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Executive Summary

Delivered Record 3Q21 Results, While Building a Foundation for Growth



3Q21 results demonstrate operational execution

- Delivered 3Q21 results, highlighted by y/y growth in Adjusted EBITDA and net income in 3Q21
- \$2.2 million of non-recurring item impact to Adjusted EBITDA
- 3Q21 results benefited from a combination of improved refined product margins and used motor oil collections growth, which offset a 14-day, weather-related outage at the Marrero refinery in September and a temporary hydrogen shortage at the Heartland refinery due to a force majeure event, also in September
- Fourth quarter to-date, refined product margins are at or above third quarter levels



Completed full balance sheet recapitalization

- Completed a \$155.0 million offering of 6.25% convertible senior notes due 2027 on November 1, 2021
- Expects to close on a planned \$125.0 secured term loan and a planned \$125.0 million secured working capital facility during 1Q22, in conjunction with the planned closing of the Mobile refinery acquisition
- Net cash proceeds from the notes offering, term loan and working capital facility are expected to fully fund the acquisition of the Mobile refinery, the purchase of feedstock and product inventories, together with capital required to support initial development of our planned renewable diesel conversion project



Expect to close Mobile acquisition in 1Q22

- Vertex expects to complete its acquisition of the Mobile refinery during the first quarter 2022
- Vertex is proceeding with initial design, engineering and procurement activities related to capital projects at the refinery, while continuing to collaborate with its planned feedstock supply and product offtake partners in advance of the planned ownership transition
- Renewable diesel project expected to be operational by third quarter 2022, consistent with the original transaction closing schedule



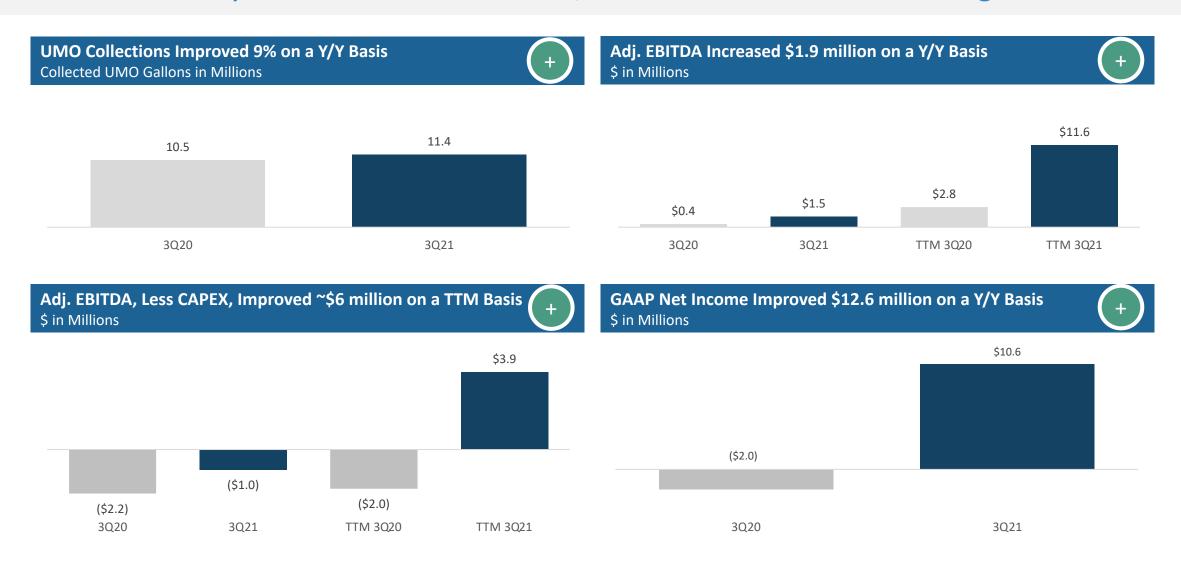
Expect to close asset divestiture in 1H22

- On September 28, 2021, Vertex shareholders approved the proposed sale of its portfolio of used motor oil collection and recycling assets to Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. ("Safety-Kleen"), a subsidiary of Clean Harbors, Inc for \$140 million
- During November 2021, Vertex intends to respond to a previously disclosed second request for additional information and documentary materials from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") in conjunction with its proposed asset sale to Safety-Kleen.
- Both parties intend to close on the divestiture during the first half 2022



