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# GTI energy. SUSTAINABILITY REPORT



GTI is proud to continue its mission to provide Clean Fuel for a Clean Energy Future.

Over 90% of global GDP is now covered by net-zero targets<sup>1</sup>. A successful energy transition relies on increased energy generation from renewable or low emissions sources, including nuclear which currently accounts for around 10% of global electricity generation<sup>2</sup>. The International Energy Agency (**IEA**) has stated that more efforts are needed to get nuclear power on track with the Net Zero Emissions by 2050 Scenario.



Net Zero Tracker

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> IEA: Nuclear Power

Increased climate response continues to drive sustained demand for nuclear power, yet global uranium supply has been declining. GTI is committed to contributing to global decarbonisation efforts through the definition and development of economically viable uranium resources. GTI's Wyoming-based uranium exploration assets offer potential access to responsibly produced uranium via In situ Recovery (ISR), the lowest impact form of uranium mining.

#### **GTI's Reporting Framework**

This is GTI's third annual Sustainability disclosure and has been developed with reference to the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards and incorporating the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).





Used by more than 10,000 organisations in over 100 countries, the GRI Standards advance sustainability reporting by enabling organisations and their stakeholders to take action that supports the development of economic, environmental, and social benefits. As confirmed by research conducted by KPMG in 2022<sup>3</sup>, the GRI Standards remain the most widely used sustainability reporting standards globally.

The 17 SDGs are an urgent call for global action to work towards the shared goal of peace and prosperity for all people and planet, now and into the future. GTI supports the shift to a more sustainable mining sector and the global energy transition. The Company has identified five SDGs that most align with its operational focus and areas of impact (**Table 8**).



Table 8: GTI's contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Sustainable Development Goal	Sustainable Development Goal Specific Target	GTI's Alignment and Contribution
SDG 7 – Affordable	Target 7.2	GTI is well positioned to support the
and Clean Energy	By 2030, increase substantially	clean energy transition by providing
	the share of renewable energy	uranium that is responsibly produced
	in the global energy mix	through ISR mining, the lowest
		environmental impact method for
		mining uranium.
SDG 8 - Decent Work	Target 8.2	As GTI continues to progress through
and Economic Growth	Achieve higher levels of	exploration and potential future
	economic productivity through	development, the Company is proud to
	diversification, technological	contribute to employment and
	upgrading, and innovation,	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> KPMG: Big shifts, small steps. Survey of Sustainability Reporting 2022.

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	including through a focus on	economic growth in the countries where
	high value added and labour-	it operates.
	intensive sectors	·
SDG 13 – Climate	Target 13.2	Since CY21, GTI has been certified Carbon
Action	Integrate climate change	Neutral through the Australia
	measures into national policies,	Government's Climate Active Program,
	strategies and planning	and as at the date of publication is one
		of five ASX-listed mining companies to
		have achieved Climate Active
		certification. This involves measuring
		total greenhouse gas emissions each
		year, reducing them and offsetting any
		that can not be reduced or avoided.
SDG 15 – Life on Land	Target 15.5	GTI minimises its impact on flora and
	Take urgent and significant	fauna and repairs and restores the
	action to reduce the	ecosystems on which it operates
	degradation of natural	through going above the minimum
	habitats, halt the loss of	standard required.
	biodiversity and, by 2020,	
	protect and prevent the	
	extinction of threatened	
	species	
SDG 16 - Peace,	Target 16.6	GTI operates with good governance and
Justice, and Strong	Develop effective, accountable,	endeavours to demonstrate its core
Institutions	and transparent institutions at	values of acting fairly and ethically and
	all levels.	being honest and transparent in our
		dealings at all times.

#### **GTI's Values**

GTI's vision is to become Wyoming's next ISR uranium developer and to supply uranium for enrichment through nuclear fuel. GTI has published its <u>Statement of Values</u> which outlines its values and fundamental principles that the Company is committed to adhering to.

