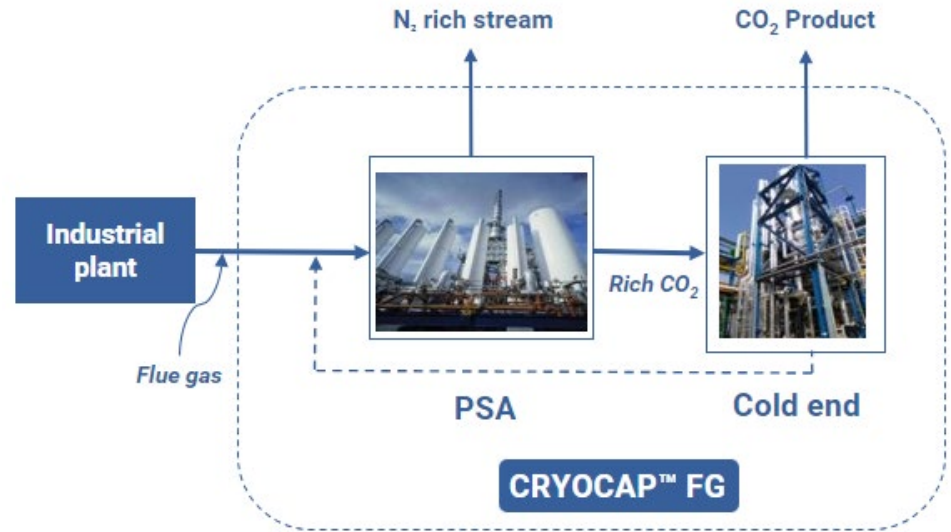


# Industrial Carbon Capture from an Existing Hot Briquetted Iron Manufacturing Facility Using the Cryocap™ FG Process (DE-FE0032221)



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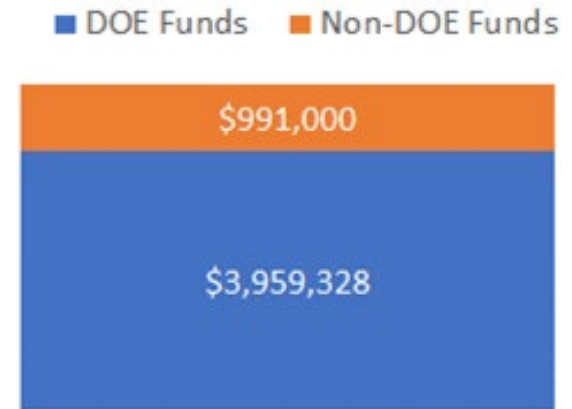
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# Project Overview and Objectives

- Total Funding: \$4,950,328  
DOE: \$3,959,328  
Non-DOE: \$991,000  
Cost Share: 20%
- Performance Period:  
April 1, 2023– June 30, 2025\*  
18 months, 1 Budget Period



- Execute and complete front-end engineering and design (FEED) studies for a commercial-scale, carbon capture project that separates 95% of the main carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions at a Hot Briquetted Iron (HBI) plant that emits approximately 1 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>/year. The capture system is a Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) system assisted Cryocap™ technology.

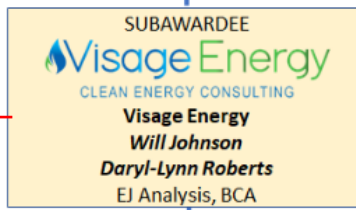
\*After pending No-Cost extension

# Project Team Management Structure and Team Tasks

Project management, LCA, WRP, BCA, E&HS, JC analysis & Final Report.



Environmental justice analysis



Site data and participate in engineering design decisions pertaining to host site and capture plant integration

OSBL design, constructability review, and cost assessment.



