

Materiality Assessment Results

Aker Solutions

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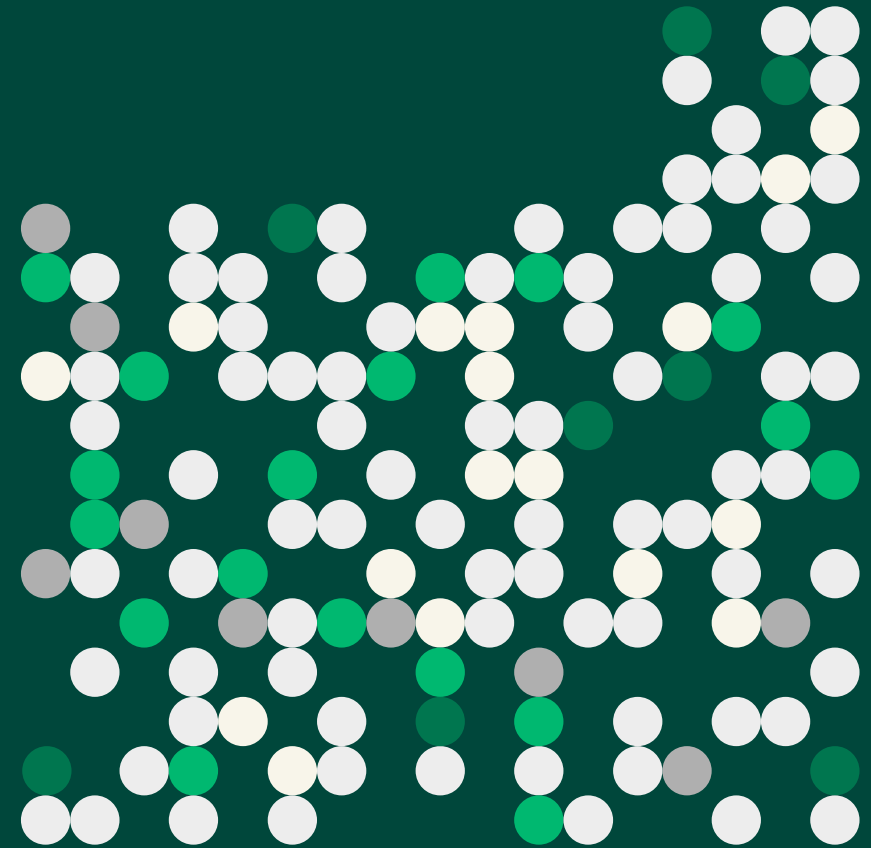
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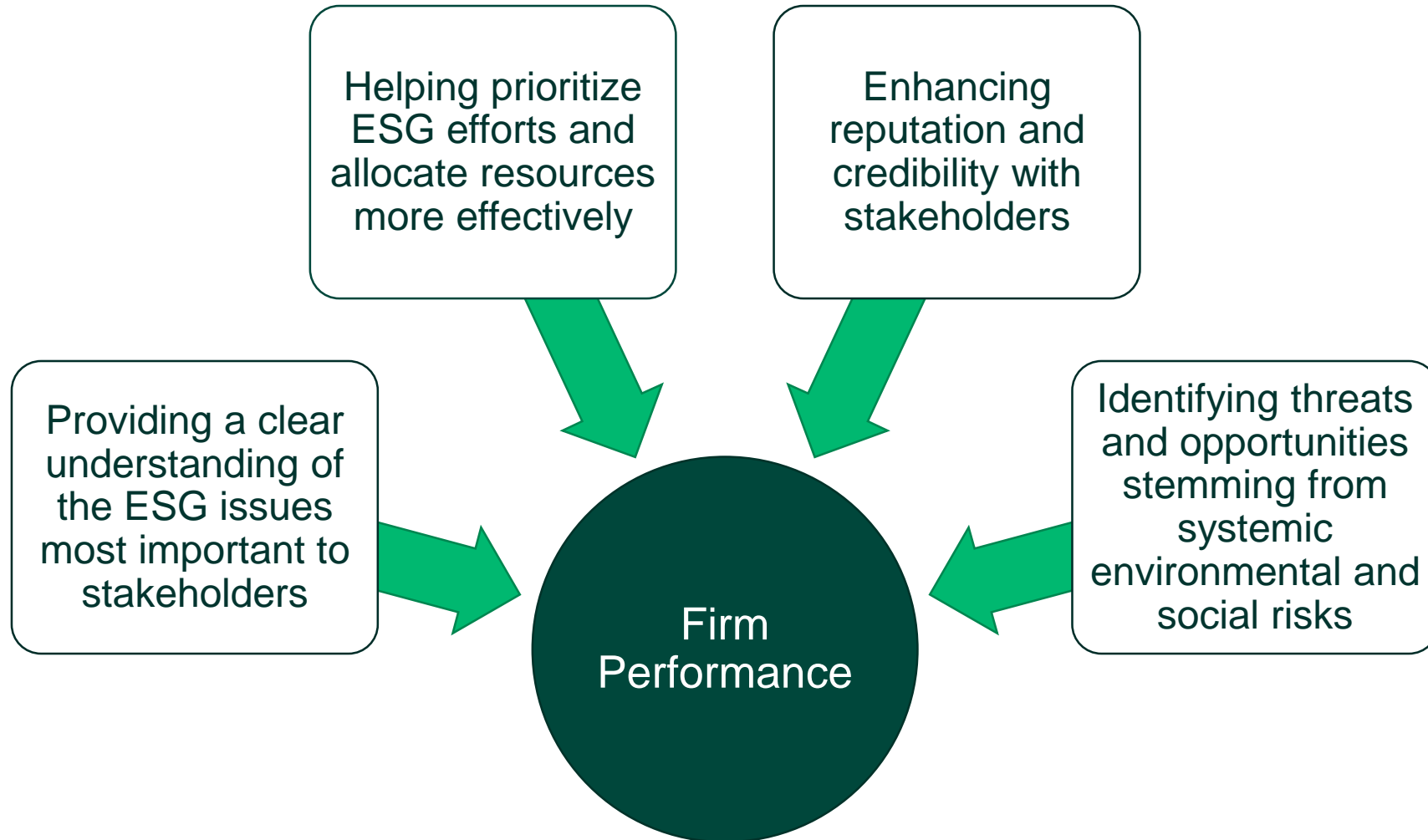
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Introduction to the Materiality Assessment



