

# **Green Hydrogen Production Plants in Brazil:**

- H2X Minas Gerais
- H2X Rio de Janeiro





## **The Energy Transition Can't Wait**

Global climate commitments are forcing a rapid shift away from fossil-based fuels:

- Paris Agreement: 43% global emissions reduction by 2030
- **IMO Net-Zero:** Mandate for net-zero shipping emissions by 2050 **Binding global standard** for ships and vessels over 5,000 GT (covering 85% of emissions), coming into effect in **October 2025**

## **Policy Tailwinds Driving Demand:**

- **EU SAF Mandate**: 1.2% in 2030 → 35% in 2050
- IMO Net-Zero Framework: Carbon-neutral shipping by 2050
- **FuelEU Maritime & CBAM**: Accelerating clean fuels adoption and pricing carbon-heavy imports



## The paradox of our time:

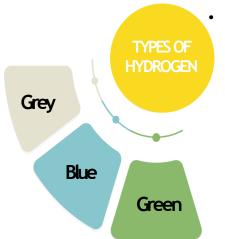
The greatest energy transition in history requires replacing cheap power with cleaner — but more expensive — alternatives

#### **Hydrogen: The Fuel for Energy Transition**

**Green hydrogen is essential to achieving global decarbonization goals** — yet current costs remain too high for widespread adoption.

Today's hydrogen market is still dominated by **highly polluting production methods**, chosen primarily for their lower cost but increasingly at odds with global climate targets:

- Grey Hydrogen Produced from fossil fuels (natural gas); costs €2.8-€3.5/kg but generates very high CO₂ emissions
- Blue Hydrogen Fossil-based with carbon capture; costs €2.5–€3/kg, but falls short of full sustainability



**Green Hydrogen** – Produced from renewable sources (electrolysis, thermolysis, or photolysis); the **only zero-carbon solution**, but still costs **above €6/kg** 



## **Green Ammonia & Fertilizers Global Opportunity**

### Massive growth forecast:

- Market projected to escalate from USD 0.3 B in 2024 to USD 6.2 B by 2030 (CAGR ≈ 66%)
- Conservative estimate: **USD 0.5 B in 2024** → **USD 3.2 B by 2030** (CAGR 45%)

## Fertilizer sector driving demand:

- Agriculture accounted for ~59% of green ammonia usage in 2023
- Green ammonia expected to supply 20% of global urea production by 2030, up from under 2% today

### Policy and regulation tailwinds:

• EU carbon pricing (ETS & CBAM) and renewable mandates push fertilizer producers toward cleaner inputs

## Low-carbon feedstock demand rising:

- Global ammonia output: ~240 Mt per year, with >80% used in fertilizers
- Fertilizer prices volatile—energy crisis and food security concerns underscore urgency for green alternatives





## Global Market Demand for Green Methanol & E-Fuels

### **Methanol as the Cornerstone of Synthetic Fuel Pathways**

- Foundational Molecule for E-Fuels
   Methanol is a key intermediate in the production of e-diesel, e-jet fuel, and e-naphtha, forming the backbone of the Power-to-Liquid route
- 50% of Global Liquid Energy by 2050
   Green methanol could supply up to half of the world's liquid fuel demand by 2050 (IRENA)
- Explosive Growth in Demand
   Current global consumption: 120 million tons/year

Projected demand by 2050: 385 million tons/year

Green methanol is rapidly emerging as a carbon-neutral alternative, directly competing with fossil-based (grey) methanol.

#### **Industrial & Transport Demand**

- Maritime adoption: Major shipping companies (Maersk, COSCO, CMA CGM) are transitioning fleets to methanol
- Aviation & shipping: E-fuels are critical for sectors where electrification is not viable





## **Brazil – The Opportunity to Lead the Green Hydrogen Revolution**

In the next years Brazil will have the **lowest hydrogen production cost in the world (McKinsey)**.

Brazil has a surplus of renewable energy.

The non requirement for new renewable sourced power plants (such as solar and wind plants) to sustain the production of green hydrogen, reduces project's **CAPEX** by more than half.

A **load factor close to 98**%, significantly reduces the need for compression and storage equipment to offset renewable intermittency.

Brazil has a strong strategic infrastructure with **modern ports** and **safe shipping routes connecting it** to Europe and the U.S.





