# HYDRO'S APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY

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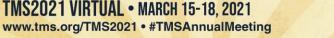
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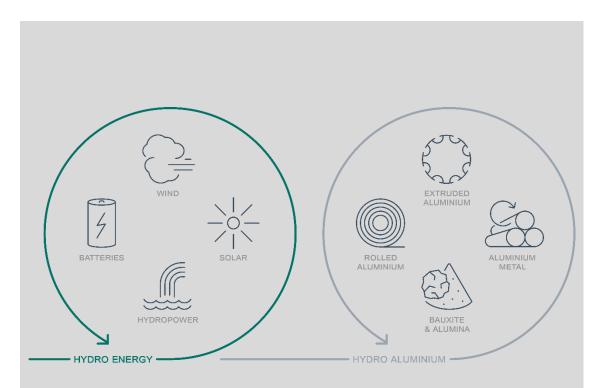




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# Building industries that matter

#### A leading industrial company with basis in renewable energy and aluminium



- Global provider of aluminium raw materials, products and solutions and of renewable energy
- First-class operations within renewable energy, raw materials, primary aluminium metal, rolled products, extruded solutions and recycling
- 34,000 employees at 140 locations in 40 countries
- Market cap ~USD 9 billion (as per January '21)
- Annual revenues ~USD 15 billion (2020)
- Included in Dow Jones Sustainability Indices, Global Compact 100, FTSE4Good



#### Introduction

#### Strong increase in sustainability, environment and climate awareness







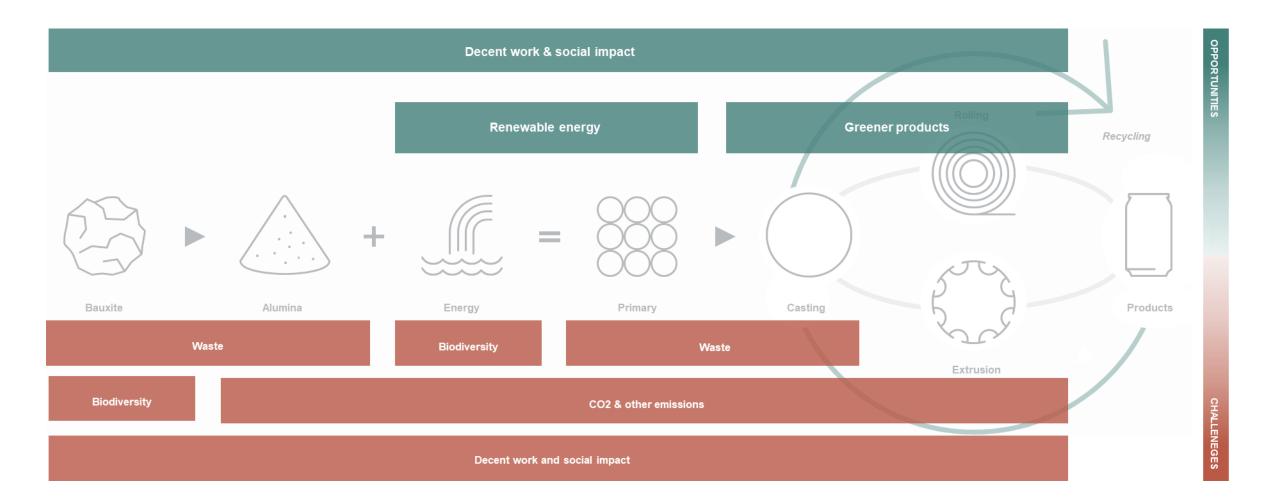


Action and improvement needed on waste, recycling and emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>) to defend aluminium's position





# Sustainability challenges and opportunities in the aluminium value chain





#### Hydro's 2030 sustainability targets



Social responsibility

Strengthening local communities and our business partners



#### Environment

- 1:1 rehabilitation
- Tailings dry backfill
- Utilize 10% of bauxite residue
  - 50% reduction in key non-GHG air emissions