Materiality Assessment

Purpose: to understand the concerns and priorities of different stakeholder groups and ensure Aker Solutions is addressing its most material ESG issues.



Double Materiality: *understanding the relative importance of different ESG topics to both stakeholders and financial performance*

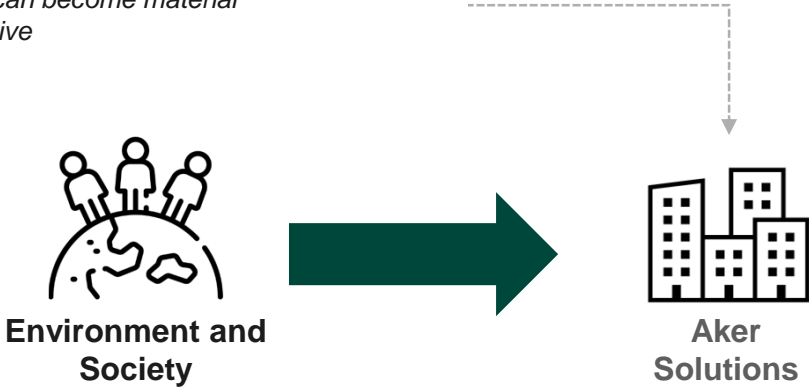
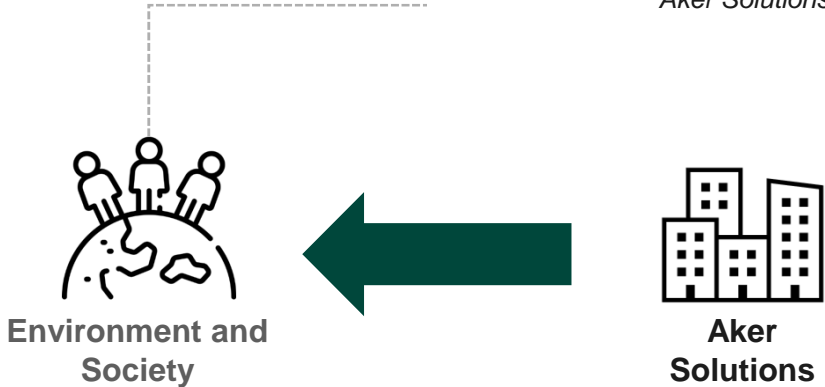
Impact on Environment and Society

