/equity at £0.77 p/s;
- Portfolio 'doubles' from 23 MW to 48 MW;
- Each 5 MW site has grid and gas access plus planning precedent;
- GLE / MAST framework targets scalable 100 MW pipeline;
- Deal utilises CMP446 fast-track (<5 MW) grid-connection reform.

Our current expected dilution value range is provided in the full DCF below; it is based only upon the first 150 MW of the medium term project of 300 MW and our meta-analysis of % warrants typically exercised. Shares in issue used at the date of this note 13,248,927

GBp (m)	MCAP	EV	ROIC %	RoE %	NCO	FCF
TTM	10.47	9.90	-55.15%	-139.75%	-1.22	-2.00
Multiples	EV/Revs	D/ E	Trail PE	BV/S	P/ B	Current
ттм	53x	1.62	-6.08x	0.00x	93.88x	0.19x



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Summary Metrics (m)	2023A	2024A
Revenue	0.34	0.74
EBTIDA	-3.37	-0.77
EBIT	-3.49	-0.94
EBT	-3.54	-1.10
NI	-3.54	-1.10
EPS (Dil)	-0.02	0.00
FCFE	0.10	4.86
	NoSh	Fully diluted
NoSh (m)	13.25	13.25
Implied price GBp	880	880
NoSh (m) expected dilution (Exp D)	156.47	217.13
Implied Exp D intrinsic	74.46	53.65
prices for 150 MW GBp		
NoSh (m) full		417.13
theoretical dilution		
Key Metrics	GBp	adj.
MCAP (m)	10.5	10.5
Net Debt (Cash) (m)	(0.6)	(0.6)
EV (m)	9.9	9.9
52 Wk Hi	88.00	88.00
52 Wk Lo	5.20	5.20
Free Float	74.0%	32.5%
Effective Free Float	73.2%	31.7%
M-Score	N/A	N/A
*Key Metrics FCF adj.	2023A	2024A
CPS (\$)	-0.05	-0.22
CPS (Exp D) (\$)		-0.01
CPS (FD) (\$)		-0.01
P/CPS	-1439.4x	-365.0x
P/CPS (Exp D)	NM	-5981.5x
P/CPS (FD)	NM	-11491.0x

Our value range is based on the first 150 MW of the medium term project of 300 MW and our price per share value range is based on expected full dilution(Exp D) of 217m shares based on our meta-analysis of the proportion of warrants typically exercised from warrant packages and our subsequent median estimate of ~20% - see warrant section below).

### **Investment Case - Refinements**

MAST develops small unobtrusive packets of under-utilised industrial/agricultural land into distributed, grid critical, 5-10 MW Reciprocating Gas Turbine (RGT) plants. Smaller projects, up to 5 MW are treated preferentially by the grid for approval and connection. MAST is currently using Jenbacher low carbon engines. The engines run on a diversified revenue stack which smooths revenue volatility. The capacity market (CM) guaranteed payments provide an annuity spine.

The 8.1 MW Pyebridge site is the first within the MAST portfolio to become revenue generating - two recently refurbished Jenbacher engines (gensets) are generating 5.4 MW, ~£86k pcm (excludes CM income) or ~£109/MWh, which is around 50% above the 2024 UK day-ahead average power price.

Our model scenarios suggest FCF breakeven between 12 MW and 14.6 MW production. Pyebridge is generating at 5.4 MW and in our initiation note there are a further 17.6 MW in the MAST portfolio that could switch on within 12-18 months. We also anticipated MAST's development portfolio would rise by a further 50 MW to 73 MW by 1H26E. MAST is targeting 300 MW of generation mid-term. Following the GLE deal, in our assessment, MAST is likely to exceed our 73 MW estimate before our 1H26E target. We estimate both that the CAPEX for the new 25 MW GLE portfolio is likely to be at least 5% lower and the 'GLE' portfolio could come online within 11-16 months. Funding facilities are already in place for close to the entire upgraded portfolio of 48 MW. All of which suggests potential improvements in valuation.

