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- improving control systems and processes
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- improving the efficiency of crushing or grinding equipment
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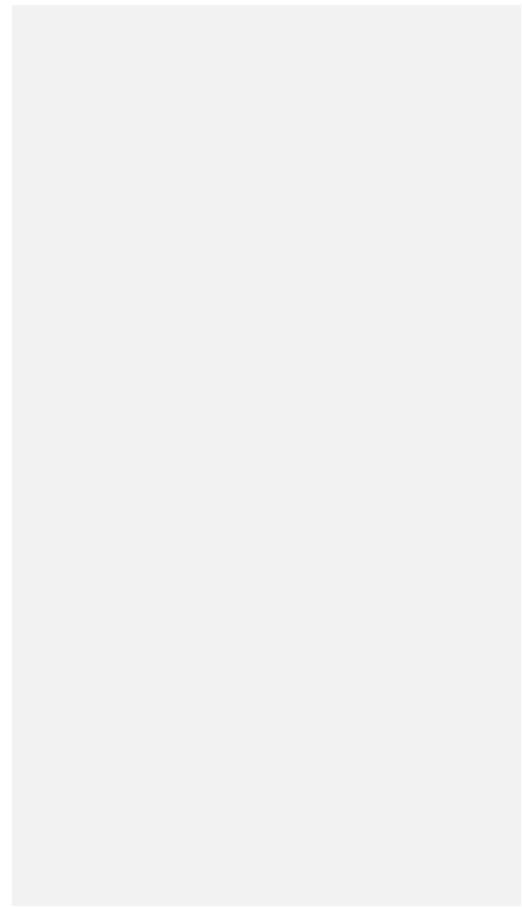
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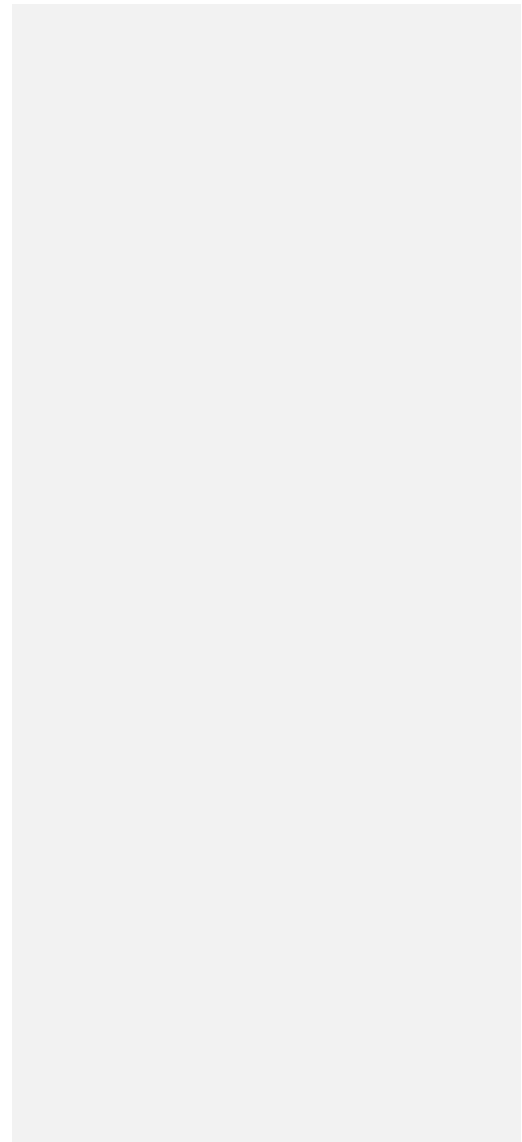
