

#### Sustainable. Flexible. Utility scale. Renewable energy.

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#### The "Nexus" and Climate Change





Changes in the intensity, frequency and seasonality of precipitation

Sea level rises and melting glaciers



Changes in groundwater and river flows



## **Global power & water demand is growing...**



Every drop of water that has to be pumped, moved, or treated to meet health and food needs requires energy. Inefficiency and waste in the use of water for industrial production increases energy demands and raises emissions.

Effective comanagement of water and energy, including the integration of water, food and energy programs, as well as support for and development of technology, can lead to significant returns on investment.

USAID Water And Development Strategy 2013 - 2018

#### Water needs electricity

of global power production is used 8% to make water available for human needs

#### **Electricity needs water**

15% of global water withdrawals

#### Food needs both

70% of global water 30% of global energy use



## Hydropower is one KEY leverage point to enable more sustainable, nexus-driven development...





The value of the critical ecosystem services lost due to conventional, large-scale hydro often outweighs the benefits associated with reliable, base-load electricity...



We need to change the way hydropower is developed to make more efficient use of a dwindling resource under high demand.



## Natel Energy is...

...an international **water+energy** innovation company based in California.

...driven by a vision of hydropower that is a climate resilient, distributed, baseload, renewable energy solution at both small and utility-scale.







## **Innovation:** the hydroEngine®

- Patented turbine designed around a linear powertrain
- Modular, standardized units
- Fish friendly design
- Designed for high performance (90% turbine efficiency) in low pressure, high flow settings
- Simplified civil works and installation

#### **Fully flooded**



Modular. Simple plant, Compact, Moderate mass-produced minimal excavation, high performance operating pressure less concrete 15% to 20% 30% to 50% 3 to 5 cents **Fish friendly** 

No cavitation

less expensive

turbine

Self-cleaning blades

lower installed cost

Works with draft tube to enable very low-head operation in sites with large tailwater fluctuations

per kWh

- High specific speed (large flow, high speed, low head)
- 90% hydraulic efficiency
- Jet deflector: instant depower with no change in flow rate; no water hammer and no overspeed risk
- Powertrain in air
- No draft tube

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operation

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Belt

Nozzle

Flow

Side View

Free Jet:

## **Projects with the hydroEngine**







# irrigation canals

### existing dams

#### natural waterways

(run-of-river)



#### **HydroNet - Grid Services from Irrigation Canals**









## **Completed Projects:**





#### **Natel Pipeline Detail**

#### **Global Project Portfolio**



## Natel's Business Model:

#### **OEM Sales**

Sell hydroelectric generation systems that combine patented hydroEngines® with monitoring and maintenance contracts to developers, utilities and irrigation districts.



HYDROELECTRIC SYSTEMS

#### **Project Development**

Develop and sell projects that deliver:

- 1) High value, hydro-led renewable energy;
- 2) Water (groundwater recharge, improved annual flows, household water access, etc.); and
- 3) Environmental and social co-benefits.



PROJECTS

#### **Regional APEC markets have high potential**





## **General and Policy Challenges:**

#### **Overall Challenges**

- 1) Generating developer & government interest in distributed hydropower development;
- Securing development and project financing for new technologies in new geographies;
- Addressing perceived technology risk => industry tends to be EXTREMELY risk averse to hardware innovation; and
- 4) Facilitating cross ministerial and departmental coordination siloed thought and actions.

#### **Policy Challenges:**

- 1) Absence of specific policies about leveraging existing water resource infrastructure to generate power;
- Fluid policy environments that often change w/ administrations (tariff structures, permitting processes, etc.);
- 3) Power off-take values that are based on the current grid cost of depreciated or subsidized mega-coal/hydro; and
- 4) Generally unclear regulatory and permitting pathways.

## Sustainable, renewable energy needs clear policies, clear permitting, and clear paths to accurately valued offtake.



### **Thank you!**

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