Market Opportunity – Four policy/legal changes have recently unblocked the connection market for smaller flex power operators such as MAST.L, speeding up approvals, reducing costs and removing zombie developers, which also removes a critical distortion for investors funding these projects. In addition, National Energy System Operator (NESO, formerly National Grid ESO) forecasts UK demand-side flexibility must rise from 2 GW to 10-12 GW by 2030 to achieve a zero-carbon grid by 2035. With RGT capacity projected to double to 15 GW over the same period, the addressable UK market exceeds GBP 5bn of estimated capital investment opportunities.

**Differentiation & IP** - MAST's Statkraft PPA with real-time trading algorithms optimises dispatch, extracting a 40% price premium vs. the market for MAST.L's Pyebridge plant. Pybridge's refurbished Jenbacher engines meet The Medium Combustion Plant Directive (MCPD) emissions standards, keeping carbon intensity below 400 g/kWh. Hydrogen/biogas feedstock convertibility extends CM eligibility beyond 2040.

## **Catalysts**

**1.** Bordesley commissioning & CM registration 4Q25E. **2.** Site acquisition targets of 50 MW by 1H26E. **3.** FCF breakeven during YE26E. **4.** Government CM rule changes favouring hydrogen-capable engines (initial decision expected 2026).



In the UK, G99 refers to Engineering Recommendation G99, a standard set by the Energy Networks Association (ENA) that governs the connection of generation equipment to the distribution network (11 kV to 132 kV). It is critical for all generation projects from 16 A per phase (~3.68 kW) up to 50 MW and includes the rules for sites below 10 MW.

Capacity market payments create a revenue spine for MAST.L

\*Paul Venter is a director of MAST.L

# **Recent Progress Update**

**£5 million Equity Fundraise** — **11 July 2025** - MAST recently completed a £5m gross proceeds equity fund eliminating historical debt and supplying growth capital. This, in our view, is a positive turning point transaction that reveals the first part of the runway along which MAST can begin to deliver and gets the company above water. We believe that positive reinforcement of funding and delivery will bring other investors into the market and broaden MAST's funding options, which could lead to a material reduction in MAST's cost of capital in due course. The equity fund raise delivered the following:

- Balance-sheet now essentially debt-free; project runway secured.
- £10m of warrants at £0.04 could provide follow-on capital if exercised however based on historical performance of warrant packages in both the UK and US markets, warrant packages tend to be exercised at around 20% see analysis and considerations as to why expected dilution is usually not nearly as high as theoretical full dilution at the end of this note.
- Fortified Securities received broker warrants equal to 6 % of funds raised.
- Key shareholders (\*Paul Venter, RiverFort) agreed to six-month lock-ins.
- Celia Li appointed as Independent NED to enhance brand and IR capability.

Acquisition of 25 MW Development Portfolio for £50k – 22 July 2025 - MAST bought exclusive rights to five ~5 MW flexible-generation sites from Green Light Energy (GLE). Apart from the exceptionally attractive cost at £2k per MW vs. an historical £60k per MW, having looked at the deal in more detail we infer that capex may per MW may well fall meaningfully for these MAST 'GLE' 5 MW projects, perhaps by ~5% from our current ~£739k / MW assumption.

- Transaction cost £50k (equating to £2k per MW) 50% cash, 50% equity at £0.77 per share (p/s)
- MAST MW portfolio up 2.09x or 108.7% from 23 MW to 48 MW; each site has grid and gas access plus planning precedent (the planning precedent is key and is likely to have been of critical importance in the due diligence and verification work). We would ordinarily expect that the relevant local authorities have been approached to assess if planning applications were likely still to be welcomed irrespective of planning precedents, in order to assess timelines for delivery and practical feasibility) prior to approving the deal with GLE.
- GLE's upside, in our view, comes from holding MAST shares, GLE's allocation is locked-in for six months; The MAST GLE framework targets a scalable 100 MW pipeline. GLE is effectively a specialist in identifying appropriate sites, saving MAST time (and probably costs too) thereby helping improve the probability of reaching FCF positive in line with our estimates or beating them by bringing MW on stream earlier.
- Utilises CMP446 fast-track (<5 MW) grid-connection reform a key reform that plays to a MAST portfolio strategic sweet spot by obviating the need for a Transition Impact Assessment (TIA) on projects <5MW, this reduces cost (no TIA study fees, reduces bureaucratic friction), risk and time (potentially by months) thereby improving project viability and accelerating revenue streams.