The core values of the Company are:

- · To act fairly and ethically,
- · To comply with the law at all times and act accordingly,
- To respect others, both inside and outside of our workplace,
- To promote diversity, and
- To be honest and transparent in our dealings.

GTI's Board and senior executives are responsible for upholding these values and ensuring that they are embedded in the culture and day-to-day operations of the Company.

#### **Material Topics**

In late 2022, GTI conducted a materiality assessment to define sustainability topics that are material to the sustainable execution of its business strategy and central to value creation for the Company and its stakeholders. As part of the materiality assessment process, GTI's executive team reviewed and approved the six material topics, which are detailed in the following sections.

The Company is committed to adhering to best-practice and reviewing its material topics periodically to ensure that it's sustainability focus areas are current and relevant to the business as it evolves.

#### **Governing Purpose**

Clean Fuel for a Clean Energy Future

GTI is primarily focused on defining and developing economically viable ISR amenable uranium resources, delivering value for stakeholders, and playing a role in the global energy transition.

To support its governing purpose of providing *Clean Fuel for a Clean Energy Future*, GTI is focussed on assets that are amenable to the ISR mining method. ISR mining was first introduced in the United States in 1959 and has been widely used since due to its low environmental and social impact and low cost.

Out of the three established uranium mining methods, ISR is the mining method with the least amount of disturbance to existing natural conditions<sup>4</sup>. In contrast to underground and open pit mining, ISR mining of sandstone hosted uranium also reduces the quantity of mining and hydrometallurgical effluents that require management<sup>5</sup>. In 2022, ISR uranium mining accounted for over 55% of global uranium production.

#### **Climate Change**

GTI Energy is proud to be supporting the global energy transition as we move towards uranium production and believes in 'walking the talk' when it comes to corporate climate action. The Company made a commitment in 2021 to commence measurement and management of GTI's Greenhouse Gas emissions (GHG). Since then, GTI has retained its commitment to credible climate action.

As of the date of publication of this Report, there are five ASX-listed resources companies (up from three (3) in CY22's report) that are Climate Active certified. This reflects increasing action by mining companies on climate and positions GTI as a leader in the industry.

In CY23, GTI was successful in its application for the Company's CY21 Climate Active certification (**Figure 13**). The Climate Active Carbon Neutral Certification for Organisations is awarded to organisations that have credibly reached a state of carbon neutrality. The Climate Active certification is an annual process that requires organisations to measure their emissions, detail

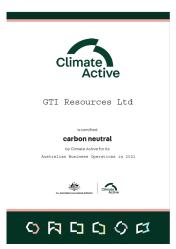
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> <u>Uranium mining overview</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>Seredkin, Zabolotsky and Jeffress, 2016. In situ recovery, an alternative to conventional methods of mining: Exploration, resource estimation, environmental issues, project evaluation and economics.</u>

emission reduction actions and plans, and offset any remaining emissions to maintain its carbon neutral certification. GTI's CY21 Climate Active Public Disclosure Statement can be accessed <u>here</u>.

Figure 13: GTI's Climate Active Certification for CY21.



This year, GTI is proud to share that the Company has finalised and submitted its Climate Active application for CY22 certification. Through the Climate Active process, GTI has offset 1,108 tCO<sub>2</sub>-e to become a carbon neutral organisation.

All Australian and US corporate and operational activities across Scope 1,2, and 3 were included (**Table 2**). There was a significant increase in Scope 3 emissions due to a number of reasons. Drilling programs were disrupted in CY21 due to adverse weather and COVID-19, and GTI executed additional drilling programs in CY22 to ensure project progression. The second reason being increased international travel to site and conferences after the reopening of international borders post-COVID.

Table 9: GTI's emission profile over CY21 and CY22.

GHG Scope Category	CY21 Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	CY22 Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)
Scope 1	69.69	61.84
Scope 2	14.37	4.76
Scope 3	585.32	1,040.50
Total	669.64	1,107.11

For its CY22 Climate Active certification, GTI has elected to retire all 1,108 tCO<sub>2</sub>-e through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)'s Certified Emission Reductions (CERs). The CER projects are implemented in developing countries around the world with the aim of increasing investment in climate change mitigation projects in developing countries and improvement in livelihood of communities through the creation of employment or increased economic activity.