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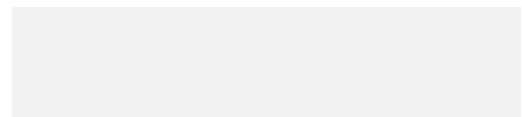
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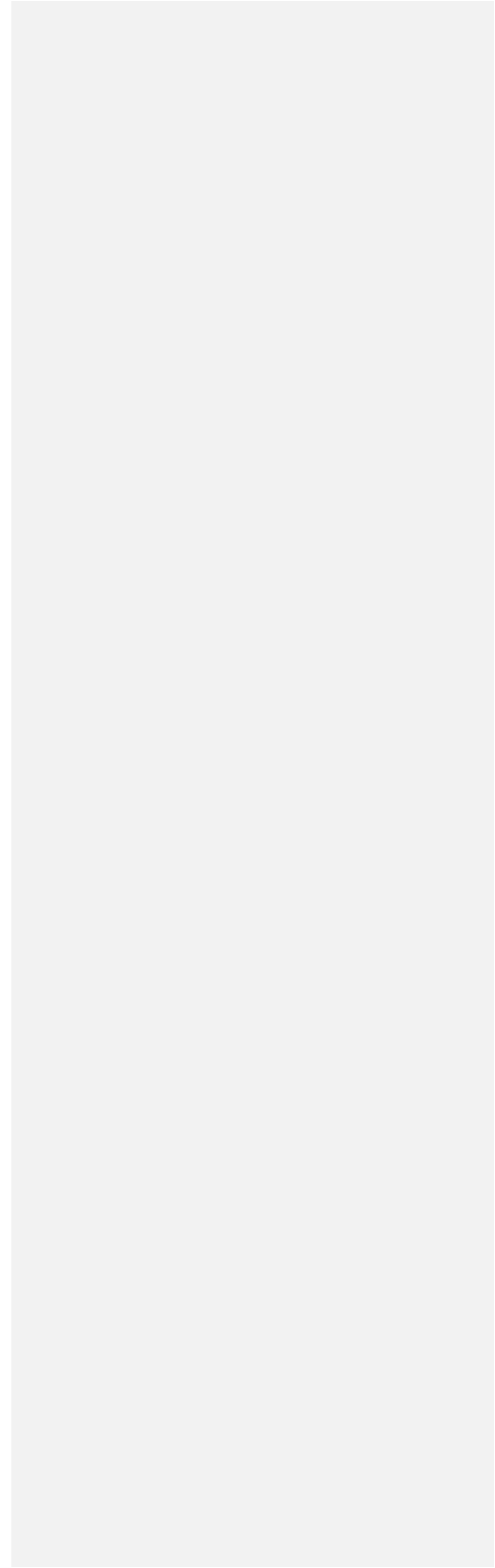
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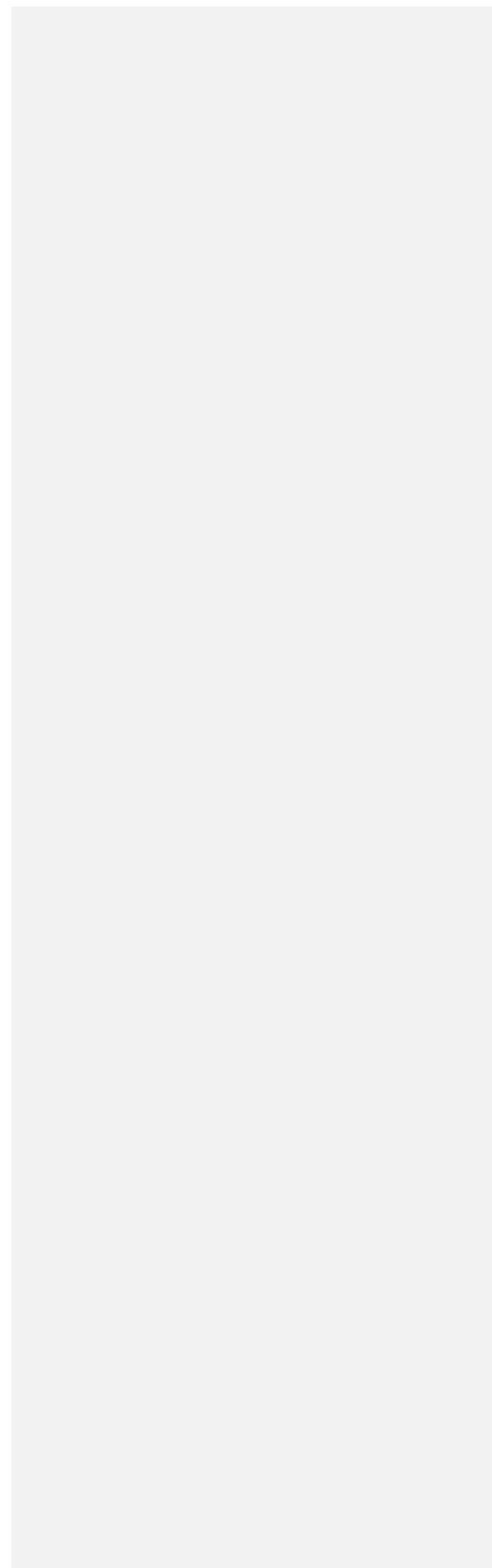
