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Greetings,

We are pleased to share Arcline's 2023 Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) report. At Arcline we seek to invest in companies that are meaningful to the world and enable a better future. We identify companies whose products and services positively impact society, and encourage them to commit to workforce diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our portfolio is generally comprised of businesses whose closest S&P global benchmarks for carbon intensity are software and machinery manufacturers. We will continue to seek to improve our carbon intensity through targeted initiatives.

We believe ESG can fuel returns when proactively fostered and can be detrimental to returns when ignored. In 2023, we updated our Responsible Investment (RI) policy to further align with the Principles for Responsible Investing (PRI). We incorporated ESG screening into our investment screening and diligence process. We continued to collect ESG performance metrics across our portfolio companies. Our team understands that monitoring ESG performance of the companies in which we invest can contribute to the success of our investment thesis.

Very truly yours,

Rajeev Amara, CEO

"We seek to invest in companies that are meaningful to the world and enable a better future."





In 2015 the United Nations officially adopted a set of 17 goals, referred to as the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs). The SDGs provide a global framework for the peaceful, economic development of a sustainable future.

We work to identify how each of our companies' unique value propositions can align with the SDGs. Some of these activities are outlined here.

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CURAPATH	Technology enabling delivery of novel lifesaving therapies
ITEGRATED OLYMER DLUTIONS	Components enabling insulin pumps in 200,000+ type 1 diabetics
mmt	Precision machinery making minimally invasive surgical instruments
	Developing minimally invasive devices in complex therapeutic areas
	Enabling systems on commuter aircraft, which are up to 40% more efficient than jet aircrafts under 400 miles
	Equipment reducing millions of tons of CO2 from transportation of natural gas
VOLTYX	Critical services to 1,000MWs of wind/solar generation in the U.S.
	Equipment enabling thousands of clean hydrogen fueling stations
Water-Guard	Powers turboprop aircrafts which are more fuel efficient per passenger than regional jet aircrafts
RBANKS MORSE	Solutions that support national security, peace, and democracy
	Critical components supporting the modernization of our national security
Innect	High-reliability microelectronic technology solutions
OREDUX°	Critical components enabling advancements in next-generation aerospace and semiconductor technology
AMERICAN ELEVATOR GROUP	Critical safety and other services to 32k+ elevators
HYPERION	Solutions modernizing the safety of thousands of elevators
	Protecting the public via emergency monitoring and response in 80,000+ elevators
Dwyer	Components used in systems targeting net zero emissions in connected buildings



Equipment that eliminates billions of single-use plastic bottles

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Engineered parts reducing food waste

Key Portfolio Company ESG Metrics

We are pleased to present our 2023 metrics that apply to each of our controlled portfolio companies (each, a "portfolio company"). In 2022, we broadened the collection of key ESG performance metrics to include Scope 1 and 2 emissions. In 2023, we continued to collect key ESG performance metrics across all portfolio companies. Arcline partners with a third party ESG advisory consultancy to provide training at each portfolio company, individual portfolio company guidance, and data collection assistance.



¹ Carbon Intensity represents tons of CO₂e emissions per million dollars of portfolio company revenue generated, aligned to Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) reporting. We collected monthly data from 443 emitter sources (e.g., utility bills, fuel records, etc.) across 268 active sites (e.g., factories, offices, warehouses). 2022 carbon intensity figure: 29 ² Company footprint refers to emissions-related initiatives that impact portfolio companies directly

^a For the purposes of this report, diversity includes females, non-white males, and LGBTQ+

⁴ Figures exclude international entities that do not track diversity as defined above

⁵ The Entromy® survey is completed annually by portfolio company respondents and measures employee engagement, culture, and overall company health. Two portfolio companies did not participate in the survey due to restructuring efforts

^e O is ideal, 3.0 is average TRIR for all industries in 2022. Source : <u>https://www.bls.gov/iif/nonfatal-injuries-</u> <u>and-illnesses-tables/table-1-injury-and-illness-</u> <u>rates-by-industry-2022-national.htm</u> Arcline's portfolio of high margin, light manufacturing businesses has a carbon intensity of 26 tons of CO₂e emissions per million dollars of revenue generated.