## H2Brazil: Sustainable Energy, Smart Investment

**H2Brazil** develops **innovative renewable energy projects**, focusing on green hydrogen and its derivatives in its H2X configurations at competitive prices.

We aim to turn Brazil's energy potential into sustainable and economically viable solutions, positioning the country as a global leader in the energy transition.

We cover all the key phases to guarantee the success of green hydrogen projects:

- ✓ Cutting-edge engineering to structure and optimize the technological setup.
- ✓ Strategic location selection to maximize efficiency and competitiveness.
- ✓ Specialized legal advisory for regulatory approvals and government incentives.
- ✓ **Strategic partnerships with off-takers**, ensuring steady demand and predictable revenue.



We combine our technical expertise, market vision and in-depth knowledge of the energy sector to deliver high-impact, high-profitability projects.



## Our Team: Proven Track Record in Green Hydrogen

Decades of experience in energy project origination, development, and financing

Key roles in developing the first and largest green hydrogen plants in Portugal and Spain

Leadership in projects co-financed by the European Commission, including:

- Horizon 2020 and IPCEI (Important Projects of Common European Interest)
- €600M+ in EU grants secured by our team in past projects
- Focus areas: electrolysis innovation, integrated renewable hubs, and H2 infrastructure

Expertise in structuring large-scale international funding

Active in markets across **Europe and Latin America**, combining global expertise with **strong local partnerships** in Brazil (Minas Gerais and Rio de Janeiro)

Team members have been invited to speak at key hydrogen industry events and policy forums

Fully committed to delivering bankable, scalable, and financially viable H2 and e-fuels projects

Team responsible for the first and biggest green H2 plants in Portugal and in Spain.





## **Uberaba ZPE: The Strategic Location for the Green Hydrogen Revolution**

The **Uberaba (MG) ZPE free zone** was strategically chosen to maximize the **efficiency and competitiveness** of H2Brazil's project, as it provides:

- Tax and foreign exchange incentives, reducing costs and improving global competitiveness.
- Pre-approved environmental license, reducing DEVEX.
- **70-hectare secured land**, speeding up implementation.
- Accessible renewable energy via direct electrical grid connection.
- Grid infrastructure available.
- Road and rail infrastructure linking to Brazil's major ports.

The ideal choice to boost the production of green hydrogen and export of its derivatives on a global scale!





## **Uberaba ZPE: The Strategic Location for the Green Hydrogen Revolution**



Local production of green hydrogen derivatives will reduce reliance on fossil-based imports and support the state's energy transition. Minas Gerais has the major industrial and agribusiness cluster in Brazil.

- Agrobusiness: Green ammonia for low-carbon fertilizer production
- Mining & Metals: E-methanol and e-fuels for cleaner processing and smelting
- Chemicals: Sustainable feedstocks for chemical manufacturing
- Cement: Low-carbon fuels to cut emissions in clinker production
- Transport & Logistics: SAF, e-gasoline, and e-kerosene for cleaner mobility and export logistics

#### **World-Class Logistics Infrastructure**

The Uberaba, Minas Gerais, ZPE is connected to major industrial and agricultural hubs, ensuring safe and fast transportation of hydrogen and its derivatives.



## H2 MG Project in a nutshell

- Located in the Uberaba ZPE (Export Processing Zone), the project consists in:
  - ✓ Green Hydrogen Plant: With a total capacity of 820 MWe, producing 124,325 tons of green hydrogen/year at competitive costs (~€2.5/kg).
  - ✓ Green H2 Derivatives Plant:
    - ✓ Capable of producing 689,000 tons/year of green ammonia
    - ✓ And 663,000 tons/year of green methanol
- The project will have 3 phases:
  - ✓ **Phase 1**: A 20 MW electrolyzer to be used to sustain the local demand for hydrogen and its derivatives (in the steel, mining, cement and agroindustry sectors).
  - ✓ Phase 2: additional 200 MW, the green hydrogen will be used to sustain the local demand for hydrogen and its derivatives (in the steel, mining, cement and agroindustry sectors).
  - ✓ Phase 3: additional 600 MW to target the production of green ammonia to be used to produce green fertilizers.
- Total investment: R\$7.8 billion / €1.242 billion / US\$1.390 billion
- Expected Project IRR: >15%
- Expected job creation: ~ 1.000