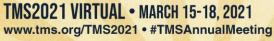


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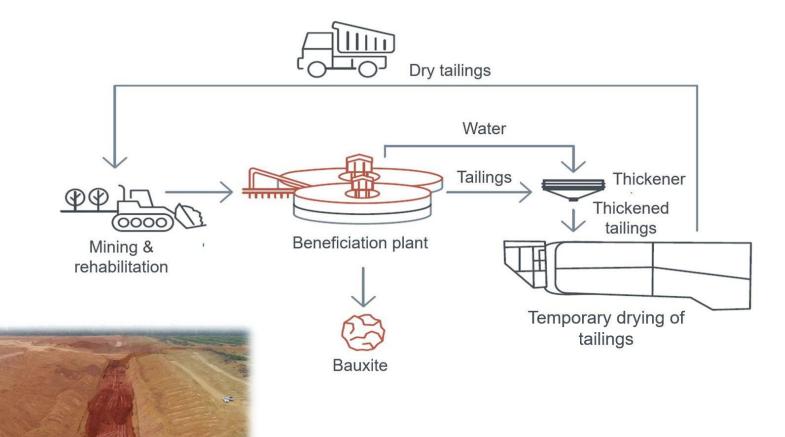
# Cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 30%

Sustainability in the marketplace: our greener products portfolio





## Tailings dry backfill in operation









#### **Bauxite residue: from waste to products**

#### Steel Industry



- Alternative iron ore
- % Utilization\*: 20

#### Agriculture



- Soil conditioner
- % Utilization: 10

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#### **Civil Construction**

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- Cement, concrete, aggregates, components, pavers
- % Utilization: 50

#### Oil and Gas



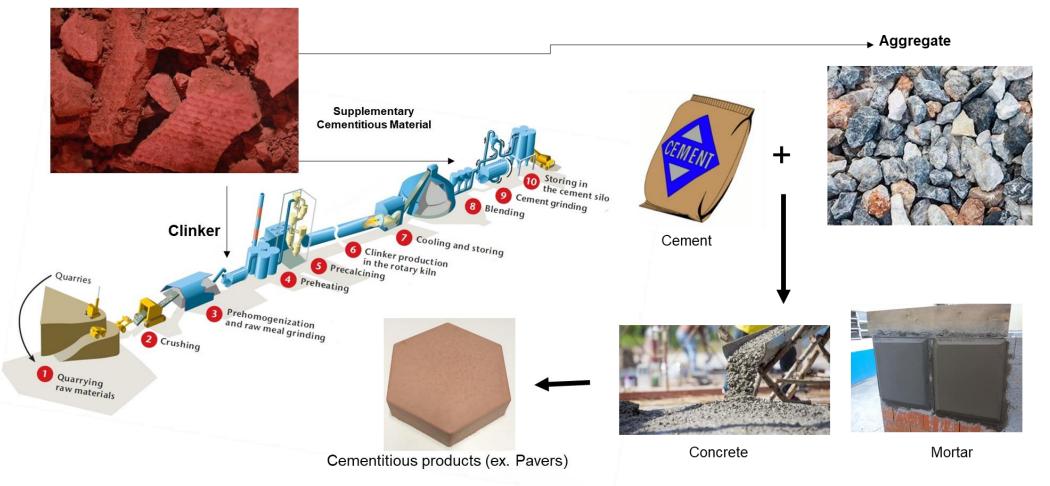
- Proppant
- % Utilization: 20

% Utilization (potential) = used BR (ton) / total generation (ton)



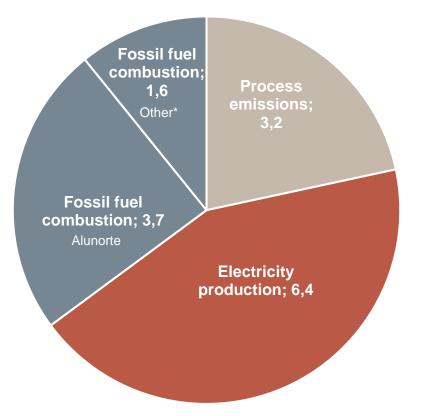
# **Cement industry with largest potential**

