

# Highlights

- 1.
  - Elixir's Mongolian subsidiary, GOH Clean Energy LLC has been pursuing various initiatives to **pursue hydrogen** (H2) opportunities in Mongolia, including deploying a SODAR to measure green H2 feedstock: renewable energy resources
- 2. Elixir considers Mongolia is one of the best locations in the world to produce green hydrogen:
  - Adjacent to very large potential Chinese H2
     markets such as Inner Mongolia's steel mills
     (which produce 6 times total Australian steel
     production)
  - **Ultra low cost of delivery** by pipeline not boat
  - World class renewables wind and solar
  - Very few competing land uses

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Elixir's current natural gas related skills and assets in Mongolia are highly complementary to this new clean energy venture 4. Elixir is progressively **engaging with relevant stakeholders** to build competitive foundations to participate in an **emerging massive new energy industry** in a strongly advantaged location

# Introduction – Hydrogen 101

- Hydrogen (H2) is the most common element in the universe but very rare as an element on Earth
- Hydrogen is common as a constituent of molecules readily available on Earth such as water and methane
- H2 can be obtained by separation processes from these. It is not a primary fuel source
- Hydrogen is therefore an <u>energy carrier or vector</u> e.g. it can be used to move and store renewable electricity
  - Combusting H2 produces heat (similar to hydrocarbons such as CH4) which can be used to generate electricity, be used in industrial processes such as steel-making, etc
- The key attractive feature of using H2 as an energy source is that its combustion does not produce greenhouse gases like CO2 only water (H2O)
  - In the absence of Government policies to reduce greenhouse emissions, H2 only currently serves niche markets such as oil refining
  - However, wide-spread international targets to meet net zero targets will require such Government policies hence *H2 is widely forecast to become a major part of the global energy mix in the decades to come*

# Introduction – the Colours of Hydrogen (H2)

The 3 main ways to produce H2 are illustrated:

- In descending current cost
- In ascending pollution levels Net zero by 2050 targets are predicted to require massive clean H2 production



#### **GREEN**

Electrolysis



Most desired (but costly) form of H2 production - using **electrolysis** powered by renewable electricity







#### **BLUE**

Steam



Hydrogen produced using fossil fuels but CO2 is captured/sequestered







Gasifier

#### **GREY**

Gasification



How H2 is produced today - from **fossil fuels** but CO2 is **emitted** 









# Predicted Hydrogen Uses



target market for Mongolian H2



Fertiliser | Food industry | Methanol | Hydrocracking | Desulphurisation

Long-haul aviation | Shipping | Steel | Chemical feedstock | Seasonal power shortage

Medium-haul aviation | Long-distance trains | e-Fuels, specialist vehicles | Local CO2 remediation

Long distance trucks & coaches | Coastal & inland vessels | High-temperature industrial heat

Short-haul aviation | local ferries | Commercial heating | Island grids | Clean power inputs

Light aviation | Rural & regional trucks | Mid/Low-temperature industrial heat | Domestic heating

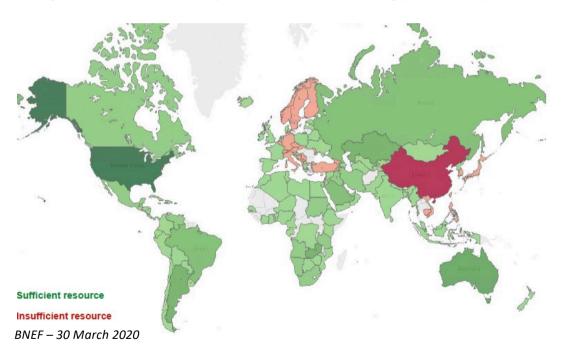
Metro trains & buses | H2FC cars | Urban delivery | 2/3 –wheelers | Bulk e-Fuels | Power system balancing

Uncompetitive

Source: Leibreich Associates

#### Chinese H2 Market Opportunities

- Elixir's key strategic rationale for exploring for CH4 in Mongolia is the locational advantage that gives in supplying the World's largest energy importer to its South
  - Bloomberg New Energy Finance concluded that China's population size and geographical nature means in the long term it have to import renewable energy directly as electricity or as green H2



Sinopec plans to spend \$4.6 bln on hydrogen energy by 2025

Reuters - 30 August 2021

PetroChina sets up \$1.5bn clean-energy investment fund

Nikkei Asia - 20 April 2021

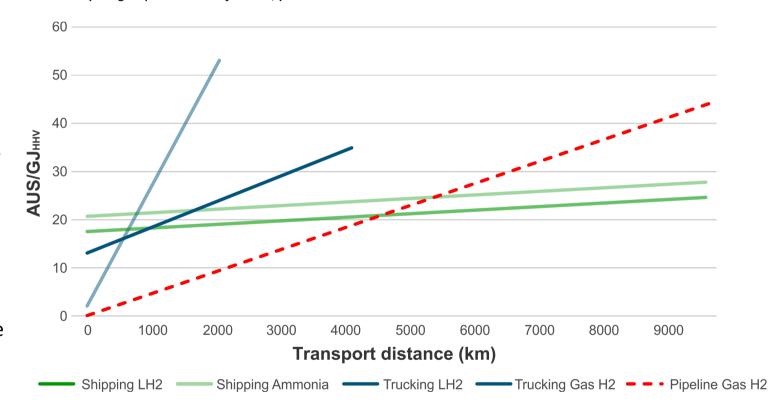
Chinese oil giant CNOOC adds green hydrogen to energy transition plays

