

## **Ammonia Project Features**

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## Using surplus hydroelectricity for ammonia production in Paraguay



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# Historical electrolysis-based ammonia production

- Grid-connected (hydropower)
- Up to 100-150 MW
- First plant: 1921 (Terni / Nera Montoro, Italy)















## Surplus hydropower at the Itaipu Dam





## **Ammonia Project Features**

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## Scaling flexible ammonia production in China to gigawatt-size



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## ATOME WILL BE THE LARGEST UK BASED GREEN HYDROGEN AND AMMONIA PRODUCER BY 2025

The only London Stock Exchange company focused on the production & sale of green hydrogen and ammonia

## EARLY MOVERS AT SCALE

#### 120MW

Baseload Power Purchase Agreement for initial project in Paraguay

#### FIRST TO MARKET

Front-End Engineering and Design on track for completion in Q2 2023

## 100% RENEWABLE

Largest announced project in Latin America by 2025, powered by hydro

### 100,000

tonnes of potential green ammonia per year in 2026\*

#### WORLD-SCALE

Current pipeline of over 621MW of projects globally



Targeting locations where infrastructure and readily available low-cost power are available

## **OUR BUSINESS**



## Ammonia In Agriculture

Delivering green ammonia to existing markets displacing imported fossil fuel based fertilisers



Providing a clean energy solution for heavy road transport and shipping

## **ATOME |** Growing our existing pipeline, globally



## ATOME | Expert, Experienced Management



#### Peter Levine Chairman

Peter MA (Oxon) is the Chairman and largest shareholder of ATOME. As the executive Chairman, founder and single largest shareholder of the then FTSE 250 Imperial Energy, he oversaw the growth from 25p at flotation to 1250p until its \$2.4 billion sale in January 2009

1993-2008. Peter Between Levine was Deputy Chairman and then Chairman of the then FTSF 250 listed steel construction company. Severfield-Rowen (now Severfield), and was also Chairman of Keltbray group



#### Olivier Mussat Director and CEO

Olivier BA, MS, has joined ATOME from being the Chief Investment Officer of Global Energy at the IFC, part of the World Bank Group

After starting his career as a field engineer in the power sector, he is vastly experienced in funding and managing energy infrastructure assets for Oil & Gas, Power & Renewables.

He has lead over \$500M of equity investments in early stage companies and over \$30bn of corporate and structured debt finance transactions



James Spalding Director and President of ATOME Paraguay

James BA, MA, was the Paraguayan General Director of the jointly owned Paraguay-Brazil hydroelectric dam Itaipu Binacional between 2013-2018, the second largest hydroelectric dam in the world

Prior to that he was for six years the Ambassador of Paraguay in the US, serving in 2009 as Dean of the Latin American Ambassadors Group (GRULA). He has also served as Paraguay Minister of Finance and as the Governor of Paraguay to the IDB and World Bank group



## Mary-Rose de Valladares

Independent Non-Executive Director

Mary-Rose MA, MBA, was the long-standing General Manager of IEA Hydrogen. With expertise in renewables and hydrogen, she was formerly at the U.S. DOE National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) serving as the renewable and energy efficiency developer at the Centennial Olympics in Atlanta, GA, USA,

She served on the National Hydrogen Association Board of Directors and founded New Mexico Solar Energy Industry Association



Terje Bakken Director for Ammonia and Fertiliser Markets

Terje graduated with an MBA from School of Management, Bath University. He started his fertiliser career with Norsk Hydro and Yara International in Oslo. He was then Senior Vice President at Yara International's Executive Management Team for 8 years

Terje started to work with EuroChem in 2013 as a member of EuroChem's management board, responsible for global marketing and sales operations