**Exhibit 1: Product Pipeline & Milestones** 

Market Next Catalyst
25 (£35.8k/MW) 3 <sup>rd</sup> genset live 3Q25E
5-26 £20k/MW +
27 £63k/MW +
28 (£65k/MW) +
29 (£60k/MW)
26 targeted EPC award 4Q25E
40 (£30.6k/MW) Debt or JV funding
Planning secured
100 MW of Projects
M&A news-2025-26

Sources: ACF Equity Research; Company Reports.

### Scale roadmap

- Phase 1 (2025-26): commission Bordesley, complete Hindlip FID, add 30 MW operating capacity.
- Phase 2 (2026-28): roll up operating sites ≥300 MW, portfolio refinancing.
- Phase 3 (2028-30): integrate 100 MWh of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and pilot 20% hydrogen (or 80% biogas) blend, extending CM eligibility beyond 2040.

The combination of repeatable engineering, contract-backed revenues and SPV-level leverage underpins the funding of MAST's goal of >300 MW of generation while limiting parent-company dilution for shareholders. The GLE deal with a framework to reach 100 MW, faster and at potentially lower capex across the MAST 'GLE' portfolio, is a significant step forward.



A gas fired reciprocating engine (also called a piston engine) uses pistons that move up and down inside cylinders. This motion is converted into rotational energy via a crankshaft (similar to a car engine)

- Gas is combustion occurs within the cylinder.
- The piston compresses the air-fuel mixture, ignites it, and the explosion pushes the piston down.
- This up-and-down motion is referred to as reciprocating motion.

OCGT - open cycle gas turbine is a type of continuous combustion engine.

- Air is compressed by a compressor.
- Fuel is injected and combusted in a combustion chamber.
- The hot gases expand through a turbine, spinning it to generate power.
- The exhaust gases are released directly into the atmosphere (hence "open cycle").

Lower Heating Value (LHV) measures the efficiency of fuel conversion in power generation systems. LVH represents the amount of heat released by a unit of fuel when it is completely combusted, excluding the latent heat of vaporization of water

We have cut our weighted average time range assumption from planning to operation (revenue generation) to 11-16 months from 12-18 months based on the GLE deal dynamics and changes to the grid connection process that speed up/favour sub 5MW projects.

## **Reciprocating Gas Turbines – Why Invest**

Recip projects (industry shorthand for gas-fired reciprocating-engine power projects) are small- to mid-scale generating plants that use multiple high-speed internal-combustion engines—large versions of marine or locomotive engines—optimised to run on natural gas or, increasingly, hydrogen blends or biogas. Within the UK flexible-power gas market recip gas turbines complement open-cycle gas turbines (OCGTs) and batteries by providing ultra-fast start-up, high cycling capability and synchronous grid services.

### How they work

- Technology: Each Jenbacher engine module in MAST's case, is a spark-ignition or lean-burn four-stroke reciprocating (piston) engine. Other gas fired reciprocating engine OEMs in the 2MW to 20MW range include MTU (A Rolls-Royce (RR.L) brand) Wärtsilä's (WRT1V.HE) 34SG and 50DF and Siemens (SIE.DE) E-series.
- Configuration: Sites often aggregate several ~2.5–20 MW engines into total capacities of 5–100 MW, new and refurb installs increasingly use containerised packages for rapid installation.
- Start-up and ramping: Hot starts occur in tens of seconds; cold starts in two to three minutes, with full load achievable in under 30 seconds.
- Efficiency window: Gas fired reciprocating engines electrical efficiency is roughly 43% (LHV) at full load—higher than small open cycle gas turbines (OCGTs) and resilient at part-load.

