If the world is to contain and avoid the worst ramifications of climate change, investment in renewable energy needs to increase drastically. Despite the largest annual deployment of renewable power in 2015, renewables remain less than 24% of the globally available power generation capacity. A significant factor limiting this growth is the lack of financing vehicles designed for renewables that meet the needs of long-term institutional investors.

The Clean Energy Investment Trust (CEIT) consists of a closed set of assets, with low operating costs and management fees, designed to harness the natural advantages and characteristics of renewable assets. It is similar to the YieldCo model in being a listed vehicle, but differs in being focused exclusively on yield without the expectations and risks of growth.

The CEIT structure can reduce the costs of renewable energy by an estimated 20% relative to current project financing structures, making renewables such as large scale solar more competitive with “dirtier” sources of energy and ultimately increasing the reach and impact of renewable energy investment capital.

**Key Details**

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The Clean Energy Investment Trust is a closed-set of operational renewable assets packaged for investors. Investors receive the full cash flows generated by the receivables. In order to achieve the lowest cost of capital, other investors are brought on to take the cash flows and risks in renewable projects not suitable for institutional investors.

**Cash Flows**

1. Investor/Developer develop, build and commission clean energy asset projects
2. The Clean Energy Investment Trust takes full ownership and management of assets under a long-term fixed-price tariff or contract
3. Institutional Investors receive the expected low-risk, long-term cash flows generated by the portfolio of assets
4. For a higher return Surplus & Post Contract investors take on performance and post contract risk

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**About Zero Gap**

Launched in 2015, The Rockefeller Foundation’s Zero Gap portfolio supports the R&D and piloting of new financing mechanisms to mobilize private sector capital towards the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The UN estimates that we face a USD $2.5 trillion annual funding gap over the next fifteen years to achieve the SDGs in developing countries alone. Using philanthropic risk capital, the Zero Gap portfolio is focused on developing the next generation of financing solutions to fill this critical financing need.