

Press Release

Rely Secures Engineering Studies Contract with H4 Marseille Fos for European Green Aviation Fuel Hub



Alexis Martinez - H4 Marseille Fos (left) and Damien Eyriès – Rely (right)

Bruxelles / Marseille. October 9, 2025. Rely has been awarded to assist H4 Marseille Fos in early engineering studies to solidify plant definition and support permitting for a landmark project dedicated to producing sustainable aviation fuel (e-SAF) in Fos-sur-Mer, Bouches du Rhône, France. This initiative aims to position the industrial-port zone as a European hub for hydrogen and e-SAF production, supporting France's and Europe's decarbonization ambitions.

75,000 tons of e-SAF will be produced annually from green hydrogen produced by 300MW water electrolyzers, and from captured CO₂, with first production expected in 2030. This project exemplifies a significant step toward reindustrializing France in line with Europe's ambition for sustainable aviation.

A key aspect of this project is the potential of methanol-to-jet fuel synthesis pathway, which offers a promising route for decarbonizing aviation. Methanol, produced from green hydrogen and captured carbon, will be converted into high-quality jet fuel, providing a scalable solution that can be used without modifying aircraft.

Aligned with European objectives to incorporate 10% e-SAF into aviation fuels by 2040, as outlined in the ReFuelEU Aviation regulation, this project underscores France and Europe's commitment to a cleaner, more competitive aviation sector.

A collaboration built on strength and innovation

Following early-stage engineering studies, the project demonstrates Rely's leadership in integrating electrolysis and gas-to-liquid technologies. Rely brings a strong track record and foundation of technological excellence and project execution capability, ensuring the delivery of state-of-the-art solutions. Studies will also integrate technological providers for CO₂ to methanol and methanol-to-jet technological bricks. The studies conducted will pave and accelerate the way for potential FEED study.

H4 Marseille Fos is considered as the leading e-SAF project in the Mediterranean area. Its connection to the European pipeline network makes it an ideal location to serve Southern and Eastern France, as well as the Mediterranean basin and airports in the rest of Europe. H4 Marseille Fos is strongly supported at regional level as a levy for the decarbonisation of local industry.

Such collaboration between Rely and H4 Marseille Fos, through its parent companies H2V and Hy2gen, is envisioned to support a sustainable and competitive aviation fuel supply chain, leveraging partnerships as catalysts for the development of green hydrogen and its derivatives. Supported by Région Sud, Marseille Provence Airport, and Vinci Airports, the initiative exemplifies a collaborative ecosystem approach to innovation and sustainability in aviation.

Damien Eyriès, CEO - Rely, stated: *"This project marks a strategic milestone for Rely, reinforcing our position as a leading expert in e-SAF and hydrogen solutions and showcasing our innovative efforts to deliver and de-risk the energy transition in Europe. Leveraging our engineering expertise and our standardization approach, we are committed to advancing this landmark project towards next development stages, therefore with the aim of accelerating its Final Investment Decision."*

Alexis Martinez - H4 Marseille Fos, stated: *"This agreement is materializing the structured and robust process of project development implemented by H4 Marseille Fos with major technical players of the sector. Appointing Rely to lead the technical feasibility study of our iconic project marks an important milestone in our development. Their recognized expertise will help us secure the technical choices and move forward with confidence toward the implementation of this strategic project."*

About Rely

Rely is a leading technology integrator and service provider specializing in integrated, innovative and competitive solutions dedicated to the production and use of green hydrogen and its derivatives. Designed to bridge the gap between green electrons and molecules, Rely solutions contribute to the decarbonization of hard-to-abate industries, transportation and off-takers. It offers end-to-end services, from feasibility studies to project execution, operations and maintenance, including innovative products and technologies. Rely leverages on more than 200 hydrogen specialists across the globe as well as on a secured supply chain of electrolyzers through a partnership with John Cockerill Hydrogen. Registered and headquartered in Brussels (Belgium) since November 2023, Rely is 60% owned by Technip Energies and 40% by John Cockerill Group. www.relysolutions.com **#BridgeTheGap**

About H4 Marseille Fos

H4 Marseille Fos is a company owned by a joint venture between the German company Hy2gen, world leader in renewable and proven hydrogen, the French developer H2V, and by the Grand Port Maritime de Marseille Fos (GPMM).

In 2021, H2V launched a large-scale low-carbon hydrogen project in Fos-sur-Mer. In 2024, a strategic partnership with Hy2gen, an international specialist in synthetic fuels, reinforced the initial vision of producing e-kerosene on a large scale to decarbonize air transport.

The project represents a major industrial innovation, with the first deployment of technologies (hydrogen, methanol to Jet) that are destined for large-scale deployment in Europe and worldwide. www.h4marseillefos.com

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