Our closest S&P global benchmark sectors for carbon intensity are software businesses, machinery, and equipment manufacturers. At the firm level, Arcline has carbon intensity of 0.03 tons of CO₂e emissions per million dollars of portfolio company revenue generated.







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2023 Initiative Highlights

All estimated values are annualized impact as of 9/30/2023

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	ENERGY & CLIMATE
	810 metric tons CO2e reduced by planting trees
	© CURAPATH 283 MWh reduced by installation of solar panels
9 LED lighting projects totaling 157 MWh A MERICAN C mmt Dwyer C HYPERION Qnnect	VOLTYX [™] 33 metric tons CO2e reduced by upgrading fleet vehicles COOPER SERVICES 33 metric tons CO2e reduced by upgrading fleet vehicles
	39 metric tons of CO2e reduced by consolidating factories
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Kings III: Lives Impacted IPS: Cross-business Energy Efficiency Initiatives MMT: Employee Investments Voltyx: Voltyx Academy Cooper: Emissions Reduction Qnnect: All Employee Equity



VOLTYX





COOPER MACHINERY SERVICES

Qnnect





Kings III Lives Impacted

Kings III helps save lives. Kings III is an emergency monitoring service provider for elevators and pools throughout the US. The 62 Kings III employees in the Emergency Dispatch Center routinely help save lives by fielding and triaging emergency calls and dispatching emergency services. Kings III monitors approximately **105,000 emergency phones** with a 24/7 call center in Dallas, Texas. The operators in the emergency dispatch center field up to **195,000 emergency calls per month**. Of those, typically **2% of calls are verified emergencies** such as elevator entrapments or potential pool drownings. Kings III dispatches elevator service companies, fire departments, EMS, or police services to save lives on approximately **2,900 of those calls every month**.

Kings III impacted a life-threatening situation when an individual called Kings III's Emergency Dispatch Center from an elevator phone in Texas. She advised that she had not taken her heart medicine and was suffering a heart attack before going silent on the line. Kings III immediately dispatched fire and EMS to assist the caller.





IPS Cross-business Energy Efficiency Initiatives

Integrated Polymer Solutions (IPS) is comprised of several distinct operating companies who have taken a 'sum of the parts' approach and focused on continuous improvement projects and alternative materials to **reduce their waste footprint**. While no individual initiative is large, the impact quickly adds up. Various divisions accomplished the following improvements:

- Approximately 10,000 pounds of plastic saved from entering a landfill by changing approach to heating molds
- Potentially 3,000 pounds per year of material scrap eliminated from landfill through 6-month continuous improvement period that reduced internal rejects from >12% to <3%
- 45,000 gallons per year reduction in water usage in tanks by doubling production batch size to manufacture electrically conductive and reflective metalized fabrics
- 62,000 pounds of recyclable material rerouted to a silicone recycler instead of the landfill
- **5,000** pounds of landfill waste per year replaced by switching to recyclable containers





MMT Employee Investment

MMT invests in its people. The company has set up a variety of programs focused on providing its employees with opportunities to continue their development. In 2021, MMT launched its tuition reimbursement program, reimbursing any full-time employee up to **\$75,000 for a continued education program** of their choice. In 2022, MMT launched its scholarship program, providing opportunities for family members of full-time employees to apply for and receive a scholarship up to **\$15,000 for continued education**. Three such family members have been granted a scholarship this year, with two being first generation college students. MMT has also developed a leadership boot camp providing programmatic learning on how to lead effectively and drive positive cultural momentum to a community of hand selected high potential leaders.











Voltyx Academy

Voltyx prides itself on its commitment to employees, customers, and focus on safety. In April, Voltyx Academy officially opened in Nashville, TN. This **state-of-the-art 15,076 square foot facility** is a comprehensive training center for all of Voltyx's businesses and employees. Voltyx has created new progressive and innovative curriculum tailored for virtually all career paths and levels of expertise. In addition to classroom style training, Voltyx has also developed **augmented reality and virtual reality experiences** to provide immersive learning, sourced large equipment accessible for **hands-on-training simulations** and skill drills, and virtual and microlearning experiences, among other blended methodologies. Voltyx expects to continue to build and evolve the curriculum and prioritizes technical expertise and safety as a core value of the organization.

IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF OPENING THE ACADEMY

215 Technicians Trained at Voltyx Academy

3,7448 Digital Course Completions Through Rockstar, Voltyx Academy's Learning Management System

5,484

90% Retention Rate For Employees Who Attended NASS Field Tech Courses 324 Total Employees Trained at Voltyx Academy

91%

Retention Rate for Employees Who Attended EPS Relay Courses

100% Retention Rate For Employees Who Attended EPS Field Tech Courses

1,152 Hours of Leadership Training Equating to 72 Operations Management Leaders Completing Voltyx's Leadership Development Program



Cooper Emissions Reduction

Emissions reduction solutions are a critical feature of Cooper's strategy to keep customer's equipment running long into the future. In March 2023, the EPA finalized actions to implement the Clean Air Act's "Good Neighbor" air quality standards. These rules will require NOx emissions reduction retrofits on an estimated **1,400 existing reciprocating internal combustion engines** involved in natural gas pipeline transportation over the next decade. These solutions are a combination of several engineered upgrades including control systems, turbochargers, fuel valves, precombustion chambers, intercoolers, and power cylinder heads. Cooper is investing across research and development, component inventory, workforce training, new field staff, and design process improvements to ensure that they are positioned to **help customers achieve compliance**.





Qnnect All Employee Equity

Qnnect rolled out an all-employee ownership program in 2023, granting each employee a share in Qnnect's potential value creation throughout the current investment cycle. March 23rd marked Qnnect's inaugural shareholder day with a company-wide communication led by the CEO and an award process where each employee was presented with a hard-pressed certificate and booklet documenting the occasion and providing additional information on how share value is calculated. **1,431 employees received growth participation units** representing a share of the profit at target exit outcomes, with a target average award of **\$50,000**. Since deployment, Qnnect holds monthly shareholder calls to provide financial updates and progress. Additionally, these calls feature employees of the month who **drive business impact** and education on company-wide initiatives and focus areas that drive the **value of all employee shares**.



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ESG at Arcline

In 2023, Arcline enhanced its Responsible Investment (RI) policy. The RI policy governs the ESG practices of our firm, including the evaluation of ESG topics during the diligence and ownership phases of investments. Arcline's DE&I policy governs our commitments to fostering DE&I within our leadership team, employees, advisors, and portfolio companies. It is our goal to continually improve our management of the ESG practices of our firm and our portfolio companies.

In 2022, Arcline successfully established its initial baseline for scope 1 and 2 emissions at the firm level.⁷ This past year, we continued to monitor and track these scope 1 and 2 emissions.

ESG in Investments

Arcline is committed to investing in companies offering solutions that are relevant to the future needs of our society, including in sustainability, climate change, health and safety, and lifesaving technologies. We recognize the criticality of enhancing the ESG practices of companies in which we invest and seek to support our portfolio companies in advancing their ESG programs. During 2023, we have taken significant steps to help our portfolio companies monitor and track their Scope 1 & 2 emissions and deliver operational initiatives to improve overall sustainability.

To perform carbon intensity analysis, we identified scope 1 & 2 emissions sources at each portfolio company and collected twelve months of emissions data from October 2022 to September 2023. We constructed the benchmarks by leveraging public-facing information from companies selected for inclusion within the S&P Global 2023 Sustainability Yearbook. Using this data, we created a series of industry carbon intensity benchmarks for scope 1 and scope 2 data across several sectors. These benchmarks were prepared using publicly available emissions and revenue data averaged for the years 2020-2022. This benchmarking exercise allows us to understand the carbon intensity of portfolio-wide scope 1 and scope 2 emissions against the performance of recognized sustainability leaders.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Arcline believes that people are the most important part of what makes every business successful. We are committed to workforce diversity, equity in compensation, and an inclusive culture. We strive to hire and retain diverse talent, both within our firm and within our portfolio companies. Our talent team tracks the diversity in our candidate slates and placements in executive search processes to hold ourselves and our search partners accountable to prioritizing DE&I. We require employees involved in hiring to complete DE&I related trainings annually and encourage feedback via an annual Employee Engagement Survey. We promote a culture that respects and celebrates diversity and equal opportunity for all.