Enterprise Value

Aker Solutions' impact on environment and society

Financial and strategic impact on Aker Solutions

Aker Solutions' impact on environment and society can become material from an enterprise value perspective

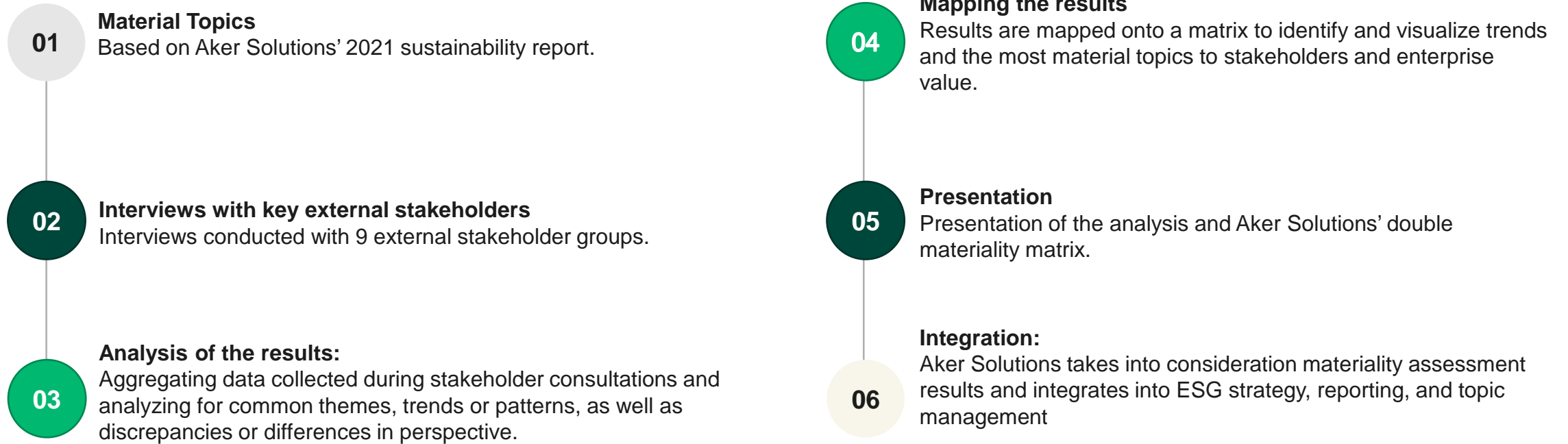


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Process and Method



Process



Method



Key Stakeholder Groups Identified

- NGO
- Suppliers
- Investors
- Union
- Industry
- Board of Directors
- Customers



Interviews with Stakeholder Representatives*

- NGO (2)
- Supplier (2)
- Investor (2)
- Union
- Industry
- Aker Solutions' Board of Directors
- Customer



Analysis

- Analysis completed by PGA
- Results of the analysis presented to Aker Solutions

*Names of companies or representatives who were interviewed are not included due to privacy reasons.