3Q21 Performance Summary

Results Driven By UMO Collections Growth, Elevated Refined Product Margins

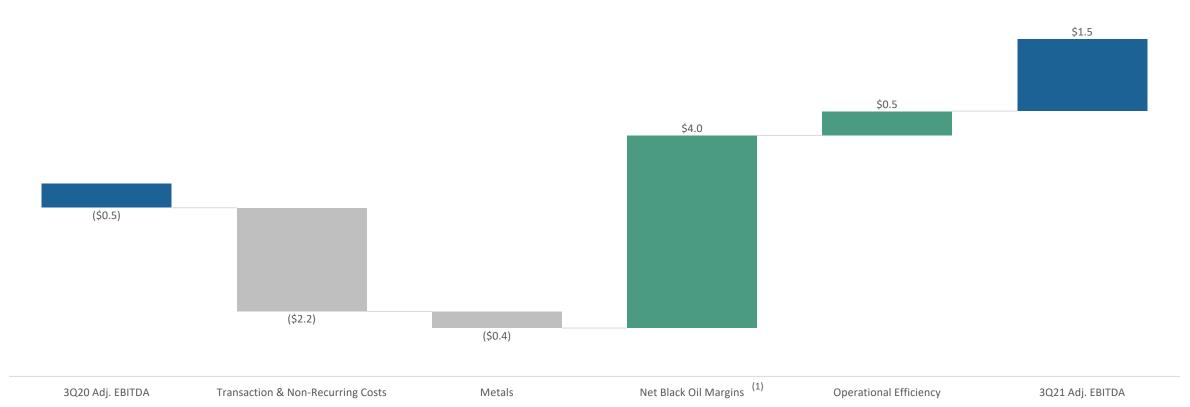




Financial Performance Bridge

Recovery in Refined Product Margins Supported Outperformance





(1) Includes \$1.2 million net impact of 14-day hurricane-related outage at Marrero refinery



Financial Overview and Sources & Uses of the Mobile Acquisition

Transitioning the Mobile Refinery's Conventional Fuels Production Toward Renewable Fuels

Sources of Funds		Uses of Funds	4-1
Net Proceeds from Convertible Notes	\$133,862,500 ⁽¹⁾	Purchase of Mobile Refinery	\$86,700,000 ⁽²⁾
Planned Secured Term Debt	125,000,000	Renewable Diesel Conversion, Engineering Services and Purchase Orders	85,000,000
Planned Secured Working Capital Credit Facility	125,000,000	Encina and Wells Fargo Termination	11,300,000
		Inventory, Working Capital and Expenses	200,862,500
Excludes approximately \$90 million in net cash proceeds from the planned UMO divestiture			
Total Sources of Funds	\$383,862,500	Total Uses of Funds	\$383,862,500

⁽²⁾ Vertex will also pay for the hydrocarbon inventory located at the Mobile Refinery, as valued at closing, and the purchase price is subject to other customary purchase price adjustments and reimbursement for certain capital expenditures, resulting in an expected total purchase price of approximately \$86.7 million



⁽¹⁾ After deducting the placement agent's fees and expenses estimated to be approximately \$5.6 million

Two Transformational Transactions

Sale of Used Motor Oil ("UMO") Assets and Acquisition of Shell's Mobile Refinery

UMO Asset Divestiture \$140 Million Gross Cash Proceeds

Overview

- Vertex has announced the planned sale of its portfolio of UMO collection and recycling assets to Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. ("Safety-Kleen"), a subsidiary of Clean Harbors, Inc. (NYSE: CLH) for \$140.0 million
- Assets include Marrero UMO refinery in Louisiana, Heartland UMO refinery in Ohio, H&H and Heartland UMO collections businesses, Nickco oil filters and absorbent materials recycling facility in East Texas and the Cedar Marine terminal in Baytown, Texas
- Transaction is expected to close prior to July 1, 2022

Funding Considerations

• Vertex management expects Safety-Kleen to fund the asset acquisition with available balance sheet cash

