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#### **Investor Webinar**

**Sparc Technologies Limited** (**ASX: SPN**) (**Sparc, Sparc Technologies** or the **Company**) Managing Director, Nick O'Loughlin, will host an investor webinar to provide an update on Sparc Hydrogen's green hydrogen technology and pilot plant development.

Please refer to the presentation herein.

#### Webinar Details:

- Date: 27th May 2025
- Time: 11.30AM AEST / 9.30AM WST
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# Innovating For A Sustainable Future

Sparc Technologies is an ASX listed (SPN) developer of two transformative technologies



### Leading the Next-Generation Green Hydrogen Revolution

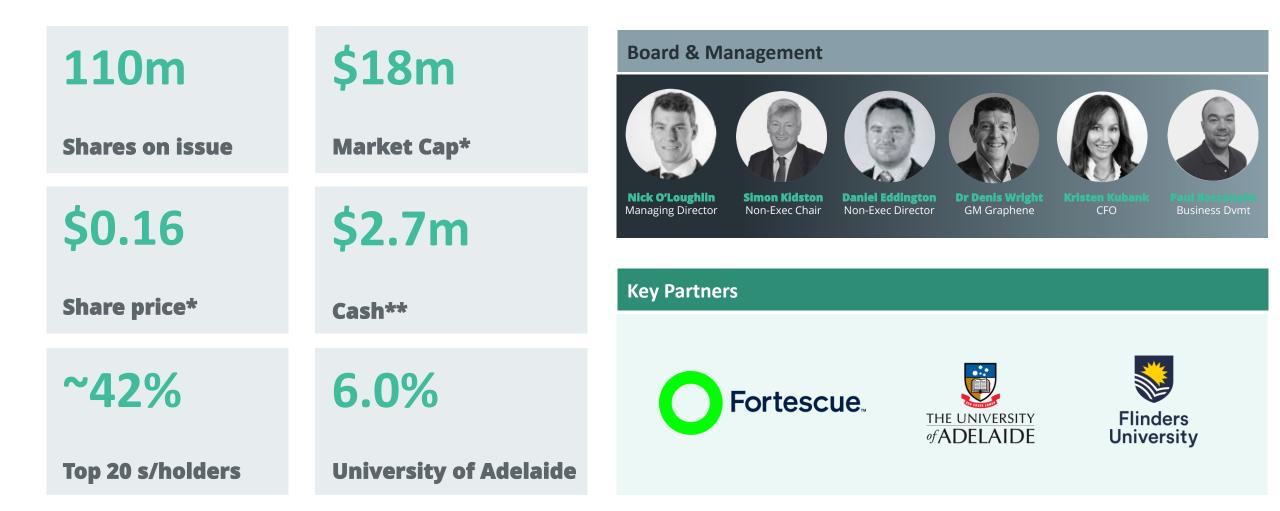
- **Disruptive Technology:** Sparc's photocatalysis technology uses only sunlight and water to produce green hydrogen <u>without electrolysers</u>.
- World-Class Partners: Sparc is partnered with Fortescue and the University of Adelaide within the Sparc Hydrogen JV.
- **Scalable and Low-Cost:** Solar-driven process requires less energy and infrastructure and offers significant potential cost advantages.
- **Key Catalysts:** First-of-its-kind pilot plant under construction in Roseworthy, South Australia, with completion expected in mid-2025.



# Tackling the Global Corrosion Challenge using Graphene

- **Global Market Opportunity:** Additive for the **US\$43 billion** anticorrosion coatings market, for extending steel asset longevity.
- Real-world Trials: With the SA Govt, BHP Mitsubishi, Santos and
   29Metals to validate ecosparc<sup>®</sup> enhanced coatings on infrastructure.
- **Key Benefits:** 46x ROI for asset owners via extended time between maintenance events plus CO<sub>2</sub> savings.
- **Key Catalysts:** Positive results from **ecosparc**<sup>®</sup> field trials reported in April 2025, with further trial outcomes expected in H1 2025, positioning the technology for commercialization in FY26.