Starting Points: 2020 Long List of Potential Topics

Gathered from core sustainability issues, competitors, reporting standards, and expert desktop analysis.

Suggested themes & topics for AKSO stakeholder interviews 2020

Environment

GHG emissions
Energy management
Renewable energy technology
Ecological impacts
Water management
Waste management
Climate risk
Climate opportunity
Spills
Raw materials use
Toxic substances
Energy transition
Operational eco-efficiency
Environmental Risk Management
Chemical Transparency
Technology Impact
Resource Consumption
Research and Development

Employees

Occupational health and safety
Diversity
Talent attraction and retention
Labor relations
Employee benefits
Safe and respectful workplace
Labor conditions
Labor management relations
Non-discrimination
Knowledge Management
Training and Development

Society

Human rights
Local communities
Product safety
Quality management of products
Community impact and relationships

Governance

Business integrity
Anti-corruption and bribery
Emergency preparedness
Crisis management
Security practices
Critical incident risk management
Management of the legal and regulatory environment
Fair dealings
Honest and transparent communications
Board leadership, responsibility, and diversity
Executive compensation
Ethics, integrity, compliance and transparency
Fiscal responsibility
Stakeholder Engagement
Political accountability
Anti-competitive behavior

Value chain

Responsible supply chain
Safety focused technologies/product safety
Clients' ecological impact and environmental risk

Starting Points: 2021 Materiality Refresh

Material Topic 2021	Impacts		Significance
Low carbon solutions for customers	Positive impact mitigating climate change	Renamed: Enabling the energy transition	High
Occupational health and safety	Impacts (temp and perm.) on worker health	Combined: Health, safety and wellbeing	High
Mental health and wellbeing	Long term mental health and well-being impacts related to employment		Medium
Responsible supply chain	Environmental and social impacts caused by suppliers		Medium
Human rights	Human rights impacts in contractual agreements and supply chain		Medium / Low
Climate risks	Requires clarification – risk to the business itself, or social and environmental risks?	Removed: financial risk/impact	TBD
GHG emissions	Climate-related impacts of GHG emissions from operations	Renamed: Climate impacts and GHG emissions	Medium
Diversity and equal opportunity	Inequality impacts caused by gender or other biases		Medium
Anti-corruption and bribery	Loss of trust and criminality impacts		Medium
Data privacy and security	Privacy and security impacts		Medium
Energy management	Energy efficiency and use of non-renewable resource impacts		Low
Emergency preparedness	Loss of containment, security and related emergency situation impacts		Medium
Talent attraction and retention	Requires clarification – an impact for the business to manage rather than a sustainability impact?	Removed: business risk / impact	TBD
Just transition	Socio-economic impacts of employment opportunities changing rapidly during the energy transition	Combined: Human capital	High
Training and development	Positive impacts of investing in human capital		Medium
Water and Waste management	Environmental impacts of water consumption and discharge	Combined: Waste and spills management	Low
Spills	Biodiversity, aesthetic, recreational and related impacts caused by spills of pollutants		Low
Biodiversity	Biodiversity impacts through operational activities in marine environments		Medium

Starting Points: GRI Oil & Gas Sector Standard 2021

- Cross-referenced with the 2020 long list and the 2021 refresh list for potentially material topics not considered in previous assessments.