Expected Financial Impact

 With the payment of transaction-related fees and Tensile Capital take-out, total net cash proceeds from the transaction to Vertex are expected to be approximately \$90.0 to \$100.0 million

Mobile Refinery Acquisition \$75 Million Cash Cost

Overview

- Vertex has announced the planned acquisition of 100% of Royal Dutch Shell Plc's Mobile, Alabama refinery for approximately \$75.0 million in cash
- Estimated \$85.0 million conversion project is planned to be launched shortly after close and is expected to result in incremental production of 10,000 bpd of renewable fuel by year-end 2022, increasing to 14,000 bpd by mid-year 2023
- At closing of the acquisition, Vertex expects to enter into multi-year product offtake agreements with Shell, Bunker One Holdings ("Bunker One") and Idemitsu Apollo Renewable Corporation ("Idemitsu")
- Transaction is expected to close prior to April 1, 2022

Funding Considerations

 The renewable diesel conversion project is expected to be funded by a new credit facility and issuance of the convertible notes contemplated in this transaction, though Vertex may consider alternative sources of financing

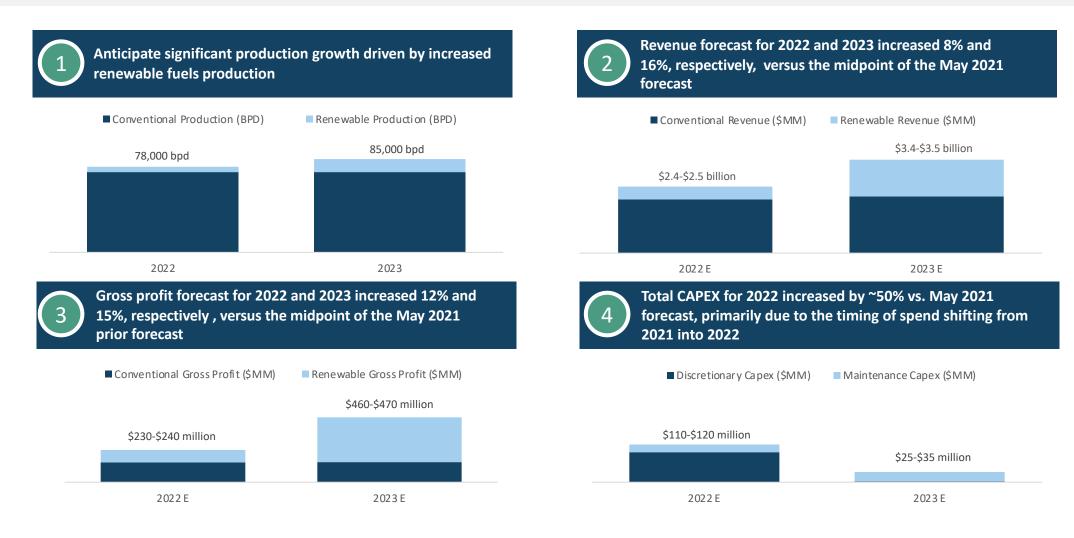
Expected Financial Impact

- Pro-forma for completion of conversion by year-end 2022
- Once the conversion is completed, management anticipates the refinery will produce
 150 million gallons/year of renewable diesel



Mobile Refinery – Three-Year Financial Forecast

Increasing Base Case Revenue & Gross Profit Outlook, Given Improved Refining Economics



⁽¹⁾ Key modeling assumptions (1) West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil of \$72/bbl; (2) WTI-LLS crude oil differential of \$1.27/bbl; (3) Brent crude oil of \$74/bbl; (4) RBOB of \$2.19/gallon; (5) Heating oil of \$2.29/gallon; (6) ULSD of \$2.23/gallon



Mobile Will Accelerate Vertex's Low-Carbon, Energy Transition Strategy

Vertex Expects to Become a Leading Producer and Marketer of Renewable Diesel Fuel



- Renewable diesel is a diesel fuel made in a manner similar to traditional petroleum diesel with the exception being the feedstocks (vegetable oils and animal fats) are renewable, rather than petroleum based
- Renewable diesel represents a greater than 70% decline in GHG emissions vs. petroleum diesel fuel(1)



