SERPENTINE HYDROGEN PROJECT

FORMAL INVITATION TO PARTNER IN A GLOBALLY SIGNIFICANT HYDROGEN RESOURCE

Early interest has been received from industry participants. This presentation outlines the play concepts, subsurface elements and resource potential to be defined and de-risked, as we open a structured farm-out process





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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SERPENTINE NATURAL HYDROGEN PROJECT

Introduction

Positioned in one of the world's most prospective regions for natural hydrogen, this pioneering exploration-stage venture covers more than 30,000 acres in the heart of a competitive play. Neighbouring leases are held by Koloma — a U.S. private company and the world's leading natural hydrogen explorer, with over US\$400M raised — and HyTerra, an Australian-listed company that is 40% owned by Fortescue, one of the world's largest mining companies.

Multiple high-impact drill targets will be drill-ready in 2025 and additional leases have been negotiated for Project expansion.

Hydrogen shows have already been confirmed through exploration drilling across multiple targets, with comprehensive geophysical programs now underway.

Farm-In Opportunity

Top End Energy formally invites partners to participate in a structured farm-out process. Qualified parties with the appropriate technical and financial capabilities will be granted access to proprietary datasets to support detailed project evaluation. Refer to pg. 29 for additional guidance and next steps.



In-house map, March 2025 HyTerra lease position sourced from their website Koloma (High Plains Resources LLC) leases from county records

THE FIRST SOURCE OF PRIMARY ENERGY TO BE DISCOVERED IN A CENTURY

Why Hydrogen?

A global push towards net-zero has accelerated demand for scalable, low-carbon solutions and positioned hydrogen as a critical industrial and baseload energy source

What is Natural Hydrogen?

Geologic processes within the Earth's crust generate hydrogen gas, which explorers aim to produce using tools and techniques developed for oil and gas

How Does it Compare?

Unlike manufactured hydrogen, natural hydrogen is a primary energy source, not just an energy carrier, making it a low-cost, low-carbon alternative

Why Participate?

Natural hydrogen is a transformative energy frontier, on par with the first oil and gas discoveries of the late 19th century or the shale revolution of the 2000s



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HOW SHALE EXPLORATION AND INNOVATION CHANGED U.S. OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION

Stage 1: Proof of Concept

In the late 1990's and early 2000's, the advent of fracking combined with horizontal drilling transformed tight reservoirs into high-rate producers

Stage 2: Scale

Expanding scale and cost optimisation, saw production expenses plummet and output surge

Stage 3: Diversify

Once the playbook was defined, it was replicated and repeated, from the Marcellus to the Eagle Ford to the Bakken

Why it Matters

After more than a century of exploration, the shale boom created an entirely new chapter in energy. We're on the verge of the next breakthrough — an overlooked resource is now within reach through new ways of thinking and targeted exploration

BARNET SHALE PRODUCTION (MMscf/d)



Texas RRC, Production Data Query



TARGETING EXISTING HYDROGEN DEMAND WITHIN U.S. MID-WEST

\$5B Mid-West Hydrogen Market

Mature regional hydrogen demand driven by ammonia fertilizer and chemical refining is primed for immediate natural hydrogen supply

Displacing Fossil Fuels

Replace fossil derived hydrogen with a carbon free solution – supplying existing demand without waiting on emerging markets and end users

Scale with Project

Begin with pilot-scale distributed ammonia to minimise the need for on-site hydrogen storage. Scale to fit-for-purpose plants that can compete with fossil hydrogen by eliminating SMR infrastructure. Transport network can support regional delivery across Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Iowa

Offtake Engagement

The Project has attracted early offtake interest, with discussions underway on terms and volumes. Given the high cost of transporting hydrogen, proximity to major regional consumers – such as Koch Industries, CF Industries and CVR Energy – is a key driver of project viability