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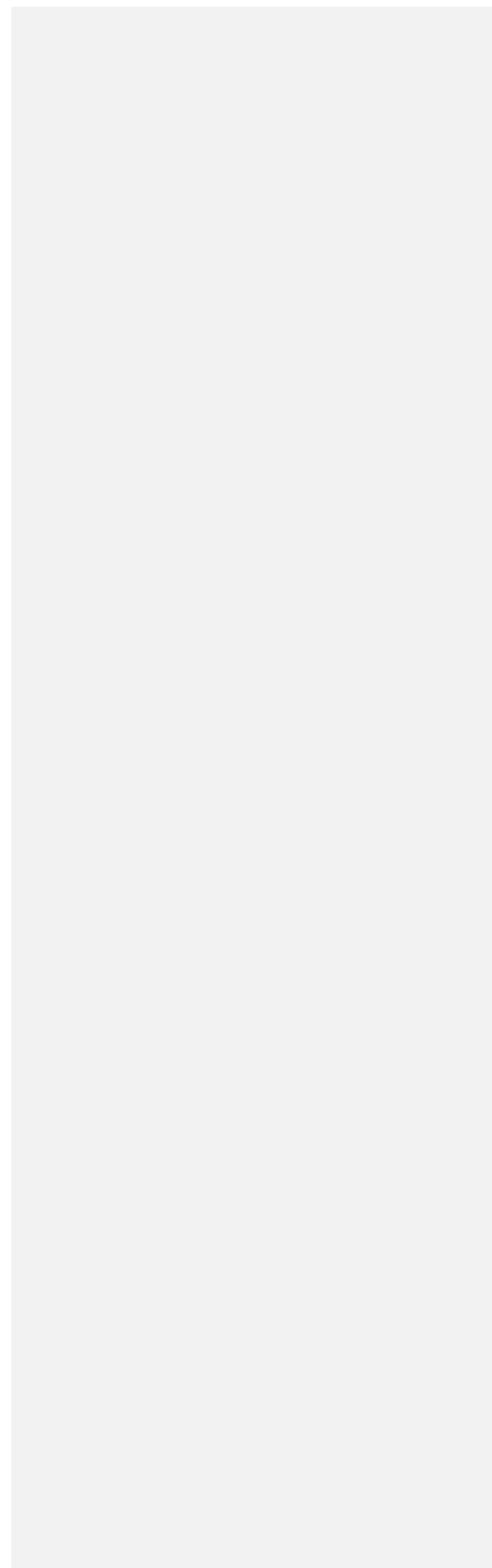
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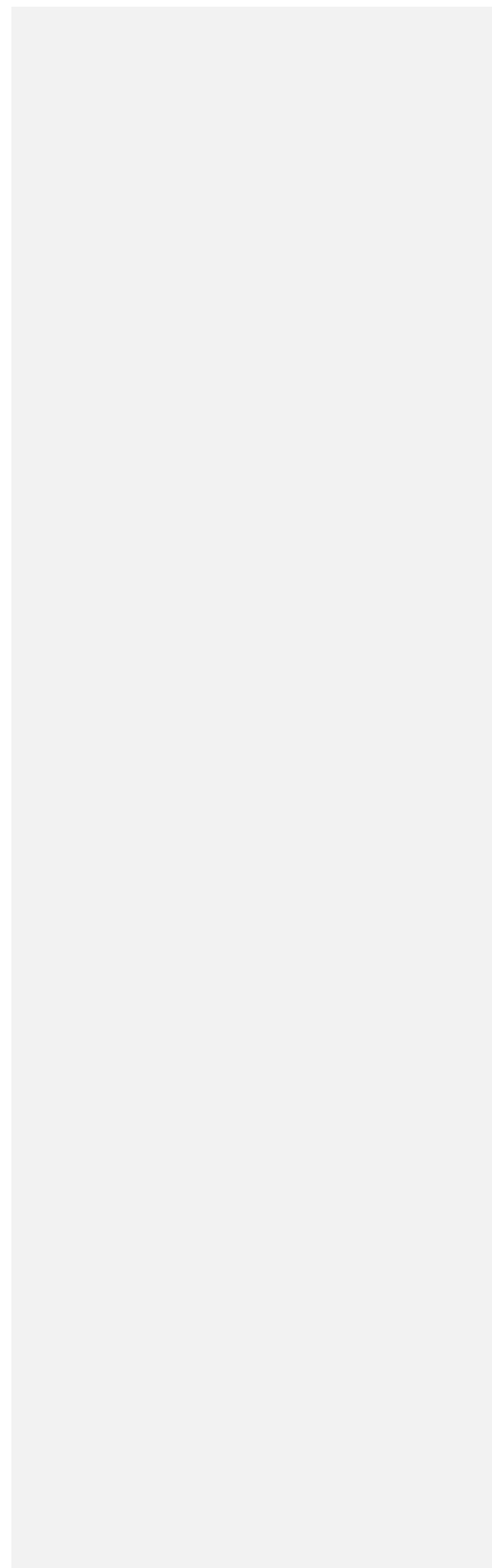
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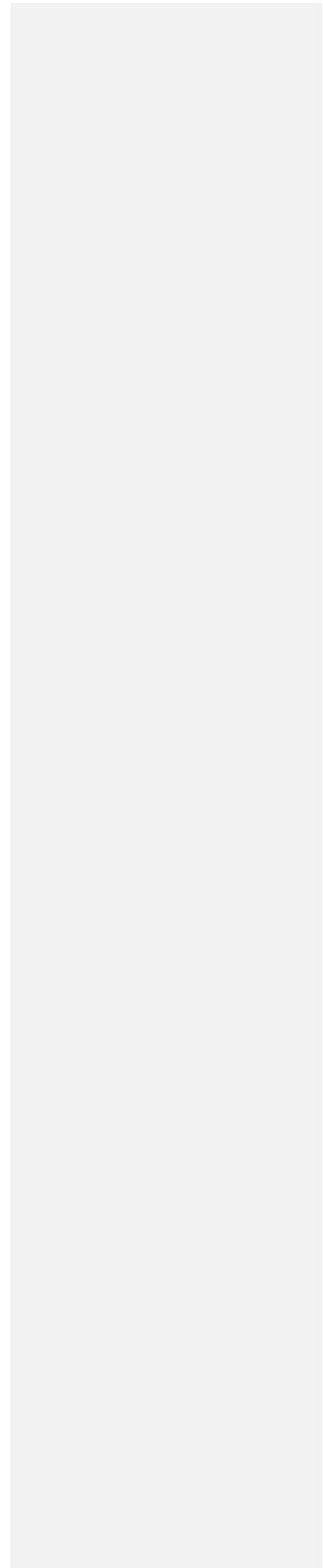
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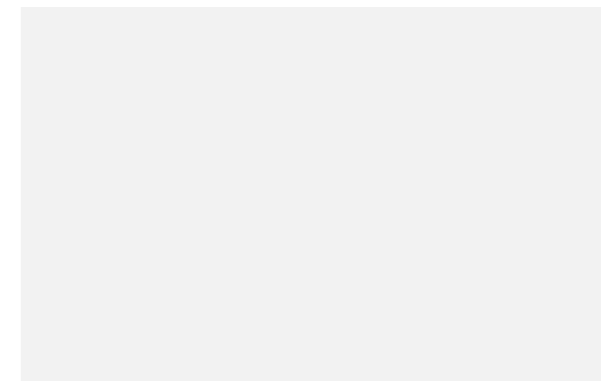