Design basis, ISBL preliminary engineering, ISBL design, and HAZOP study

Engineering analysis pertaining to modifications of host site process

# Project Participants

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# Host Site

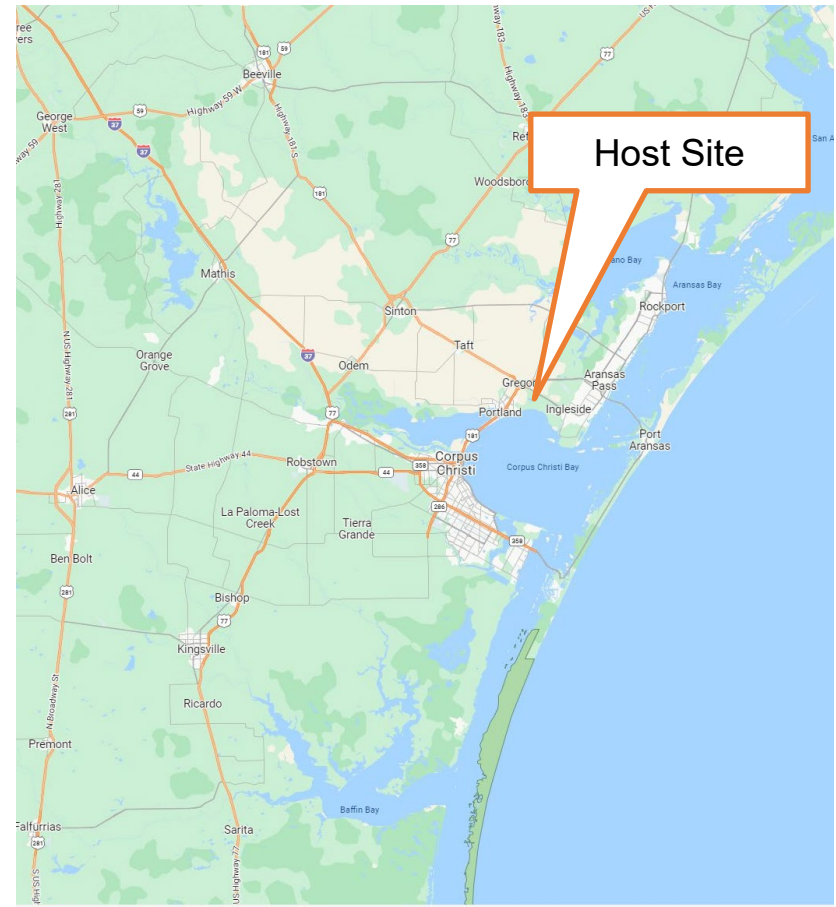
ArcelorMittal Texas HBI

World's largest and most state-of-the-art HBI Plant with annual production of 2.0 million metric tons of high-quality MIDREX®



# ArcelorMittal Texas HBI Plant

- Largest and most state-of-the-art HBI plant in the world.
- Production: 2.0 million tonnes/year MIDREX® HBI. Approximately 1 million tonnes/year CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Located within the Port of Corpus Christi Area.
- Site is located close to several potential storage sites in development within Port of Corpus Christi area



# ArcelorMittal – Growth in USMCA



Corpus Christi, Texas - 2Mt HBI capacity connected to low cost nat gas

## ArcelorMittal Texas – plans to double capacity

- Plant hit production records in 2023
- Plans under development to double HBI capacity and add CCS capability → low cost, ultra-low carbon metallics



Calvert - State of the art 5.3Mt finishing facility

## Calvert – plans to double EAF capacity

- 1.5Mt EAF under construction, due for completion 2H'24
- Option to add a second 1.5Mt EAF at lower capex intensity
- Plan developed for Electrical steel



Mexico – 2.5Mt of DRI-EAF based flat production

## Mexico – HSM utilization to increase

- Capacity utilization to increase in 2024



Mines Canada producing 25Mt of high quality iron ore concentrate

## AMMC to supply our requirements for DRI units

- Converting BF pellet production to reach 10Mt/y DRI pellets capacity early 2026
- To supply needs at Canada and Texas operations and potential to export to Europe



Dofasco, Canada, 4.5Mt of highest quality flat steel capacity

## Dofasco transitioning to DRI-EAF

- Dofasco transition to DRI-EAF steel advancing through FEED

The US (and the broader USMCA) is a strategic growth focus for ArcelorMittal

ArcelorMittal is a key supplier to critical domestic industry, including automotive, and is well positioned to capture the anticipated growth in domestic steel demand

Growth and investment are being supported by favourable domestic policy which promotes domestic industry and competitiveness of domestic manufacturing

