

# 19 October 2023 ASX Announcement

# Ramsay Project Update Drilling Update at Ramsay 1

# Highlights:

- > Drilling commenced on 11 October at Ramsay 1 on the Yorke Peninsula.
- > Ramsay 1 is the first natural hydrogen exploration well to be drilled in Australia.
- > Surface drilling successfully completed with the well cased off at 220m.
- > Faulting and fractures encountered in the sections below 220m, indicating pathways for hydrogen to migrate from the source.
- Encountering natural fracturs has led to some delays and slower than anticipated drilling times.
- Hydrogen detected at elevated levels while drilling the Parara Formation, which was confirmed by onsite mudgas samples, and offsite laboratory analysis.
- > Further drilling through the target zones and testing are ongoing.

Further to its previous market releases regarding its flagship Ramsay Natural Hydrogen Project, the Directors of Gold Hydrogen Limited (Gold Hydrogen, ASX: GHY, the Company) are pleased to announce an operational update on the drilling for the Ramsay 1 well.

After commencing operations on 11 October 2023, the surface section was successfully drilled and cased off on Saturday 14 October at 220m MD. On Sunday night, further drilling commenced to test the identified target zones. While drilling in the Parara Formation, drilling has encountered a system of permeable faults and natural fractures. These are encouraging geological findings as these faults and fractures may represent possible pathways to allow for hydrogen to migrate from the source. This is an important technical confirmation of the geological setting at Ramsay.

It is encouraging to report that while drilling through the Parara limestone formation, hydrogen was detected at elevated levels (above background levels) via the advanced mud logging services provided by SLB. The samples were collected on surface and contained an expected high level of air contamination. Further testing and analysis of these samples were conducted in an offsite laboratory and the air corrected composition and values of hydrogen were found to be analogous with offset data.



The results are preliminary in nature and require further uncontaminated down hole samples to be taken and tested, to confirm the exact composition of gas and purity of hydrogen in the formation. Until these downhole samples can be obtained, the exact purity of hydrogen will not be known. Although the objectives of the well have been achieved in detecting natural hydrogen in the Parra Formation, the Company will attempt to collect uncontaminated downhole samples on the well.

The Company set out to test the results of the historic Ramsay Oil Bore drilled in 1931, and believes that the early detection of natural hydrogen at the rig site confirms the existence of natural hydrogen bearing formations within the PEL687 permit area.

These results are preliminary in nature, but they support the Company's ongoing work in discovering Australia's first natural hydrogen field.

The primary objective of the Ramsay 1 well is to confirm the presence of hydrogen in the subsurface geologic formations, by replicating the identification of hydrogen gas encountered during the drilling of the historic Ramsay Oil Bore back in 1931, and to also more broadly confirm geological modelling based on the exploration data obtained during the past year. Confirming the presence of free-flowing hydrogen is the first step to achieving Gold Hydrogen's Ramsay Project Objectives.

# **Ramsay Project Objectives**

From a technical perspective, the primary objectives of the Ramsay Project are to:

- (i) progress its natural hydrogen Prospective Resources to Contingent Resources and/or Reserves. This will involve the processes of discovery, appraisal and commercialisation; and
- (ii) mature portions of the granted title PEL 687 to Production Licence areas.

Historically, natural hydrogen gas was recovered in three samples taken in Ramsay Oil Bore drilled in 1931. The gas samples were taken at depths of 240.8m, 262.1m and 507.8m, all indicated as being within the Cambrian Parara Limestone.

Ramsay 1, the Company's first exploration well, has been designed and located to verify the findings of the historic Ramsay Oil Bore (refer **Figure 1**) in order to mature the historical occurrences of natural hydrogen to a 'discovery' for resource evaluation and reporting purposes. Exploration wells need to be drilled, evaluated and tested to determine the presence, producibility, extent and thus 'discovery' of hydrogen from the geological reservoirs. Ramsay 1 is targeting the Parara and Kulpara limestone formations, which reside above a fractured granite basement. Subject to the findings of this initial drilling campaign, the Company is planning to test the granite basement as part of the Company's future exploration activities.



The final timing and location for the drilling of Ramsay 2 will be contingent on the findings from Ramsay 1, but if the decision is made to proceed immediately, it is likely to be drilled in the location outlined in **Figure** 1, and during the November - December 2023 period. The technical objectives of Ramsay 2 will be similar to Ramsay 1 in terms of well depth and target limestone formations.

It is important to note that there are both geological and potential development risks associated with the Ramsay Project and the Company's objectives as outlined above. These risks relate to the presence, producibility and potential volumes of hydrogen, but also due to the location of the resource within agricultural areas and the proximity to National Parks on both Yorke Peninsula and Kangaroo Island, requiring significant landholder and community engagement. The worldwide, National and South Australian Government and industry efforts to secure hydrogen as an alternative energy source provides confidence that any technical and social concerns may be overcome.

# About Gold Hydrogen

Gold Hydrogen is focused on the discovery and development of world class natural hydrogen gas in a potentially extensive natural hydrogen province in South Australia. This region has only recently had its natural hydrogen potential identified by the Company. The domestic and global demand for hydrogen, combined with new natural hydrogen exploration techniques and experienced personnel, provides Gold Hydrogen with an extraordinary opportunity to define and ultimately develop a new natural hydrogen gas province.