GRI 11: Oil and Gas Sector 2021

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EFFECTIVE DATE: 1 JANUARY 2023
SECTOR STANDARD

Topics Considered in 2022:



ENVIRONMENT

- GHG emissions
- Responsible supply chain
- Enabling the energy transition*
- Circular economy
- Energy management
- Biodiversity
- Waste management
- Spills



SOCIAL

- Health, safety, & wellbeing
- Responsible supply chain (social)
- Human rights
- Diversity & equal opportunity
- Human capital management



GOVERNANCE

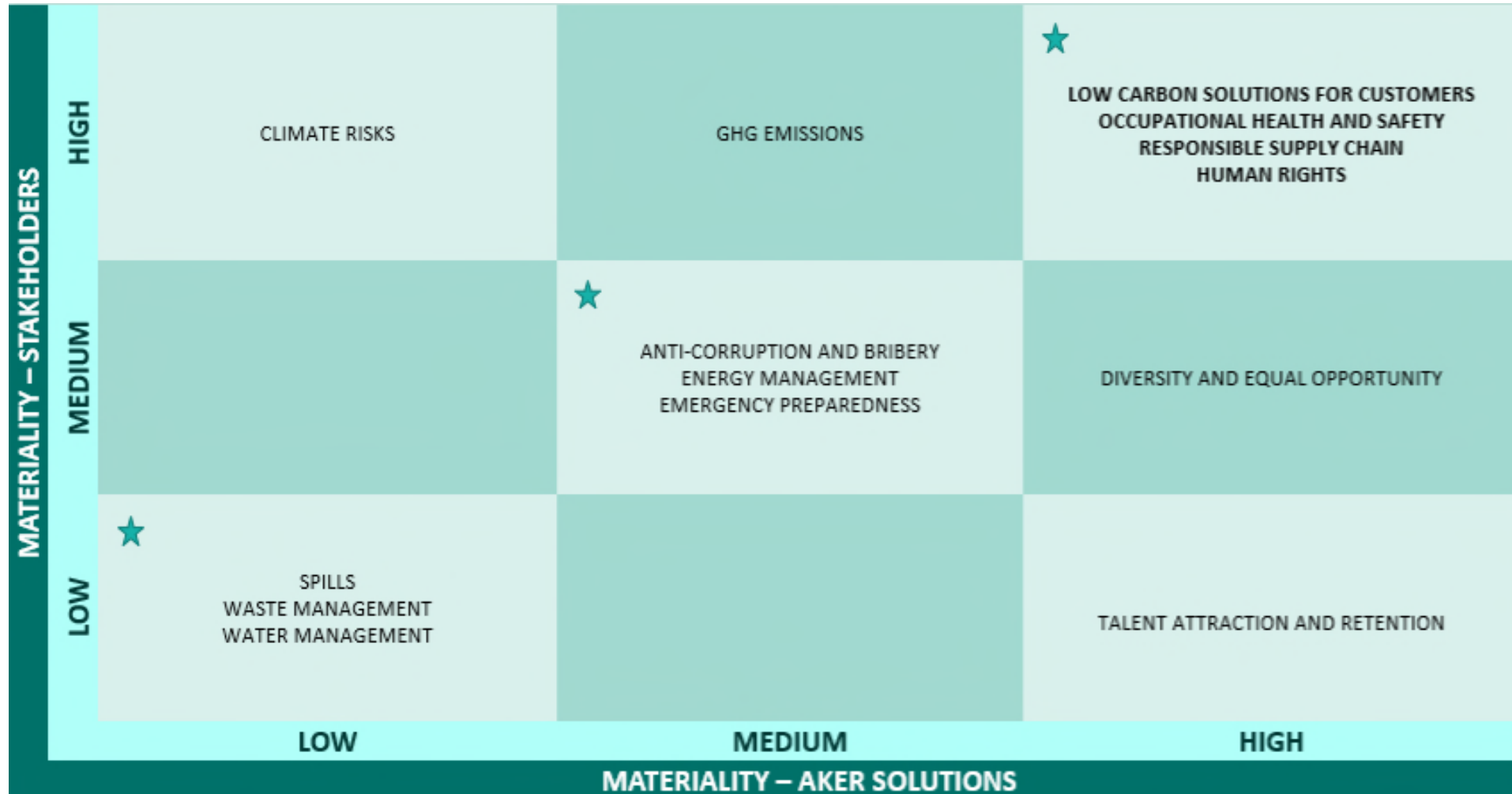
- Anti-corruption & bribery
- Data privacy & protection