Exhibit 2: Why Developers Choose Reciprocating (Recip) Engines

Attribute	Benefit in UK context
Modularity & speed to build	<50 MW sites progress from planning to operation in 11–16 months and can connect at distribution voltage <132kV, bypassing the transmission connection queue, that is currently several years long.
Low minimum stable load	Engines can idle at 10–15% output, allowing plants to track Balancing Mechanism instructions without shutting down.
Rapid cycling capability	Hundreds of start-stop cycles per year with limited maintenance penalties—ideal for frequency response and price-spike capture.
Black-start & islanding	Synchronous generators supply inertia and can self-energise a dead grid, valuable for ESO restoration services.
Scalable CAPEX	All-in capital cost around £850–660/kW remains economic at sub-50 MW scale where turbine economics weaken.
Fuel flexibility	Modern engines accept up to 25% hydrogen blends today and can be converted to 100% hydrogen (or biogas), satisfying future CM decarbonisation rules.

Sources: ACF Equity Research



# Risks

Risk	Impact	Probability	Mitigation
Regulatory changes and tighter emissions rules	Revenue loss or higher capital cost	Medium	Active consultations and hydrogen/biogas-ready retrofits
Funding constraints or dilution	Project delays	Medium	RiverFort accordion, Powertree equity and asset-level debt, FCF project funding. Huge warrant packages rarely exercised >20% (ACF meta-analysis).
Gas and carbon-price volatility	Margin squeeze	Medium-Low	Fuel-cost pass-through and optional hydrogen blending
Battery storage cannibalisation	Cashflow variability	Low	Dual-fuel capability and standby Balancing-Mechanism fees / reserve power market still needed
Engine failure or outage	Earnings disruption	Medium	Predictive maintenance and OEM long-term service agreements, exercise revenue protection clauses
Community or planning opposition	Permit delays	Low	ISO 14001 compliance, local benefit funds and transparent ESG reporting

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### **Valuation – Reminder From Initiation Note**

Exhibit 3: ACF's MAST Cash Flow Model Prior to GLE Deal

We have moved the 150 MW assumption presentation in the table to sit under 2027E, this is a cosmetic move and has no impact on our valuation model. It now shows when as well as how many MW of generation our valuation ranged is based upon.

MAST - Cash Flow Model														
in £m	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	2031E	2032E	2033E	2034E	2035E	2036E	2037E	2038E
Capacity Assumption (MW)	150													
Revenue Capacity Market	4.50	6.75	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
Revenue StattKraft	11.34	17.61	36.45	37.73	39.05	40.42	41.83	43.29	44.81	46.38	48.00	49.68	51.42	53.22
Cost of Sales	8.41	12.80	25.99	26.38	26.77	27.18	27.58	28.00	28.42	28.84	29.28	29.72	30.16	30.61
Operating Cost	1.21	1.22	1.24	1.26	1.28	1.30	1.32	1.34	1.36	1.38	1.40	1.42	1.44	1.46
NetIp	1.21	1.22	1.24	1.26	1.28	1.30	1.32	1.34	1.36	1.38	1.40	1.42	1.44	1.46
Working Capital	0.28	0.44	0.91	0.94	0.98	1.01	1.05	1.08	1.12	1.16	1.20	1.24	1.29	1.33
Capex	35.60	35.60	35.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash flow pre-tax	-29.91	-25.96	-14.04	22.40	23.27	24.18	25.38	26.38	27.41	28.50	29.63	30.80	32.03	33.31
Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	-4.48	-4.65	-4.84	-5.08	-5.28	-5.48	-5.70	-5.93	-6.16	-6.41	-6.66
Cash flow after-tax	-29.91	-25.96	-14.04	17.92	18.62	19.34	20.31	21.10	21.93	22.80	23.70	24.64	25.63	26.65
FCF Margin %	NM	NM	NM	35.0%	35.4%	35.9%	36.7%	37.2%	37.6%	38.1%	38.5%	39.0%	39.5%	39.9%
NPV	-27.23	-21.52	-10.60	12.31	11.64	11.02	10.53	9.96	9.42	8.92	8.44	7.99	7.57	7.16
Total NPV 5-Yr DCF + TV £m	116													

Exhibit 4: ACF's MAST WACC, DCF and Value Range Prior to GLE Deal

We expect our capex assumptions for the GLE 25 MWs to be lower by ~5%, we expect 100 MW of projects before 1H26E. If this were to be achieved it would (with timely secured funding), bring forward FCFs. This may in turn reduce risk and our WACC assumption and so raise our NPV..

