

Consulting Team

# TRADING 4.0

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## How McGill StLaurent reach a 18M EBITDA by 2020?

**Problem Statement** 

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#### Which business unit could drive the growth?

- Commodities that drive future growth
- Market predictability
- Disruptive technologies

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#### Using of disruptive technologies for Energy trading

- Predictability Tools
- Decision Trading Models

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|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
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|    | GSL  | 3-5%                               | Low                  | High<br>competition  | 2% EBIT<br>Bear market    |
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## How is your business performing



Growth profit (\$millions)

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## How is your business performing



New disruptive tools are needed to face this challenges

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How is the energy market

Traditional market where big players depend on very complex operation logistics You are a smaller company that has less complexity

Volatile market due to intensive fluctuations in price

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You are already present in the market, you have advantages and opportunities in the market.

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## What are the future trends of the energy market

#### Increase in demand for energy dependable technologies

• Electric and driverless carls

#### Growing demand of home automation

 Big software players are using big data collection to know personalized consumers needs

## SMART grids

• Companies are developing solutions to predict energy consumption

#### Al is changing the way that business is being made

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Investing in your energy sector would allow you to align with your personal needs and the market trends.

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## What are the future trends of the energy market

| S | <ul> <li>Innovative company</li> <li>Already present in the energy sector</li> <li>First steps into Ai solutions</li> </ul> |
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| W | <ul> <li>Not experienced in Ai technologies</li> </ul>  |
| O | <ul> <li>Growing in the energy dependent technologies</li> <li>New technologies growth (Ai, automation, etc)</li> </ul>     |
| T | <ul><li>High entry barrier of the energy market</li><li>Big players</li></ul>   |

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| Alternatives           |  |  |
|------------------------|--|--|
| CWP Energy             |  |  |
| Canadian Wood Products |  |  |
| Grain St Laurent       |  |  |

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| Alternatives           | Growth Future<br>Opportunities | Competitive Advantages | Total |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| CWP Energy             | +++                            | ++                     | 5     |
| Canadian Wood Products | ++                             | +                      | 3     |
| Grain St Laurent       | +                              | ++                     | 3     |

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| Alternatives   | Advantages   | Disadvantages   |
|--|--|---|
| Operate into other commodities (Lithium, Cobalt, Copper)<br>market trading | <ul> <li>Market opportunities with</li> <li>Electrical car</li> <li>High demand</li> </ul>       | <ul> <li>Know-how</li> <li>Low margin gains with<br/>low competitive<br/>advantage</li> </ul> |
| Bring disruptive technologies for trading (Al, Deep<br>Learning)           | <ul> <li>Competitive advantage on<br/>predictability of Energy<br/>Market and trading</li> </ul> | - Management risk   |
| Acquisition of other companies   | - Increasing of know-how   | - Cost of Investment  |

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| Bring disruptive technologies for trading (Al, Deep learning)              | 3                  | 5                | 3                   | 11    |
| Acquisition of other companies   | 4                  | 3                | 1                   | 8     |

- 1 Low
- 5 High

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Using of disruptive technologies to enhance trading decisions:

#### - Predictability of Production

Acquisition of proprietary SmartGrid software from INESCTec for wind, solar production with predictability of 96hr

- Predictability of Consumption

Partnership with Nest for data access to understand consumption profile of consumer

- Artificial Intelligence & Deep Learning

Usage of chatbot for decision auxiliary

Develop a software for collection of datasets for trading

Develop of traders decision model with faculty of applied mathematics

Partnership with university on the development of virtual traders

#### Financial Investment Assumptions to be made:

Investment on the acquisition of Software – 200k\$ Development of decision trading model – 50k\$ Virtual traders platform & Chatbot – 1.25M\$

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#### Activities

#### Usage of disruptive technology

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Revision Risk Management Policy

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| 2018 |    |    |    | 2019 |    |    |    | 2020 |    |    |    |
| Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
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| # | Risk                                    | Mitigation Action  |
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| 1 | Risk Management                         | Train Al model with previous<br>market databases                     |
| 2 | Development of virtual traders platform | Continue of improving<br>decision trading model with<br>new datasets |

#### Profitability



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