### Corporate Snapshot



### Share Purchase Plan

- On 1 May 2025 Sparc announced a Placement and Share Purchase Plan (SPP) to raise up to A\$2.7 million (before costs) from the issue of up to 18m new Sparc shares at A\$0.15 per new share (Offer Price).
  - Placement: A\$2.2 million placement to professional and sophisticated investors completed under Sparc's existing LR 7.1 and 7.1A capacity<sup>1</sup>.
  - Share Purchase Plan<sup>1</sup>: Nonunderwritten SPP seeking to raise up to A\$500K. Eligible shareholders are offered the opportunity to subscribe for up to A\$30,000 worth of Sparc shares at the Offer Price.
- Sparc reserves the right to accept oversubscriptions under the SPP.

Event	Time (AEST) / Dates		
Trading halt and capital raise launch	Tuesday 29 April 2025		
SPP Record Date	7.00pm Wednesday 30 April 2025		
Announce completion of placement and trading halt lifted	Thursday 01 May 2025		
Dispatch of SPP Offer Booklet and SPP opening date	Thursday 08 May 2025		
SPP closing date	5:00pm Thursday 29 May 2025		
Announcement of SPP results and issue of SPP Shares	Thursday 05 June 2025		
Note: The above timetable is indicative only and subject to change.			

#### Proceeds from the capital raise are intended to be used to:

- Advance field trials and commercialisation activities for ecosparc<sup>®</sup> following positive initial results;
- Support Sparc's investment in Sparc Hydrogen;
- Continue R&D and patent-related activities; and
- General working capital.

**Sparc Hydrogen is fully funded** through to mid-2026, following Stage 2 investment proceeds from Sparc and Fortescue received in Q1 2025.

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# Next Generation Green Hydrogen Technology



# Introduction To Sparc Hydrogen



### **Our Mission**

Sparc Hydrogen is developing next generation green hydrogen production technology using a process known as photocatalytic water splitting (**PWS**). This process is an alternative to producing green hydrogen via electrolysis, using only sunlight, water and a photocatalyst.

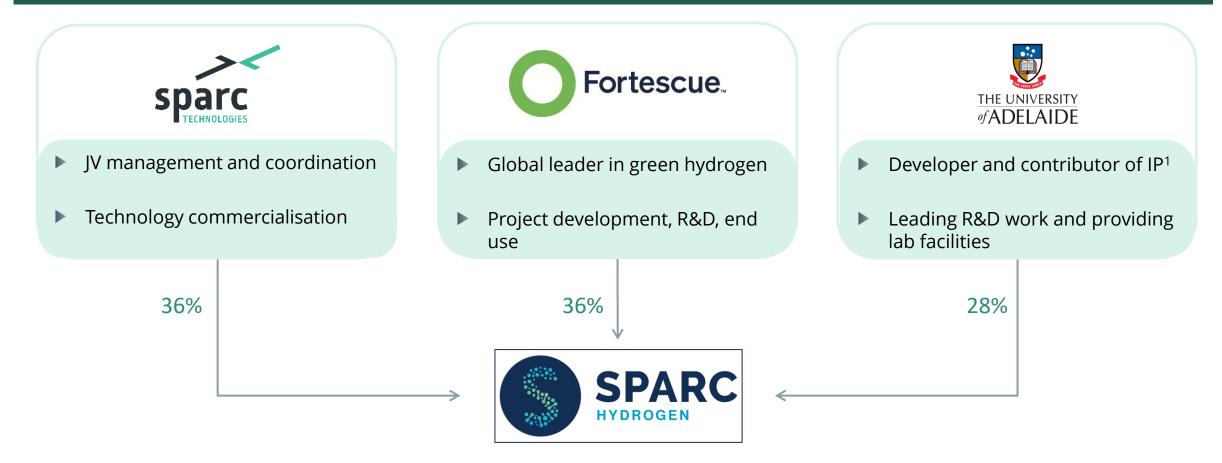
### **Our Technology**

Patented solar reactor demonstrated to improve the efficiency and scalability of PWS through using concentrated sunlight. Given lower infrastructure requirements and energy use, the process has the potential to deliver a cost and flexibility advantage over electrolysis.