CLEAN HYDROGEN LADDER VIABLE USES BASED ON ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS & NECESSITY



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A PROJECT'S VALUE IS ONLY AS STRONG AS ITS MARKET ACCESS

In Kansas, we're at the crossroads of mature agricultural and industrial markets - a rare alignment of resource, infrastructure and offtake

PROJECT VS POTENTIAL



THE MIDCONTINENT RIFT (MCR)

Ancient Rift System

The MCR is a 1.1-billion-year-old failed rift system stretching across the central U.S. and comprising of thick volcanic and sedimentary sequences bounded by crystalline basement

Hydrogen Generation

Dominated by ultramafic to mafic rocks that are rich in iron and magnesium, with deep faults and extensional features that support high rates of serpentinization

Gas Accumulation

Overlying sedimentary units with proven structural closures and sealing formations, providing the necessary conditions for hydrogen entrapment

USGS Modelling

The Project is situated in a high-probability zone as identified by USGS "Chance of Sufficiency" data with an overlap of the preferred conditions for generation, trap, seal and migration, as well as a localised peak in serpentinization potential



MAGNETIC ANOMALY



Stein et al, Tectonophysics, 2018

HYDROGEN SYSTEM CHANCE OF SUFFICIENCY



SERPENTINIZATION



USGS, 2024





USGS has unveiled its natural hydrogen prospectivity map WE CALCULATE THE ENERGY CONTENT OF THE ESTIMATED RECOVERABLE AMOUNT OF HYDROGEN TO BE ROUGHLY TWICE THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY IN ALL THE PROVEN NATURAL GAS RESERVES ON EARTH

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, 2024





PAIRING CONVENTIONAL TRAPS WITH A VAST UNCONVENTIONAL BASEMENT PLAY

Key Elements of Hydrogen System

Hydrogen exploration shares many of the same critical success factors as hydrocarbons, allowing us to leverage existing knowledge to develop prospects and reduce risk

- Source
 Migration
- Reservoir
- Preservation
- Trap / Seal

Conventional Play

Hydrogen is generated in basement source rocks and migrates into porous sedimentary sandstone and carbonate reservoirs, where it accumulates under shale seals

Unconventional Play

Hydrogen is generated in situ and accumulates within the fractured mafic basement, forming a laterally extensive direct source-reservoir system



In-house, Play Concepts



SOURCE AND GENERATION

THE ORIGIN OF NATURAL HYDROGEN

Source

Gravity and magnetic anomaly maps reveal a prominent mafic body, interpreted as a hydrogen-generating source

► Generation

Multiple wells intersect mafic lithologies across the anomaly, consistent with ultrabasic to basaltic compositions conducive to hydrogen generation

Proven Hydrogen System

Hydrogen has been directly detected and measured in numerous wells in high concentrations, indicating active and/or historical generation from the mafic source



Residual Bouguer Gravity (700m), KGS





MULTIPLE PROVEN HYDROCARBON RESERVOIRS WITH A TRACK RECORD OF COMMERCIALITY

Reservoirs

In addition to producing oil and gas in other regions, these reservoirs are prospective for hydrogen

Conventional Reservoirs

- Hunton Group: Mixed dolomite and limestone, with sustained field productivity
- Viola Limestone: Regionally extensive carbonate play with strong structural and stratigraphic traps
- Simpson Sandstone: Clean quartz-rich sandstones offering good vertical seals
- Arbuckle Group: Coarsely Crystalline Dolomite

Unconventional Reservoir

Basement: Outcrop analogs demonstrate how cooling joint sets and tectonic stresses can cause fracture permeability within low-porosity basement formations

FEATURE	LITHOLOGY/TYPE	SEAL UNIT	PRIMARY SEAL TYPE(S)	
Hunton Group	Dolomite and Limestone	 Chattanooga Shale Lower Miss. Shales 	 Overlying Shales Weathered 	
Viola Limestone	Limestone and Dolomite	 Maquoketa Shale Unconformity surface 		
Simpson Group	Sandstones and Dolomites	 Simpson Shale Chattanooga Shale 	carbonates • Unconformities • Pinch-outs	
Arbuckle Group	Dolomite with vuggy and fracture porosity	 Chattanooga Shale (Dev Miss.) Simpson Shale 		