## H2 MG Project Status

- Secured Land: 70 hectares Uberaba ZPE (agreement signed 14/01/2025)
- **Electricity Access**: signed PPA with **CEMIG**, the largest integrated energy company in Brazil, regarding access to 100% renewable power and grid access
- Water Supply: Guaranteed by Uberaba's ZPE
- Engineering Studies:
  - ✓ FEL 1 Completed
  - ✓ FEL 2 S2 2025
  - ✓ FEL 3 / FEED
- Environmental Licenses:
  - ✓ Preliminary License (LP): Approved
  - ✓ Installation License (LI): Scheduled for 2nd semester of 2025
  - ✓ Operating License (LO): Aligned with project phases
- Offtakers: international LOIs for methanol supply



## **H2 MG Project Protocols and Partnerships**

- **Invest Minas Gerais:** Binding MoU to support offtaker engagement and investment attraction
- Minas Gerais State Government: Binding MoU granting state-level tax exemption
- **CEMIG**: Strategic energy partner the largest integrated energy company in Brazil. Low-cost green electricity supply
- Uberaba ZPE: Lease agreement signed (14/01/2025) for 70 hectares. Includes zero federal taxes and full access to incentives under the Free Trade Zone regime.











## H2 RJ Project Port of Açu, Rio de Janeiro

### **Strategic Location for Green Fuels**

- Located in one of Brazil's **most industrialized states**, Rio de Janeiro
- Strong local demand + access to industrial offtakers
- World-class port infrastructure with direct export capability
- Abundant renewable energy and regulatory support enable low-cost production
- Plant designed for both export and domestic markets
- Focus on green methanol, SAF, e-fuels and HBI
- Ideal balance of energy availability, logistics, and market access





## H2 RJ Project Port of Açu, Rio de Janeiro

### **Gateway to Europe for Clean Energy Exports**

- Port of Açu is emerging as Brazil's primary export hub for green hydrogen and its derivatives
- Strategically located with direct shipping access to key
   European ports, including Duisport, Antwerp, and Rotterdam
- Existing partnerships with major European industrial clusters facilitate trade, logistics, and regulatory alignment
- On-site storage facilities for green hydrogen derivatives enhance supply security and export flexibility
- Positioned to play a critical role in Europe's energy transition and the reshaping of global fuel supply chains
- Offers unmatched opportunity for cost-effective transatlantic delivery of green methanol, SAF, ammonia, and e-fuels





## H2 RJ Project Port of Açu, the Ideal location

#### 1. World-Class Port Infrastructure

Deep-water port with industrial capacity, licensed for hydrogen, ammonia & methanol production and export.

### 2. Abundant Renewable Energy

Exceptional solar & wind potential + LNG backup ensure low-cost, reliable energy for electrolysis.

### 3. Strategic Logistics & Connectivity

Connected to BR-101 highway, future rail, gas pipeline network, and LNG terminal for hybrid energy solutions.

## 4. Government & Regulatory Support

Fast-track licensing, tax incentives, and institutional backing from H2Brazil de-risk investment.

#### 5. Direct Access to Global Markets

Export-ready to Europe, Asia & North America via integrated transoceanic shipping routes.

#### 6. Water Security for Electrolysis

Abundance of freshwater available, supported by high-standard treatment & sustainability systems.

#### 7. High-Capacity Grid & Off-Grid Potential

Grid connection with RFNBO capacity.

#### 8. Export Terminal in Progress

Dedicated liquid terminal for H<sub>2</sub> derivatives with "plug & play" port integration.

#### 9. Strong ESG Track Record

Biodiversity monitoring, mangrove conservation, and certified environmental reporting.

### 10. Circular Economy Enabled

Biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> from local biomass plants boosts e-fuels and carbon credit eligibility.



# H2Brazil: Delivering the Breakthrough the Market Has Been Waiting For

Green hydrogen at €2.5/kg Cost parity with grey No longer a dream — a reality!

"We've built an ecosystem of partners ready to do what others say is impossible: close the price gap and deliver green hydrogen, ammonia, and methanol — at scale, and at speed."

"When partnerships are strong, innovation accelerates. Cost parity becomes a milestone, not a vision."



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