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# PROAQUI

Integrated agro-industrial aquaculture complex — from maize to frozen tilapia

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THE PROJECT

# PROAQUI at a glance

**45,090** t

Production / yr

**63.9** Bn

Integrated CAPEX

**109** Bn

Full-capacity revenue

**28.6** Bn

EBITDA · 26%

**+77.7** Bn

NPV @ 7.8%

**37.0** %

Equity IRR

**2,017**

direct jobs

**2034**

full capacity

From seed to fish: agriculture and feed mill at Dir; grow-out in cages and IQF freezing at source (Mbakaou, Nyong); distribution across the CEMAC region.

## THE OPPORTUNITY

# A structural protein deficit

- The CEMAC sub-region imports frozen fish on a massive scale: a costly dependence in foreign currency.
- Demand driven by demographics and urbanisation; capture fisheries stagnate.
- Tilapia, robust and affordable, is ideal for large-scale local production.
- PROAQUI replaces imports with a local, integrated and competitive offer.

## OUR RESPONSE

- Local production at industrial scale
- Integrated chain, costs under control
- Export quality (IQF · ASC/BAP)
- Substitution of CEMAC imports

# Why invest in PROAQUI

## Substitution market

1

Structural protein deficit; local offer vs CEMAC imports.

## Integrated margins

2

Chain control captures value at every link.

## De-risked project

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Integration, guarantee fund, DSRA, phasing, TACE Trading.

## Tax advantage

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Law 2013/004: 5-year corporate tax exemption, then 25% for 5 years.

## Solid returns

5

NPV +77.7 Bn · IRR 23.9% · Equity IRR 37.0% · DSCR 2.23x.

## Measurable impact

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2,017 jobs · 40% young people · 30% women · local content.

# Three complementary hubs

## DIR HUB

100 kt

Adamaoua

Agriculture (maize, soybean) on ~5,182 ha of arable land · Bühler feed mill 100 kt/yr · CEMAC distribution.

## LAKE MBAKAOU

87/100

Adamaoua

Floating cages · hatchery · IQF freezing at source.  
Priority.

## NYONG RIVER

67/100

Centre/East

Floating cages · hatchery · IQF freezing at source.  
Conditional.

The Djérem hub (outside the reservoir) has been definitively excluded — score 22/100.

# The closed integrated loop

**DIR agricultural hub**

maize · soybean

**Douala hub → Regions**

export · cold

**IQF freezing**

at source

**PROAQUI**

integrated complex

**Bühler feed mill**

100 kt · 452 FCFA/kg

**Hatcheries**

139 M fingerlings

**Mbakaou & Nyong cages**

grow-out 70/30

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*Return loop: cage effluents → fertilisation of the DIR agricultural hub*

# The 70/30 orchestrator model

## DIRECT PRODUCTION — 70%

cages operated by the SPV

**30%**  
SATELLITES

### Direct production

70%

- 292 cages operated directly by the SPV
- Full quality control: from fry to frozen
- Standardised processes & total traceability

### Aquaculture satellites

integrated

- 125 cages under sub-leasing (×1.20 installation)
- Feed & fingerlings supplied (internal transfer)
- Essential OPEX financed + technical support
- Transfer 1,500 FCFA/kg · pivot 2,000 · margin 500

### Agricultural satellites

autonomous

- GICs & cooperatives (maize, soybean)
- Seller-buyer relationship at market price
- No imposed pre-financing or inputs

The SPV orchestrates the value chain: controlled direct production + a satellite network multiplying volumes, without diluting quality.

# Agriculture & feed mill

- 5,380 ha concession granted by the State: 5,182 ha of arable land + 198 ha of facilities.
- Areas derived from feed formulation: maize (18 t/ha, irrigated, 2 cycles) and soybean (3 t/ha).
- Bühler feed mill 100 kt/yr (76 kt fish + 24 kt related), in-house feed at 452 FCFA/kg from Phase 2.
- Cage effluents valorised as organic fertilisation of the agricultural hub.