### Positioned To Deliver: Best-in-Class Partners

### Funding for the joint venture is secured until mid-2026 with potential for additional grants



#### SPARC HYDROGEN

# Positioned to Deliver: World Class R&D Team





Professor Gregory Metha

<u>Research Lead</u>

Greg is the founder of Sparc Hydrogen's PWS reactor technology and has been working in photocatalysis for over a decade.

Greg is a former head of Chemistry at the University of Adelaide and has over 40 years' experience studying the interaction between light and molecules. He is a leading figure in PWS globally:

- Australian Director of US NSF-CSIRO Global Centre for Hydrogen Production (HyPT)
- Sub-task leader for the IEA's Technology Collaboration Programme for Renewable H2
- Australian Lead, Mission Innovation Sunlight-to-X community
- Acting Director, Centre for Energy Technology at the University of Adelaide



Professor Gunther Andersson

<u>Research Collaborator</u>

Gunther is an academic based at Flinders University in South Australia. He is a Deputy Director for Flinders' Institute of Nanoscale Science and Technology.

Gunther's research areas are: photocatalytic water splitting, colloid surfaces, organic photovoltaics and high-temperature corrosion resistance.

He has published more than 210 papers and book chapters he holds three patents.



Vinodhan Gopalan

#### <u>Project Manager</u>

Vinod has ~20 years of experience working in the design, engineering and construction of thermal power projects.

Vinod's most recent experience prior to joining Sparc Hydrogen was developing an Energy from Waste project with Re.Group in NSW.

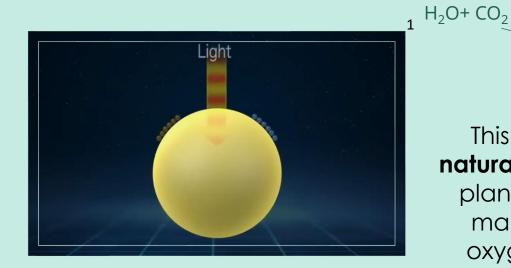
Vinod has a degree in Energy Engineering from the University of Leeds and manages all aspects of the Sparc Hydrogen joint venture including having overall responsibility for delivery of the Roseworthy pilot plant.

In addition, the Sparc Hydrogen Research Team consists of three senior researchers and two PhD Students

### What Is Photocatalytic Water Splitting?

Sparc Hydrogen is seeking to commercialise a process called photocatalytic water splitting (PWS) which splits water into hydrogen and oxygen, using only sunlight

- PWS is an artificial photosynthesis process used for the dissociation of water into hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) and oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>), using light.
- The three key ingredients for successful PWS are:
  - Sunlight
  - Water
  - High efficiency, durable photocatalyst materials
- Sparc Hydrogen is developing scalable, low cost reactors in order to commercialise PWS using concentrated sunlight.

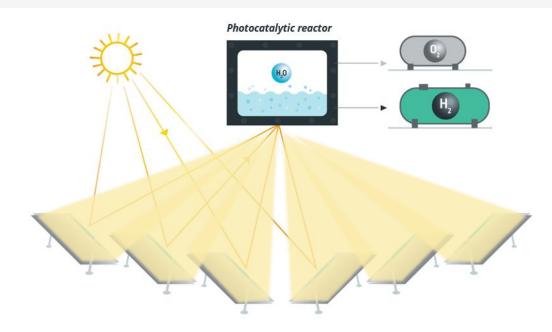


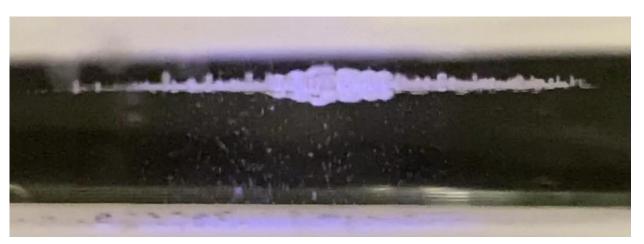
This process mimics natural photosynthesis in plants, but instead of making sugars and oxygen, it produces clean hydrogen fuel.