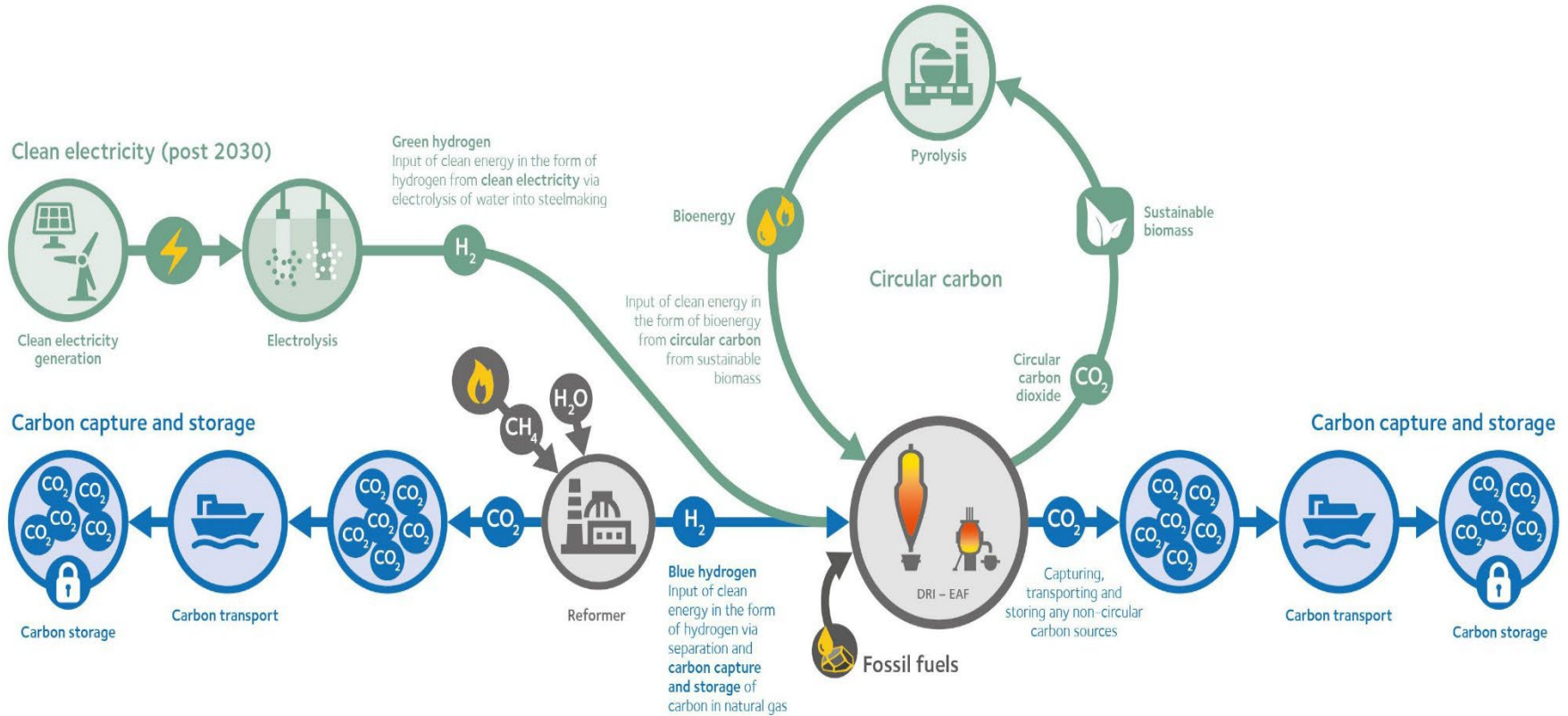


# ArcelorMittal Decarbonization – North America Context

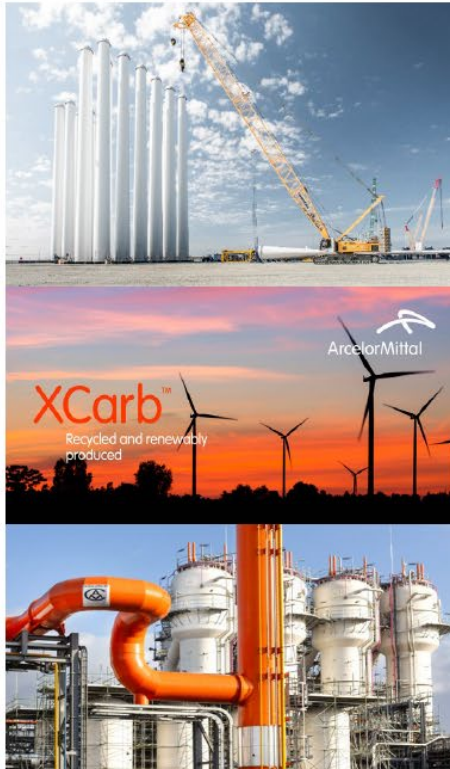
**The steel industry is responsible for 7-9% of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.**

- Availability of scrap today, scrap comprises 20-22% of global metallic inputs. IEA estimates 37% of steel will be produced via scrap based EAFs by 2030—increasing to ~50% by 2050.
- As such, Ore-based metallics are critical and will still be in demand as a scrap substitute.
- Capacity: Current and future announced US capacity additions ~16Mt, all EAF based with ~85% being flat rolled.
- Exports/Imports: US exports 15-20Mt obsolete scrap annually, but imports 2Mt prime scrap—prime scrap generation is abating
- In 2021 US imported 6Mt of pig iron and 1.7Mt of DRI/HBI.

# ArcelorMittal Decarbonization Pathways



# ArcelorMittal Decarbonization Projects



## Strengths & advantages:

- Existing EAF footprint → 36 EAFs in the group (including JVs)
- Existing DRI capabilities → we are the world's largest DRI producer
- Innovation → R&D capabilities supporting "smart carbon" steel making technologies; announced plans to build industrial-scale direct electrolysis plant (Volteron™)
- Diverse operations → unique scale provides access to options and opportunities

## Securing resources:

- 1700MW renewable energy projects; Argentina (130MW), India (1GW; completion 1H'24) and Brazil (554MW; completion 2025)
- Three scrap recycling businesses acquired in UK/Europe with combined collection capacity of ~1.0Mt
- Accessing high quality DRI through acquisition of Texas HBI and organic investments (Canada DRI pellet conversion project, Serra Azul pellet feed)

## A strong market presence:

- XCarb® products gaining an established market presence
- Our range of low-carbon emissions solutions is being adopted by customers across many end use segments. Most recent examples include
  - Vestas: XCarb® recycled and renewably produced heavy plate steel to an offshore wind farm, Poland
  - Schneider Electric: XCarb® recycled and renewably produced steel for its electrical cabinets and enclosures

## Decarbonization projects progressing:

- **DRI/ EAF projects** across Europe and Canada progressing through FEED:
  - Contract signed with industrial engineering company for the new EAF in Gijon (Spain);
  - Letter of Intent signed with EDF for long-term supply of low-carbon electricity to support our project at Dunkirk (France); subject to final approvals of DRI/EAF projects
- **Carbon Capture and Usage, Ghent:** 1st industrial production of ethanol and bio-coal (from waste-wood) successfully used in the blast furnace

A capital efficient strategy focussed on cost position, ensuring long-term competitiveness and an acceptable return on the capital to be invested