With an annual generation of 24.8MW of clean energy, the Ganluo Camp Hydropower Project addresses energy poverty and promotes a transition to cleaner energy sources in the Aga Town in Ganluo County, where local communities previously relied on burning firewood for energy. This project also contributes to local infrastructure development, particularly in the improvement of transport, enhancing overall community well-being.

Figure 14: GTI's proof of retirement of 1,108 CERs for its CY22 Climate Active certification.



To better manage emissions associated with GTI's Scope 3 emissions, the Company has developed and implemented a Sustainability Policy that incorporates sustainable procurement guidelines with the aim of reducing GTI's Scope 3 emissions across its value chain. The Company has shared this Policy with suppliers and contractors to communicate GTI's expectations on sustainability. The new appointment of President, US Operations in CY23 will better support GTI's engagement efforts in sustainable procurement.

As an ASX-listed company, GTI will be expected to measure, manage, and disclose against the incoming Australian Sustainability Reporting Standards (ASRS). At this point in time, GTI is not mandated to report against the ASRS, therefore the Company has decided to take a phased approach to ensure its readiness to report when the time comes.

In 2023, GTI conducted a climate risk and opportunity review and has classified risks according to the different types of risks and opportunities as outlined by the Taskforce for Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) (**Table 10**). The Company will conduct this review on an annual basis to ensure that these risks and opportunities are updated and that GTI can take appropriate action to mitigate or capitalise on it.

Table 10: GTI's climate-related risks and opportunities.

Risk or Opportunity	Climate Risk Category	Description	Potential/ Actual Impact	Risk/ Opportunity Rating
Risk	Physical Risk – Acute	Extreme weather events, such as unprecedented snowstorms that are not ideal for drilling.	Actual	Medium
	Transitional Risk - Market	Inability to meet uranium demand for when bifurcation of the uranium market occurs.	Potential	High

	Transitional Risk - Reputation	Inability to maintain Climate Active certification	Potential	Low
	Transitional Risk - Technology	Identification of deposit areas that are not amenable to ISR mining method.	Potential	Medium
Opportunity	Products/ Services	Increasing number of nuclear reactors being built globally to support the energy transition, resulting in increased demand for uranium.	Potential	High

#### Nature Loss – Land Use and Ecological Sensitivity

One of GTI Energy's Core Values is to comply with the law at all times and act accordingly. The Company respects the land that it works on and endeavours to minimise environmental impact on lands on which GTI operates in. GTI is committed to operating responsibly and in accordance with local regulations.

Prior to a drill program, the Wyoming State Government issues a permit and collects a bond, which is refundable post successful rehabilitation. GTI recently completed a drill program in the Great Divide Basin and as part of drill program completion, the Company was required to conduct rehabilitation on sites where land was disturbed. During 2023 the Wyoming State Government approved rehabilitation works performed by GTI in the Great Divide Basin and approved the refund of a majority of the bond. A portion of the bond is withheld with the Wyoming State Government for another year to ensure seeds have regenerated. GTI also has agreements with landholders in the Powder River Basin where the Company is required to rehabilitate the land if there was any environmental disturbance caused (e.g., tree knocked over, fuel spill, etc). While rehabilitation is always part of any state approved drilling program, GTI is committed to ensuring a higher level of surveillance and reporting on rehabilitation progress to ensure adequate propagation of seeds.

The environmental surveys conducted in CY22 identified Greater sage-grouse (Sage-Grouse) (Photo I), a species listed on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Sensitive Species List. The BLM stipulates strict regulations on working on areas that are occupied by Sage-Grouse leks (nests). In CY23, GTI purchased Sage-Grouse credits from the Pathfinder Ranch in Wyoming and proceeds from these credits goes towards preserving the Sage-Grouse.