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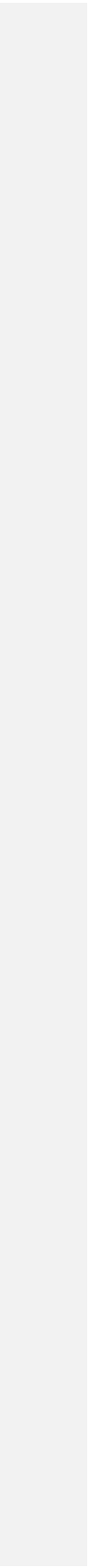
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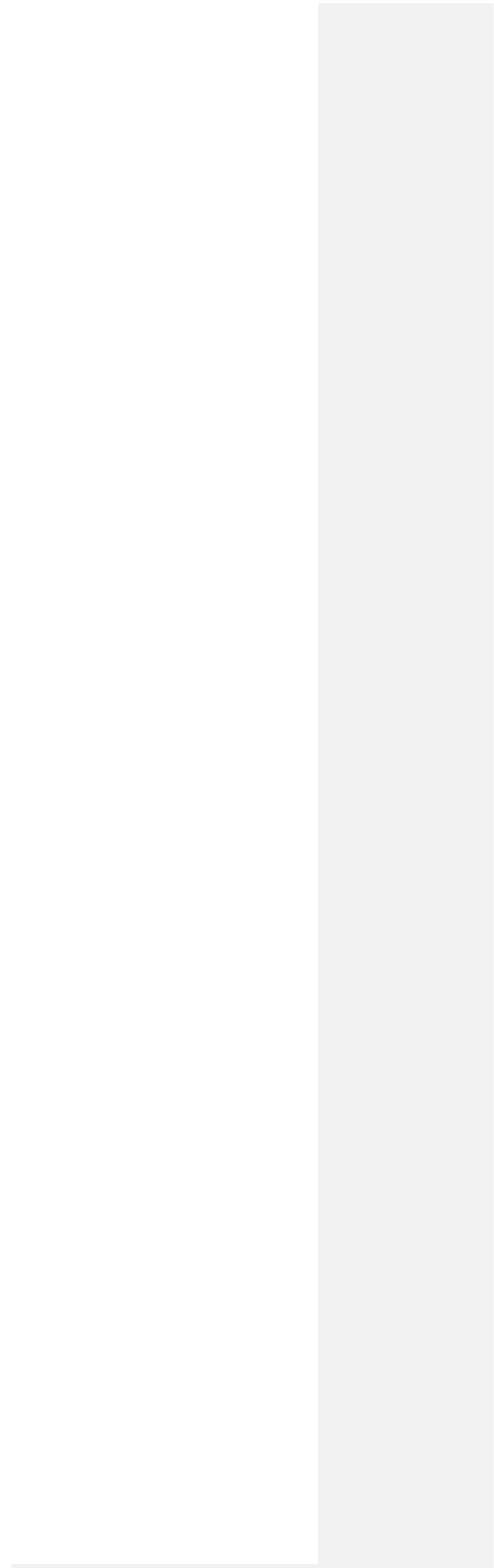
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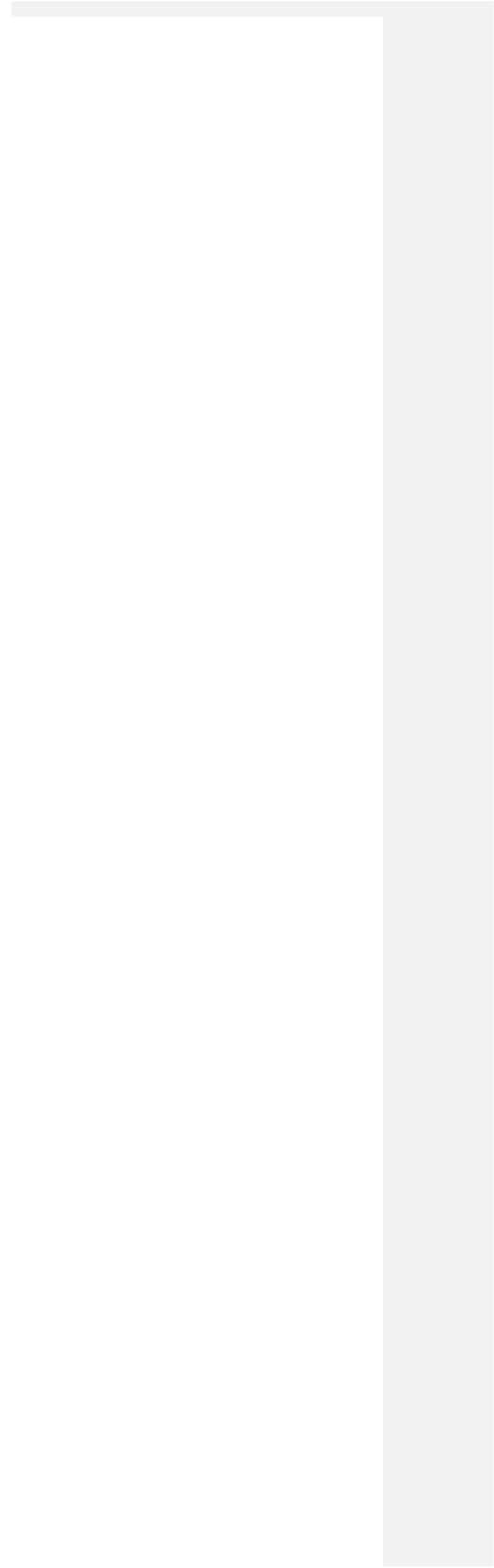
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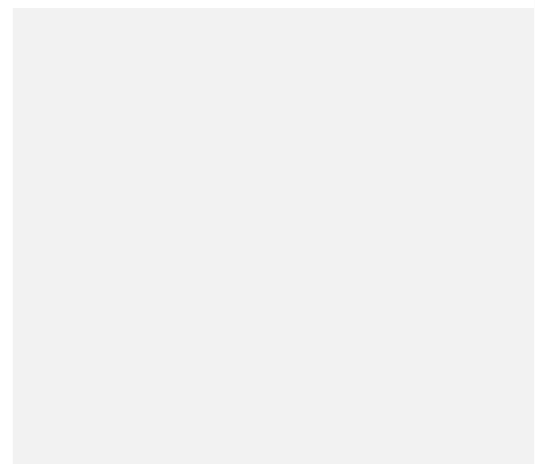