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2020 Materiality Matrix

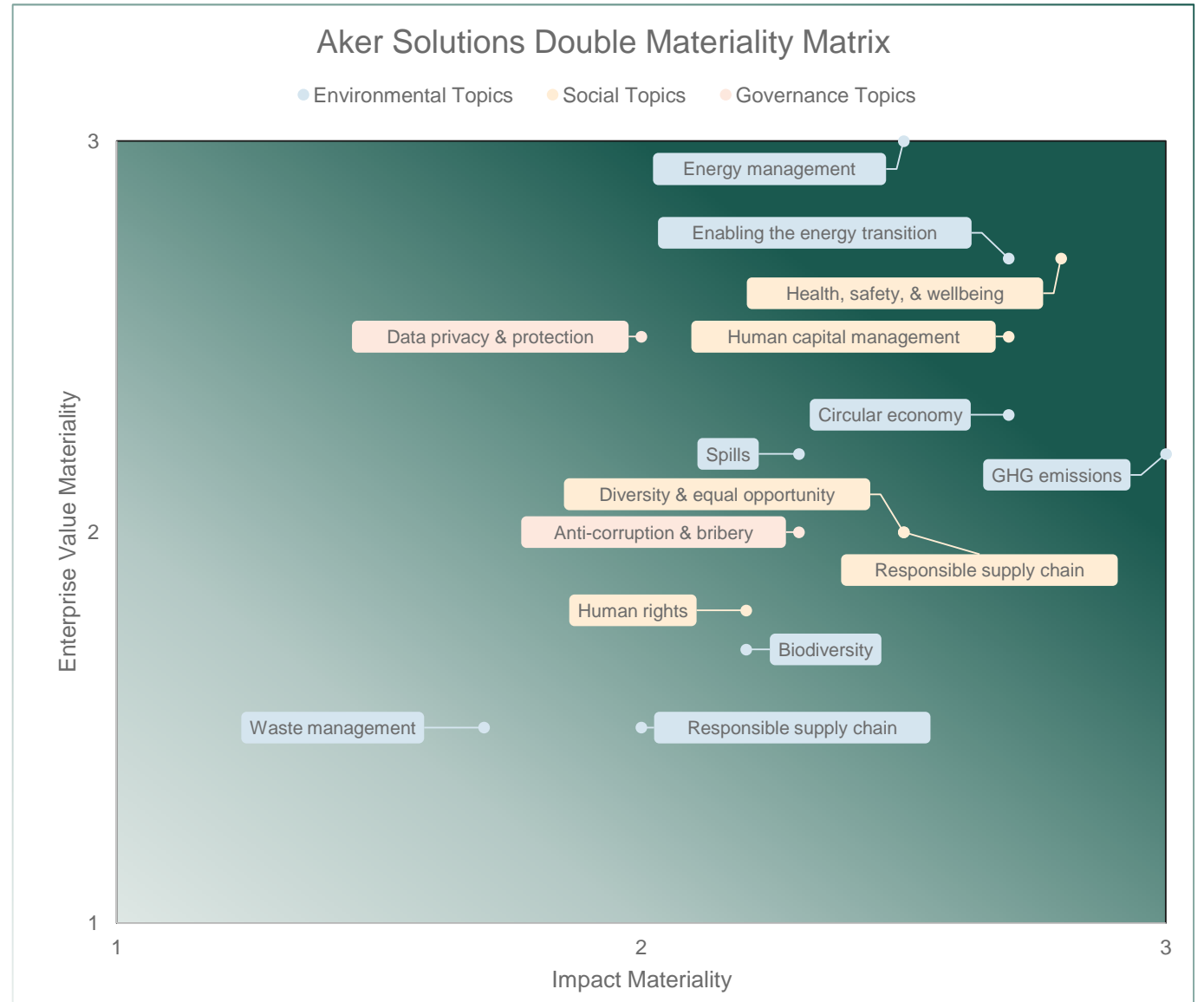


Updated Materiality Matrix

No changes to material topics, though relative shifts in importance were observed.