Significant market potential

- California is leading the way in incentivizing diesel production through the Federal Renewable Standards Program and Low Carbon Fuel Standards Program
- After being introduced into the California market in 2011, renewable diesel now satisfies ~15% of the state's total diesel demand⁽¹⁾
- California renewable diesel demand is expected to increase by 600% over the next decade⁽¹⁾
- Multiple other states are expected to follow California's lead



- The Mobile refinery provides an operating hydrocracker that can be modified to produce renewable diesel
- The cost-competitive hydrocracker conversion project is expected to require nine months to reconfigure, versus approximately three years for a greenfield project of similar size and scope
- Vertex believes its rapid, lowercost entry into a newer, developing market through the conversion of an existing, operating process unit provides a significant "early-mover" advantage



Renewable diesel is a fungible substitute

- Renewable diesel represents a critical and viable substitute for petroleum-based diesel fuel
- Renewable diesel can be used in all engines designed to operate on conventional diesel fuel
- This compatibility reduces technical barriers and allows for a strong entry point into the renewable fuels market

(1) California Advanced Biofuels Alliance - Roadmap for Eliminating Petroleum Diesel by 2030 (February 2019)



Vertex is Well-Positioned for Long-Term Value Creation

Leading Supplier of Alternative Fuels in Support of the Low-Carbon Energy Transition

- Mobile will become our flagship asset
- Vertex currently believes the acquisition will allow the Company to become one of the leading suppliers of alternative fuels to the Southeastern United States
- Upon completion of the renewable diesel project, the majority of Vertex's go-forward Adjusted EBITDA is expected to be renewables-related, given current expected project economics
- Mobile is a strategic asset of scale
- 91,000 bpd nameplate capacity facility with high-value light product slate
- Multi-channel access to both crude oil and renewable feedstocks; significant distribution capabilities
- 3.2 million barrels of feedstock and product storage
- Mobile has a proven track record
- Mobile refinery has strong track record of safe and reliable operations
- Zero OSHA recordable incidents in 2020
- Consistently operated above 95% utilization during a multi-year period
- High-return renewable diesel project economics
- Estimated \$85.0 million renewable diesel conversion project, nine-month completion schedule
- Pro-forma for completion of the conversion project by year-end 2022, management currently believes the refinery will produce up to 150 million gallons/year of renewable diesel
- The refinery will continue to produce conventional diesel and cash flow throughout the renewable diesel conversion
- Planned recapitalization of balance sheet

Management anticipates the planned asset sales and refinery acquisition create an opportunity to materially improve the Company's liquidity profile and reduce its weighted average cost of capital, over the medium-term

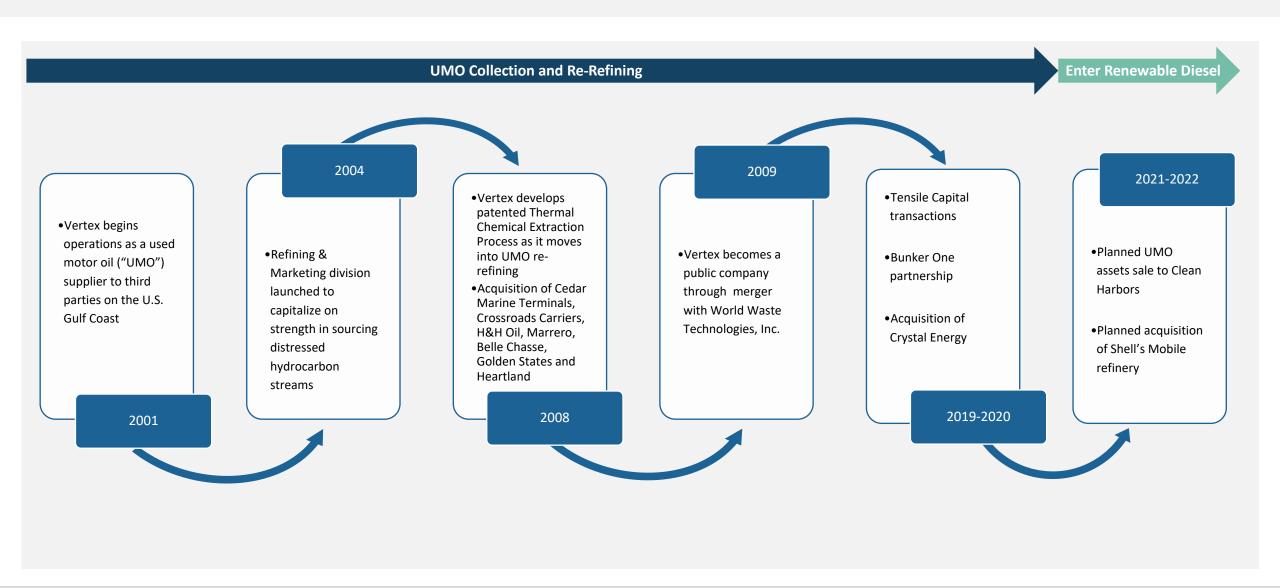
Transformational Acquisition Expected to Position Vertex as a Leading Energy Transition Company of Scale





