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#### **Executive Summary**

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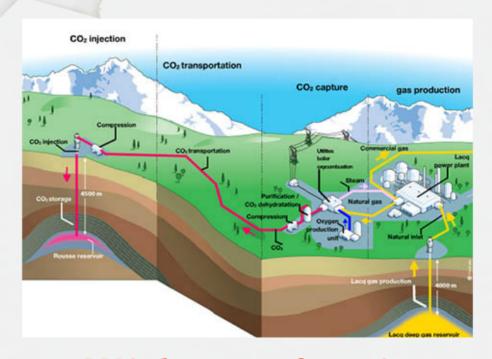
Total E&P France (TEPF) should move forward with the Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS) system implementation at Lacq and proceed with a specialized public engagement to increase the company's transparency and favorability while boosting public support of the project

- IRR shows that this is a poor investment, but ...
- Societal and company benefits associated with the CSS implementation minimize the threat of the poor IRR
- Total E&P France should outsource public relations
- Engineers must develop countermeasures to address the potential risks
- Public concerns must be collected, and the people educated about CCS at a simplified, non-technical level.

## **Background**

Total E&P France is planning to retrofit its power plant in Lacq with a Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS) system, which is at risk of not being accepted by the public due to its unfamiliar and potentially dangerous nature

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CCS is the process of capturing waste carbon dioxide, moving it to a storage location, and keeping it in storage so it cannot enter the atmosphere

## **Financial Analysis**

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- IRR=r= -0.46%

#### **Assumptions:**

- Once the construction is completed, the CCS project can be used for 30 years, starting from 2010 through 2040.
- Initial capital investment of €60 million
- The price of CCS: €37.5/tonne CO2
- Estimated cost of CCS:
- €62.5/tonne CO2 from year 2010 to year 2020
- €37.5/tonne CO2 from year 2020 to year 2040
- Annual demand of TEPF CCS: €75,000/tons per year
- Total additional cost (extra fuel, storage & system cost): €0.5 billion

## Benefits

- Green halo
- First mover advantage
- New jobs
- Future energy demand

## **Environmental Risks**

- Maturity of CCS technology
- Risk of leakage
- Groundwater and local ecosystems
- Unpredictable environmental events

## **Financial Risk**

- Sole financial responsibility
- Uncertain investment
- Constant improvement required
- CCS is cost prohibitive

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## **Public Pressure**

- Public sensitivity
- Lack of public understanding
- Lack of public support
- Reactions from NGOs are negative