**Bauxite Residue** 

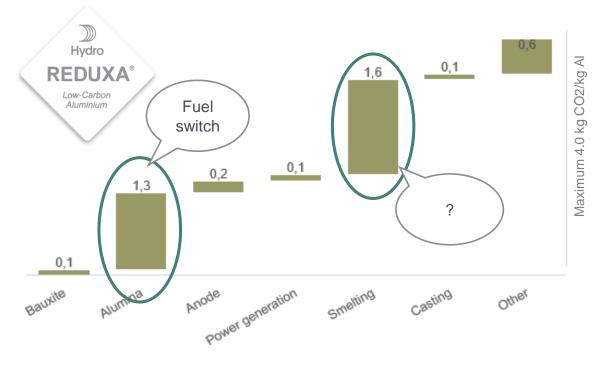




## Sources of Hydro's 15 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions



Hydro's certified 4.0 low-carbon aluminium



Emission data is as reported in Hydro annual report for 2017 with Extruded Solutions emissions included. Graphic: Breakdown of emissions of in the total Hydro value chain, including Extruded Solutions \* Casthouses, re-melting, anode baking, furnaces etc



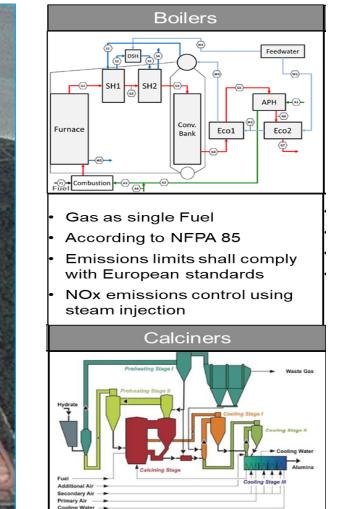
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### Alunorte fuel switch project

#### Converting boilers and calciners to natural gas, LNG



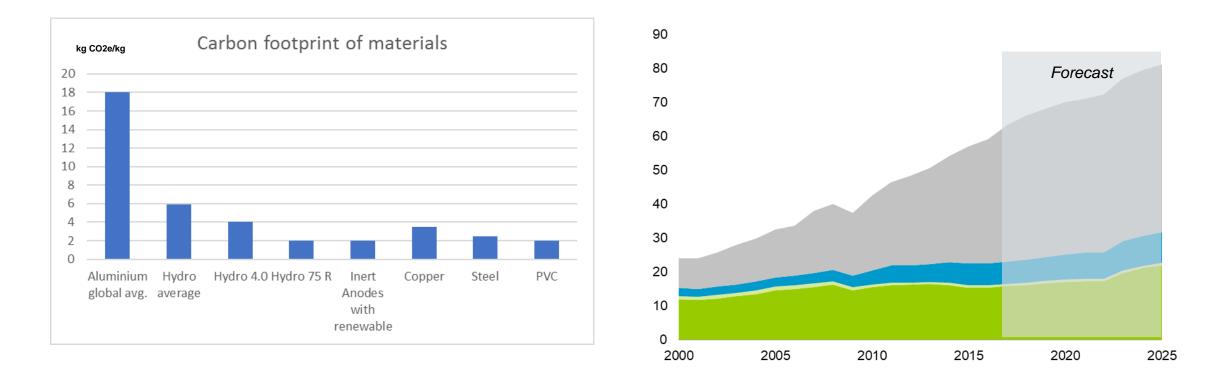




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# Primary aluminium production can come under pressure

All energy sources need to be based on renewable energy



Hydropower Nuclear Gas Coal



# **Electrolysis climate technology roadmap**

Build on the Hall-Heroult process and existing plants:

- Convert to renewable power
- Optimise operations
- Energy consumption
- Industry 4.0
- Broad portfolio R&D incl. bio carbon

Intermediate phase:

- Conclude on viability of R&D work
- Continue power conversion
- · Further optimising operations
- CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage or utilization, CCUS
- DAC solutions

#### New technology in «new» plants:

- Inert anodes
- Chloride/other innovative processes
- CCUS and DAC solutions

2020



Towards Zero

2050

Process (Lab) Cell asurement Measure output Estimated ALMIN Model SoftSensor estimato

Carbon capture from electrolysis A medium to longer term solution for zero-CO<sub>2</sub> Hall-Héroult electrolysis ) Hydro





2035



The planned facility is located within Rio Tinto's Complexe Jongu smelter, Vaudreuil refinery and Arvida research and development (US\$37.7 million) construction project is expected to be fully ope 2020, employing 25 technical experts