Stakeholders see waste management as more material on both axes when viewed through the lens of recycling and circularity.







Climate-related topics are a priority for many stakeholder groups and are seen as having high impact materiality and enterprise value materiality.



Ranking is based on the average of the numerical ratings given during interviews as well as the weighted comments of interviewees.

Stakeholder Priorities and Concerns

These priorities and concerns are based on the numerical rankings and comments provided by the stakeholders in the materiality surveys.

						
Priorities and Concerns	GHG emissions ESG reporting & transparency Holistic security risk management	Financial materiality Energy transition Circular economy	Environmental & social issues, such as human rights & biodiversity	Responsible supply chain Energy transition	Health, safety, and well-being Human rights Diversity & equal opportunity	Climate & environmental issues Energy transition Human capital management
	Customers	Investors	NGOs	Suppliers	Union	Board of Directors

Key Comments from Stakeholders

GHG emissions from the value chain are fast becoming a focus area and this requires supplier engagement. On the financial side - investors are demanding it.

Collaborative circular solutions are the only way to reach the required scale. **Aker Solutions should collaborate with other industry players** to drive circular solutions.

There is a **clear business case for diversity and equal opportunity**, both from a risk and a return perspective.

Aker Solutions' **efforts to reduce GHG emissions and transition to renewable energy sources are essential** for the long-term sustainability and viability of the company.

We are very dependent on our suppliers doing proper security risk assessment and mitigation. **Suppliers need to be able to document how they have identified security risks and what they have done to mitigate them.** It's important that everyone has the same risk picture and that there's coordination in how to handle an incident.

Discrepancies and Insights

- The board of directors and investors ranked energy management and human capital management as high priority, while these topics were ranked lower by some other stakeholder groups.
- NGO respondents ranked human rights and biodiversity as higher priorities than some other stakeholder groups.



