

# Towards 100% renewable energy for mines

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# The mining industry is decarbonising with renewables and balancing power

Decrease running hours of inflexible power plants.

Continue adding renewables supported by flexibility.

**1**  
Adding more renewables into the power mix.

**2**  
Adding flexible engine power plants & storage to balance the intermittency of renewables.

**3**  
Phasing out inflexible power plants.

**4**  
Accessing sustainable fuels and converting all remaining power plants to run on them.

**5**  
**A 100% renewable energy future is here**  
It is based on renewables, energy storage, and balancing engine power plants running on sustainable fuels.

# Even the first steps of decarbonising power generation can be complex

Delivering a genuine net effect requires a holistic approach



High intermittency due to variable renewables sources



Increased need for balancing solutions



Microgrids becoming increasingly more complex



Growing electricity demand due to mine electrification

Technical

Environmental & Social

Financial



Geopolitical uncertainties



Need for energy security



Regulatory and policy compliance



Maintain lowest LCOE



Challenges to secure return on investments



Avoid loss of production efficiently

# We have identified common key challenges for customers implementing hybridisation in captive microgrids

As the variability of generation increases, optimisation becomes more complex - leading to:

**CO<sub>2</sub>** Suboptimal loading of thermal assets

High fuel consumption and emissions



Large amounts of renewable energy being curtailed to secure system stability

Wasted renewable resources and poor ROI



Reserve provision and unit commitments not being methodically managed, leading to issues with reliability, and even blackouts