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PARAGUAY | 421MW PROJECTS

## PARAGUAY | The Opportunity

#### COUNTRY PROFILE

- BB+ Fitch rating, a stable open economy. Low tax and trade barriers
- In 2020, Paraguay exported US\$2.1 billion in Soybeans, making it the 4th largest exporter of soybeans. Agriculture retains 20% of the country's total employment
- · Landlocked country heavily dependent on land and river transport for the import/export of goods
- Founding member of Mercosur bloc enjoying free trade and travel with Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay
- Paraguay is powered 99% by renewable energy, primarily from the Itaipu Dam, making it one of the largest exporters of electricity in the world. Paraguay exported roughly US\$1.44 billion worth of electricity to Brazil in 2020

#### PARAGUAY |KEY FACTS

Corporate Tax Rate	10%
GDP	4.5% growth in 2021 (Fitch, 2021)
Energy Policy	Reduce dependency on hydrocarbons and capitalise on hydroelectric capabilities
Fertiliser Consumption	396.37 kg/ha (twice the global average in 2017)
Fertiliser Import	US\$601 million (2021)
Annual Transport Sector Growth (2012-19)	Cars (11.6%), buses (4.6%) and trucks (6.6%)



#### TARGET MARKET

- Targeting domestic offtake markets for hydrogen and ammonia products for the agriculture industry. As of 2020, ammonium nitrate import in Brazil was 1.15 million tonnes that accounts for 13.71% of the world's ammonium nitrate import. Brazil imports 85% of its fertiliser needs
- Transport sector reliance on HGVs and the world's third largest fleet of barges to transport industrial production - both need to be decarbonised. MOUs signed with the Paraguay aviation authority and the Paraguay barge association

## PARAGUAY | 421MW Projects | Villeta Project

## LATIN AMERICA'S LARGEST GREEN AMMONIA FACILITY BY 2025



PPA signed with ANDE, the national power company of Paraguay for 120MW providing 100% green power from the Itaipu Dam



75 acres of land now purchased with available access to water and adjacent to the Villeta substation and in close proximity to industrial clusters and port facilities on the country's primary import/export route



Operational within 3 years and capable of producing up to 100,000MT/pa of green ammonia by end 2025





Natixis appointed as International Financial Adviser to structure and secure financing for the project and signed a Mandate Letter with the Inter-American Development Bank



MOU signed with Puma Energy Paraguay S.A. in relation to hydrogen in Paraguay

#### NEXT STEPS

- Completion of FEED study and Environmental Social Impact Assessment (ESIA)
- FEED Completion and Final Investment Decision in 2023
- Appointment of EPC contractor with main sub-packages to be identified and to be tendered. Construction to begin in H2 2023
- Firm interest already shown from offtakers in all of ATOME's prospective Paraguay production



## PARAGUAY | 421MW Projects

#### PHASE TWO YGUAZU - 300MW



ATOME is upscaling its original Phase 2 projection from 250 to 300MW making a total of over 420MW for both phases in Paraguay



Targeting Phase 2 commencement of production for 2027 assuming PPA agreed by end 2023  $\,$ 

#### NEXT STEPS

- > Additional PPA in Paraguay already in discussions with ANDE for 300MW
- > Select site in close proximity to Yguazu substation
- Appointment of FEED and EPC contractor with main sub-packages to be identified and to be tendered
- Leveraging on learning curves following 120MW project to accelerate 300MW project



## ATOME | Outlook

ATOME Projected Timeline	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
ATOME admission to London Stock Exchange	$\checkmark$					
MOBILITY						
Mobility Division Created		$\checkmark$				
First electrolyser ordered		$\checkmark$				
First revenue for Mobility Division			$\rightarrow$			
Mobility Division expansion						
VILLETA						
Binding PPA for new Villeta Project signed		$\checkmark$				
AECOM appointed as Owners Engineer		$\checkmark$				
Land acquired for Villeta		$\checkmark$				
FEED contractors appointment		$\checkmark$				
PPA extended to 120MW		$\checkmark$				
FID expected for Villeta (120MW)			H2			
Villeta build out					<b>→</b>	
Villeta commencing production						
YGUAZU						
Yguazu 300MW PPA			$\rightarrow$			
FID expected 300MW Yguazu			-			
Yguazu build out						
Yguazu commencing production						$\rightarrow$
ICELAND / COSTA RICA						
Green Fuel ehf acquired	$\checkmark$					
National Ammonia Corporation formed			$\checkmark$			
Securing PPA						
FEED					→	
FID					$\rightarrow$	



