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Marguerite Lake Hydrogen Hub Project

The Marguerite Lake Hydrogen Hub Project, developed by Cache Power Corp., Cold Lake First Nations and Babcock & Wilcox, represents an effort to establish a cost-competitive and environmentally responsible solution for Alberta's peak power needs. By integrating BrightLoop™ technology with on-site hydrogen salt cavern storage, this initiative aims to deliver net-zero electricity when coupled with CO₂ sequestration. The BrightLoop technology employs a chemical looping process to generate hydrogen from natural gas while simultaneously separating the CO₂. This innovation offers distinct economic and environmental benefits over traditional methods, positioning it as the most viable alternative for hydrogen production at the scale needed.



FUNDING DETAILS



RECIPIENT: Cache Power Corp.



PARTNERS:
Babcock & Wilcox
Cold Lake First



TOTAL BUDGET: \$4,252,167



AI FUNDING: \$2,000,000



PROJECT DATES:

MAR 2025 – MAR 2026



PROJECT TRL:

Start: 6 End: 8

APPLICATION

The project focuses on engineering studies to co-locate Babcock & Wilcox's BrightLoop hydrogen production technology with Cache Power's Marguerite Lake Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) Project. This integration will enable the CAES facility to operate on hydrogen as a clean fuel source, supporting net-zero electricity generation. The unique subsurface geology at Marguerite Lake, with its multiple salt layers, offers a cost-effective solution for large-scale hydrogen storage, eliminating the need for long-distance hydrogen transportation. The application of BrightLoop at this site will demonstrate an efficient and scalable approach to clean energy storage and hydrogen utilization in Alberta.

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PROJECT GOALS

- Scale up BrightLoop technology to produce 60 tonnes of hydrogen per day.
- Integrate hydrogen production with Cache's Compressed
 Air Energy Storage facility for net-zero power generation.
- Establish a local supply chain through Alberta-based fabricators and constructors.
- Validate the technical and economic feasibility of largescale hydrogen production, storage, and utilization.
- Support a Final Investment Decision for full deployment of the hydrogen hub.

BENEFITS TO ALBERTA

- Position Alberta as a leader in chemical looping hydrogen technology.
- Foster job creation and skill development in clean energy technologies.
- Contribute to Alberta's emissions reduction and decarbonization targets.
- Leverage existing expertise in salt caverns for cost-effective, large-scale hydrogen storage. Increase energy security and efficiency with innovative storage solutions.
- Support economic diversification through hydrogen applications in the energy sector.



5-20 Project Jobs



50-100 Future Jobs



2 New Products/Services



240 kt/yr Future GHGs Reduced

CURRENT STATUS

MAY 2025

The project has received funding approval and is advancing through early-stage coordination and commercial alignment activities. Project partners are collaborating on detailed planning and preparing for the upcoming design and development phases, with engineering teams mobilizing to support next steps.