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	SIMPSON GROUP	
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RESERVOIR POTENTIAL

USING OIL AND GAS DATA TO ASSESS RESERVOIR POTENTIAL

The Project is situated along a structural trend controlled by basement faults and mafic boundaries. Adjacent oil and gas fields producing from the Hunton, Viola and Simpson formations validate the presence of effective traps and seal integrity. These proven systems offer a strong analogue for natural hydrogen, which relies on similar structural and stratigraphic conditions for migration and long-term preservation





KANSAS OIL & GAS FIELDS PRODUCING FROM HUNTON, VIOLA, SIMPSON

HUNTON





SIMPSON









GEOLOGIC STRUCTURE

STRUCTURAL FEATURE ABOVE THE SOURCE

The Project is positioned directly above the mafic generation zone, on a localised structural high that preserves sufficient reservoir thickness before it rapidly thins toward the adjacent fault zone



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In-house, Generated in Kingdom







SHALLOW TARGET

HUNTON GROUP

Isopach map shows a clear thinning of the stratigraphic section along the hanging wall of a major Precambrian fault

This thinning reflects erosion due to uplift, creating both a migration pathway and a preservation edge

The Project sits where the Hunton section is thickest and directly overlies basement

The play concept hinges on proximity to the source, a structurally controlled migration pathway and a preserved stratigraphic trap





DEEPER TARGETS

VIOLA, SIMPSON AND PRECAMBRIAN

The Project predominantly overlies reactive mafic basalt basement, in contrast to non-reactive clastics as identified by USGS basement mapping

VIOLA STRUCTURE (SSTVD, FT)





SIMPSON STRUCTURE (SSTVD, FT)



PRECAMBRIAN STRUCTURE (SSTVD, FT)

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EVOLUTION AND POTENTIAL OF THE MCR

Structure

A structurally complex basin with extensive faulting and folding, capped by overlying shales that drape structural highs

- Fault-bounded closures: Reactivated rift faults form horst blocks and graben margins where hydrogen can accumulate
- Compressional folds: Local inversion along rift margins creates anticlines and fault-propagation folds
- Abilene Anticline: A broad, gently folded basement-involved structural high that has historically acted as a regional trap and migration focus for hydrocarbons

Migration

Drilling data showing high hydrogen concentrations up to 40 miles from the generation zone demonstrates sufficient vertical and lateral migration pathways • Intersecting fault networks: Cross-cutting normal and strike-slip faults

- provide vertical conduits for H₂ migration
- Fracture corridors around intrusives: Thermal stresses induce vertical fracture network to channel H₂ upward

ABILENE ANTICLINE





PRECAMBRIAN BASEMENT MAPPING



Bouguer Gravity, White. M, KGS Subsurface Dynamics Laboratory, 2025



IF BUGS AREN'T IN YOUR RISK REGISTER -THEY SHOULD BE

Elevated hydrogen means little without preservation and accumulation

We're targeting reservoirs protected from glacial flushing and deep enough to resist microbial loss - maximising the chance of a stable accumulation

MANAGING RISK



PRESERVATION

IMPACT OF GLACIATION AND MICROBIAL ACTIVITY

Preservation

- Hydrogen is highly susceptible to microbial consumption, which can convert it into methane or water, reducing the volume and detectability of hydrogen accumulations
- Regions within the maximum glacial extent are more likely to have experienced:
- Recent freshwater recharge
- Oxidizing subsurface conditions
- Introduction of active microbial populations
- Seal fracturing and increased vertical permeability
- New migration pathways that lead to leakage
- Thermal resetting which suppresses hydrogen generation reactions
- Even though the glaciers receded hundreds of thousands of years ago, the effects remain and preservation risk increases where glacial meltwater or modern meteoric water has infiltrated into the subsurface