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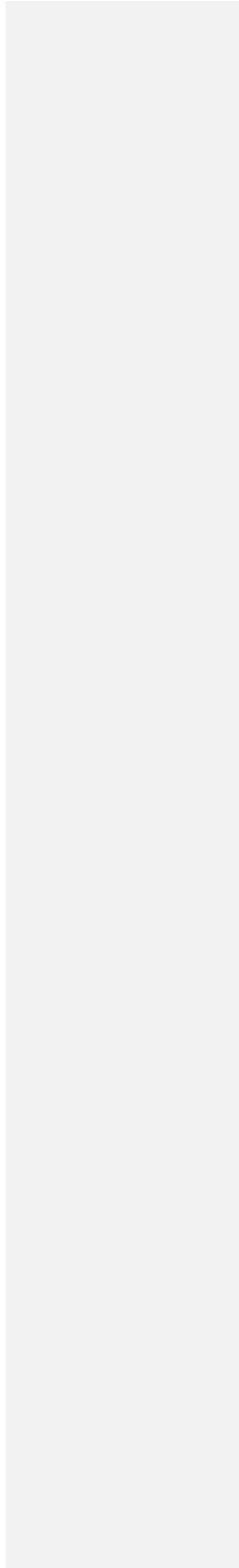
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Comments on the Supplement Report to the draft EIS/ERD for Browse to North West Shelf Development, Indian Ocean, WA (EPBC 2018/8319) (Issued to DAWE on 03/12/2020, A757906)