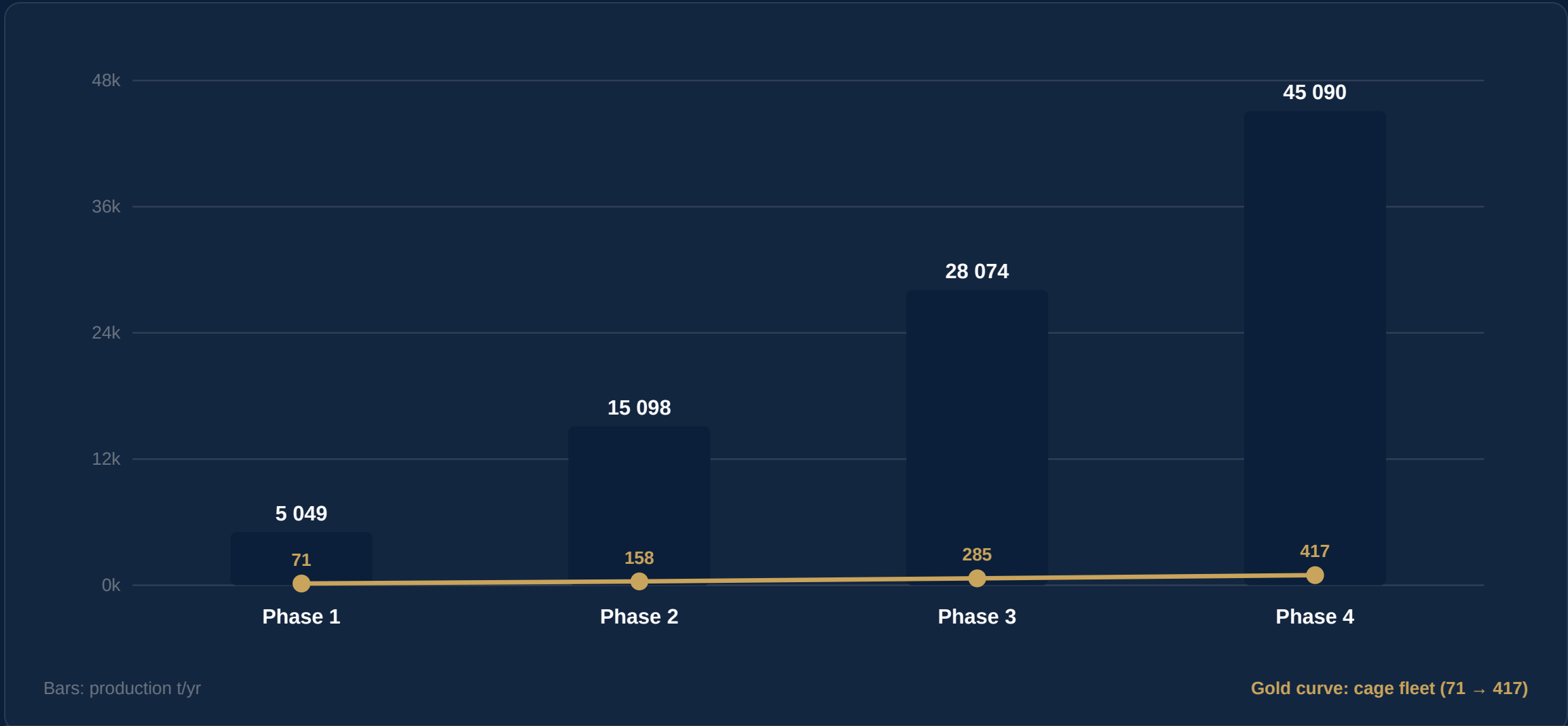
**100** kt/yr

Bühler mill capacity

**5,182** ha

arable land (of 5,380 ha)

# A controlled ramp-up



# Market & distribution

- Strong regional CEMAC demand; direct substitution for imports.
- Weighted selling price: 2,026 FCFA/kg, competitive against imported products.
- Multi-channel distribution: Douala export hub, domestic markets via Yaoundé then regions.
- Progressive securing of offtake, a key de-risking lever.