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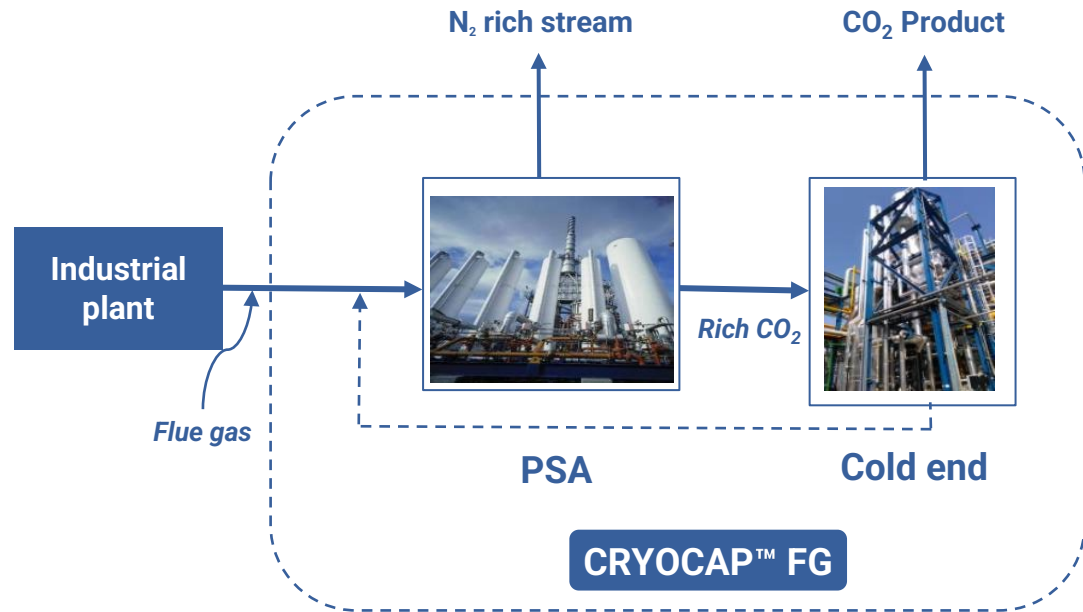


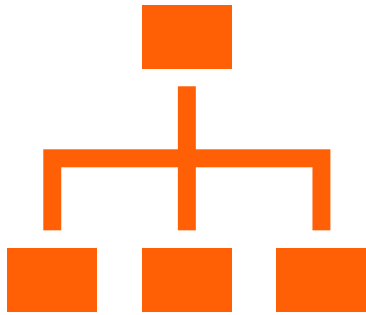
# Background on Capture Technology

Cryocap™ Technology

# Cryocap™ FG: CO<sub>2</sub> Capture from Flue Gas (~15% to 40% dry CO<sub>2</sub>)

- Suitable for a large range Flue Gas types (Cement, Lime, SMR , ...)
- PSA as a preconcentration brick
- HSE friendly (no chemicals and no flammables)
- Electricity powered (no steam needed)
- Compact & Flexible footprint: Compressors, PSA and Cold end can be located in 3 different plots
- NO<sub>x</sub> Smart Management
- Gaseous or liquid CO<sub>2</sub>
- CO<sub>2</sub> capture rate: 95%+





