# CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE CCS AT A GLANCE SERIES



**Capture** is the first stage of the CCS process. It involves separating CO<sub>2</sub> from emissions produced by industrial processes such as cement or steel production, or from fossil fuel-based power generation. CO<sub>2</sub> can also be captured directly from the air.



### **CAPTURE FROM INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES OR POWER GENERATION**

Three main methods are used to capture CO<sub>2</sub> from either industrial processes or power generation:

- » Pre-combustion
- » Post-combustion
- » Oxyfuel combustion

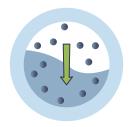
All involve physical or chemical processes being applied to capture the CO<sub>2</sub> so that it can be transported and stored.

The diagram below shows key steps in postcombustion capture.

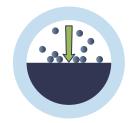
# Fuel Combustion Gas produced during combustion is treated with chemicals that absorb CO<sub>2</sub> Once absorbed, the CO<sub>2</sub> is then compressed, ready for to form a CO<sub>2</sub> stream The CO<sub>2</sub> is then compressed, ready for transport and storage

An advantage of post-combustion technology is that it can be retrofitted to existing power stations.

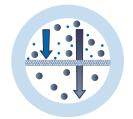
### TECHNOLOGIES USED DURING CO2 CAPTURE



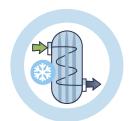
ABSORPTION BY LIQUID SOLVENTS



ADSORPTION
ONTO THE SURFACE OF
SOLID SORBENTS



SEPARATION USING MEMBRANES THAT ACT LIKE MOLECULAR SIEVES



CRYOGENIC SEPARATION

Other advanced technologies are being pursued such as chemical looping.

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### **CARBON CAPTURE HAS WIDE RANGING APPLICATIONS**



### **ESSENTIAL TO MITIGATE CO2 EMISSIONS FROM INDUSTRY**

Almost 34% of global-energy related  $CO_2$  emissions come from industrial processes such as cement, steel, pulp and paper, chemicals and natural gas processing.



### CRITICAL PART OF THE LOW-CARBON ENERGY SECTOR

Power plants equipped with CCS can supply flexible low-carbon electricity to complement the variable nature of renewable energy.



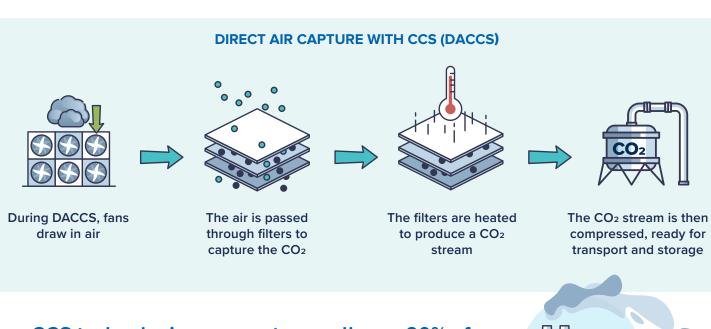
### **ENABLER FOR LOW-CARBON HYDROGEN PRODUCTION**

Low-carbon hydrogen can help decarbonise the transport sector and be used for power generation. It can also be used to produce other low-carbon products such as ammonia, urea and fertiliser.



## CONTRIBUTES TO OTHER TECHNOLOGIES THAT REMOVE CO2 DIRECTLY FROM THE AIR

CO<sub>2</sub> can be removed directly from the air using methods underpinned by CCS. Direct Air Capture with CCS (DACCS) is one example of this.



CCS technologies can capture well over 90% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from industries where they are applied – CO<sub>2</sub> that would otherwise have been released into the atmosphere.







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