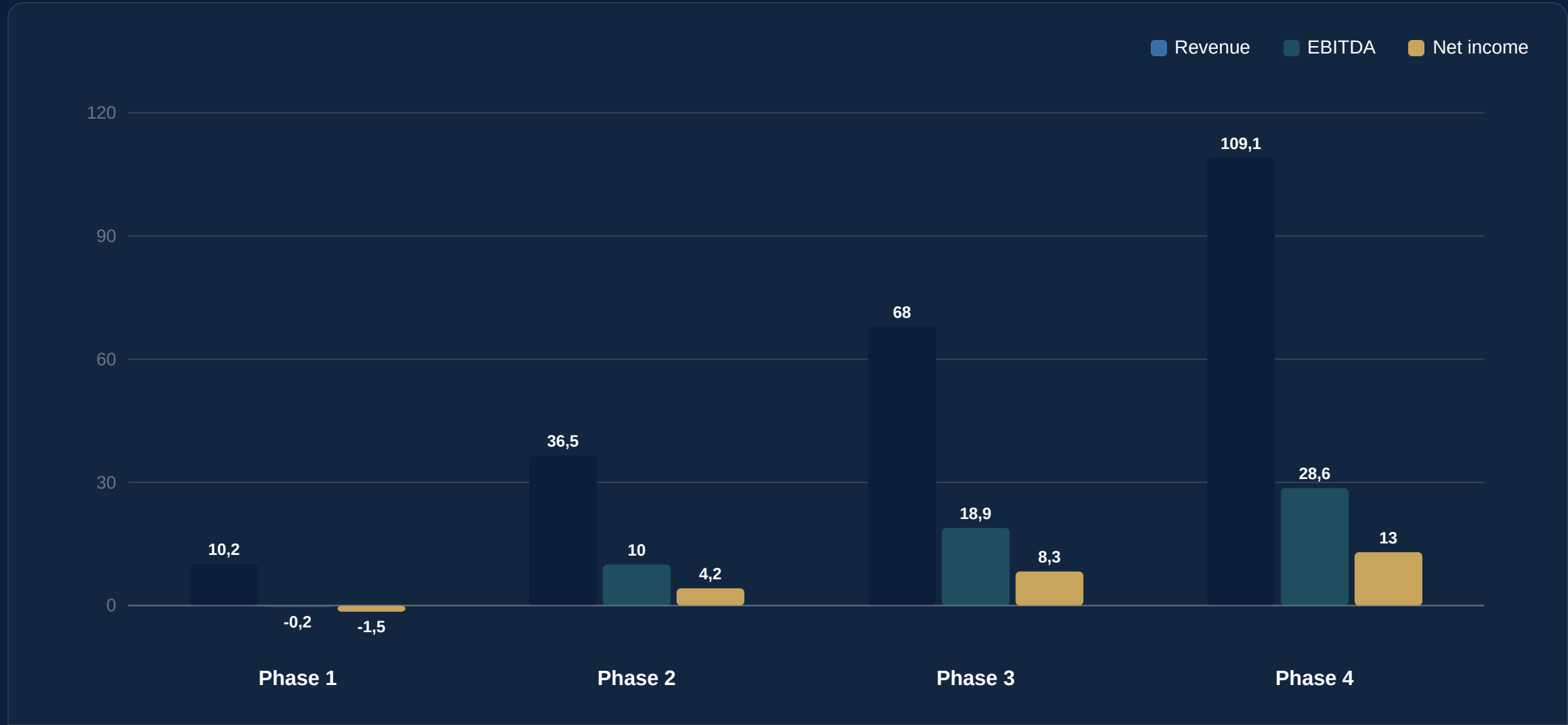
**2,026** FCFA/kg

weighted selling price

**46.7** %

cage margin (cost 1,079)

# Financial trajectory



# Profitability indicators

**+77.7** Bn FCFA

Project NPV · WACC 7.8%

**23.9** %

Project IRR (20 years)

**37.0** %

Equity IRR

**2.23x** / 4.15x

DSCR min / avg · floor 1.80

**3.51x**

LLCR — loan life

**2036**

payback period

# Species, husbandry & feed

**Tilapia** GIFT

improved strain

**1.3**

FCR — feed conversion

**40–45** kg/m<sup>3</sup>

density

**86** %

Phase 1 survival

- Target fleet 417 cages at full capacity (195 Mbakaou + 222 Nyong); 70/30 model.
- Imported feed ~1,000 FCFA/kg (delivered to cage) in pilot, then in-house 452 FCFA/kg from Phase 2.
- Two cycles/yr; continuous aeration (CAPEX 2.5 Bn) to secure yields.
- Weighted price 2,026 FCFA/kg · cage cost 1,079 FCFA/kg · margin 46.7%.