⁷ Firm-level scope 1 & 2 emissions baseline includes SF, TN, and NY office electricity and heating consumption for last twelve months ending September 2023. Baseline is aligned with GHG protocol corporate accounting and reporting standard.





of Arcline team members are women



54%















of Arcline team are from underrepresented groups[‡]

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most recent promotions are **women**





















employee retention rate

⁺ For the purposes of this report, the term "underrepresented groups" refers to women, non-white males, and LGBTQ+.



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Corporate Citizenship

Arcline engages with companies and investors to provide employees with the opportunity to build wealth at work through shared ownership. We are continuing to collaborate with four of our portfolio companies who have implemented shared ownership through efforts that include:

- Structuring & implementing broad-based ownership programs
- Developing a culture of ownership: employee engagement & voice
- · Creating a financially inclusive & resilient workforce
- Sharing data, best practices, and insight

Shared ownership benefits employees, companies, shareholders, and society. Arcline remains dedicated to supporting companies in their transition to employee ownership through our ongoing commitment to this cause.



OUR APPROACH

Investment Thesis

Arcline seeks to invest in businesses that are meaningful to the world, which includes delivering products and services that enable a more sustainable future.

In 2023, Arcline continued to evaluate material ESG topics during diligence as part of its investment screening process for new platform investments and incorporate those findings into our investment review.

Screening

Arcline screens investment opportunities for ESG considerations as part of our evaluation lifecycle.

This year, Arcline implemented an exclusions policy, allowing our teams to pass on high-risk companies before beginning detailed reviews, and a human rights statement acknowledging that human rights risks can exist in business operations and supply chains and our team respects internationally recognized human rights standards, as applicable. Our teams are empowered to pass on opportunities which are not aligned with our commitment to ESG.

Arcline screens out certain business models and end markets that are not aligned with our ESG commitments. In 2023, Arcline passed on 5 deals at this review stage.

Diligence

Arcline endeavors to identify any material ESG considerations during the due diligence review of each new platform investment using our ESG Screening Checklist.

For each such target, Arcline completes our ESG Screening Checklist, which includes the pre-screening process, a predefined list of ESG topics relevant across all investments, and potentially material topics identified by the company's industry as aligned with the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) materiality topics. Potential ESG risks and opportunities are identified for that potential investment and included in the Investment Review. Arcline then leads a due diligence review that includes end market and business model screening, management team reviews, operating site inspections, and often reviews by third party service providers including environmental liability assessments. Arcline summarizes these findings in an ESG risks and opportunities page with proposed mitigations included in each such target's investment review. ESG factors identified as material and deemed "high risk" are flagged and passed along to the investment team before beginning more detailed reviews.

Ownership

Arcline engages in the active ownership of its portfolio companies.

Where material issues are identified during the diligence process, Arcline will seek to include the management of these issues in a post-investment 90-day onboarding plan, or otherwise monitor ongoing progress on these material issues, as applicable. If not previously in place, ESG leadership is established for all portfolio companies as part of the onboarding process.

Arcline works collaboratively with senior management of its Portfolio Companies to oversee ESG activities and to build prioritized ESG workplans. A model ESG workplan includes identifying relevant ESG metrics to track, collecting data on these metrics, and developing initiatives to improve performance.

Each portfolio company's ESG performance is tracked through an annual metrics collection process. Topics addressed for all such portfolio companies as part of the annual review include scope 1 & 2 emissions, energy efficiency initiatives, waste reduction initiatives, employee diversity, employee engagement, safety, governance, and cybersecurity practices. In addition, specific metrics for certain such portfolio companies based on the company's unique value proposition may also be tracked.