# Project Management

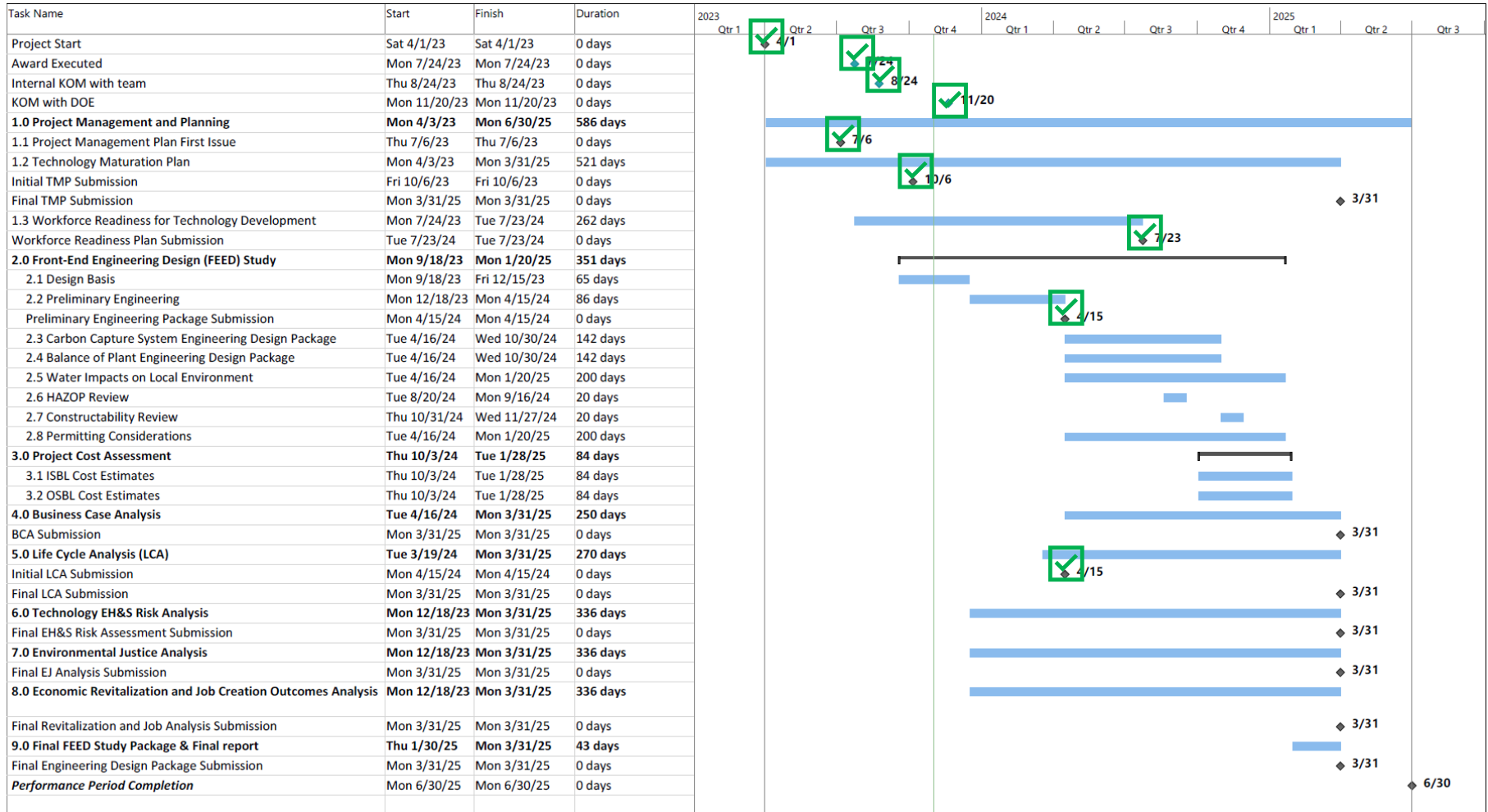
Milestones, Risks & Mitigation

# Deliverables and Milestones

Task	Deliverable Title	Due Date
1.1	Project Management Plan	The first version has been delivered. Updates submitted according to latest schedule.
1.2	Technology Maturation Plan	The initial TMP has been delivered. Updates to the TMP shall be submitted, as needed, throughout the project period of performance. A final TMP is due 90 days prior to project completion.
1.3	Workforce Readiness Plan	The initial Plan is due at month 12 of the project based on the start date of the Period of Performance. - Revised to month 12 based on the Award Execution Date -. Subsequent updates to the Plan, as necessary, are due at 12-month intervals.
2.1	Design Basis	December 15, 2023
2.2	Initial Engineering Design Package	April 15, 2024
4.0	Business Case Analysis	Due 90 days prior to project completion.
5.0	Life Cycle Analysis	Due 90 days prior to project completion.
6.0	Technology Environmental Health and Safety Analysis	Due 90 days prior to project completion.
7.0	Environmental Justice Analysis	Due 90 days prior to project completion.
8.0	Economic Revitalization and Job Creation Analysis	Due 90 days prior to project completion.
9.0	Final Engineering Package	Due 90 days prior to project completion.



