# aera

# The Largest Originator and Trader of African Carbon Credits.

**Corporate Presentation** 

# Since 2015, we supported 100 climate initiatives and generated €28m for carbon projects in Africa

**#CashForClimate** 





#### Aera Group is the largest independent originator and primary seller of voluntary carbon credits in Africa.

Every day, we accelerate climate action by converting emissions reduction into revenues. Our mission is to provide #CashForClimate on-ground at a rapid pace and at a massive scale.

- Aera operates under the Voluntary Carbon Market (VCM).
- Our focus is 100% origination, 100% Africa and 100% primary market.
- From the early-stage emission reduction identification to the first initial sale of the carbon credits, we are deeply rooted in the upstream side of the value chain.
- We provide carbon certification support services and monetize carbon credits through our offtake activity and trading desk.
- We back best-in-class projects ranging from households' devices (efficient cookstoves, water filters, solar lightings) to renewable energies (solar, wind, hydro) and support reforestation and e-mobility programs.





Total figures as at 31/12/2022

Carbon Credits Book	46mt
Deliveries Y2022 (carbon credits)	3.5m
Forward Sales Order	€85m
Turnover Y2022	€26.3m
Annual Growth YOY	75%
Employees	14

### **Key Financials**

Aera commits to a regular and transparent financial communication.

Aera Group SAS is a French private limited company by shares headquartered in Paris. Aera is owned and controlled by the founding partners (65%). Since March 2021, Arise IS holds a minority stake (35%). Aera is audited by PwC France.

Key Performance Indicators	2021 Audited Financial Statements	2022 Unaudited Financial Statements	Change % YOY
Turnover	€ 15m	€ 26.1m	+74%
Earnings After Tax	€ 2.7m	€ 6.8m	+152%
EAT/Turnover	18%	26%	
Working Capital	€ 3.8m	€ 9.5m	+150%

**Credit Rating** 

Aera Group SAS has been rated by the French Central Bank ("Banque de France") at the highest score for its category (E) showing strong confidence and capacity to honor commitments on a three years maturity :

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#### **Management** Team



Fabrice LE SACHÉ Executive Chairman & Co-Founder Head of Origination & Sales



Aurélie LEPAGE CEO & Co-Founder Head of Administration & Internal Affairs



Nicolas HYACINTHE Deputy CEO Head of Development & Strategic Projects



Alexandre DUNOD COO & Co-Founder Head of Certification & Advisory



Haashim GOBURDHUN



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Sophie GAUCHÉ

## **Activities**

### **Carbon Credits Origination**

#### Aera's first and foremost activity is to originate high quality carbon credits in Africa.

Our team focuses on avoidance technologies as well as removal programs. We step in from the very beginning and support projects throughout the complete carbon certification cycle.

Our expertise covers carbon potential & eligibility assessments, carbon certification support services, long term fixed carbon revenue, upside sharing schemes, off-taking at risk with prefunding at seed stage.

Our technical team is composed of seasoned engineers that are proficient with all main carbon labels and standards (Verra VCS, CCB, SD VISTA, UNFCCC, Gold Standard, GCC, ISO, iREC..).

Aera has a unique track record in Africa aggregating several landmarks achievements among which the largest number of carbon projects registered, the largest number of successful carbon credits issuances and the pioneer carbon certification in 12 countries. Key Figures Total figures as at 31/12/2022

55 Carbon projects registered

96% Success rate of issuances

15.7 Mt  $CO_2$  emissions equivalent saved since 2015

#### **Carbon Credits Sales**

#### Aera is the largest primary seller of African carbon credits.

We focus on upstream transactions and offers a direct access to a wide range of offtake opportunities to international buyers.

On the buy side we work hands in hands with developers from the early stage of their projects. Our team helps identify and assess opportunities. We provide a continuous technical support all along the carbon certification way. We help to fund some initiatives with prepaid offtakes and design straight financial structures and flexible legal frameworks to ensure long term visibility and fairness for asset owners.

On the sell side we execute spot and forward transactions on OTC market or through clearing platforms. We work with 150+ counterparties among which some of the worlds' leading buyers from the oil & gas industry, the banking sector, the commodities market as well as investment firms, carbon aggregators, energy companies, industries, and corporates. Our geographic reach spans buying interest in North America, Europe, and Asia.

#### Key Figures Y2022

56 Sell contracts signed

€70m Total sales value



## **Portfolio**

#### **Portfolio** Dashboard

60 Carbon Projects 20 African Countries 46 Mt

Purchase Order Book (carbon credits)

100+

Carbon Credits Issuances Completed

### 1st

Carbon Activities Pioneered in 12 countries

### **Portfolio** Impacts



**56,000 tCO2 saved / year** Solar PV I Toujounine I Mauritania



800,000 tCO2 saved / year Cookstoves I Powa International I DRC



**2 MtCO2 saved / year** E-bikes I Mauto Africa I West Africa



**56,000 tCO2 saved / year** Small Hydro I Virunga Foundation I DRC



230,000 tCO2 saved / year Wind farm I Lekela I Senegal



90,000 tCO2 saved / year Water filter I SPOUTS I Uganda

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