MAXIMUM GLACIAL EXTENT



Kansas Geological Society



RISK ASSESSMENT

A TRANSPARENT VIEW OF EACH SYSTEM ELEMENT

Reservoir

Lower pressure regimes may limit reservoir drive, but several Kansas hydrocarbon fields successfully produce under comparable conditions

Seal

Uncertainty around hydrogen seal lithology persists, however proven hydrocarbon seals offer valuable analog confidence

► Trap

Current data limits our ability to accurately define and map trap geometries. Additional geophysical data will improve trap risk assessment in future phases

Preservation

Higher subsurface temperatures are preferable to inhibit microbial activity and enhance preservation, although multiple H_2 shows in the region suggest preservation is viable



HYDROGEN SYSTEM POTENTIAL



MIDCONTINENT RIFT PLAY CONCEPTS





DISCOVERIES HAPPEN IN THE FIELD, NOT BEHIND A DESK Current models based on limited real-world data can only take us so far

Early-stage natural hydrogen exploration demands a drilling-led **strategy** grounded by targeted subsurface insight

OUR EXPLORATION APPROACH



EXPLORATION APPROACH

WHY EARLY EXPLORATION CALLS FOR A RETURN TO FIRST PRINCIPLES

Drill Early Approach

- Most U.S. onshore oil and gas discoveries were made in the 20th century through exploratory drilling and surface geology – not complex models
- Today's workflows are model-heavy and geophysics-led, built for data-rich and high-cost offshore and unconventional plays
- In frontier plays like natural hydrogen, we're operating with limited data mostly accidental discoveries, some over a century old. Even AI needs hundreds of examples to learn; we're working with just a few
- That's why early movers are turning to drilling-led strategies, that define the system, build confidence and accelerate learning
- Drilling remains the fastest and most cost-effective path to generate the inputs required for meaningful geological models and commercial insight
- Our approach favours capital-efficient exploration over model-heavy uncertainty, leveraging smart well placement and focused data acquisition
- A robust geologic and geophysical model will follow once real, calibrated data is in hand

	FEATURE	DRILLING-LED EXPLORATION	GEOPHYSICS-CENTRIC WORKFLOW	
	Speed of Learning	Immediate feedback with each well delivering data for rapid learning and improvement	Long lead times acquiring, processing and interpreting seismic before ground- truthing can occur	
,	Cost Efficiency	Lower upfront cost per well, as drilling quickly validates play elements	Moderate to high front-end investment in seismic with no guarantee of a drillable target	
, 1	Data CertaintyReal data "on-bit" provides measurement of hydrogen shows and reservoir quality		Reliant on indirect attributes (AVO, inversion) that may misrepresent subtle signatures without sufficient calibration	
	Decision Making	Drill \rightarrow test \rightarrow adapt in tight feedback loops, allowing fast re-prioritization of targets	Seismic first \rightarrow rank \rightarrow drill, limited agility to pivot if models prove inaccurate	
	Risk Mitigation	Step out wells can de-risk key elements directly	Analog-based calibration for risk mapping hasn't been validated	
è t	Flexibility	Highly adaptive, future well designs continuously refined in response to incoming data	Reprocessing seismic costs time and money which is not practical for quick pivots	
<u>ן</u>	Technology Dependency	Well-established drilling and logging tools translate directly to H ₂ evaluation	Advanced workflows (full-waveform inversion and machine learning) require extensive training datasets	



KOLOMA'S DRILLING PROGRAM

- Public data for the Balsmeier, Carlson Farms and Hedge Lawn Farms wells is limited to post-confidentiality releases by Kansas Geological Society
- **Mudlogs** for the three Marshall County wells were published without hydrogen gas curves. Given Koloma's hydrogen focus and their use of mud-gas monitoring demonstrated in other wells, these measurements were almost certainly recorded
- Wireline Logs indicate the Simpson formation hosts promising reservoir quality and the basement is characterized by heavy fracturing. Conventional gas indicators, such as neutrondensity crossover, are less reliable for hydrogen due to the low H_2 index (about 1/10th of CH_4). Accurate log interpretation is challenging without the supporting mud gas, coring and geochemical data
- **Drill Stem Tests** indicate minimal fluid recovery and inconclusive pressure response. The wells were drilled overbalanced (mud weight up to 9.4ppg), which can suppress gas inflow and risk formation damage and fluid invasion. Koloma's most recent drilling permit proposes air-rotary drilling, acknowledging and addressing this issue