Glucose + O-



# Sparc Hydrogen's Unique Approach To PWS

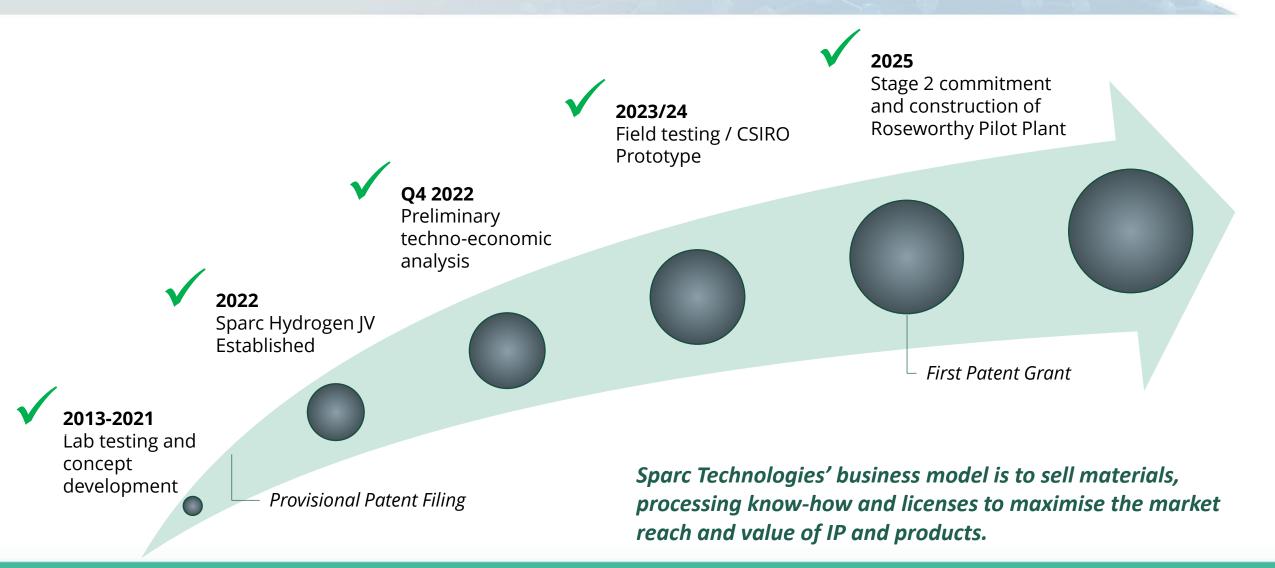




Lab scale video showing increased H2/O2 production with increased light intensity

- Advantages of Sparc Hydrogen's unique approach to PWS:
  - Reduced photocatalyst use -> More H2 production per unit of photocatalyst.
  - Simple integration with modular and scalable mirror (concentrated solar) fields -> Key infrastructure is already commercial.
  - Increased efficiencies and heat generation -> Ability to monetise heat / steam as a by-product of green hydrogen.
- The first **patent for Sparc Hydrogen's PWS reactors was granted** in January 2025 with 17 jurisdictions under review.

### **Development Pathway**



### Roseworthy Pilot Plant Progress

Pilot plant construction is progressing to schedule and budget with mechanical completion expected by mid-year and commissioning during Q3 2025.



LFR delivery to site



LFR manufacturing overseas



LFR erection at site



**Civil works completed** 



### **Roseworthy Completion Expected Mid-2025**

Key objectives of Sparc Hydrogen's Roseworthy Pilot Plant include:

- Advance Sparc Hydrogen's PWS reactor technology from TRL-5 to TRL-6/7<sup>1</sup> via semi-continuous operation of an 'on-sun' pilot plant using commercially available concentrated solar mirrors.
- Derisk development of and establish operating conditions for a larger commercial scale plant based on Sparc Hydrogen's PWS technology.
- Establish a globally leading facility for R&D and commercialisation of photocatalytic water splitting allowing testing of different reactor designs and materials.
- Solidify Sparc Hydrogen's leading position in the development of concentrated solar based PWS reactors with ability to test under real world conditions.
- Showcase Sparc Hydrogen's PWS technology to new and existing stakeholders and funding bodies.