# Hatcheries & IQF freezing

## HATCHERIES (on-site)

- Capacity 139 M fingerlings/yr (Mbakaou 90 + Nyong 49)
- 126.5 M internal + 12.5 M surplus (sale)
- Cost 58 FCFA/fingerling ( $\approx$  163 FCFA/kg)
- Fingerling revenue  $\sim$ 1.65 Bn/yr in Phase 4

## POST-HARVEST PROCESS

- Whole fish out of water  $\rightarrow$  packaging
- Immediate IQF freezing at source
- Negative storage  $\rightarrow$  Douala hub (export)
- Yaoundé hubs then regions (cold chain)
- No cutting or processing

FINANCING

# Financing structure

USES

**63.9 Bn**

Integrated net CAPEX

**7.4**

ramp-up

SOURCES

**Senior DFI debt**

54.3 Bn — 76.2%

**Equity**

16.9 — 23.8%

**71.2 Bn**

TOTAL NEED

Phase 1: 17.3 Bn — ZEIDEAL equity ≥ 10%, BC-PME/PIISAAH, Banco do Brasil (PROEX). From Phase 2: Afreximbank (MLA).

# The Phase 1 requirement

## COMPOSITION OF THE PHASE 1 ENVELOPE

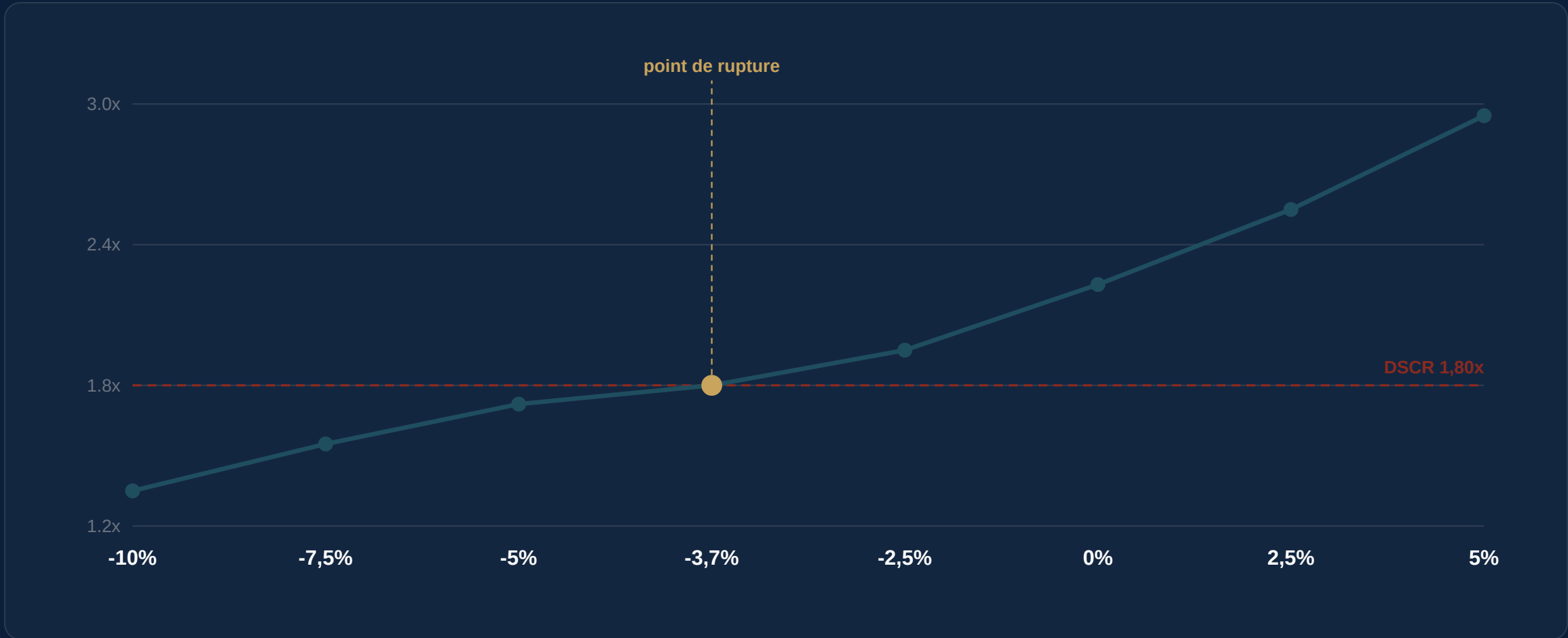
**CAPEX**  
9,917 M · 57%

**Ramp-up**  
7,361 M · 43%

**17.3 Bn**  
PHASE 1 NEED

Pilot start-up losses · initial working capital · debt service · DSRA reserve (6 months).