Evolution of Vertex

Pathway Toward Renewable Diesel Production Roadmap





Experienced Management Team

Energy Industry Veterans With the Experience to Lead Vertex's Transformation

Ben Cowart

Chairman, President & Chief Executive
Officer

- Founded the Vertex group of companies in 2001
- 35 years of leadership in the petroleum recycling and energy transition industries
- Helped pioneer the reclamation industry by developing recycling options for residual materials once managed as a hazardous waste
- Previously served as President of the National Oil Recyclers Association Board of Directors
- Active in speaking, consulting, chairing and serving on various committees and industry associations

Chris Carlson Chief Financial Officer

Brings a range of experience to his role as Vertex's Chief

Financial Officer

governance

- Oversees financial accounting, forecasting, budgets, risk management, investments, SEC compliance, and corporate
- Joined in 2001, and led the startup business to an average of \$140 million in revenues, a public listing on NASDAQ and growth through acquisitions of multiple refining operations across the U.S.
- Prior to Vertex Energy, worked in petroleum technology solutions and telecommunications
- Earned his BS degree in Business Finance from the University of Houston

Dave Peel* Corporate Advisor

- Extensive and diverse experience in the energy industry
- Previous roles at Omega Holdings, LLC (COO), Peel Management Consulting (President), Safety-Kleen Corporation (VP of Oil Refining & Divisional VP of Oil Recovery and Envirosystems) and Breslube Enterprises (Director of Operations)
- Degree in Mechanical and Production Engineering from Manchester Polytechnic
- Member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (UK) and a Chartered Engineer (UK)

Alvaro Ruiz* *EVP of Corporate Development*

- Joined Vertex in 2013 and serves as the Vice President of Business Development
- 25 years of international experience including senior leadership positions in marketing, finance, business development, operations, sales and project management
- Degree in Electric and Electronic Engineering from the Valladolid Polytechnic, Spain, Executive MBA from IE Business School and a Masters in Marketing and Sales from ESIC Business School

Bart Rice* Division President

- Division President of Renewable and Conventional Fuels
- Forty years of experience in the refined fuels industry
- Leadership positions held at Rice Oil, Allied Energy and Emerge Energy Services
- Extensive downstream sector and energy industry knowledgeable, including ethanol throughput, biodiesel manufacturing, environmental reclamation and terminal operations
- Associate degree from Walker College, and business studies at University of Alabama and UAB



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Compelling Acquisition Rationale

Transitioning the Mobile Refinery's Conventional Fuels Production Toward Renewable Fuels



Expected to transform Vertex into a leading independent Refiner and producer of renewable and conventional products

- The Mobile Refinery is expected to become Vertex's sole refining asset at closing, assuming the sale of the UMO and re-refining assets to Safety-Kleen, pending FTC approval
- The refinery has 91,000 bpd of nameplate production capacity, together with 3.2 million barrels of feedstock and product storage, and related logistics assets



Highly-compelling transaction economics, pro-forma for the completion of the renewable diesel project

- At close of the acquisition, Vertex plans to initiate an estimated \$85.0 million project that is currently expected to result in new, incremental nameplate production of 10,000 bpd of renewable fuels by year-end 2022 (increasing to 14,000 bpd of renewable fuels by mid-year 2023, upon completion of hydrogen capacity expansion)
- Vertex currently believes it will be able to realize higher average gross profits per barrel on its renewable diesel production than Mobile's conventional fuels production, given current tax subsidies and carbon reduction incentives