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## PRAGUE - CZECH REP. 160 PROFESSIONALS

## TECHNOLOGICAL PORTFOLIO



## GREEN AMMONIA HISTORY

- Casale is the oldest Licensor in the green ammonia field presently in the market
- Casale built the first fully green ammonia plant about 100 years ago in Italy
- The electrolysers were fed by hydroelectric power producing hydrogen that was supplied to a dedicated synthesis loop



PFD of the ammonia synthesis loop by Casale in 1920'



*Fiat car with engine fuelled with ammonia. Casale patent in 1935* 

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## CASALE GREEN AMMONIA PLANT IN 1925



Nera Montoro, Italy



Casale Water Electrolysers



## TODAY'S CHALLENGES OF GREEN AMMONIA PRODUCTION



More than 300 references around the world with ZERO FAILURE rate

## Axial Radial Converter with internal Electric Startup Heater

- High Thermodynamic Efficiency & Catalyst
  Volume Utilization
- Minimizing Energy Consumption
- Minimizing Loop Equipment Size
- Highest Reliability



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## CASALE'S 12 LOW CARBON PROJECTS

- Skiga AS → pre FEED for one green ammonia plant in Skipavika, Norway 300 MTD
- ATOME → Basic Design for one Green ammonia loop in Villeta, Paraguay 240 MTD
- THE HYDROGEN UTILITY PTY LTD → Basic Engineering Design and FEED support for #2 Green Ammonia loop in Whylalla, South Australia – 60 MTD
- INCITEC PIVOT LTD → Basic Engineering Design for plant conversion from Grey to Green Ammonia in Gibson Island, Australia - 1100 MTD
- ADVANCED METHANOL AMSTERDAM B.V. → License, engineering, material supply and technical assistance for one new methanol plant from biomass in Amsterdam, Netherlands - 260 MTD
- WABASH VALLEY RESOURCES LLC → Process Design Package for new blue ammonia loop in West Terre Haute, USA – 1630 MTD



Green Ammonia Plant in Villeta, Paraguay



IPL Plant in Brisbane, Australia

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## CASALE'S 12 LOW CARBON PROJECTS

- MAE HYDROGEN LLC→ Process Design Package for new green ammonia plant in Chile - 850 MTD
- MACA → Feasibility Study for new green Ammonia Plant with associated Nitric Acid, ANS and LDAN Plants in Australia – 70 MTD (Ammonia)
- METAFRAX → New Ammonia loop from methanol plant off-gases in Gubakha, Russia – 1000 MTD
- CONFIDENTIAL → Feasibility Study for new green ammonia loop 50 MTD
- CONFIDENTIAL → Basic Engineering Desgn for new green ammonia loop – 750 MTD



Green Ammonia Plant in Villeta, Paraguay



IPL Plant in Brisbane, Australia

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# Thanks for your attention



PLANTS FOR A NEW PLANET. SINCE 1921.



## Renewable NH3 Plants Basic design technical aspects



## 1. Simplified Renewable NH3 plant block diagram



- 6) NH3 licensor
- 7) BOP design, water issues, internal buffers



## 2. The Renewable Power Supply selection



	Fluctuant. Partially predictable. Equivalent hours: 1500~2500 h
	Fluctuant. Not predictable. Equivalent hours: 2000~3500 h
ES	Fluctuant. Predictable. Equivalent hours: >4000 h
	Constant. Predictable. Equivalent hours  >5000 h
rmal	Constant. Predictable. Equivalent hours >8000 h



## 2. The Renewable Power Supply. PV (I)



Probably the most common in worldwide developments.

