# Hydrogen Fuel and Approach to Decarbonisation – From Production to Consumption



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#### **Company Overview: Progressive Energy**

- A clean energy projects company formed in 1998
- Mission is to develop of a range of clean energy projects including electricity storage, renewable gas, grid conversion to hydrogen...
- Also provide advisory services to Government and commercial clients





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# Decarbonising heat: the conundrum

- Some Natural Gas applications, could be electrified (renewable), but not all, leaving a massive gap
- Hydrogen could be a suitable energy vector
- To demonstrate hydrogen as a viable substitute for Natural Gas for heating, we would need to produce hydrogen in bulk
- Natural Gas is the only suitable feedstock to make hydrogen
- Making hydrogen from Natural Gas produces CO<sub>2</sub>, implying CCS
- There is no CCS infrastructure, because there is no hydrogen plant to produce the CO<sub>2</sub>
- There is no 'home' for bulk hydrogen, so cannot produce it
- Without bulk hydrogen available, there is no market 'home'



#### Decarbonising heat: the conundrum

This is a real "chicken and egg" situation".



# HyNET breaks the cycle.



#### **The HyNet Project: concept**









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100% methane



 $71.6\%\ CH_4/28.4\%\ H_2$ 



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- A route for industries to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, saving on ETS costs when 'low hanging fruit' measures have been done
- CCS infrastructure (can use existing CO₂ from CF Industries ammonia plant, offshore structures and ≈60km of NG pipeline)
- Opportunities to expand the hydrogen economy in the North West, e.g. road, rail and sea transport, power
- Opportunities for other industries in the area to export, rather than emit their CO<sub>2</sub>



## The HyNet Project: some engineering challenges

- Different combustion characteristics of Natural Gas and Hydrogen
  - Higher flame temperature (increased NOx formation, impingement damage)
  - Different Wobbe index (e.g. CV changes affect metering)
  - $\circ$  Lower ignition energy
  - Higher flame speed
  - Mixture limits for existing equipment
    e.g.domestic, spark ignition engines, kilns
- Design of hydrogen production plant with CCS
- Engineering of CO<sub>2</sub> and hydrogen pipelines

**BEIS Programmes** 

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

- •Fuel Switching
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- HyDeploy & Fuel SwitchingHyDeploy & Fuel SwitchingHyDeploy & Fuel Switching
- •CCuS programme
- •CCuS programme & H<sub>2</sub> supply



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Conclusion: HyNET NW <u>is</u> a project that demonstrates Hydrogen Fuel and Decarbonisation – From Production to Consumption

# Any questions?