

## GREEN VS. BLUE HYDROGEN

## **GREEN HYDROGEN**

**Gray Hydrogen Production Green Hydrogen Production** Natural gas - - - - - - - -Natural gas diverted green electricity Gas-fired (Combined Cycle Gas Turbine) Hydrogen tons of CO Electricity Hvdrogen tons of CO2 Hydrogen tons of CO2

Exhibit 1: Schematic — why green hydrogen can be more carbon intensive than gray

Source: Oliver Wyman Analysis

Green hydrogen appears to be economically inef cient, since its production requires

example, markets currently indicate prices of around \$170 per MWh for electricity and \$70 per MWh for natural gas in Europe in 2025. Once the cost of the electrolyzer conversion

around \$245 per MWh (Exhibit 2), compared to gray hydrogen at around \$120 per MWh. Using green hydrogen at \$245 per MWh to replace natural gas (at \$70 per MWh) is even less ef cient. This is also the case when looking at prices that prevailed before the current

A standalone green hydrogen plant taking electricity from an of shore wind farm can produce green hydrogen for a total cost of around \$130 per MWh, considerably cheaper than green hydrogen from the grid. However, this ef ectively relies on the windfarm selling the electricity to the electrolyzer at around \$60 per MWh, which is not a logical choice when the MWh.

Exhibit 2:

**More battery storage.** The growth in lithium-ion batteries of ers a far more economical of oversupply, with only about a 15% ef ciency loss and a lower capital cost per megawatt

**Battery research and development**. Alternative battery technology is receiving signif cant batteries, such as f ow batteries, and creating competition with green hydrogen for excess

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## **BLUE HYDROGEN**

gas, creating a secondary, more dilute CO2 stream. A capture ef ciency for both streams of

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