Amended to include DAWE review of comments (09/12/2020)

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<p>11 (Table 3-1 row 6)</p>	<p>Please make a clear statement whether or not geo-sequestration is proposed in the supplement, rather than reflecting that the draft EIS/ERD did not propose it.</p>	<p>The response has been amended to read as follows. Note that the corresponding additions have also been added to response to comment submissions in relation to CCS (Section 5.10). As outlined in Section 7.7.3 of the draft EIS/ERD and Section 5.1 of this Supplement Report to the draft EIS/ERD, geo-sequestration is presently a high risk, high cost mitigation option for Browse reservoir CO₂, and is not proposed in the draft EIS/ERD or this Supplement Report to the draft EIS/ERD. CCS opportunities will continue to be monitored and assessed, as the technology is likely to improve in the future. As such, the BJV is continuing to assess the feasibility of carbon capture and storage opportunities, but these do not form part of the referred Proposed Action. Should an opportunity be considered feasible in future from a technical, commercial and regulatory perspective and be able to be progressed by the BJV in relation to the Browse titles, this will be separately referred by Woodside as Operator for and on behalf of the BJV.</p>	<p>NOPSEMA finding: A minor amendment has been made to Topic 6 in Table 3.1 of the Supplement which clarifies that CCS is not proposed as part of the Browse project. There are no environmental management commitments for adopting CCS technologies in the future though WEL will continue to assess options for managing reservoir CO₂. On face value, this approach does not appear consistent with the public remarks made by the WEL CEO regarding carbon sequestration for the Browse project https://www.thechemicalengineer.com/news/woodside-ceo-browse-project-could-get-carbon-capture-from-day-one/#:~:text=Company%20CEO%20Peter%20Coleman%20told,project%20in%20a%20material%20way NOPSEMA Advice: Partially adequate. In view of the above finding, Department may wish to consider whether:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EIS should be revised to address WEL CEO public remarks relating to carbon sequestration; or • Requiring outcome based conditions that ensure that the engineering design of the FPSOs factor in the deck space and other design specifications should CCS (or other GHG engineering controls) become a feasible and an appropriate option for mitigating reservoir CO₂. 	<p>Adequate response to submission Adequate Adequate for assessment Adequate Additional comment: DAWE may seek outcomes-based conditions to ensure that appropriate management methodologies are adopted whilst ensure flexibility to facilitate adoption of best practice reservoir CO₂ management into the future. It should be clear that a CCS operation has not been approved as part of the proposed action, as potential impacts have not been assessed.</p>
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Woodside - DAWE briefing