Photo 1: Greater-Sage Grouse (Credit: On The Wing Photography)

Our CY24 Environmental Commitments:

- Ensure GTI's readiness to report in accordance with the Australian Sustainability Reporting Standards.
- Maintain Climate Active certification.
- Ensure zero environmental compliance breaches.
- Report and disclose coverage and status of rehabilitated sites.

#### **Health and Wellbeing**

GTI is committed to providing and maintaining a healthy workplace for all employees and contractors. While GTI's operational activities are predominately performed by third-party contractors in Wyoming, the Company is committed to supporting these contractors to operate in a safe manner that protects the health and wellbeing of their people.

GTI has successfully conducted four (4) drilling seasons with zero (0) work-related injuries and the Company endeavours to maintain this level of safety on-site. In CY23, GTI engaged with its largest on-site US-based contractor, BRS Engineering by communicating the Company's Contractor Engagement Policy. In the coming years, GTI intends to review the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Policy of its contractors to ensure that they are also committed to providing a safe workplace for their employees.

In CY23, GTI completed more drilling programs (as compared to CY22) and is proud to have zero (0) work-related injuries.

### Ethical Behaviour – Protected Ethics Advice and Reporting Mechanisms

The Company's strong alignment with its core values of *acting fairly and ethically* and *being honest and transparent in our dealings* when managing its operations is what GTI prides itself on. Being listed on two stock exchanges (ASX:GTR and OTC Markets:GTRIF), and corporate and mining operations in Australia and the US, respectively, GTI is governed by strict regulations and legislation which reduces exposure to corruption and bribery risks.

The Company has a suite of policies and procedures that guide the behaviours of all employees and contractors. Specifically, GTI's Code of Conduct stipulates the Company's expectations of its employees and contractors to uphold high levels of ethical behaviours at all times. The Company's Whistleblower Policy provides a safe and anonymous avenue for any individuals to report any

issues related to ethics, compliance, and integrity and will be treated with the highest levels of confidentiality.

GTI is proud to share that the Company recorded zero (0) breaches of policies, procedures, and regulations in CY23.

Our CY24 Social Commitments:

- Understand GTI's sub-contractors' methods to prevent anti-corruption and bribery.
- Incorporate climate-related risks and opportunities into enterprise risk register.

#### **Employment and Wealth Generation – Economic Contribution**

As GTI continues to advance in its projects, it is proud to contribute to its stakeholders' economic prosperity in Australia and US.

GTI's most direct and consistent economic contributions are through wages paid to employees, and third-party contractors, which ultimately drive financial circularity in areas where they live. To ensure business continuity, GTI is required to pay taxes and rent (for drilling programs) to Australian and US State and Federal Governments. This financially supports local and national governments in their endeavours to improve social support and infrastructure.

The Company also supports economic growth of the region it works in through the procurement of goods and services from local suppliers and contractors. There are benefits to utilising local contractors; local drilling contractors have better knowledge of the land and tailored expertise which will better assist GTI in achieving its drilling program objectives. The other benefit is the proximity of contractors to drilling programs; as these contractors and suppliers will be local to the area, they will be significantly closer to GTI's operations, resulting in fuel cost savings and reduced emission, which ultimately supporting the sustainable growth and success of the Company.

Across Australia and US, the corporate and operational team is lean, consisting of 3 full time employees as GTI energy is focused on directing its resources to advancing exploration. As GTI's uranium exploration program continues to expand, the Company expects the number of employees to grow.

