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Demonstration of a combined heat and power 2 MWe PEM fuel cell generator and integration into an existing chlorine production plant

Fact Sheet

Project Information

DEMCOPEM-2MW

Grant agreement ID: 621256

Project closed

Start date

1 January 2015

End date

31 December 2018

Funded under

Specific Programme "Cooperation": Joint
Technology Initiatives

Total cost

€ 10 524 200,40

EU contribution

€ 5 466 525,00

Coordinated by

**NOBIAN INDUSTRIAL
CHEMICALS BV**
 Netherlands

Objective

The project DEMCOPEM-2MW is to design, construct and demonstrate an economical combined heat and power PEM fuel cell power plant (2 MW electrical power and 1.5 MW heat) and integration into a chlor-alkali (CA) production plant. A chlor-alkali production plant produces chlorine and caustic soda (lye) and high purity

hydrogen. The hydrogen contains almost 45% of the energy that is consumed in the plant. In many cases this hydrogen is vented. The project will demonstrate the PEM Power Plant technology for converting the hydrogen into electricity, heat and water for use in the chlor-alkali production process, lowering its electricity consumption by 20%.

The partners have relevant experience in long life high efficient PEM power plant systems in hazardous environments like a chlor-alkali plant.

The PEM power plant will be fully integrated into the chlorine production unit and will also be remotely controlled. The water produced by the oxidation of hydrogen is also used. To reduce the (maintenance) cost of the integrated plant special emphasis is put on the longevity of the fuel cells (especially membranes, electrodes and catalyst) and to lower the manufacturing costs. The design is optimized for minimal energy loss. Extensive diagnostics and data acquisition are incorporated to monitor the performance.

The demonstration will take place in China as this is the ideal starting point for the market introduction. High electricity prices (up to 2 times higher than in Europe), 50% of the chlor-alkali world production and rationing of electricity all contribute to the business case.

A successful demonstration will pave the way for the roll out of the technology, staged cost efficiencies and further self-sustained market and technology developments.

Fields of science (EuroSciVoc)

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[natural sciences](#) > [chemical sciences](#) > [inorganic chemistry](#) > **[halogens](#)**

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Programme(s)

[FP7-JTI - Specific Programme "Cooperation": Joint Technology Initiatives](#)

Topic(s)

[SP1-JTI-FCH.2013.3.5 - Field demonstration of large scale stationary power and CHP fuel cell systems](#)

Call for proposal

FCH-JU-2013-1

[See other projects for this call](#)

Funding Scheme

[JTI-CP-FCH - Joint Technology Initiatives - Collaborative Project \(FCH\)](#)

Coordinator



NOBIAN INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS BV

EU contribution

€ 451 140,00

Total cost

No data

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Activity type

Private for-profit entities (excluding Higher or Secondary Education Establishments)

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Participants (4)



NEDSTACK FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGY BV

 Netherlands

EU contribution

€ 2 719 194,00

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Region

Oost-Nederland > Gelderland > Arnhem/Nijmegen

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Total cost

No data



MTSA TECHNOPOWER BV

 Netherlands

EU contribution

€ 1 825 780,00

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Total cost

No data



JOHNSON MATTHEY HYDROGEN TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED

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EU contribution

€ 259 679,00

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No data



POLITECNICO DI MILANO

 Italy

EU contribution

€ 210 732,00

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Activity type

Higher or Secondary Education Establishments

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