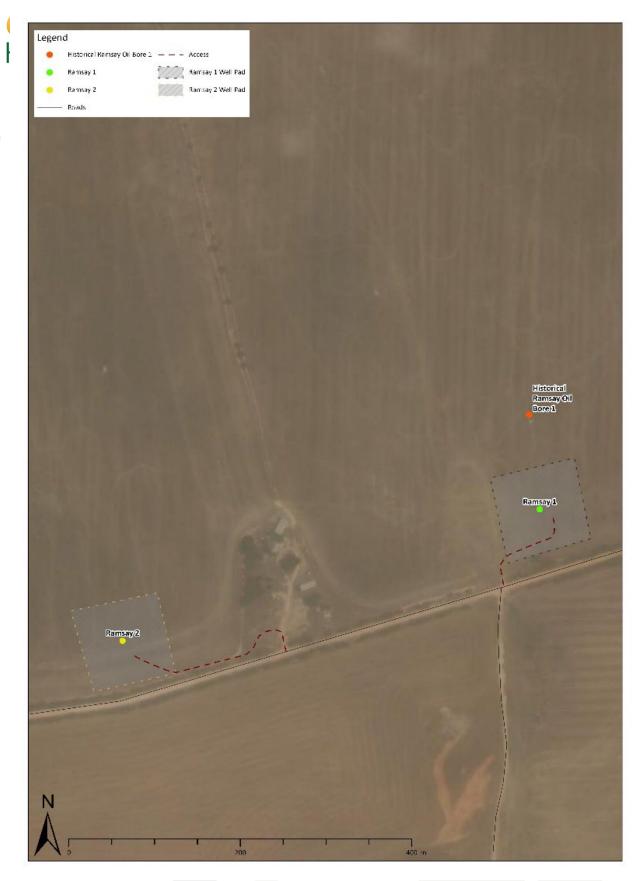
The combined natural hydrogen permit area of the Gold Hydrogen group is approximately 75,332km<sup>2</sup>. Gold Hydrogen holds one granted petroleum exploration license (the Ramsay Project - PEL 687) and its two 100% owned subsidiary companies (White Hydrogen Australia and Byrock Resources) hold an additional seven (7) applications for natural hydrogen exploration within South Australia.

The Company's Prospective Resource Statement is attached as Table 1.

Gold Hydrogen is also the preferred applicant for four (4) gas storage exploration licenses applications (GSELA) covering an area of 8,107km<sup>2</sup> within the Yorke Peninsula portion of PEL 687 in South Australia. These storage licence applications are in addition to the granted exploration licence and application licences.

The group's permit areas are characterised by low population densities, cooperative stakeholders and aspects of the natural environment suited to the exploration and development of a future natural hydrogen gas province. Gold Hydrogen places considerable importance on close liaison with landholders, traditional owners and all other stakeholders, and this approach has led to the grant of its key tenement PEL 687 in South Australia. The Company intends to continue to invest in these efforts.









#### **Further Information**

Further information on the Gold Hydrogen group, its projects, and its Board and Management can be found on the Company's website (<u>www.goldhydrogen.com.au</u>) together with a copy of the Company's Replacement Prospectus of 29 November 2022.

Gold Hydrogen also has accounts on LinkedIn and Twitter (<u>@GHY\_ASX</u>), and copies of market releases will be emailed to all interested parties who register via <u>info@goldhydrogen.com.au</u>

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This announcement has been authorised for release by the Managing Director.

On behalf of the Board Karl Schlobohm Company Secretary

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# **QPRRE Statement**

The Prospective Resource Statement in this announcement is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared by independent consultants "Teof Rodrigues & Associates" with an effective date of 30 September 2021, and which forms part of the Company's Replacement Prospectus dated 29 November 2022. The Prospective Resource Statement, together with all relevant notes, also appears in the Company's ASX release of <u>13 January 2023</u>.

The Prospective Resource Statement has been included in this announcement under the approval of Mr Billy Hadi Subrata, Chief Engineer for Gold Hydrogen, who is a Qualified Petroleum Reserves and Resources Evaluator. Mr Hadi Subrata confirms that, as at the date of this announcement, there is no change to information or additional information, since the effective date of 30 September 2021, that would materially change the estimates of prospective resources quoted.

# Forward Looking Statement / Future Performance

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# Table 1 – Prospective Resource Statement for Natural Hydrogen

Gold Hydrogen's Ramsay Project: Prospective Resources* of Hydrogen in '000 Tonnes – 30 Sept 2021										
PEL	Prospects	SPE PRMS Sub-class	1U Low Estimate	2U Best Estimate	Mean	3U High Estimate		Pg	Pd	Pc
PEL 687	All Prospects and Leads		207	1,313	4,187	8,820		22%	48%	10%
Yorke Peninsula					•					
PEL 687	Ramsay FB	Prospect	124	931	2,712	6,989		22%	50%	11%
PEL 687	Ramsay Lst	Prospect	10	70	191	492		26%	50%	13%
PEL 687	Maitland	Lead	7	26	40	92		17%	35%	6%
Kangaroo Island	1			1	I	1			1	1
PEL 687	Navigator	Lead	34	152	280	678	] [	19%	40%	8%
PEL 687	Kanmantoo	Prospect	32	134	237	569		25%	40%	10%

\*This estimate of Natural Hydrogen Prospective Resources must be read in conjunction with the notes in the Company's ASX release of 13 January 2023.

It should be noted that the estimated quantities of Natural Hydrogen that may potentially be recovered by the application of a future development project(s) relate to undiscovered accumulations. These estimates have both an associated risk of discovery and a risk of development. Further exploration, appraisal and evaluation is required to determine the existence of a significant quantity of potentially recoverable Natural Hydrogen.