

## Siemens delivers PEM electrolyzer for Salzgitter AG

- **Contract awarded to Siemens for 2.2 megawatt PEM electrolysis plant**
- **Salzgitter Wind Hydrogen energy project gathers pace**
- **Goal is to achieve low-CO<sub>2</sub> steelmaking based on Salzgitter's innovative SALCOS technology concept**

Salzgitter Flachstahl GmbH (SZFG) has awarded the contract to build a 2.2 megawatt PEM electrolysis plant (PEM = Proton Exchange Membrane) to Siemens Gas and Power, marking an important step towards hydrogen-based steelmaking. The plant is due to commence operation in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2020 and cover SZFG's entire current demand for hydrogen. The necessary electrical power will be generated by seven wind turbines with a capacity of 30 megawatt. These will be erected by Avacon AG on the Salzgitter Group site and will likewise enter service from 2020.

Salzgitter AG Executive Board Chairman Professor Heinz Jörg Fuhrmann commented: "We are proud to be pioneers in the industrial application of hydrogen in the steel industry. As our SALCOS project has demonstrated, we are technologically in a position to achieve significant reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> with the aid of hydrogen. The Salzgitter Wind Hydrogen project is an important building block on the way towards climate-friendly steel production. It is now the turn of politicians to

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put in place the right conditions to support the transformation into a low-CO<sub>2</sub> industry.”

The cost of the project as a whole – including the construction of the wind turbines and the hydrogen plant and connecting these to the existing supply networks – amounts to around 50 million euro. Hydrogen has long played a role in steelmaking, in enhancing the quality of annealing processes. The gas is currently supplied by Linde AG, and this company will in future continue to safeguard Salzgitter’s own production.

A containerized plant will be erected in Salzgitter which at full capacity will produce 400 Nm<sup>3</sup> of hydrogen. PEM technology is ideally suited to exploiting the volatile generation of wind and solar power. The highly dynamic mode of operation allows the plants to respond to demands resulting from the rapidly fluctuating power supply.

Gabriele Schmiedel, Executive Vice President, Hydrogen Solutions at Siemens Gas and Power, explained: “Reducing CO<sub>2</sub> across all industries is a central challenge if we are to meet medium- and long-term climate targets. Renewable energy generation and innovative technologies such as the production of green hydrogen through electrolysis are essential components. We are delighted to join with Salzgitter Flachstahl GmbH to advance the application of green hydrogen in the steel industry.”

This press release and press pictures are available at:

<https://sie.ag/35bFXEH>

For further information on the **SALCOS Project** visit:

<https://salcos.salzgitter-ag.com> and <https://www.windh2.de/>

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solutions for onshore and offshore wind power generation. In fiscal 2019, which ended on September 30, 2019, Siemens generated revenue of €86.8 billion and net income of €5.6 billion. At the end of September 2019, the company had around 385,000 employees worldwide. Further information is available on the Internet at [www.siemens.com](http://www.siemens.com).

**Salzgitter AG** is one of Europe's leading steel and technology groups – with external sales of around 9 billion euro, a workforce of over 25,000 and just under 160 national and international subsidiary and associate companies. It is comprised of the Rolled Steel, Plate/Sections, Mannesmann, Trading and Technology business units. Salzgitter Flachstahl GmbH is the largest subsidiary, producing a broad range of high-quality special and branded steels for demanding customer segments such as the automobile industry.

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