Long-term supply & off-take agreements expected to minimize working capital requirements, ensure multi-year demand

- At closing of the acquisition, Vertex anticipates entering into a 5-year crude oil supply agreement with Shell and on an ongoing renewable diesel feedstock sourcing relationship with a supplier: potential to source future renewable diesel feedstock from the Company's planned Myrtle Grove pretreatment facility in Belle Chasse, LA
- Planned off-take agreement with Shell and Bunker One for 100% of the refinery's conventional fuels production
- Planned off-take agreement with Idemitsu to purchase 100% of the refinery's renewable diesel production



Transaction expected to position Vertex to accelerate its lowcarbon energy transition strategy

- Vertex currently expects the acquisition of the Mobile refinery, including the impact of the renewable diesel project (RDP), to position the Company to be able to become a leading producer and marketer of alternative fuels, including renewable diesel, across the Southeast United States
- Upon completion of the RDP, the majority of Vertex's go-forward Adjusted EBITDA is expected to be derived from renewable fuels, given current views on project economics



Mobile Refinery Overview Today

Strategically Located Refining Asset with Significant Feedstock and Expansion Optionality

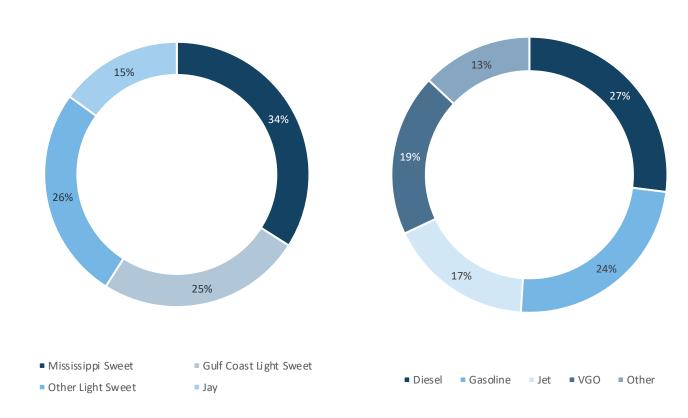
Mobile Refinery

Key operating metrics (As of August 2021)

Nameplate Capacity	91,000 bpd		
Nelson Complexity Factor	4.4		
Total Storage Capacity	3.2 million barrels		
Truck Rack Off-take	175 trucks per day		
Undeveloped / Total Acres	720/864 (83.3%)		
Expected Annual CAPEX Requirement ⁽¹⁾	~\$25.0 million		
Employees	~200		
OSHA Recordable Rate	<u>Zero</u> in 2020		
Trailing 5-Yr. Avg. Utilization	~95%		

Current Crude Slate 98% delivered by marine or pipeline





⁽¹⁾ Average annual maintenance capital expenditures in non-turnaround year; last turnaround conducted in 2019 for total cost of ~\$30.0 million

^{(2) &}quot;Other" includes vacuum tower bottoms, benzene concentrate, LPG and sulfur



Mobile Plant Has Substantial Competitive Advantages

Feedstock Supply, Off-take Agreements Make Attractive Build Economics

Speed to Market

- Brownfield conversion of operating hydrocracker using proven technology condenses timeline to produce renewable diesel
- Ability to source feedstock and long-term offtake partners

Among the Lowest Capex per Barrel

- Existing hydrocracker ideally suited for conversion
- Mobile conversion project is expected to be one of the lowest cost renewable diesel projects on capex per barrel of capacity basis based on public historical data

Committed Strategic Partners

- Upon closing of the acquisition, Vertex anticipates entering into a long-term crude supply and product off-take agreements with Shell
- Anticipate expanding current marine fuel off-take partnership with Bunker One
- Expect to enter long-term renewable diesel offtake agreement with Idemitsu

Diverse Feedstock Supply

- Capitalize on management's track record of successfully sourcing a diverse slate of feedstocks; aggregation specialists
- Vertex is in advanced discussions with multiple industry leading soybean oil and other feedstock suppliers

Gulf Coast Location & Marine Access

- Location on the Gulf Coast allows Vertex to source both domestic and international feedstock via vessel, truck and rail
- Cost-advantaged marine transport to the West Coast and other markets



