

Local Energy – Positive Impact

**Hydrogen development strategy in Lorraine** 



### FDE: MAKING NET ZERO HAPPEN



| 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

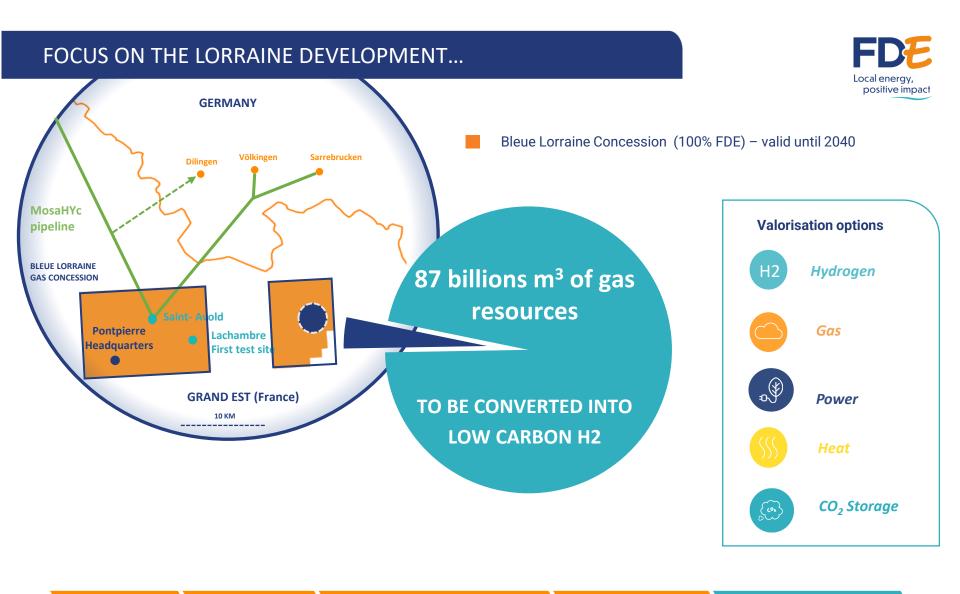
**Trusted by Tier 1 Partners** 

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

<sup>\* 1,4</sup> 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



Production lease granted

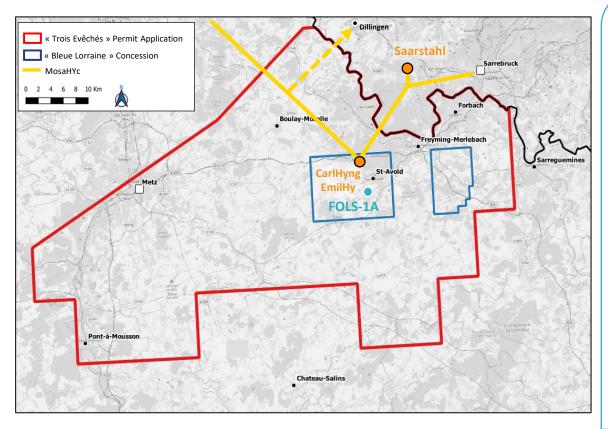
1 – Certified Contingent Ressources (2C) Bleue Lorraine, and surrounding areas (MHA, 2018)

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1<sup>st</sup> site production

## ...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

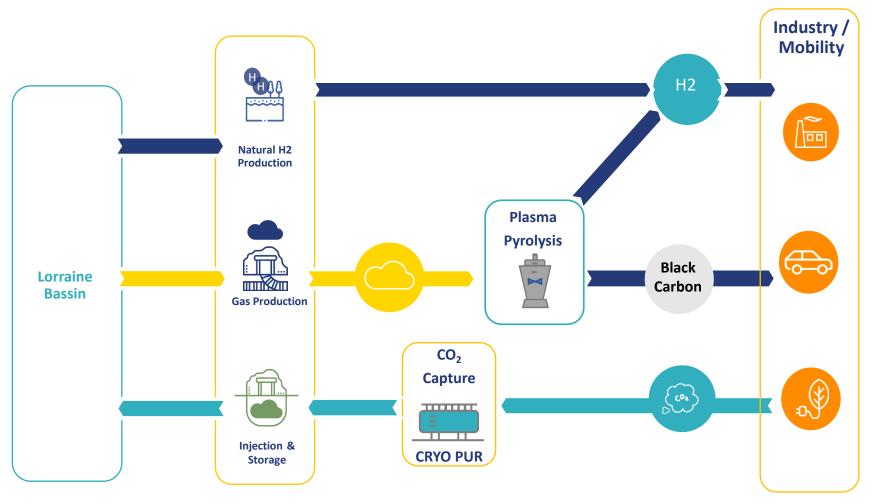
- Positioning black carbon as an added value by-product
- Market for black carbone is estimated to EUR 11 billion and includes the following industries\*:
  - Tyres (67 %)
  - Rubber (25 %)
  - Paints, surface treatments, inks, etc. (8 %)

\* Etude Enerka, 2019

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# 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

$$CH_4 \rightarrow C_{(s)} + 2H_2$$

# **Plasma Pyrolysis**

- Technology under development
- Produces carbon black/graphene as by-product
- No CO<sub>2</sub> production
- Potentially competitive production cost compared to green H2