Attending: s. 47F(1) – Woodside, s. 22(1)(a)(ii) , NOPSEMA s. 47F(1) from Jacobs, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Woodside – we are referring to operator on or behalf of browse JV representations Woodside, BO, Mimi browse, PetroChina, Shell

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DAWE briefing: Summary of Woodside's approach to addressing DAWE comments on draft supplementary documentation

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CCS – carbon capture and sequestration – No carbon capture and storage and not proposed as part of the current browse EIS

What does ACCU mean? - Australian carbon credit unit

Is it a commitment in the document to undertake a feasibility study into CCS? Q by nopsema and the answer is yes

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- Recent media articles published by the Australian on 27 March 2020, suggest that Woodside is further exploring a willingness to invest in carbon capture and storage (CCS) options to reduce GHG emissions into the atmosphere. The draft Environmental Impact statement (EIS) for Browse to NWS does not commit to implement CCS.

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A: Options to mitigate and offset GHG emissions

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ATTACHMENT A

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- I also note with interest the public commitments made by Woodside regarding offsetting greenhouse gas emissions at a corporate level, and recent media reports that Woodside may be exploring carbon capture and storage technology for the Browse project.
- I'm interested to know what firm commitments Woodside may be contemplating including in the final EIS to reflect this.
- Commitments should ideally be specific, have measurable outcomes and be included in the final EIS for the project to ensure they are able to be accounted for through the formal assessment of the project.

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ATTACHMENT C

- On 28 March 2020, an article was printed in the Weekend Australian citing the CEO on matters relating to carbon capture and storage. **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** .
- The following extract was taken from Woodside's Website on 21 April 2020.

