

## REFHYNE Project 10 MW Electrolyser Rhineland Refinery

#### **General Overview**

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#### • Shell Germany reflected on the ongoing energy transition in Germany

- Shell Energy Scenarios for Germany 2050 established in 2016/17
- Cross-Business Idea Gathering July 2016
- Electrolyser identified as an opportunity

#### • Building on the existing Shell / ITM Power co-operation in hydrogen

- Good track record for hydrogen in Germany
- UK retail sites with small electrolysers
- Good experience with EU funding
- The EU FCH-JU Funding Round 2017 opened the door to enable it
  - Fuel Cell & Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (FCH-JU)
  - Funding calls in various Fuel Cell Hydrogen areas
  - One call for a large 10 MW electrolyser





#### Project Overview- World's Largest PEM Electrolyser

- Deployment of 10 MW PEM electrolyser
- On-site hydrogen and oxygen generation
- Hydrogen to be fed to existing pipeline
- Option to recover oxygen
- Flexible & rapid response electrical load
- Capable of site load balancing and wider grid balancing
- ITM & Shell jointly developed a bid for EU funding
- Successful bid securing ~60% funding
- Requirement to undertake certain test profiles
- 5 year project
- 2 years design, build and deploy
- 3 years test operation







#### **REFHYNE Revenue Overview**





Business models and policy implications disseminated widely



#### FORMAL KICK-OFF ON JAN, 18<sup>TH</sup> 2018: EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM WITH SHELL AND ITM POWER ANNOUNCE AGREEMENT TO BUILD ELECTROLYSER AT RHINELAND REFINERY

Shell and ITM Power will build the world's largest hydrogen electrolysis plant at Rhineland refinery, Germany. With a peak capacity of 10 MW, the hydrogen will be used for the processing and upgrading of products at the refinery's Wesseling site as well as testing the technology and exploring applications in other sectors.

The European partner consortium of Shell, ITM Power, SINTEF, thinkstep and Element Energy has now secured 10 million euros in funding from the European "Fuel Cell Hydrogen Joint Undertaking". The project's total investment, including integration into the refinery, is approximately 20 million euros.

Detailed technical planning and the approval process will now begin. The plant, named "REFHYNE", is scheduled for operation in 2020 and will be the first industrial scale test of the polymer electrolyte membrane technology process.







#### REFHYNE will deploy the world's largest PEM electrolyser

- The REFHYNE project will install a 10 MW PEM electrolyser at the Shell Rhineland Refinery
- It will be the largest of its kind in the world
- The Rhineland Refinery Complex is the largest in Germany



Supply to local gas network replacing steam reformed hydrogen

Load balancing for refinery site

Grid balancing 6

Revenue streams



#### **REFHYNE Objectives**



- Assessing the economic, technical & environmental impact of the deployment of a large scale electrolyser
- Developing and testing business models based on existing & future revenue streams in a changing energy setting
- Exploring the policy implications of the technology and disseminating the project results across Europe



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Revenue streams





- The traditional route for hydrogen production at large scales is Steam Methane Reformation (SMR), directly producing CO<sub>2</sub>
- Electrolysers split water into oxygen & hydrogen using an electro-chemical reaction and thus, when using low CO<sub>2</sub> electricity, can reduce H<sub>2</sub> production emissions
- ITM Power's electrolyser will be a fully integrated and autonomous system using a 10 MW stack skid
- At full load, the plant will be capable of generating 4 tonnes H<sub>2</sub> per day







- The 10MW stack skid comprises 5x 2MW sub modules packaged into one unit
- Each sub-module can be operated independently providing operational flexibility and resilience
- Well proven PEM technology enabling ultra-fast response Stack efficiency will be between 45 and 55 kWhr/kg







- The electrolyser system incorporates all necessary balance of plant from rectifiers to hydrogen purification
- The equipment will be located in a new, single storey building in the refinery Building footprint approx. 25x25m
- Sub-systems will be located in different rooms according to AtEx requirements
- Expandable & replicable model up to 100 MW







#### REFHYNE – ITM Power PEM Electrolyser Expected Layout





## There are many applications for Hydrogen from PEM Electrolysers







#### Mobility – Supply to Fuel Cell Cars: Refueling Stations







#### Energy Transition: Potential Energy Storage Solutions

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# Hydrogen from Electrolysers for Large Industry Applications





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