PROS	Lowest CAPEX of all renewables. Reduced project development time.
CONS	Not predictable. Fast fluctuations

Dynamics need to be satisfied. Solutions:

a) BESS  $\rightarrow$  will increase the CAPEX

b) Grid connection for stability  $\rightarrow$  loosing the green label? PPA cost?





## 2. The Renewable Power Supply. PV (II)



Optimum point between 1.2 and 2.0 PV\_power/H2\_power To be analyzed case by case, depending on PV capacity factor, PV cost, H2 cost, and other paramaters

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## 2. The Renewable Power Supply. PV-Wind Hybridation



Improves the availability of stand alone PV or Wind.

PROS	Increases the H2 capacity factor to >50%
CONS	High CAPEX System design difficulties Still produce surplus power

Optimum point to be analyzed case by case. Example results from real feasibility studies:

50 MW PV + 50 MW Wind + 50 MW H2/NH3 75 MW PV + 125 MW Wind + 125 MW H2/NH3



## 2. The Renewable Power Supply. Hydro, Geothermal or CSP



Manageable and stable power supply.

PROS	Increases the H2 capacity factor to >90% System simplicity (no hybridation, no BESS) Best LCOH results (Levelized cost of hydrogen)
CONS	High CAPEX (specially for CSP) Lack of locations and resources (hydro and geo) Developers typically prefer to sell energy rather to produce H2/NH3 in this kind of plants

Typically, same capacity in power and electrolyzer plants. Some gap to prevent degradation could be considered.

Example cases:

120 MW Hydro + 120 MW H2/NH3 50 MW Geothermal + 48 MW H2/NH3



## 3. The electrolyzer selection

Key parameters driving the selection process, together with the selected renewable power plant and the NH3 plant load demand,

		ALKALINE		PEM		SOEC
Presurizad		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Efficiency (stack level)	kWh/kg	54-56	54-56	50-54	50-54	<50
Efficiency (plant level)	kWh/kg	57-60	58-62	53-57	54-59	<53
CAPEX	€/kW	1000-1500	1000-1500	1500-2000	1500-2000	>2000
OPEX	€/kW/year	25-50	25-50	50-100	50-100	
Load falling	%/sec	0,5%	0,5%	1%	1%	>1%
Degradation	%/year	1%	1%	1%-2%	1%-2%	
Footprint restrictions		Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Manufacturing capacity		High	High	Medium	Medium	Low
Maturity		High	High	Medium	Medium	Low



## 4. Ammonia licensor selection. The dynamics problem with PV and Wind



Energy storage and H2 buffering is typically needed to integrate the different dynamics. Fast load following NH3 plants will reduce the buffering needs.



## 5. Integrating H2 and NH3 plants. Hydro-power case

Key design decisions (I)

1)	Electrolyzer technology	ALK: lower CAPEX/OPEX PEM: higher efficiency SOEC: not mature, not recommended Selection case by case cost of H2 (LCOH) in the business model is critical
2)	Air Separation unit technology	PSA: small plants Cryogenic: large plants
3)	Ammonia technology	Haber-Bosch licensor to be selected depending on, the licensor's reactor sizing and efficiency, the licensor improvements on integrating green hydrogen.



## 5. Integrating H2 and NH3 plants. Hydro-power case

Key design decisions (II)

5) Water availability

4)	Pressure integration	Typical H2 production pressure: 1 to 30 bar Typical N2 production pressure: 5 to 6 bar Typical NH3 loop working pressure: 200 bar Optimization is needed to reduce the number of dedicated compressors. A final syngas (H2+N2) compressor is needed to increase the pressure up to 200 bar.
5)	Buffering	H2 and N2 buffers typically foreseen to assure a constant supply of syngas to the NH3 loop.

Will determine the water treatment system and the cooling system. If possible, low conductivity water and cooling tower are typically preferred.



## 5. Integrating H2 and NH3 plants. Hydro-power case. Plant design result