# Sensitivity to selling price



DSCR break-even point at -3.7% on price — vigilance and contracting of offtake.

# An institutional & financial ecosystem



# The State & TACE Trading, pillars of the project

## THE STATE OF CAMEROON

- Grant of the DIR concession (5,380 ha) — secured land tenure
- Incentive framework: law 2013/004 (5-year corporate tax exemption, then 25%)
- Supervisory ministries: MINEPAT, MINFI, MINEPIA, MINEE, MINEPDED, MINADER
- EDC agreement for the Mbakaou reservoir (to be negotiated)

## TACE TRADING — INTEGRATOR

- First-tier technical & financial partner
- Two contracts: feasibility study + complex set-up
- Project management for the first 5 years (C1/C2/C3 remuneration)
- Letter of credit confirmed by Afriland First Bank

# Value-creation timeline



# Jobs & local impact



**1,582** direct SPV employees

**435** outsourced jobs

**40%** young people

**30%** women

# ESG & international standards

## IFC standards

Performance Standards 1 to 8 — E&S risks.

## AfDB & Equator

AfDB safeguards · Equator Principles 4.

## Quality & safety

ISO 9001/14001/22000/45001 · HACCP · BRCGS.

## Sustainable aquaculture

ASC · BAP · MSC certifications targeted.

## Regulatory framework

Laws 96/12 · 98/005 · incentives 2013/004.

## Risk insurance

MIGA / ATIDI (political risk) from Phase 2.

# Structure & partners

- Dedicated vehicle: SPV ZEIAQUA-INDUSTRIE SA (OHADA SA) — isolates the project, structured governance.
- Management: Chairman BINGONO BINGONO Expédit · GM Marie Paul BALLA · CFO ETOA BINGONO Arthur · Project Manager NKODO Anicet.
- First-tier integrator: TACE Trading (5-year project management, Afriland letter of credit).
- Agent & domiciliary bank: Afriland First Bank (DSRA, working capital, cash) — outside the round.

# Phase 0 — already underway & self-financed

- Securing of the DIR concession (5,380 ha) and sectoral authorisations (GIFT broodstock, inputs).
- Soil, water, mapping, ESIA, geodetic characterisation studies; complete feasibility.
- Contributions in kind (contributions auditor); entirely financed by the sponsor.
- Partners: ICERD Cameroon, CSD Multi Services, Global Consulting and Services, OIDAC.

**2021 → 2026**

five years of preparatory work, entirely self-financed

# Project de-risking



## Vertical integration

Inputs and offtake secured; margin captured.



## Debt reserve

DSRA  $\geq$  6 months in escrow with the agent bank.



## Guarantee fund

Internal mechanism; liability controlled for the SPV.



## Prudent phasing

Step-by-step ramp-up; pilot before deployment.



## Integrator partner

TACE Trading leads the first 5 years.



## Price vigilance

DSRA break at  $-3.7\%$ ; offtake contracting.

# The funding round

## PHASE 1 — 17.3 Bn FCFA

- ZEIDEAL equity ( $\geq 10\%$ ) — SPV capital
- BC-PME via PIISAAH (concessional)
- Banco do Brasil — PROEX line (export)
- Afriland: agent bank (outside the round)

## FROM PHASE 2

- Afreximbank — sole Mandated Lead Arranger
- Multilateral DFIs: AfDB, BDEAC
- Bilaterals: Proparco, FENU; OECD ECA
- Sovereign funds; MIGA/ATIDI insurance

Target leverage 15% equity / 85% debt · total programme need 71.2 Bn FCFA.

## NEXT STEPS

# Open the investment dialogue

- Expression of interest to General Management
- Sharing of the data room (BP, Financial Model)
- Due diligence, structuring & documentation
- Financial close targeted for mid-June 2027

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