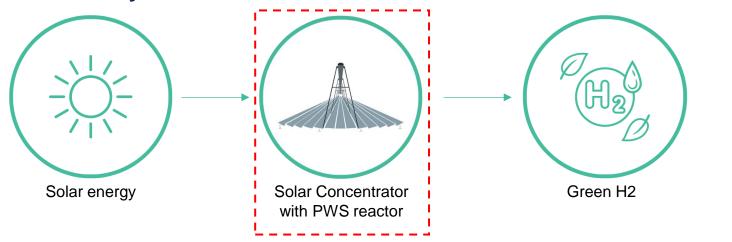


LFR Installation at the Roseworthy pilot plant during mid May 2025

### Simplicity Drives Low-Cost Potential

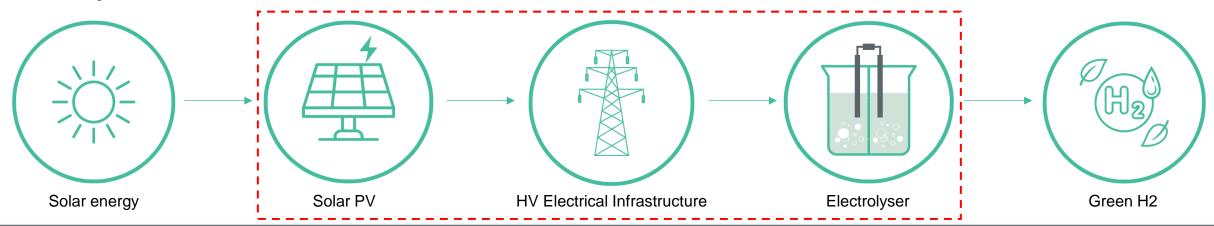


**Photocatalysis** 





**Electrolysis** 





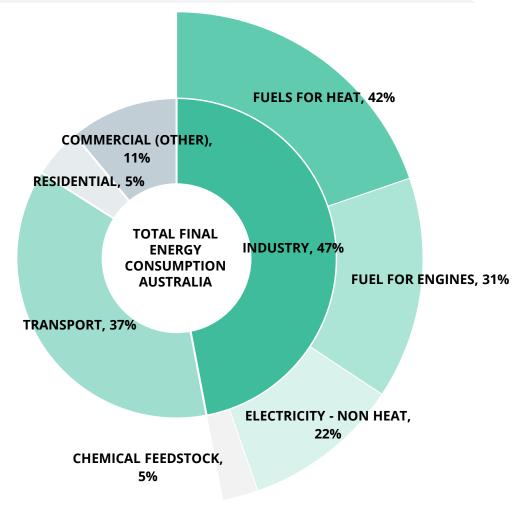
# Modularity Drives Ability To Scale Quickly



Commercial scale linear Fresnel field in Spain (28 x ~1km mirror rows) generating ~30MW electricity

# Green Heat Provides Alternate Revenue Source

- Sparc Hydrogen's PWS reactors can produce both green hydrogen and heat / steam providing alternative revenue streams to support technology deployment.
- Industrial process heat is a significant consumer of energy in Australia (~20% of total energy use) with the majority currently sourced from natural gas and coal.
  - The indicative value of the process heat market in Australia is ~A\$10 billion/annum<sup>1</sup>.
  - Industrial process heat requirements are typically **harder to electrify / decarbonise** and are therefore referred to as 'hard-to-abate' emissions.<sup>2</sup>
- Process heat is classified by temperature with lower temperatures (<250 degrees C) representing approximately half of the market.</p>
  - Heat / steam production from LFR concentrated solar farms can directly address this market which includes alumina digestion, food and beverage and other processing requiring steam input.
- Higher temperature process heat (>600 degrees C) is also a significant market driven by alumina calcining, metal refining and cement manufacturing.
  - Combustion of green fuels such as hydrogen is one of few viable options for decarbonizing these hard-to-abate processes.
- By way of example, Sparc Hydrogen's PWS reactors offer the potential to provide both green hydrogen (for calcination) and green steam (for digestion) for alumina production, which is one of the largest and most carbon intensive energy users globally.