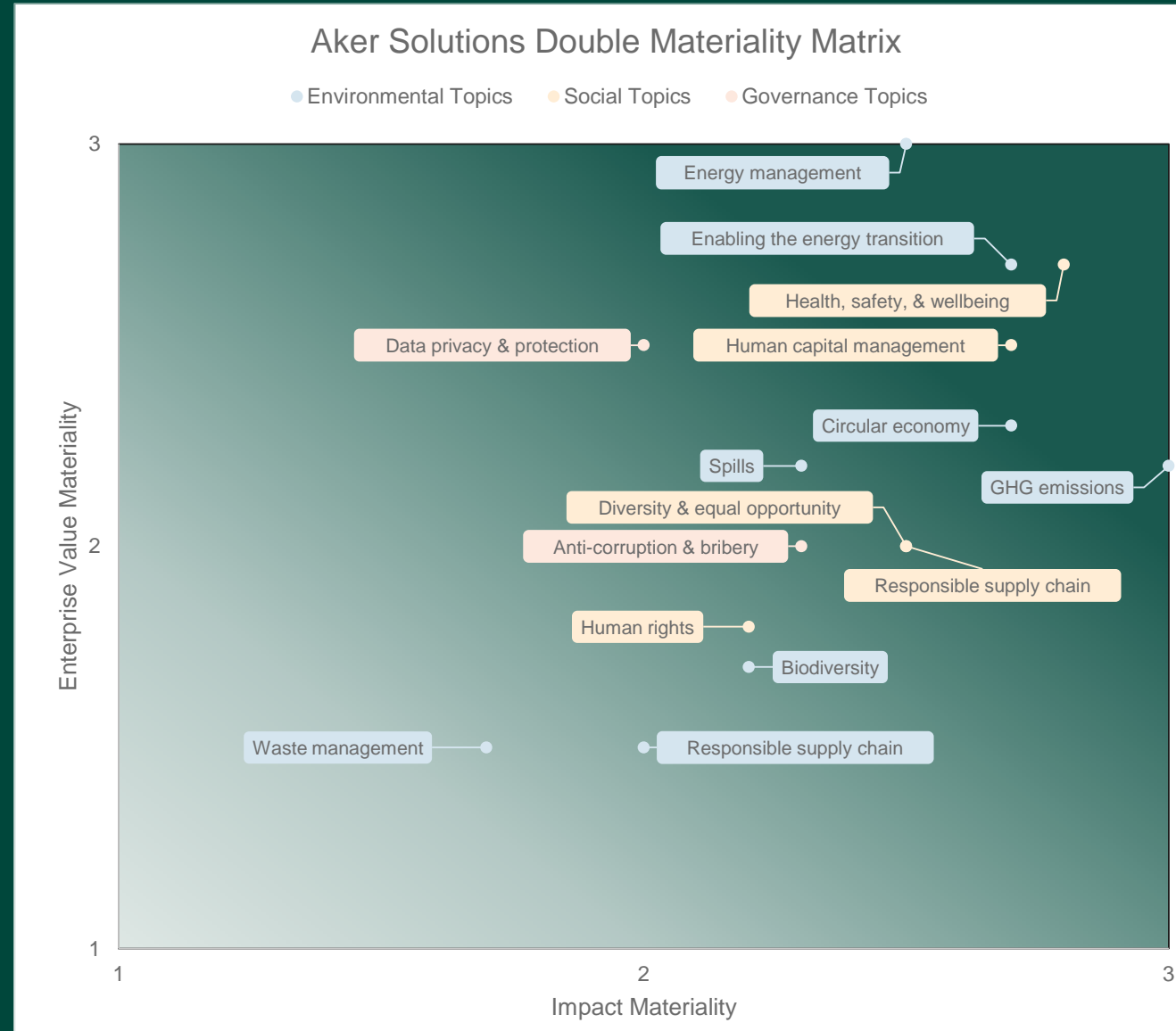
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Recommendations and
Takeaways



Recommendations

- **Focus on topics identified as most material.** Prioritize target-setting and the creation of policies and procedures to embed material topic management into daily operations.
- **Continue to highlight circularity topics when reporting on waste management,** as done in previous reporting seasons.
- **Look for win-win solutions** that will add enterprise value and have positive external impact.
- **Engage with key stakeholders** to better understand their varied priorities and concerns, and to develop collaborative solutions.
- **Integrate ESG into the company's business model** by aligning it with financial goals and by looking for positive and negative social and environmental consequence during the enterprise risk management cycle.



Relating the Materiality Assessment to Aker Solutions' 2021 Sustainability Report

1. **GHG emissions:** While the 2021 report highlights Aker Solutions' efforts to reduce emissions from its own operations, it does not provide much detail on scope 3 emissions or efforts to reduce emissions throughout the value chain. Future reports could benefit from more transparency and goals in this area.
2. **Enabling the energy transition:** The 2021 report mentions Aker Solutions' involvement in renewable energy projects; future reports could provide more information on the extent of its involvement and its strategy for driving the energy transition.
3. **Waste and spills management:** The 2021 report mentions efforts to reduce waste and prevent spills; future reports could provide more detail on the specific strategies and goals in place to achieve these objectives.
4. **Human rights:** While the 2021 report mentions a commitment to human rights, more information could be provided on efforts to ensure that human rights are respected throughout its value chain. This could include details on how the commitment to human rights informs its strategy, risk management, or procurement policies.



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Looking Ahead: 2023



Next Steps

Continuous Process: Control, Implementation, Verification, Reporting, New Assessment

- In the year ahead, Aker Solutions should update its strategy according to new prioritizations, identify relevant indicators, and set targets.
- Prior to the 2023 reporting season, a new materiality assessment will be conducted from a refreshed long list of potential material topics



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