Post Drilling Confidence Signals

Koloma's post-drill US\$250M Series B raise in 2024 — backed by Khosla Ventures, Breakthrough Energy Ventures, Amazon Climate Fund, United Airlines, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Osaka Gas and others — along with its aggressive lease expansion in the immediate area, signals technical validation and growing internal confidence in the play. This is reinforced by an extensive highresolution gravity-magnetic aerial survey completed post drilling and ongoing seismic program

Top Left: Koloma drilling ahead on the Mid-Continent Rift **Top Right:** 3,000 to 5,000psi wellheads were installed on all three wells Bottom Left: New Koloma well-site, permitted for air-rotary drilling Bottom Middle: Workover rig on Balsmeier in November 2024 Bottom Right: Thousands of 3C seismic nodes were installed next to the Project







OUR DRILLING PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO VALIDATE PROVEN PLAY ELEMENTS AND DE-RISK THOSE THAT ARE UNTESTED

Hydrogen exploration is high-risk by nature, but the upside is transformative

A proven hydrogen source matched with the key elements of a commercial hydrocarbon system enhances our confidence in the play

DATA DRIVEN APPROACH



TOOLS AND TESTING

APPLYING EXISTING O&G TOOLS TO HYDROGEN EVALUATION

Drill and Post-Drill Program

Mud-gas mass spectrometry

Rock-volatiles stratigraphy

Triple-combo log (Gamma, resistivity, density/neutron)

Image log

Drill-stem test (DST)

Fluid geochemistry and microbial analysis

- Real-time detection to identify spikes vs background
- Correlate shows with depth, lithology and structural breaks
- Analyse drill cuttings for adsorbed and occluded gases
- Validates whether hydrogen is indigenous
- Differentiate reservoir and seal facies
- Highlight porous, fluid-filled zones with free-phase gases
- Detect gas-filled porosity and differentiate lithologies
- High-resolution images of the basement
- Visualize fracture orientation, aperture and connectivity
- Quantify fracture intensity and vertical pathways
- Measure in-situ pressure, permeability, and productivity
- Identify formation damage or overbalance issues that may mask true productivity
- Isotopic analysis to distinguish deep vs surficial hydrogen
- DNA/RNA profiling to detect microbial activity

DRILLING SUBJECT TO DRILL RESULTS DRILL CUTTINGS TRIPLE COMBO LOG SUITE DST FLUID GEOCHEMISTRY MUD GAS ANALYSIS DST FLUID GEOCHEMISTRY FLUID SAMPLES DST FLUID GEOCHEMISTRY FLUID GEOCHEMISTRY





DE-RISKING KEY ELEMENTS THROUGH DRILLING DATA

ELEMENT	OBSERVATION	VALIDATES	SCALE OF INSIGHT
Source	 Mafic lithologies in cuttings and core Gravity and magnetic anomaly alignment Fluid geochemistry 	Presence of a reactive source for hydrogen generation	Play
Reservoir	 Log porosity Mud losses Vuggy and fractured cuttings 	Suitable porosity and permeability in target intervals	Play & Prospect
Fractured Basement	Image logsTesting (DST/Swab) in basement	Fracture connectivity and flow potential	Play & Prospect
Trap	Hydrogen spikes in mud gasFree gas or in-solution	Presence of a trap and possible accumulation	Prospect
Seal	Tight intervals in logsDrop-off in hydrogen mud gas profile	Vertical seal effectiveness above reservoir	Prospect
Migration	 H₂ shows in non-source zones Alignment with structure 	Active or historical hydrogen movement pathways	Play
Preservation	 Reducing conditions (sulfide odor, Fe²⁺) Microbial analysis Production testing 	Long-term hydrogen retention and commercial potential	Play



INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE **RECOVERABLE HYDROGEN RESOURCE VOLUMES**

Resource Density

Recoverable volumes are based on the Project lease holding of approx. 31,000 acres and indicate a strong resource density that underpins its technical viability and supports the case to advance exploration drilling

Additional Resource Upside

Resource volumes are based on conventional potential of the Hunton, Viola, Simpson and Arbuckle through to the unconventional potential of the basement

Additional upside in shallower intervals, such as the Lansing where HyTerra recently recorded 96% H₂ at depths of less than 1,000 ft has not been factored in

Future Work

Ongoing evaluation, subsurface interpretation and exploration activities - including drilling and geophysics are expected to improve the risking profile, narrow resource ranges and incorporate additional volumes from shallow reservoirs

NET RECOVERABLE PROSPECTIVE HYDROGEN RESOURCE

1U	2U	Mean	3U
71 BCF	234 BCF	304 BCF	629 BCF
168 k tonnes	552 k tonnes	716 k tonnes	1,485 k tonnes

Cautionary Statement: The estimated quantities of hydrogen that may potentially be recovered by the application of a future development project(s) relate to undiscovered accumulations. These estimates have both a 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 hydrogen.

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WE'RE GUIDED BY A SYSTEM-VS-CONFIDENCE APPROACH AND MAKING SURE EVERY DOLLAR GOES TOWARDS BUILDING CERTAINTY

We already know hydrogen is there – now we need to prove its commerciality

MOVING FROM DISCOVERY TO DELIVERABILITY



ADDED VALUE AND NEAR-TERM COMMERCIALISATION

Co-Existing Gases

Natural hydrogen exploration is increasingly detecting significant helium concentrations. Both gases are generated in or adjacent to crystalline basement and migrate together along the same fracture networks and fault corridors. A coexisting H_2 -He system not only enhances project economics through a high-value secondary product but also creates a pathway to near-term revenue.

Recent examples of elevated hydrogen and helium recorded from the same well include:

- HyTerra in Kansas: 96% H_2 / 5% He; and 16% H_2 / 4% He
- Gold Hydrogen in South Australia: 96% H₂ / 17% He
- Helix Exploration in Montana: 55% H₂ / 2% He

Isotopic analysis of hydrogen (deuterium-hydrogen ratios) and helium (³He/⁴He) provides a geochemical framework for distinguishing between mantle-derived, crustal and microbial gas origins. This is an area of active research as exploration for natural hydrogen accelerates globally.

Kansas Drives Helium Supply

Kansas is America's leading helium state, with eight helium processing plants and discoveries dating back over a century, the state has a long history of extraction, processing and transport. The supportive state framework and established infrastructure ensure reliable production and scalable growth. With global demand surging and spot helium prices reaching \$1,000–\$1,500 Mcf, Kansas is well-positioned to deliver into a high-value and supply constrained market



NEXT STEPS

Expressions of Interest

Top End Energy invites partners to join a structured farm-out process and advance an exploration program to unlock value in a transformative hydrogen play.

Qualified parties with the appropriate technical and financial capabilities will be granted access to proprietary datasets to support detailed project evaluation.

Commercial Structure

- Earn a substantial working interest via a drilling carry and/or staged capital contributions, under a Joint Operating Agreement
- A Joint Development Agreement may be offered to partners who bring technical and/or operatorship credentials
- Commercial terms will be tailored to each partner's capital commitment, technical contribution and strategic fit

Ideal Partner

- Understands frontier exploration and risk
- Sufficient capital to fund a multi-well exploration program and subsequent appraisal
- Partners with U.S. operating experience and/or proprietary natural hydrogen technologies are viewed as beneficial
- Familiar with public company disclosure standards



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