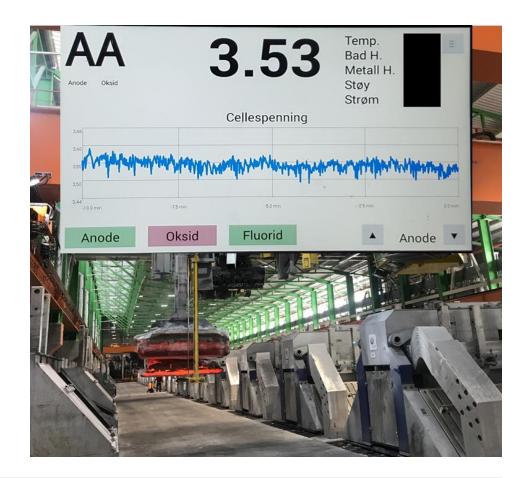
13 tonnes Al pr day About half the footprint of HAL4e





#### **Energy consumption – Karmøy tech pilot**

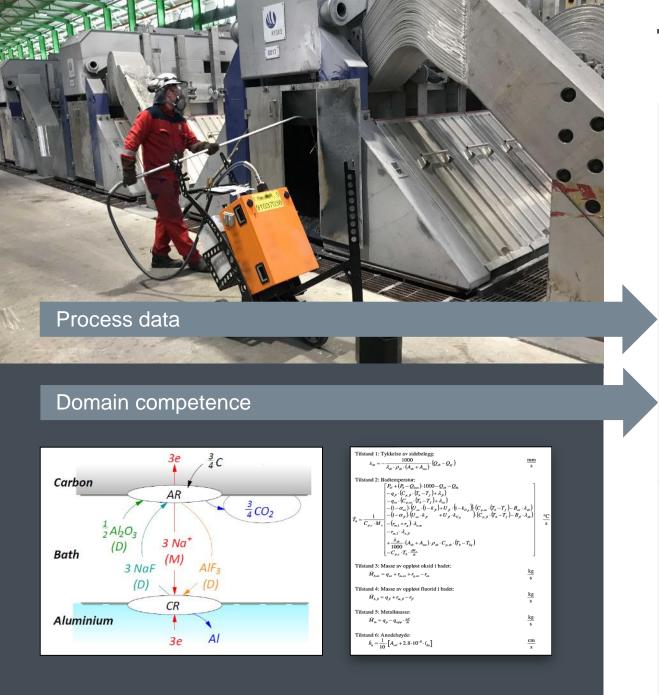




Successful validation test: EC < 12.4 / 11.8 kWh, CO<sub>2</sub> < 1.4 kg – technology element deployment







#### Towards autonomy Digital twins

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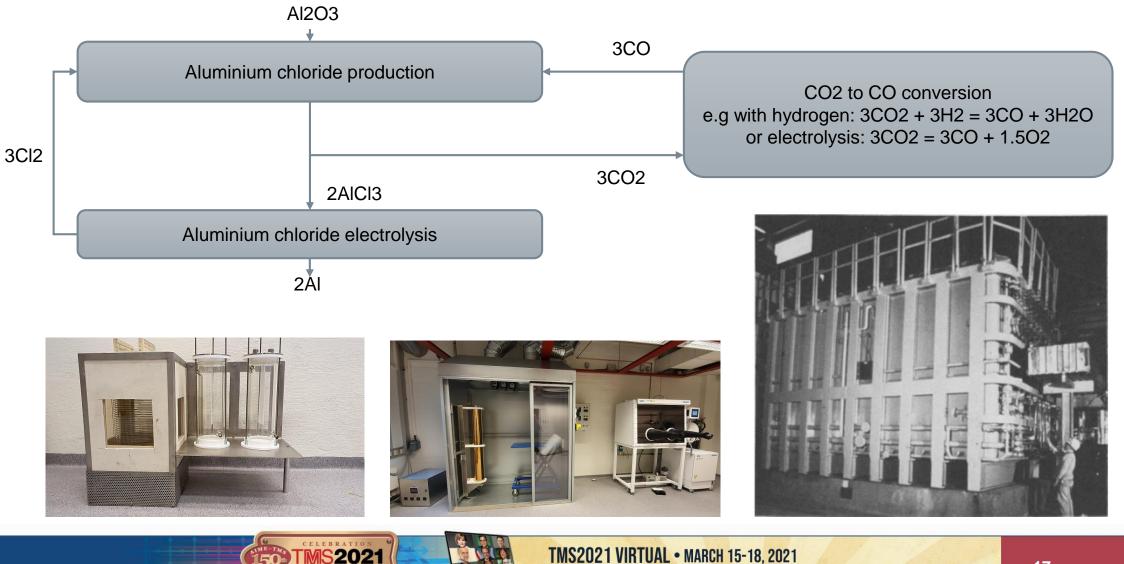
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**Hydro** 