Loss of production and decreased revenue

# Optimising a hybridised microgrid requires advanced energy management

## GEMS

Digital Energy Platform



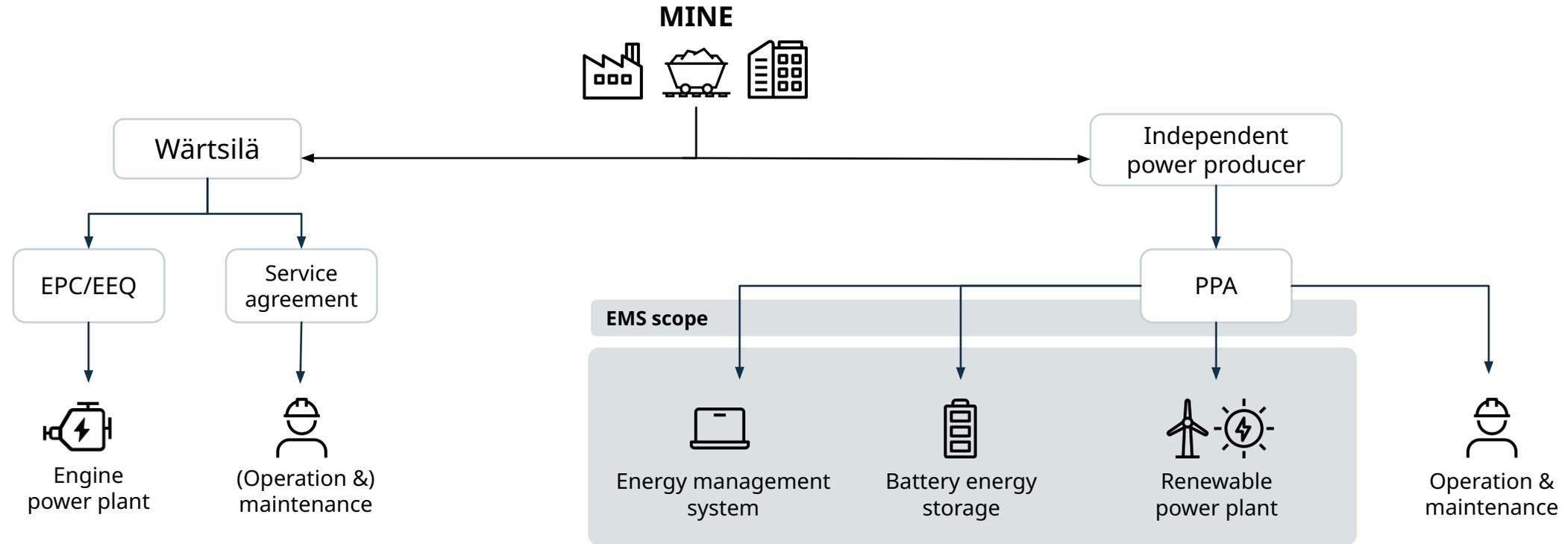
GEMS solutions suite

Optimises all generation assets

Secure, flexible, scalable

Deployed in 125+ projects globally

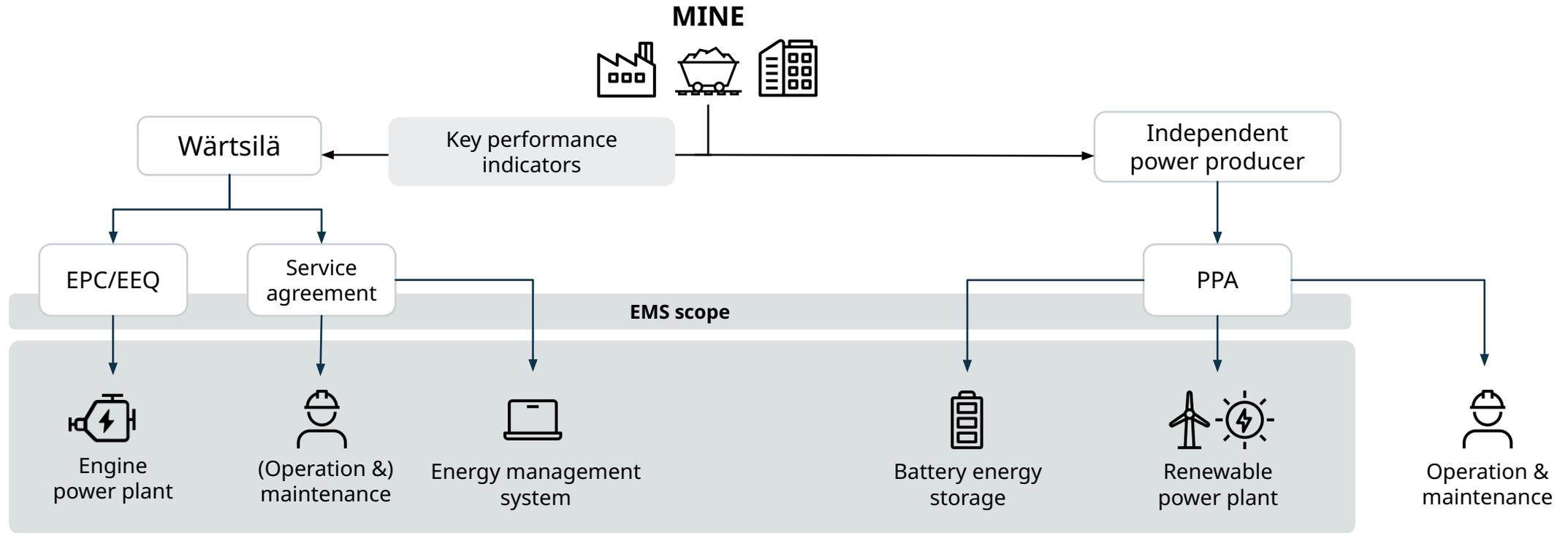
# However, the typical commercial approach does not enable system-level optimisation



Miners do not have a single partner, who is accountable for the technical integration and overall economic optimisation of their hybridised microgrids



# Rethinking the structures enables maximising value



It is now a common interest to ensure the entire microgrid is running efficiently and reliably



# The next steps in decarbonisation are already underway

Our fuel research and fuel-flexible technology are enabling the transition to sustainable fuels

The preferred fuel will vary between industries and companies, depending on:



National or company decarbonisation targets



Costs, availability, storage needs and safety risks



Investment subsidies and ease of permitting

Our engine power plants can run on a diverse range of fuels:

**Today**

- HFO
- LFO/Diesel
- Biodiesel (FAME) /HVO/ Bio-oils
- Natural gas/LNG
- Biogas/ Biomethane
- e-methane
- LPG, Ethane
- Hydrogen/natural gas blends (< 25%)

**2026 – 2028**

- Hydrogen
- Methanol/Ethanol
- Ammonia

# First sustainable fuel engines leaving the factory already in 2023

Milestones on low/zero carbon technologies in the pipeline



### 2021-2024

Combustion testing on hydrogen blends and 100% hydrogen

### 2023

Hydrogen blend capability offered for all gas engines

### 2026

Expecting to have and power plant concept ready for operating on 100% hydrogen



### 2022

Combustion and performance testing, optimisation with different engine concepts and different engines platforms

### 2023

Sales release of the first ammonia-capable W25 marine engine, delivery 2024



### 2015

First engine conversion ZA40S

### 2023

Delivery of first W32 methanol engines. Sales release of additional marine engines and engine conversion packages

# A giant leap towards decarbonisation

Together with WEC Energy Group we have successfully completed **hydrogen blend tests on an unmodified Wärtsilä engine**. The results were outstanding: engine efficiency improved when running on the 25 vol% hydrogen blend, while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This was a world's first, testifying that **Wärtsilä's technology can support the decarbonisation of the energy industry**.

25 vol%      9.1%

 hydrogen blend with  
**H<sub>2</sub>** 95% engine load

 CO<sub>2</sub> reductions  
at 95% load



Energy  
Innovation





**GEMS Digital  
Energy Platform**



**Future-proof flexible  
engine power plants**



**Energy storage systems**



**Outcome-based  
commercial models**

# Wärtsilä has all the capabilities needed to integrate and optimise hybrid microgrids

We empower microgrid operators to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, ensure availability and uptime, and secure long-term cost savings



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