# Project Schedule





# Design Basis

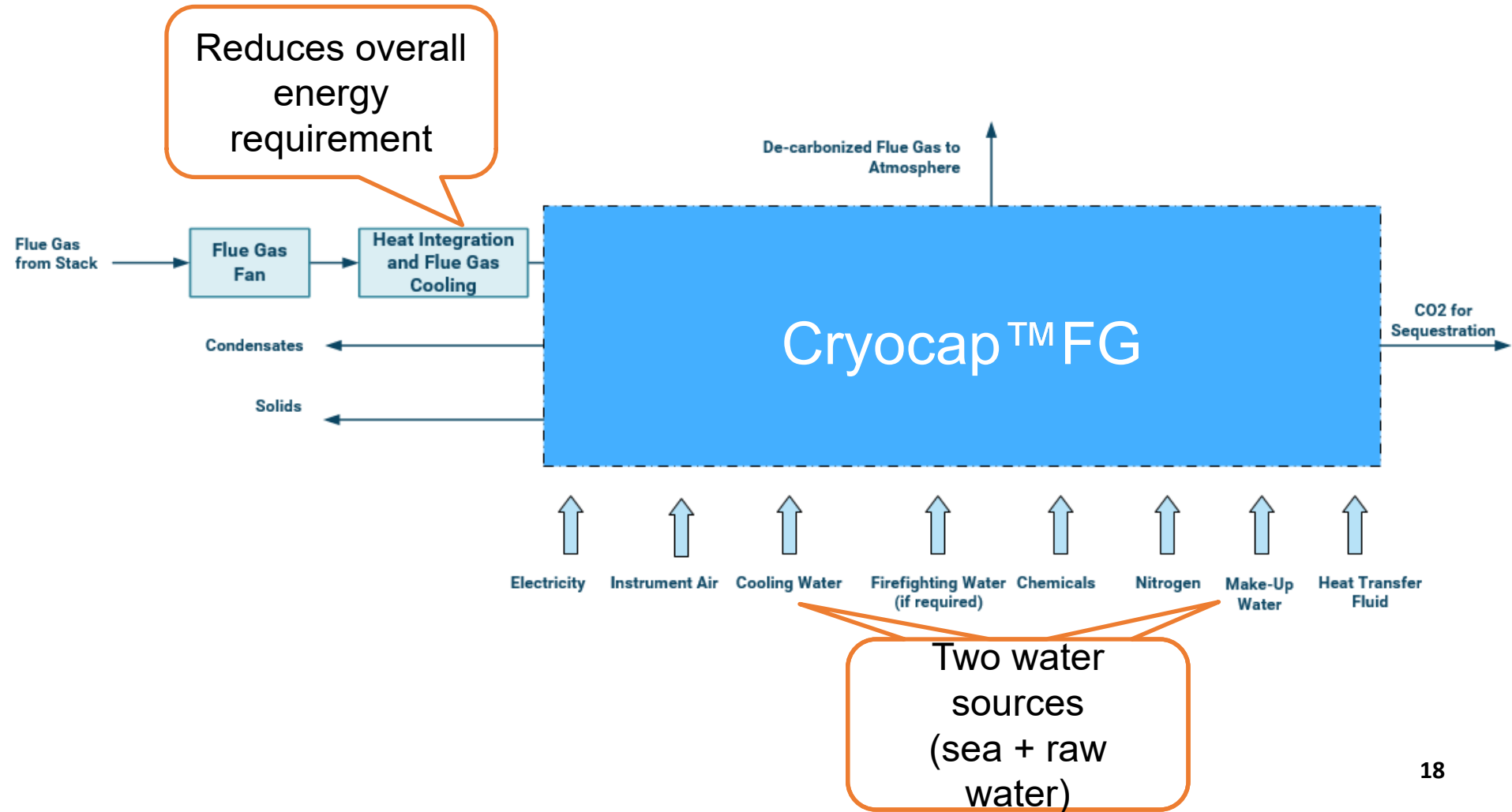
## Carbon Capture Plant Feed Conditions

			Rated <sup>(10)</sup>	Nominal <sup>(4)</sup>	Turndown <sup>(4)(6)(10)</sup>
HBI Production Rate	tonnes/hr		281.6	256	170
Flue Gas Temperature <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	°F (°C)		650 (343)	600 (316)	550 (288)
Flue Gas Pressure <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	psia (bara)		14.696 (1.01325)	14.696 (1.01325)	14.696 (1.01325)
Flue Gas Total Mole flow (wet) <sup>(2)(3)(9)</sup>	kmol/hr		21,695	19,722	13,097
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Flue Gas Total Mole flow (wet) <sup>(2)(3)(9)</sup>	SCFM <sup>(8)</sup>		302,500	275,000	182,617
<b>Composition <sup>(2)(3)(5)</sup></b>					
Carbon Dioxide	CO <sub>2</sub>	mol% (dry)	18.98	18.98	18.98
Nitrogen	N <sub>2</sub>	mol% (dry)	79.02	79.02	79.02
Oxygen	O <sub>2</sub>	mol% (dry)	1.91	1.91	1.91
Argon	Ar	mol% (dry)	0.09	0.09	0.09
Water	H <sub>2</sub> O	mol%	21.83	21.83	21.83

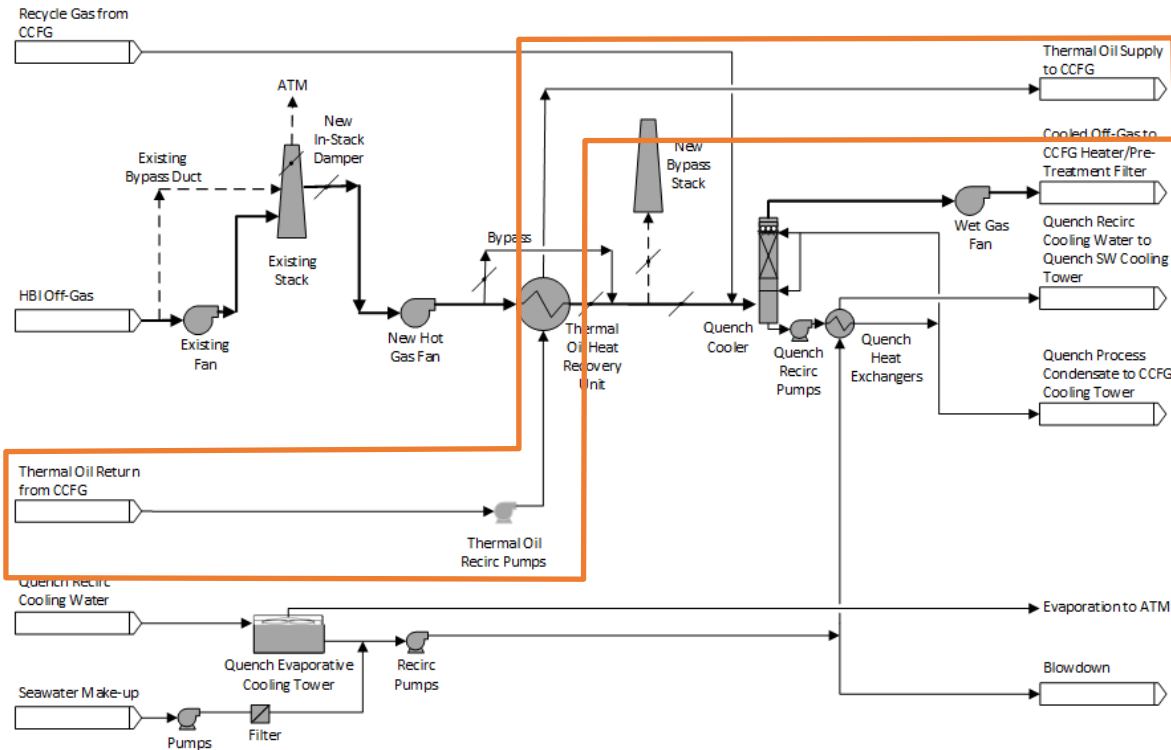
## Carbon Capture Plant Product Specifications

- Delivery Pressure: 2100-2200 psig (144.79 – 151.68 barg)
- CO<sub>2</sub> composition: >95 vol% (dry basis)

