

Local Energy – Positive Impact

Hydrogen development strategy in Lorraine March 7th 2024





Developing the leading negative carbon energy producer	> 3,5 Million tons of CO2eq emissions currently avoided annually*
Present on all key sustainable energies	Power – Gas – H2 - Heat
With a pan European footprint	Producing in 4 countries: France – Belgium – Norway – Bosnia C. 50 staff members in 5 locations
Trusted by Tier 1 Partners	World Class clients : Engie, EDF, Gazel Strong financing partners: Rothschild AM, SocGen, BPI, ING Stable shareholders (Allianz, Amundi, Arbevel, HSBC)
On track to achieve its FY26 objectives	On track to achieve over 100 M€ of revenues and 50 M€ of EBITDA by FY 2026

* 1,4 Million tons are certified - Sources: 2019 Ineris certification updated with a Global Warming Potential of 82,5 (AR6 – IPCC) and including the Béthune and Avion 7 site (FDE extrapolation), 2022 Polytechnic University Mons study



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... INCLUDING THE LATEST MAJOR NATURAL DISCOVERY

- Significant discovery made in Folschviller (FOLS-1A)
- Application for the « Trois Evêchés » permit (>2000 km2) submitted to secure the licence
 - Evaluation of potential
 - Pilot well
 - Production test and certification
- New consortium REGALOR II with planned appraisal program
 - FDE
 - Academic partners (universities, research labs)
 - Institutional partners (national surveys, research centers)
 - Industrial partners (listed companies, SME)

MARKET POTENTIAL: H2 & BLACK CARBON

- Strategic location: **5 km away from the the MosaHYc** (Moselle Saar Hydrogen Conversion) pipeline
- Integrated into the Grande Region Hydrogen (GRH) initiative to develop a hydrogen ecosystem in the Grande Région, including Saarland (Germany), Lorraine (Grand Est) and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg where large H2 consumers are operating
- Consumption of H2 (excluding grey H2) is estimated to reach 20 billion tons by 2030 representing a market in excess of EUR 60 billion according to EU commission

- Positioning black carbon as an added value by-product
- Market for black carbone is estimated to EUR 11 billion and includes the following industries* :
 - Tyres (67 %)
 - Rubber (25 %)
 - Paints, surface treatments, inks, etc. (8 %)

* Etude Enerka, 2019

A KEY PROJECT FOR THE REGION AND AN EXAMPLE FOR EUROPE

LOW CARBON HYDROGEN PRODUCTION

1st axis: Developing low carbon hydrogen

- 15 years of work Nearly €50 million invested by FDE
- Important gas resources present in Lorraine coal: c. 87 billion m3 (2C)
- 42 production sites identified on the Bleue Lorraine concession granted in 2023
- Objective: Replace imported energy with a low carbon H2 production

Plasma Pyrolysis

- Technology under development
- Produces carbon **black/graphene** as by-product
- No CO₂ production
- Potentially competitive production cost compared to green H2

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Illustration of a thermal plasma pyrolysis process

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2nd axis: Developing natural hydrogen

- 6 years of work in partnership with the University of Lorraine and the CNRS and the support of the Region and the State (State-Region Pact) - Nearly €5 million invested by FDE
- Very high natural H2 concentration: 6.8% measured at 808m depth, 15% measured at 1093m
- Objective: Set up local production of natural hydrogen

3rd axis: Developing CO₂ capture to decarbonize industries and combine with H2

- 6 years of work in partnership with the University of Lorraine and the CNRS and the support of the Region and the State (State-Region Pact) Nearly €5 million invested by FDE
- Significant CO₂ storage capacity demonstrated in the laboratory in Lorraine coal and possibility to enhance CBM
- Possibility to develop E-fuels

IMPLEMENTATION OF A UNIQUE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

PLASMA PYROLYSIS : STANDARD MODULE APPROACH

PLASMA PYROLYSIS

- Production of black carbon no CO₂ emission
- Within the existing regulatory framework
- Modular approach / upscaling
- Opportunity to create additional value selling black carbon
- No competitor onshore Europe

Replicating the cogeneration business: Modular and replicable

- Limited exposure for FDE: each selected site meets economical criteria
- Industrial approach: standard module
- Ability to replicate during ramp-up phase

H2 ECONOMICS IN BLEUE LORRAINE

Minimum 2 to 4 Sites to be installed each year during 14 years

LORRAINE FINANCING OPTIONS

- I site total CAPEX requirements of c. 28 M€ (including gas access, construction, civil engineering, storage, transport, etc)
- Ring- fenced **project finance / offtake prepayment** for the decarbonated H2 production:
 - Gearing c. 65% => c. 18 M€ debt
 - Tenor 10 years+, depending on duration of the offtake
 - Current discussions with lending institutions: appetite for up to 100 M€
- Junior financing also available
- Subsidies, including European Commission Innovation Fund: can finance between 30% and 60% of the total budget related to H2 until 2027 => c. 8 M€ minimum subsidies
- Currently 100% asset ownership: partnership discussions with H2 technology providers and offtakers

COMPETITIVE LOW CARBON FOOTPRINT

¹ Assuming individual gas furnace, 50 km of transportation for H2, and the following references for GES calculations Sources:

GRDF: Bilan carbone transport (distribution) gaz

GES Cycle de vie gaz naturel (<u>https://base-empreinte.ademe.fr/documentation/base-carbone?docLink=Gaz</u>)

GES pneus Source : Plan de vigilance Michelin 2020

https://www.notre-environnement.gouv.fr/themes/climat/les-emissions-de-gaz-a-effet-de-serre-et-l-empreinte-carbone-ressources/article/les-emissions-de-gaz-a-effet-de-serre-du-secteur-des-transports

ROADMAP TO H2 PRODUCTION

- * Autorisations for Drilling / Re-entering wells:
- Conversion of these autorizations for the production lease requested (few months procedure) + ICPE autorisation (1 year procedure);
- ✓ New drilling/exploitation autorizations to be obtained (few months for preparation and 1 year procedure)

FY 2026 TARGETS

> 100 M€ annual revenues

EBITDA
> 50 M€

> 10 M tons of CO2_{eq} emissions avoided per year

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