Globuc – 23 September 2020

### Hydrogen Delivery Costs

- Around 2/3 of the cost of producing green H2 are
   the cost of renewables
- Shipping H2 by boat costs multiples (~\$20/GJ) of shipping the same energy as CH4 (~\$5/GJ)
- The delivered cost of H2 is therefore all about the quality of renewable energy and the cost of delivery
- Access to markets by pipeline is massively advantaged over seaborne supplies Mongolia can supply H2 to Chinese markets by pipeline

#### Cost of gas-to-gas hydrogen transportation, including conversion and reconversion - 2030s For hydrogen production of ~15PJ/year



Source: Rystad Energy research and analysis commissioned by Elixir Energy -

# Complementary Capabilities

- Elixir's natural gas related operations in Mongolia require:
  - Good relationships with multiple levels of Government
  - Ongoing effective engagement with different energy related Ministries and regulators
  - Ensuring local communities are supported and their potential concerns addressed
  - At present an ability to work with COVID related restrictions
  - The Company's existing staff, relationships, knowledge and goodwill therefore provide it with a very strong growth platform

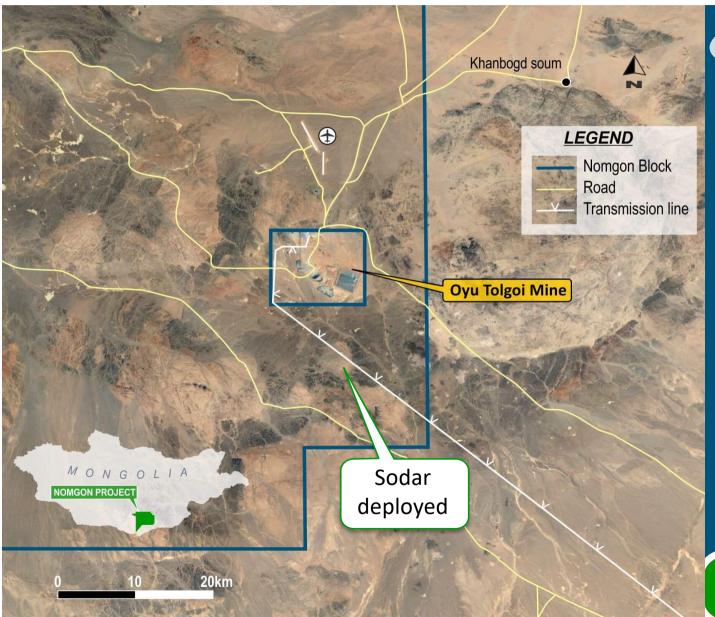
Although water costs are a trivial part of total green H2 costs, water from CBM production could be used as feedstock for green H2

If CCS proves viable in coal seams – CBM could produce blue H2



#### Sodar

- Elixir has imported
  Australian built Sodar
  equipment into Mongolia to
  measure wind and solar
  resources to bankable
  standards
  - The Sodar has been deployed to the same region as where the Company's current CBM operations take place This area is advantaged by world class wind and solar renewable resources and is immediately proximate to China



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# Hydrogen Project Stakeholders

- The Company has commenced engagement with the key stakeholders required for a successful green H2 project in Mongolia
  - This includes various levels of Government
- Elixir has commissioned a study on a H2 supportive legal system which will be shared with Government
  - Progress on this engagement process will be announced as milestones are passed





- Most credible international energy experts now see hydrogen as playing a very large role in the future de-carbonized global energy system
- 2. Hydrogen is not a fuel materially existing on Earth as an element rather it must be produced from other energy sources
- 3. It is therefore intrinsically more expensive than the primary energy sources it can be produced from and its role is therefore as an energy vector/carrier in time and/or space
- 4. The physical nature of hydrogen means that it is very expensive to ship long distances sources of hydrogen production adjacent to large users are therefore massively competitively advantaged

- Elixir's existing sphere of operations in Southern Mongolia is one such massively advantaged location
- 6. Additionally, the quality of renewable energy resources in this region are also globally top tier
- 4. In recognition of these factors and using the experience, personnel and skills the Company has developed over many years Elixir is now expanding its

  Mongolian strategy to include hydrogen
- 5. As a first step, Elixir is already measuring wind and solar resources in the South Gobi to bankable standards using a SODAR imported from Australia

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