WACC Caic	
Pre-tax cost of debt	-2.6%
ETR	20.0%
After-tax cost of debt	-2.1%
Current Leverage	78.1%
Debt/(Cash)	4.6
Equity	5.9
Target Leverage	23.9%
D / (D+E)	19.3%
ACF β adj levered	2.00
rf	0.57%
ERP	5.5%
Cost of equity	11.6%
Risk adj.	0.9%
WACC	9.84%

WACC Calc

Note: Successful execution of projects and raises my reduce WACC.

We have made various assumptions based on our meta-analysis (an analysis of the publicly available research) of US and UK warrant deals. In large part only a small fraction of total warrants are ever exercised, we have made certain conservative assumptions. Far fewer warrants may be exercised than we have assumed. Our estimated full dilution is 217m shares. Shares in issue used at the date of this note 13,248,927

Valuation Range						
Projects 150 MW	NPV (£m)	WACC	Risk Adj.	Stake (%)	MAST Share (£	m)
MAST NPV 5-Yr + TV	116.0	9.84%	0.9%	100.00%	116.0	
Total NPV FCF (£m)					116.0	
Net Debt/(Cash)					-0.6	
Fair Value (£m)					116.5	
NoSh (m)					13.25	
Intrinsic Value Per Sha	re GBp				879.62	
VR (low - high) at Current	t Shares in Issue	_	_	_	857.63	901.61
NoSh (Expected dilutio	n) (m)				217	
Intrinsic Value Per Sha	re GBp at Expecte	ed Dilution			53.67	
Close Price GBp					81.00	
VR (low - high) at Expect	ed Dilution for 150	MW			52.33	55.01
VR Spread					5.00%	
Implied VR Return (low	v - high)				-35.4%	-32.1%

Note: implied value range in this ACF research note is based upon diluted shares in issue at the date of this note.



# Warrants - Package vs. Exercise Reality

The generalised growing insistence by investors on large warrant packages—followed by frequent failure to exercise those warrants (we estimate that a median of 20% of warrants in a warrant package are exercised) —can be explained by a confluence of behavioural, structural, and financial factors that we describe below:

- ACF meta-analysis and fundamental analysis of warrant packages. Our analysis suggests that median execution of warrant packages is 22% of warrants issued. We see this trend deteriorating as warrant packages rapidly get richer (increase in size). We forecast median warrant execution at ~20% of total warrants issued. In the case of MAST this suggests around 50m new shares and £2m additional investment inflow from warrants over and above the 125m pre-paid warrants that are treated as extant equity in most scenarios rather than balance sheet liabilities.
- **1. Perceived upside without immediate capital commitment** Warrants are provide investors with "free optionality." They offer the right but not the obligation to buy more shares at a fixed price, usually at a premium. This structure appeals to **i)** investors who want upside exposure without deploying more capital immediately; **ii)** risk-averse funds seeking exposure with capped downside. *If the share price doesn't exceed the strike price meaningfully (accounting for opportunity cost or illiquidity), the warrants lapse.*
- **2. Short-term dilution aversion** Investors negotiate warrant coverage to compensate for near-term dilution from capital raises. However, many investors then avoid exercising these warrants because **i**) exercising the warrants adds further capital exposure; **ii**) the underlying share price underperforms / does not accelerate; **iii**) the original investment thesis or management execution deteriorates post-placement.
- **3. Poorly designed strike prices and timeframes** Many warrants **i)** have strike prices that are too high relative to realistic valuation scenarios; **ii)** expire too soon (18–24 months) before the company issuer delivers material catalysts; **iii)** lack anti-dilution protections, making them less valuable if further equity is raised below the strike. *Inevitable misalignments between warrant terms and future market conditions leads to a high rate of unexercised warrants.*
- **4. Fundamental follow-through** Investors may insist on warrants to protect downside or to enhance potential IRRs—but then fail to continue supporting the company fundamentally by i) declining to engage in follow-on buying; ii) limited continued management engagement; iii) no or little effort to support broader capital markets visibility. Weak secondary market support because of poor fundamental follow through softens the share price, thereby reducing the warrant's intrinsic value and so probability it will be exercised.
- **5. Portfolio accounting and risk metrics** Some funds treat warrants as i) "Free" additions with no cost basis on the balance sheet; ii) as tools to enhance or inflate IRR via mark-to-models; iii) portfolio managers are restricted from exercising warrants unless portfolio weightings and liquidity thresholds are met. *This institutional inertia causes many warrants to expire despite being modestly in the money.*

