

## **TECO 2030 to set up giga factory for production of hydrogen fuel cells in Narvik, Norway**

(Narvik, Norway, 10 March 2021): TECO 2030 ASA (OSE-Ticker: TECO) plans to establish Norway's first large-scale production of hydrogen-based fuel cells in Narvik in Northern Norway. Fuel cells enable ships and other heavy applications to switch from fossil fuels such as heavy oil and diesel to climate-friendly hydrogen, and thereby reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the shipping industry.

TECO 2030 is proud to publish its newest video showing the vision of TECO 2030 Giga Fuel Cell Innovation Center: <https://youtu.be/Q82vVVTH28c>

*TECO 2030 will host an investor presentation today at 14:00 CET with CEO Tore Enger and board member Birgit Liodden. There will be a short presentation followed by live Q&A:*  
<https://youtu.be/keLA0yVVO4k>

“We plan to establish a combined innovation center and factory in Narvik. The plant will be able to produce fuel cells with a capacity of more than one gigawatt per year, equivalent to several billion NOK of annual turnover,” said Tore Enger, CEO of TECO 2030 ASA.

Fuel cells convert hydrogen into electricity with water vapor and hot air as the only emissions. TECO 2030 develops fuel cells for heavy transport, primarily shipping, and these will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions from ships.

Through the initiative in Narvik, the company contributes to the Norwegian government's ambition that Norway should build a complete value chain for the utilization of hydrogen as an energy carrier.

### **Evaluated various locations**

TECO 2030 has considered a number of different potential locations for the giga factory and had initially planned to build the factory in Eastern Norway. However, Narvik turned out to be the best option, and the factory will be established in a facility that previously was home to a plant operated by solar company REC.

“After it was announced that we were planning a factory in Norway, we received close to 30 serious suggestions for possible locations. We truly appreciate the interest and all the input, but the former REC building is highly advanced and perfect for us. This is why we ended up choosing Narvik,” said Enger.

“The building is completely finished and ready to be put to use, and this is obviously an advantage for the project,” he added.

“We also note that Narvik has a positive attitude towards industry and business development, and we hope and believe that this initiative will create significant ripple effects in the city and region related to hydrogen, an energy carrier recognized to have great potential. While the neighboring city of Harstad has been the oil capital of Northern Norway, our goal is now that Narvik becomes Norway’s hydrogen capital,” said Enger.

### **Investment and employment**

The plan calls for a gradual increase of the plant’s capacity. Work on the site is planned to start in 2021, and the first production is expected next year. Total investments of up to NOK 1 billion are expected over a ten-year period.

During this period, up to 500 jobs may be created in Narvik within development, pilot production and full-scale industrial production. TECO 2030 expects to have 100 employees at the factory by the end of 2025. The development of the technology is done in collaboration with the Austrian technology company AVL, which will also contribute to the planning and construction of the proposed facility.

TECO 2030 is evaluating various financing alternatives for the new giga factory. The company is in talks with the Norwegian public environmental body ENOVA and other institutions to evaluate the financing options.

The former REC building previously belonged to state-owned SIVA - The Industrial Development Corporation of Norway but was recently purchased by the real estate company Kubera AS, which will lease it to TECO 2030 on a long-term lease with a purchase option.

### **Green shipping**

TECO 2030 focuses on one of the biggest environmental challenges of our time: How can we combine ever-increasing shipping volumes with reduced emissions? The company's vision is emissions free shipping, and hydrogen-based fuel cells will be key, especially when it comes to applications where batteries will be too heavy.

An example is the project Green Hydrogen @ Blue Danube, where hydrogen will be produced from solar and wind in Romania and transported on barges along the Danube river to industrial buyers in Austria and Germany. TECO 2030 is a partner in the project and will supply fuel cells for the hydrogen-powered tugboats that will take the barges along the Danube.

TECO 2030 has its roots in the TECO Maritime Group, a group of companies that has provided technology and services to the global shipping industry for over 25 years. TECO 2030 ASA was listed on Euronext Growth on the Oslo Stock Exchange in the fall of 2020.

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### **ABOUT TECO 2030 ASA**

TECO 2030 (OSE: TECO-ME) aims to tackle one of the biggest environmental challenges of our time: How to combine growing global shipping volumes with reduced emissions. We believe the shipping industry can move to zero emissions by implementing new technologies, with hydrogen-based fuel cells as the ultimate solution. TECO 2030 - powering the maritime industry's transition to renewable energy.