## Hydrogen South Africa: A National Initiative Towards a Knowledge Driven Economy



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## **Presentation Outline**

- Policy Framework
- HySA Programme Implementation
- Examples of Technology Deployments
- Way forward & Opportunities for Partnerships



# **Guiding Policy Frameworks**

- National Development Plan
  - Investments in <u>energy infrastructure</u>
  - Affordable *tariffs* for needy households
  - *Diversify* energy resources and supply options
- National Climate Change Response Strategy
  - Long Term Mitigation Scenarios (Peak, Plateau and Decline)
- Industrial Policy Action Plan
  - Re-industrialisation
  - Support for local beneficiation of SA resource base
  - Local manufacturing
- Energy Act (IEP and IRP)
  - Universal access to <u>modern forms</u> of energy services
  - Energy security through guaranteed supply
  - Optimal usage of economically <u>viable energy resources</u>
  - Addressing constraints on the development of the renewable industry.
- Minerals Beneficiation Strategy
  - Local value addition to SA's mineral resources.



## Guiding Policy Frameworks, cont.

Policy Initiatives:

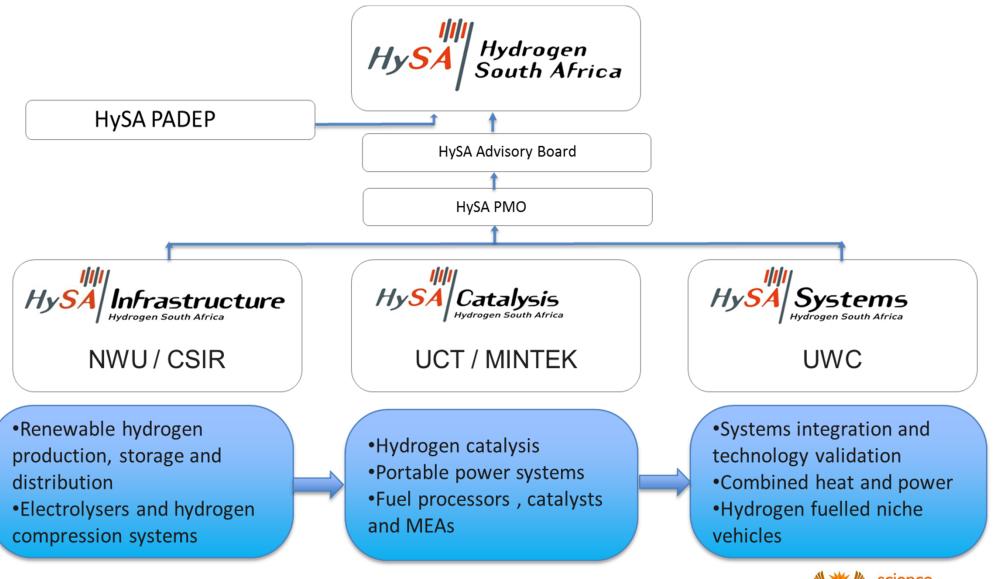
- Draft White Paper on Science, Technology and Innovation released in October 2018
- Green Transport Strategy approved by Cabinet

#### DST role

- To provide leadership, an enabling environment, and resources for science, technology and innovation in support of South Africa's development.
- The DST supports a number of Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) initiatives
   implemented through Universities and Science Councils
- Hydrogen and fuel cell technologies focused beneficiation of platinum group metals (PGMs) is one such initiative.



## **HySA Structure**





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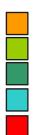
## **HySA Implementation Phases**

| 2008 - 2013  | 2014 - 2018   | 2019 - 2023  |
|--|---|--|
| Establish<br>R&D Capability  | Demonstrate<br>and Validate<br>Technology   | Commercialise South<br>African Innovation  |
| <ul> <li>Recruit mission-<br/>critical staff</li> <li>Identify initial<br/>markets</li> <li>Develop first-pre<br/>commercial<br/>technologies</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Establish critical<br/>supply chain capability</li> <li>Deliver first products<br/>to market</li> <li>Demonstrate<br/>capabilities in pilot<br/>markets</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Contribute to<br/>international<br/>innovation</li> <li>Compete successfully<br/>on world market</li> <li>Capture 25% of<br/>global catalysis value<br/>chain in hydrogen<br/>and fuel cells</li> </ul> |

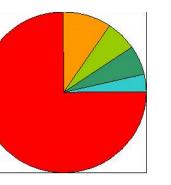


## **HySA Value Proposition**

#### World Platinum Reserves

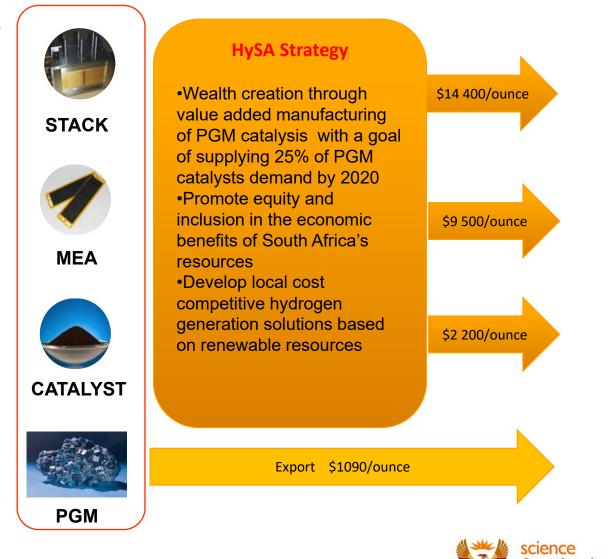


Zimbabwe Finland Russia North America South Africa



**BENEFICIATION VALUE CHAIN** 

South Africa possesses 75% of global Pt reserves





# **HySA Funding**

- Fuel Cell Funding for 2018/19 financial year (1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019) is as follows:
- Government: R108 million (USD 8.00 million);
- R43 million for technology demonstration and deployment (<u>MTSF target of 25 HySA units by 31</u> <u>March 2020</u>);
- R19 million additional funding from Private Sector.