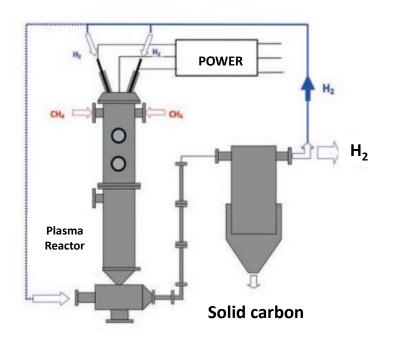


Illustration of a thermal plasma pyrolysis process

# WITH NATURAL H2 PRODUCTION AND CO<sub>2</sub> CAPTURE AND RE-USE



## 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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

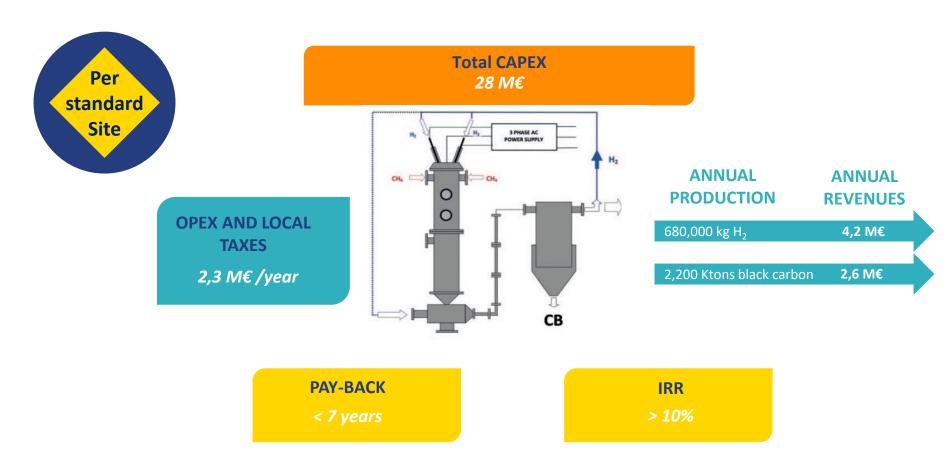
- Limited exposure for FDE: each selected site meets economical criteria
- Industrial approach: standard module
- Ability to replicate during ramp-up phase





## **H2 ECONOMICS IN BLEUE LORRAINE**

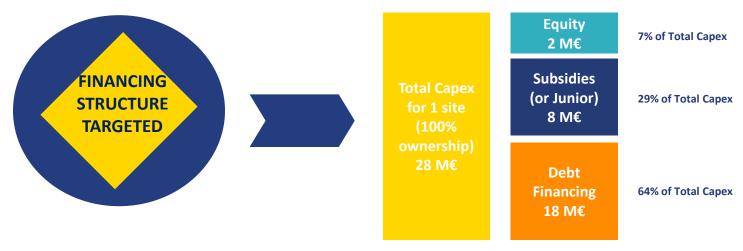




Minimum 2 to 4 Sites to be installed each year during 14 years

## LORRAINE FINANCING OPTIONS





- 1 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

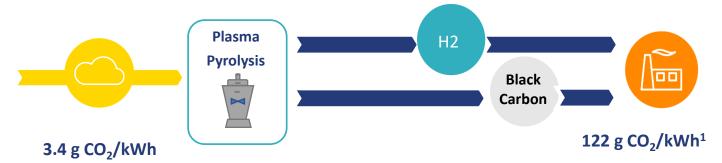
## COMPETITIVE LOW CARBON FOOTPRINT



• Carbon footprint of the Lorraine gas is already 10 times lower than the average mix (importation):



Providing H2 and black carbon to end consumers instead of natural gas will divide by 2 the end user carbon footprint (122 g CO<sub>2</sub>/kWh Vs 208 g CO<sub>2</sub>/kWh ¹)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Assuming individual gas furnace, 50 km of transportation for H2, and the following references for GES calculations Sources:

**GRDF**: Bilan carbone transport (distribution) gaz

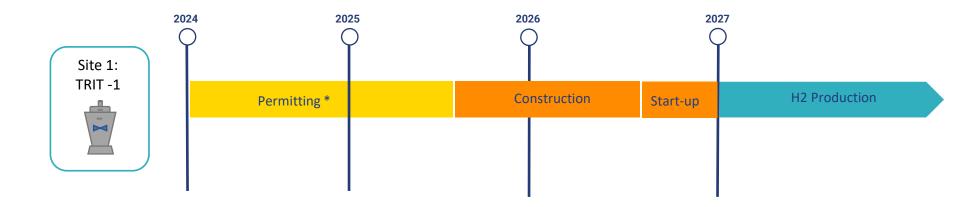
GES Cycle de vie gaz naturel (https://base-empreinte.ademe.fr/documentation/base-carbone?docLink=Gaz)

**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<sub>eq</sub> emissions avoided per year

## FDE LISTING



#### **KEY CORPORATE INFORMATION**

(as of 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2024)

**Listing** Euronext Paris

Share price €42,15 / share

Shares outstanding 5,2 M

Market capitalisation 217 M€

Ticker

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#### **SELL SIDE COVERAGE**

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**Target Price: €67** 

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