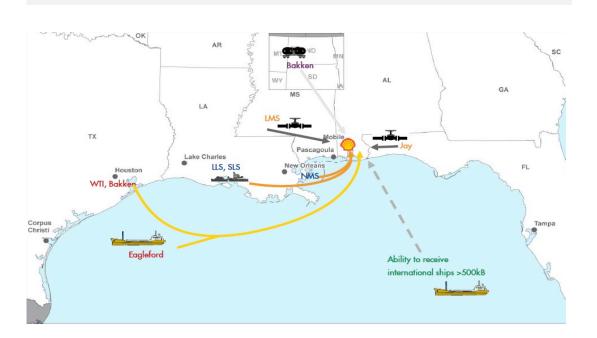


Strategically Located Southeastern U.S. Refining Asset

Significant Feedstock Optionality, Broad Distribution Footprint

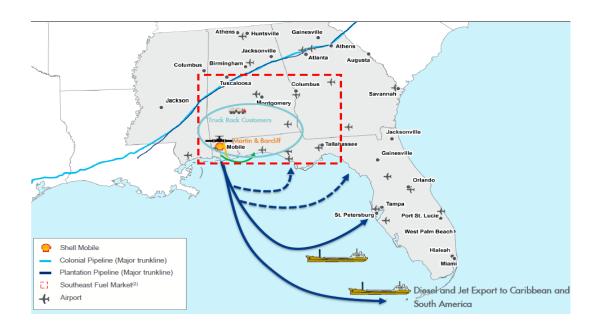
Diverse Feedstock Supply Capabilities

- Geographically and logistically positioned to receive domestic, costadvantaged feedstock
- Currently processing 10 15 crudes supplied via pipeline and barge
- Current feedstock supply is 56% via marine, 42% via pipeline, 2% via truck



Broad Production Distribution Footprint

- Eastern most Gulf Coast refinery in an import region with limited pipeline accessibility
- Major supplier to the eastern Mississippi, Alabama, western Georgia and northwest Florida markets, loading 175 trucks per day off the rack
- Ability to export diesel and jet fuel to the Caribbean and South America





Acquired Shell Refinery Staff

Experienced Management Team and Employees with Operating History at Mobile Refinery

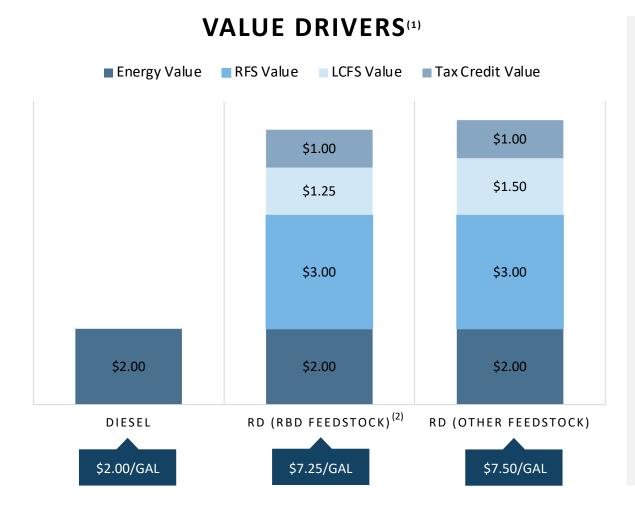
- Vertex is expected to add 196 employees from Shell with an average tenure of 15 years
- Average experience of the senior leadership team within the industry of 20 years
- Total ~18 engineers
- Plant will continue to be operated by the same experienced employees

General Manager	Business Manager	Finance Manager	Maintenance, Turnaround and Projects Manager	Engineering Technology Manager	Health, Safety, Security and Environmental Manager
 16 years of multi-site experience Engineering and MBA Graduate degrees from toprank universities Over 10 years in leadership position spanning commercial, production, logistics and operations management 	 20 years combined experience engineering, supply chain, econometrics and business management Engineering undergraduate and MBA Graduate Degrees 5 years leadership experience 	 Over 22 years multi-site experience MSA Graduate degree in Accounting Diverse finance background across O&G, including international markets 6 years direct site experience 	 Over 20 years multi-site experience 7 years global managing operations 14 years leadership experience 	 20 years multi-site experience 18 years direct site experience Combined end-to-end experience and expertise covering feedstock selection and optimization to refining processes and product quality 	 Over 20 years multi-site experience 8 years direct HSSE leadership experience Successful background in direct refinery operations Decorated Command Leadership as U.S. Marine Corps Reserve
 Direct site experience includes management of major turnarounds, rebuilds and capital development projects USW industrial relations manager for union represented workforce 		Over 10 years accounting leadership experience			