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## Technology Deployment Update: Completed Projects <sup>9</sup>

| Name of Prototype   | Brief Description   | HySA IP or know-how used  | Date installed | Number of Units | Project Partners                    |
|---|---|---|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. 2kW Hydrogen fuel<br>cell system                                       | The fuel cell system uses<br>bottled hydrogen<br>supplied from gas<br>companies.  | HySA Systems integration expertise.   | October 2014   | 1               | HySA Systems and Hot<br>Platinum    |
| 2. Solar PV to hydrogen system  | System demonstrating<br>renewable hydrogen<br>production from water<br>electrolysis using solar<br>PV.  | HySA Infrastructure integration expertise.  | December 2014  | 1               | HySA Infrastructure                 |
| 3. Hydrogen fuel cell<br>powered forklift                                 | Battery electric forklift coverted to hydrogen fuel cell power.   | HySA Systems integration expertise.   | August 2015    | 1               | HySA Systems and<br>Impala Platinum |
| 4. Metal hydride<br>compressor and refueling<br>station                   | Metal hydride<br>compressor and refueling<br>station  | HySA Systems integration expertise.   | August 2015    | 1               | HySA Systems and<br>Impala Platinum |
| 5. Liquid organic<br>hydrogen carrier (LOHC)<br>unit                      | An LOHC unit used to<br>produce LOHCcarry<br>hydrogen, which was<br>sold to a local private<br>company during the<br>2017/18 FY.  | The HySA contribution<br>was in the form of know-<br>how on putting together<br>the LOHC reactor. | April 2017     | 1               | HySA Infratructure                  |
| 6. 2.5 kW Hydrogen fuel<br>cell system for off-grid<br>rural applications | The fuel cell comprises,<br>17kW of solar PV,<br>28.8kW battery storage<br>with onsite hydrogen<br>production from water<br>electrolysis and onsite<br>hydrogen storage | HySA catalyst, MEA,<br>stack, HySA Systems<br>and Infrastructure<br>integration expertise.        | April 2018     | 1               | Joint HySA CoC project              |



## Fuel Cell Deployment in Material Handling Equipment <sup>10</sup>



### Hydrogen Fuel Cell powered forklift

Hydrogen Refuelling Station (200bar) ~ R2m

- Locally developed IP on metal hydride hydrogen storage material
- Metal Hydride material enables low pressure (200 bar) refuelling
- Refuelling of the forklift takes 15mins and enables 2-3 days of operation
- System costs are far below typical commercial products.



## **Fuel Cell Deployment to Power Social Infrastructure**







On-site hydrogen production and storage system



Power Management System including 28.8 kWh Battery Storage



2.5 kW Hydrogen Fuel Cell System



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## **Development of Educational Material**





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## **Fuel Cell Powered Forklift**



- The integration of a fuel cell unit in a battery electric scooter as a range extender has been completed.
- A canister based refueling system incorporating the new metal hydride recipe has been developed and is being deployed to support the electric scooter.



## **Off-grid Rural Electrification Project**

- DST and Department of Energy (DoE) are collaborating in fuel cell field trials for rural electrification
- The goal is to supply electricity to 5 communities, i.e. ~540 households, including rural clinics and schools and high mast lighting, for 36 months (or longer, subject to agreements and Eskom electrification plans for the area/s)
- Partners are currently reviewing 5 proposed sites in KwaZulu Natal Province
- CHEM's fuel cell DC Charging stations will be deployed in each community
- HyPlat to supply MEAs for the fuel cells upon qualification of the MEAs by CHEM
- Bambili Group (local BEE partner) will coordinate the project
- DST will fund the Fuel Cell component while DoE will fund the reticulation and high mast lights through their Energy Efficiency and Demand Side Management Programme.



## **Off-grid Rural Electrification Project**



## Some of the proposed sites for deployment



# **Off-grid Rural Electrification Project, cont.**

## **House Hold Starter Kit**



- Compact, high power density
- Smart ID, theft deterrent
- Single battery can power system for a day
- Bright LED lighting
- Phone charging
- Radio / MP3 player

- 19" color TV
- 12VDC, high efficiency
- Potential need for theft deterrent, Smart ID



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#### Way forward:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> HySA Five-Year Review
- Establishment of the Fuel Cell Task Team

#### Partnerships are being sought in:

- Taking technology to the market in collaboration with local companies, particularly SOEs
- Supporting skills development through internships (universities & TVETs) to support technology deployment
- Facilitating the development of infrastructure that enables the regional deployment of emerging technologies
- Developing material value chains to ensure security of supply
- Stimulating local demand for emerging technologies to power social and economic infrastructure
- Facilitate the establishment of manufacturing facilities in the country based on locally developed IP where appropriate
- Leverage international developments through global forums to increase public awareness of hydrogen and fuel cell technology



# Thank you

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