# Block Flow Diagram

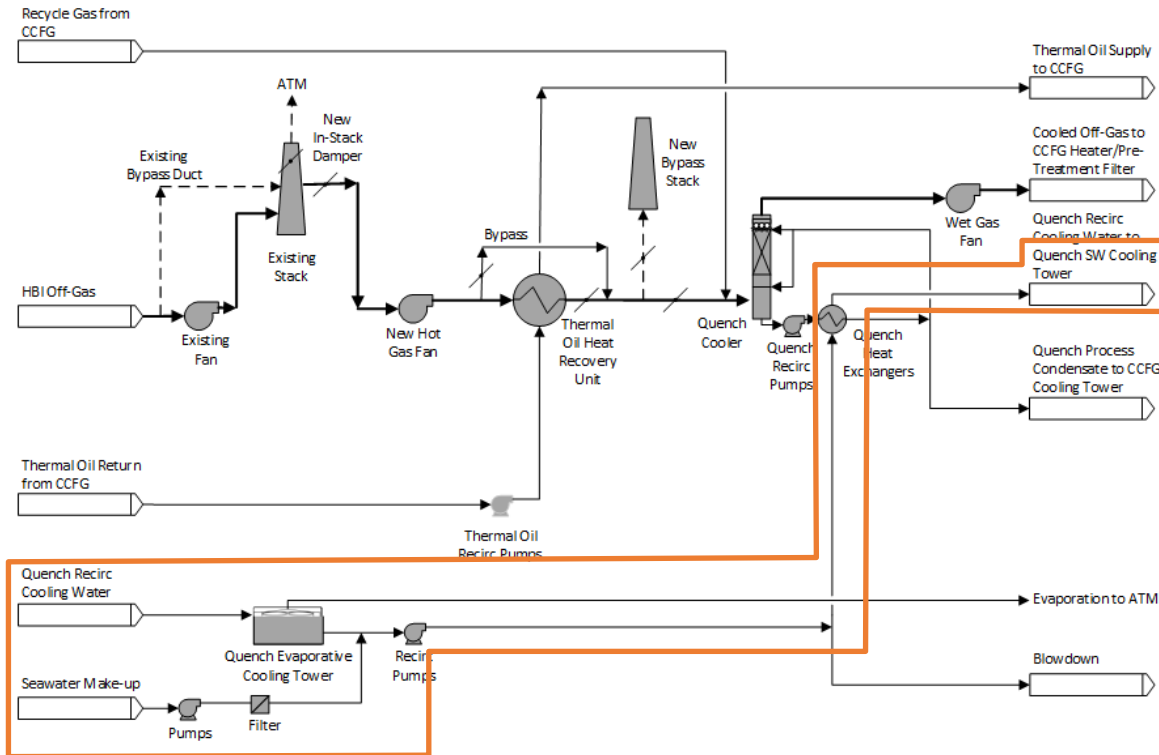


# Optimization Studies: Heat Recovery



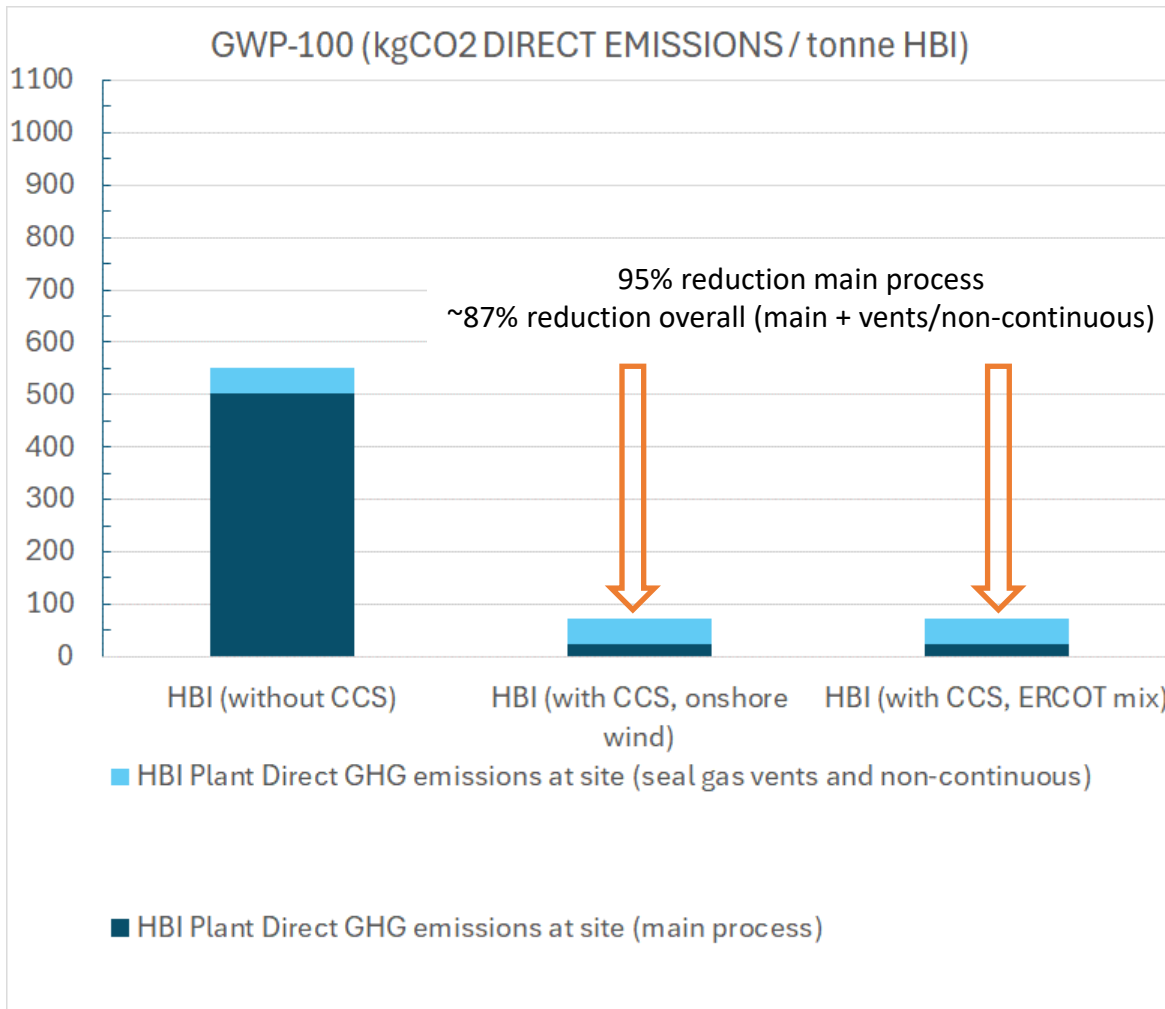
- Several options for heat recovery were investigated.
- Waste Heat Recovery with thermal oil selected as the most efficient solution. Hot oil is then used for ISBL process heating.