#### **GRI Content Index**

Statement of Use	GTI Energy has reported the information cited in this Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) content index for the period (CY23) with reference to the GRI Standards and the Company's approach to the management of its most material topics.
GRI 1	GRI 1: Foundation 2021

GRI Standard	Disclosure	Location
GRI 2: General	2-1 Organizational Details	GTI Annual Report 2023:
Disclosures		Review of Operations
	2-2 Entities included in the organization's	GTI Annual Report 2023:
	sustainability reporting	Review of Operations

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	2-3 Reporting period, frequency and	GTI Annual Report 2023:
	contact point	Corporate Directory and
		Directors' Report
	2- 6 Activities, value chain and other	GTI Annual Report 2023:
	business relationships	Review of Operations
	2-7 Employees	GTI Annual Report 2023:
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		(Employment and Wealth
		<u>Generation</u> )
	2-9 Governance structure and	GTI Annual Report 2023:
	composition	Information on Directors
	2-11 Chair of the highest governance body	GTI Annual Report 2023:
		Information on Directors
	2-14 Role of the highest governance body	GTI Annual Report 2023:
	in sustainability reporting	Sustainability (Reporting
		Framework)
	2-16 Communication of critical concerns	GTI Annual Report 2023:
		Sustainability (Ethical
		<u>Behaviour)</u>
	2-24 Embedding policy commitments	GTI's <u>Statement of Values</u>
	2-26 Mechanisms for seeking advice and	GTI's Whistleblower Policy
	raising concerns	
	2-27 Compliance with laws and	GTI Annual Report 2023:
	•	Sustainability (Ethical
	regulations	* *
		Behaviour)
GRI 3: Material	3-2 List of material topics	GTI Annual Report 2023:
Topics 2021		Sustainability (Material
		<u>Topics)</u>
GRI 205: Anti-	205-2 Communication and training about	GTI Annual Report 2023:
corruption 2016	anti-corruption policies and procedures	Sustainability (Ethical
ı		Behaviour)
	205-3 Confirmed incidents of corruption	GTI Annual Report 2023:
	and actions taken	Sustainability (Ethical
	dia actions taken	
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GRI 304: Biodiversity	304-1 Operational sites owned leased,	GTI Annual Report 2023:
2016	managed in, or adjacent to, protected	Sustainability (Nature
	areas and areas of high biodiversity value	Loss)
	outside protected areas	
	304-2 Significant impacts of activities,	GTI Annual Report 2023:
	products, and services on biodiversity	Sustainability (Nature
	,	Loss)
	304-3 Habitats protected or restored	GTI Annual Report 2023:
	out of habitato protocted of restored	Sustainability (Nature
		2
		Loss)
GRI 305: Emissions	305-1 Direct (Scope 1) GHG emissions	GTI Annual Report 2023:
2016		Sustainability (Climate
		<u>Change</u> )
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	305-2 Energy indirect (Scope 2) GHG	GTI Annual Report 2023:
	emissions	Sustainability (Climate
		<u>Change)</u>
	305-3 Other indirect (Scope 3) GHG	GTI Annual Report 2023:
	emissions	Sustainability (Climate
		<u>Change</u> )
GRI 403:	403-9 Work-related injuries	GTI Annual Report 2023:
Occupational		Sustainability (Health and
Health and Safety		Wellbeing)
2018	403-10 Work-related ill health	GTI Annual Report 2023:
		Sustainability (Health and
		Wellbeing)

#### **Climate Active Carbon Neutral Certification**

GTI confirmed during September 2023 that it had achieved carbon neutrality, across both its Australian head office and US field operations, through the Australian Government's Climate Active Program.

Climate Active is an ongoing partnership between the Australian Government and Australian businesses to drive voluntary climate action. Climate Active Carbon Neutral Certification is widely regarded as the most stringent and transparent carbon neutral standard in Australia and is based on the foundations of best practice and internationally recognised standards in carbon accounting and emissions reduction.

Throughout the process of applying for Climate Active certification for Organisations, GTI undertook measures to quantify its carbon footprint, to monitor and reduce emissions going forward, and compensate for the remainder by investing in carbon offset projects to fully neutralise the carbon emissions produced by the organisation. GTI has taken these steps in line with its sustainability strategy amid growing expectation that resource companies commit to actively reducing or offsetting emissions. The Company regards Climate Active Certification as an important step in an ongoing effort to meet stakeholder expectations with regards to management of the environments and surroundings in which GTI operates.



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