

LyondellBasell (LYB) - Climate Transition Analysis

Questions for investors and lenders to ask management

Recommended Questions

Q.1 Question: When does management expect to be able to present a pathway to net zero by 2050?

Background: Although LYB looks set to meet its 2030 emission target, which makes it a leader in the chemical sector, after this date there is little guidance. Scope 3 accounts for 80% of LYB's emissions.

Target: Reveal the roadmap to achieving net zero by 2050.

Q.2 Question: Are you confident that LYB will meet its recycled/ renewable polymer content and 50% from low-carbon/ renewable sources targets by 2030?

Background: LYB management has committed to selling at least 2 million tonnes of recycled or renewable polymers by 2030 (20% of currently sales) and to source at least 50% of electricity from low-carbon or renewable sources by 2030.

Target: Ensure stated emission reduction targets are achievable. (This is important as it allows comparisons with other chemical companies which are well off the net zero pathway).

Q.3 Question: What pressure is LYB applying to its suppliers, which will assist in bringing down Scope 3 beyond 2050?

Background: From publicly available statements, management appears to be applying little pressure on its suppliers to reduce their carbon footprint?

Target: Understand the importance of suppliers in carbon transition pathway and what pressure LYB can reasonably apply.

Report Key Takeaways

- LyondellBasell (LYB) is on target to meet its 2030 emission target, but not net zero by 2050.
- We recognise that the company's emission targets are among the most ambitious in the sector, for which it should receive credit.
- Presently, there is no Scope 3 target for post 2030. Scope 3 accounts for over 80% of total emissions.
- The management has committed to selling at least 2 million tonnes of recycled or renewable polymers by 2030 (20% of currently sales).
- Furthermore, by 2030, the management aims to source at least 50% of electricity from low-carbon or renewable sources.
- We are surprised that it appears to be applying little pressure on its suppliers to reduce their carbon footprint

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