# Optimization Studies: Water Sources



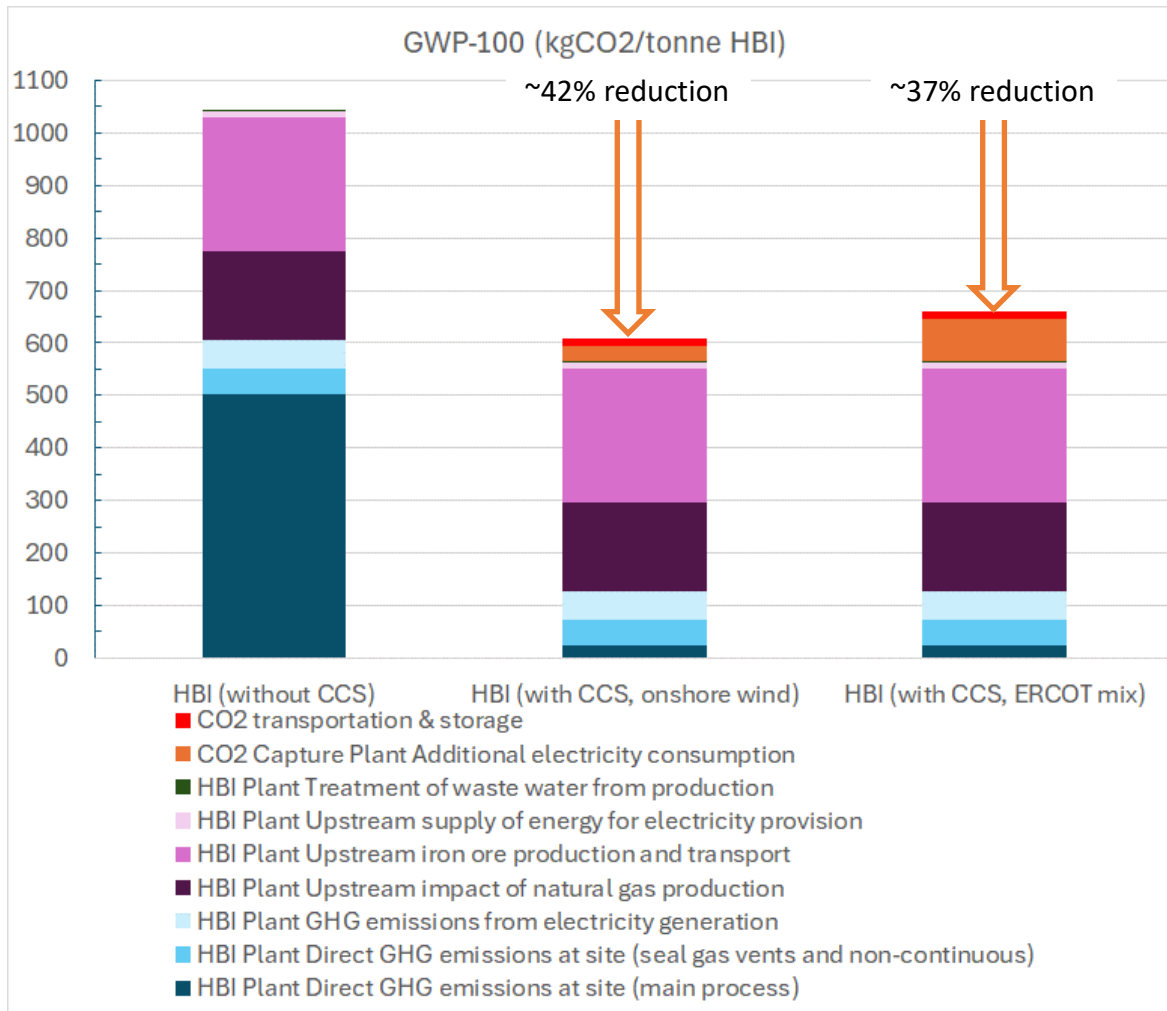
- Fresh water in demand in the region.
- Water sources split to reduce strain on fresh water and benefit from process efficiencies derived from lower source temperatures.
- Seawater used for quench cooling water make-up.
- Raw water from San Pat industrial supply to be used as make-up for ISBL cooling water (evap. cooling).

# Preliminary Life Cycle Analysis



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