**Summary** - Warrant packages are often negotiated as psychological or structural "sweeteners," but rarely remain aligned with the capital deployment incentives of the investor post-transaction. *Unless the core equity story accelerates dramatically, warrant execution rates tend to remain low, we estimate a median of 20% —even among the original backers who demanded them.* 

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We have valued the first half of the

medium term project target of MAST's 300 MW portfolio, i.e. the first 150 MW.

The recent 40:1 consolidation followed by

the £5m equity raise and warrant package analysis lead us to expect full dilution of

~217m shares vs. full theoretical warrant

based dilution of 417m shares. Our expected full dilution of 217m shares is

based on an ACF meta-analysis (we

reviewed currently available academic

research) and ACF's own experience of

### **Investment Conclusions**

Key investment take-awaysFlexible power market reci

- Flexible power market reciprocal engine sub-segment is critical to UK grid strategy
- Reciprocating gas turbines are critical for renewable and battery grid conversion.
- Grid energy demand is rising aggressively (note expected growth in AI demand).
- Pyebridge cash flow validates the MAST model and could fund organic growth.
- Record Capacity-Market prices secure index-linked annuity streams.
- Hindlip and GLE 'JVs' accelerate portfolio expansion rate.
- Hydrogen/Biogas-ready assets and ESG compliance future-proof exit multiples.
- Market valuation at £0.77m per MW of our forecast 150 MW by 2028E versus £0.35-0.80m per MW private transactions implies significant re-rating potential.
- Project capex reducing, time to market reducing, risk reducing.

warrant packages.

This analysis suggests that median execution of warrant packages is 22% of warrants issued. We see this trend deteriorating as warrant packages rapidly get richer (increase in size). We forecast median warrant execution at ~20% of total

warrants issued.

**Investment conclusions** – MAST.L provides investors with leveraged exposure to the recently 'unblocked/zombie cleared' UK flexible-power infrastructure at a point when contracted cash flow is about to inflect upwards. **Catalyst path:** Upcoming milestones—Hindlip EPC launch and further acquisitions—should compress MAST.Ls valuation discount. **Valuation and upside**: Applying an FCF terminal valuation (TV) multiple of 14x to a funded 150 MW (50% of the current MAST programme) implies an EV and equity value of at least £116m (MAST is effectively debt free at the date of this note.

**Strategic relevance and M&A exit:** Consolidators of flexible power capacity are actively sourcing hydrogen-ready assets; MED's cluster of permitted sub-ten-megawatt sites is therefore a potentially attractive bolt-on for larger platforms.

Exhibit 5: Initiation Note Reminder Valuation & Peer Snapshot

Peer / Deal	Geography	MW	EV (£m)	EV/MW (£m)	EV/EBITDA
Capital Power PJM deal	USA	2200	1766	0.80	7×
MAST current	UK	150	116	0.77	N/A
West Burton B TotalEnergies	UK	1300	450	0.35	N/A

Sources: ACF Estimates

Exhibit 6: Initiation Note Reminder - Bear Base Bull

Scenario MAST.L MW build out rate	2028E MW online	Group FCF 2029E (£m)	EV/MW (£m)	DCF FV Intrinsic p/s (GBp)
Bear slow build	23	2.15	0.37	0.91
Base	150	18.61	0.77	53.67
Bull JV ramp	200	25.23	0.79	73.70