## A new approach to the chloride process



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# **Carbon capture from electrolysis**

#### A medium to longer term solution towards zero-CO2 Hall-Héroult electrolysis

- Direct Air Capture (potentially utilizing waste heat from electrolysis or off-site)
- Off Gas Capture utilizing waste heat from electrolysis





# **Recycling - a part of the solution**

#### Aluminium's recyclability is a fantastic competitive advantage

Challenge:



Our approach:





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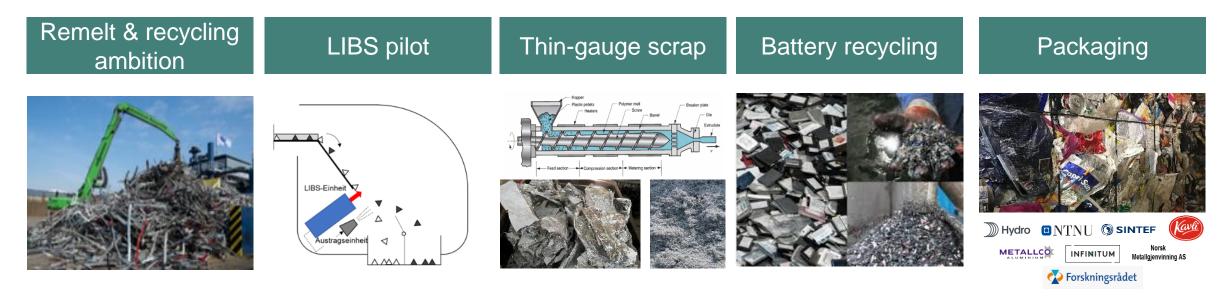
to recycle

75%

still in use

100% equal quality

# Encouraging recycling project portfolio



- Double EBITDA
- Use additional 500 kt post-consumer scrap per year
- Pilot for faster learning of industrial alloy sorting

Screw-extruder under development for compacting thin and difficult scrap Possible future source of scrap and profit Recycling-friendly aluminium food packaging



### **Our premium low-carbon products**



REDUXA Certified, low-carbon aluminium with a maximum carbon footprint of 4.0 kg CO2 per kg aluminium CIRCAL Range of prime quality aluminium made with a minimum of 75% recycled, post-consumer scrap



# Strong interest in greener aluminium

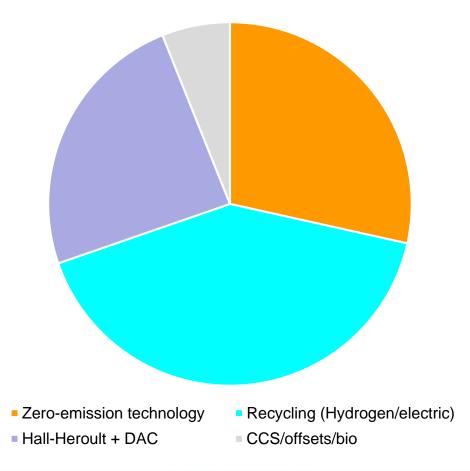


House of Choice, Sweden, Scandinavia's first zeroenergy hotel, Photo: White Arkitekter



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#### Summing up Increased sustainability awereness is about to change our industry



Directional 2050 Outlook

- IAI: around 165 Mtpy AI demand
  - 65 Mtpy recycled (40%)
  - 100 Mtpy primary
- A net-zero industry
- Clean energy sources
- New-builds with zero-emission technology
- Al-industry will receive few offsets and struggle competing for bio resources
- Existing and modern HH-smelters with on-site CCUS or off-site DAC





We are aluminium