Illustrative Value Drivers

Renewable Diesel Economics Supported by State and Federal Incentives



- Energy value based on ultra low sulfur diesel
- Renewable fuel standard ("RFS") value based on D4 renewable identification numbers ("RIN") price (renewable diesel value is calculated as posted D4 RIN price multiplied by 1.7x)
- Low-carbon fuel standard ("LCFS") value is determined on a life-cycle basis which covers feedstock, fuel production, transport and fuel use
- LCFS value currently applies to sales in California only
- Vertex management believes that other jurisdictions have or may soon adopt similar regulatory incentives, particularly **Oregon** and **British Columbia**. Other states that have expressed interest in adopting regulatory incentives include **Washington**, **New Mexico**, **New York**, **Minnesota** and **Colorado**
- Tax credit value is based on the blenders tax credit ("BTC"), a federally mandated credit that is term based. Over past 10 years, the credit has lapsed from time to time. In each instance, the credit was reinstated retroactively. The BTC is set to expire at the end of 2022. Vertex management believes it will be renewed as the issue is both bipartisan and supports the new administration's stated energy transition goals

- (1) For illustrative purposes only, reflects general market conditions as of August 2021
- (2) Refined, Bleached and Deodorized soy oil



Key Development Partners

Renewable Diesel Conversion Expected to be Completed Nine Months After Acquisition

WorleyParsons Ltd. ("Worley")

- Worley is a leading renewable diesel EPC, with multiple renewable diesel projects that utilize Haldor Topsoe technology
- Originally engaged in mid-2020 to develop initial scope for the renewable diesel conversion
- Worley expected to manage renewable diesel conversion project under an EPC wrap

Haldor Topsoe A/S ("Haldor Topsoe")

- Haldor Topsoe is Vertex's existing base oil and hydrotreating catalyst partner
- The industry leader in renewable diesel technology
- Currently working on license, engineering and catalyst agreements

Renewable diesel feedstock supply

- Vertex expects to engage a supplier to secure renewable diesel feedstock supply
- Additionally, Vertex and the same supplier have engaged Delta Trading Co. as a feedstock supply consultant
- Negotiating with both domestic and international soybean oil suppliers, including large national and regional companies

Renewable diesel offtake

- Vertex expects to enter into a long-term agreement under which Idemitsu Apollo Renewable Corporation (a wholly-owned California-based subsidiary of Idemitsu Kosan) will purchase 100% of the Mobile refinery's renewable diesel fuel production
- Product is expected to be purchased FOB at the refinery's marine terminal located south of Mobile on Blakely Island

Other partners and milestones

- Vertex is in discussions with Matheson Tri-Gas regarding expanded hydrogen capacity at the facility
- SUEZ Water Technologies and Solutions is expected to develop an expanded wastewater treatment plant at Vertex's Myrtle Grove facility



Investment Highlights

Compelling Investment Thesis with Long-Term Value Creation Potential



Vertex's management believes that the refinery acquisition and entrance into the renewable diesel industry is a well-timed strategic move that will revamp the Company's business model and position it to capitalize on the global shift to renewable energy sources



After completion of the renewable diesel conversion, Vertex expects to earn more that \$400 million of gross profit in 2023



The conversion of an existing operating process unit is expected to be one of the lowest capex renewable diesel projects on a per barrel of capacity basis based on public historical data



The Refinery's location on the Gulf Coast with deep water access allows Vertex to source cost-advantaged feedstock and establish a broad distribution footprint in the United States



Anticipated strategic partnerships and off-take agreements with Shell, Bunker One and Idemitsu allow for immediate, large-scale asset optimization



Vertex will acquire an experienced management team and refinery industry veterans that will help to sustain a culture of safety and operational reliability