Sources: ACF Estimates



# **Financial Metrics Historical**

MAST.L Financial Metrics H	2021	2022	2023	2024	TTM	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24
Capital & Debt										
Debt Ratio	49.5%	54.2%	114.8%	130.7%	130.7%	114.8%	114.8%	115.8%	115.8%	130.7%
Debt to Equity	66.5%	103.0%	-525.9%	-369.8%	-369.8%	-525.9%	-525.9%	-362.1%	-362.1%	-369.8%
Short Term Debt / Equity	59.0%	75.1%	-337.5%	-159.1%	-159.1%	-337.5%	-337.5%	-290.7%	-290.7%	-159.1%
LT Debt /Equity	7.5%	27.9%	-188.4%	-210.7%	-210.7%	-188.4%	-188.4%	-71.4%	-71.4%	-210.7%
Debt <=1yr/ Gross Debt	88.7%	72.9%	64.2%	43.0%	43.0%	64.2%	64.2%	80.3%	80.3%	43.0%
Debt>1yr/Gross Debt	11.3%	27.1%	35.8%	57.0%	57.0%	35.8%	35.8%	19.7%	19.7%	57.0%
Debt>1yr/Net Inv. Capital	53.6%	595.5%	-29.8%	-299.5%	-299.5%	44.2%	-29.8%	32.7%	-14.4%	-299.5%
Assets/Equity	198.2%	218.1%	-676.6%	-326.0%	-326.0%	-676.6%	-676.6%	-632.1%	-632.1%	-326.0%
NCO/Gross Debt	-29.7%	-58.9%	-36.0%	-26.9%	-26.7%	-5.8%	-12.2%	-11.9%	-17.7%	-8.0%
SR Liquidity					TTM					
Quick	0.6x	0.2x	0.1x	0.2x	0.2x	0.1x	0.1x	0.2x	0.2x	0.2x
C&CE/ Current Liabs	0.5x	0.1x	0.0x	0.1x	0.1x	0.0x	0.0x	0.1x	0.1x	0.1x
NCO / Total Current Liabs	-0.2x	-0.7x	-0.3x	-0.5x	-0.5x	-0.1x	-0.1x	-0.1x	-0.1x	-0.1x
TCA/ Avg. Daily Costs	5.6x	0.2x	0.1x	0.4x	-1.2x	0.1x	-0.1x	-0.5x	0.6x	0.8x
Turnover x					TTM					
Avg. Inventories/Revs	-28.0x	-0.2x	-0.2x	0.0x	0.0x	0.0x	-0.6x	-0.6x	0.0x	0.0x
Revs/TA	0.0x	0.2x	0.1x	0.2x	0.0x	0.0x	0.0x	0.0x	0.1x	0.1x
Revs/LTA	0.0x	0.2x	0.1x	0.2x	0.0x	0.0x	0.0x	0.0x	0.1x	0.1x
Revs/WCAP	0.0x	-0.7x	-0.2x	-0.3x	0.0x	0.0x	0.0x	0.0x	-0.1x	-0.1x
Margins	0.04	0.77	0.27	0.5X	TTM	0.07	0.07	0.0x	0.17	0.17
EBIT M%	-24598.8%	-138.2%	-1023.1%	-127.5%	-127.5%	-1881.3%	-228.4%	-228.4%	-89.4%	-89.4%
Levered FCF M%					0.0%					
	-1501.4%	253.0% -489.2%	28.1%	659.7%		0.0%	23.7%	45.2%	0.0%	938.9%
Unlevered FCF M%	-84970.3%		-205.9%	-392.7%	0.0%	0.0%	-146.5%	-1229.2%	-91.1%	-485.9%
NCO M%	-23411.2%	-123.9%	-213.1%	-167.0%	-166.0%	-163.9%	-243.8%	-243.8%	-136.6%	-136.6%
NI M%	-40438.9%	-387.9%	-1037.3%	-148.8%	-149.0%	-1937.1%	-243.3%	-243.3%	-113.3%	-113.3%
EBT M%	-43419.4%	-263.6%	-1037.3%	-148.8%	-149.0%	-1937.1%	-243.3%	-243.3%	-113.3%	-113.3%