Source: <https://www.woodside.com.au/sustainability/climate-change>

We are pursuing a range of initiatives independent of our joint venture partners to reach our aspiration to be carbon-neutral by 2050, including:

- A commitment to **offset equity reservoir CO₂ emissions** across our global portfolio from 2021 (approximately 20% of our current GHG emissions).
- A partnership with Greening Australia to plant about **7.5 million native trees** in 2020. We have invested over A\$100 million in biosequestration to date.
- A target to **improve energy efficiency by 5%** against baseline over 2016-20, with a new 5% target for 2021-25.
- Using **battery storage** to reduce fuel gas consumption.
- Developing **new markets for LNG as a lower-emissions fuel** in trucking and shipping.
- **Supporting international efforts**, signing up to the World Bank's [Zero Routine Flaring by 2030](#) initiative, the [Guiding Principles for Reducing Methane Emissions Across the Natural Gas Value Chain](#), and the International Energy Trading Association's [Markets for Natural Climate Solutions](#) initiative.
- **Investing A\$40 million in research** to progress Australia's transition to a lower-carbon economy through the Woodside Monash Energy Partnership.
- **Diversifying our business** into supplying lower and zero carbon energy sources for the future. We are investigating the potential for hydrogen and exploring technologies that use carbon dioxide at scale.



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Woodside Petroleum plans to add a carbon capture facility to its \$US20.5bn (\$33.7bn) Browse LNG project in response to growing concerns over its emissions from the development.

While the West Australian gas project was delayed on Friday due to the oil price crash, Woodside said when it did resume it was likely to include a sequestration component from the start, rather than 10 years into the project as originally forecast.

Two of Woodside's Browse joint venture partners, Shell and BP, may hold concerns about the high emissions of the project, according to the Conservation Council of WA.

"We're looking at options now around sequestration not just in the immediate field area but other aquifers some distance from Browse," Woodside chief executive Peter Coleman told investors. "You can see a world where that will be a licence to operate requirement for Browse."

Woodside last year was among vocal critics of a plan by WA's environmental regulator for companies to fully offset their emissions to help meet the state's goal of net zero emissions by 2050.

Chevron is close to reaching full operations at its \$2.5bn underground carbon capture and storage project at WA's Gorgon project, which aims to cut emissions by 40 per cent, while Santos is pursuing a sequestration plan for its Cooper Basin fields in South Australia.

Still, Woodside faces a number of obstacles given its remote location, including cost, according to consultancy Wood Mackenzie.

"Onshore in the Cooper Basin, which is near existing infrastructure, the process has been estimated at between \$US25-\$30 per tonne. Offshore is likely to be closer to triple that number, especially in remote areas such as the Browse basin," WoodMac analyst Angus Rodger told The Weekend Australian.

"In fact, we believe there are no obvious CCS solutions at the moment for Browse. There are no fields nearby that stand out."

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The meeting is also an opportunity to encourage Woodside to provide clearer, firmer commitments to manage greenhouse gas emissions, and enquire about how the company is intending to give effect to recent public statements to offset emissions at a corporate level within the Supplementary assessment documentation for these projects (see Attachment B for further information).

- a. The Department notes Woodside's corporate level commitment to offset its equity share of reservoir carbon dioxide emissions and the recent comments by the Woodside CEO in the Weekend Australian in relation to the potential for carbon capture and storage to be implemented for the Browse to North West Shelf Project (Attachment B).

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Interesting article citing that Woodside are looking to commit to implementing Carbon capture and storage technologies for Browse. The article quotes Peter Coleman as saying that you can see a world where CCS will be a license to operate requirement for Browse.

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Possible approval conditions for GHG emissions (slide 7)

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- Greenhouse gas emissions avoidance, mitigation and/or compensation measures
 - This could include the development and implementation of a strategy to demonstrate how these measures would be designed and implemented.

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- For example, in previous EPBC Act assessments and approvals, approval conditions have been set requiring the development of a Greenhouse Gas Management and Abatement Strategy, to be approved by the Minister prior to project commencement.
- The strategy could cover a range of emissions associated with the project (e.g. scope 1 & 2 only, or scope 1, 2 & 3).
- Compensatory and mitigation measures for greenhouse gas emissions could include:
 - Purchasing Australian Carbon Credit Units, which contribute to the Emissions Reduction Fund.
 - Energy efficiency projects
 - Preserving trees or planting new trees (biological sequestration) and reforestation
 - Savannah fire management
 - Blue Carbon (e.g. protection and restoration of tidal marshes, mangroves and seagrass)
 - Renewable energy projects – producing energy without producing carbon e.g. wind and solar
 - Carbon capture and storage
 - Increasing soil carbon
 - Reducing livestock emissions