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A framework for evaluating ESG claims:			
	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
Alignment between financial objectives and public & social good	High		Low
Examples	Electric vehiclesSolar panelsOffshore wind	 Green hydrogen Direct carbon capture Industrial technologies	Broadly speaking, many "Social" topics (affordable housing, education, etc.)
Availability of private capital	 Significant private capital available Attractive financial returns Technologies are scalable, risk is low 	 Moderate private capital available Unclear financial returns Depends on investment thesis of party 	 Limited private capital available Unattractive financial returns Requires significant financial trade-offs
Implication	 Limited engagement required Can rely on private sector to engage actively and further accelerate the solutions to tackle the issues that fall within this category 	 Strengthen alignment between financial objectives and public & social good through greater engagement across segments (civil society, customers, advocacy groups, government) Drive down green-premium of technology through cross-sector partnerships and big investors willing to take a risk to scale the solutions (e.g., Breakthrough Energy) 	 Mandate private sector engagement through regulation, market incentives (taxes/tariffs) Do not rely on private capital – other segments prioritize these topics (non-profits, government, etc.)