EBIAT M%	-21618.2%	-262.5%	-1023.1%	-127.5%	-132.9%	-1881.3%	-267.8%	-228.4%	-89.4%	-89.4%
EBITDA M%	-41689.2%	-247.8%	-989.1%	-105.0%	-99.3%	-367.7%	-174.0%	-174.0%	-71.0%	-71.0%
SGA M%	23641.0%	88.9%	276.1%	103.7%	103.7%	328.7%	154.6%	154.6%	84.5%	84.5%
GP M%	-957.7%	24.9%	34.4%	40.1%	-6.1%	-52.6%	-34.0%	-34.0%	4.5%	4.5%
Returns					TTM					
RoA	-17.2%	-87.1%	-136.0%	-27.2%	-27.2%	-53.2%	-9.5%	-6.8%	-8.4%	-7.5%
RoE	-34.1%	-190.0%	920.5%	88.6%	88.7%	359.6%	64.0%	43.1%	53.1%	24.5%
RoIC	-130.1%	-2748.0%	143.8%	107.9%	112.5%	-82.0%	11.2%	-18.6%	8.5%	27.4%
CRoIC	-475.5%	-1720.0%	29.9%	329.2%	229.7%	-7.1%	10.2%	-19.8%	26.7%	86.5%
RoCE	-19.3%	-52.9%	-1027.3%	-68.6%	-68.6%	-395.2%	-68.0%	-20.6%	-21.3%	-17.4%
GP/Total Assets	-0.4%	5.6%	4.5%	7.3%	-1.1%	-1.4%	-1.3%	-1.0%	0.3%	0.3%
Efficiency					TTM					
Inventory days	-1933.9	-64.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-330.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
DPO	2759.8	140.8	1535.6	575.4	324.8	3155.1	2535.8	1670.0	885.9	994.3
Cash Cycle	-4693.7	-204.9	-1535.6	-394.9	-144.4	-3155.1	-2866.1	-1194.6	-706.1	-496.9
Price					TTM					
P/B	374.2x	175.6x	-335.0x	-48.1x	-15128x	-35020x	-49294x	-33191x	-32804x	-15128x
P/TBV	294.9x	131.7x	58.4x	14.7x	4641x	6110x	8601x	5901x	5832x	4641x
P/NCAV		131.7x	58.4x	14.7x	4641x	6110x	8601x	5901x	5832x	4641x
P/NCO	-1896.1x	-289.4x	-177.1x	-48.3x	-15311x	-115083x	-76876x	-76876x	-51294x	-51294x
P/FCF	-561.8x	-218.2x	-177.1x	-20.8x	-9362x	-115083x	-76876x	-76876x	-24849x	-24849x
EV FY/C-1		200 5	202.4	00.0	TTM	400000	107111	407440	70050	70000
EV/Sales EV/EBITDA	4065.3	360.5x -145.5x	383.4x	86.8x	25419x	188662x	187444x	187442x	70050x	70060x
			-38.8x	-82.6x	-25598x	-51309x	-107705x	-107704x	-98605x	-98618x
	-1065.3x				-100244	-100204	_02061	-820504	-70200v	-70400
EV/EBIT	-1805.5x	-260.9x	-37.5x	-68.0x	-19934x	-10028x	-82061x	-82060x	-78389x	-78400x
EV/EBIT EV/FCF					-9365x	-10028x -115100x	-82061x -76884x	-82060x -76883x	-78389x -24851x	-78400x -24855x
EV/EBIT	-1805.5x -562.0x	-260.9x -219.4x	-37.5x -179.9x	-68.0x -22.3x	-9365x TTM	-115100x	-76884x	-76883x	-24851x	-24855x
EV/FCF FCF	-1805.5x	-260.9x	-37.5x	-68.0x	-9365x					

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