Industrial heat use of Australia's energy demand <sup>1</sup>

<sup>2.</sup> McKinsey Global Institute, Ten physical realities the energy transition must tackle (Apr-2025)

# Broad Potential Use Cases



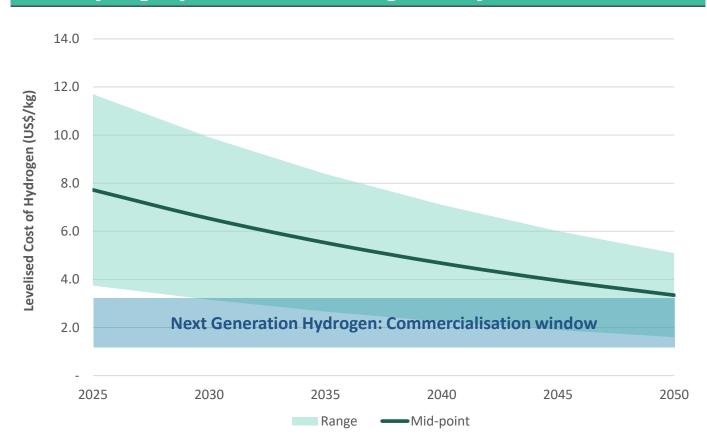
		Sparc Hydrogen PWS Reactor	Solar PV Electrolysis	Implications for potential end uses
Use case determinants	High solar resource	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	<ul> <li>Lowest cost production is suited to high solar (DNI) regions</li> </ul>
	Remote and/or off-grid	$\checkmark$	×	<ul> <li>Photocatalysis can better serve mine sites, remote power &amp; refuelling, agriculture</li> </ul>
	Flexible scale & modularity	$\checkmark$	×	<ul> <li>Photocatalysis is better suited to onsite / near site industrial locations</li> </ul>
	Comingled gas product	$\checkmark$	×	<ul> <li>Suits combustion (high temperature) use cases like steel and cement making</li> </ul>
	Industrial heat co- product	$\checkmark$	×	<ul> <li>Dual product industrial users may include alumina, paper &amp; pulp, ammonia</li> </ul>

### The Green Hydrogen Race Is On...



- Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) is a ~95Mtpa existing industry, primarily used in ammonia production for fertilisers, methanol for plastics and to remove sulfur from fuels.
- Conventional green hydrogen (electrolysis) projects will not reach industry and Government cost targets until well into the 2030s, at the earliest.
- As the costs and limitations of electrolysis projects have become clear, there is an increasing push towards developing new technologies which can unlock the substantial opportunity for green hydrogen to decarbonize existing hydrogen use cases and other hard to abate industries.

#### Green hydrogen production costs using electrolysis<sup>1</sup>



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### ... The Future Is Photocatalysis



Zero-electricity

Photocatalysis produces H<sub>2</sub> from H<sub>2</sub>O without electricity

Low cost

The simplicity of photocatalysis drives <u>potential for very low costs</u>

Solar driven

<u>Sunlight</u> is the only energy input driving the reaction

Scalable

Utilises a concentrated solar system which is inherently scalable

**Industrial heat** 

Green heat by-product provides additional revenue potential

**Emission-free** 

<u>Water</u> + <u>sunlight</u> = green hydrogen

# INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

# Momentum Building With Delivery

### 2025 is a transformative year for Sparc Technologies – Green hydrogen derisking and ecosparc® commercialisation

	sparc	Appointment of Genex Founding Director Simon Kidston to the Board (Dec-24) <sup>1</sup>
	SPARC	Sparc Hydrogen Proceeds to Stage 2 Pilot Plant (Jan-25) <sup>2</sup>
	SPARC	Sparc Hydrogen Secures First Patent (Jan-25) <sup>3</sup>
	ecosparc°	ecosparc® field trial with BHP Mitsubishi Alliance (Feb-25) <sup>4</sup>
	SPARC	Construction of first-of-its kind pilot plant commences (Mar-25) <sup>5</sup>
	ecosparc°	Positive ecosparc® field trial results at Streaky Bay (Apr-25) <sup>6</sup>
	sparc	Successful A\$2.2 million placement plus Share Purchase Plan (May-25) <sup>7</sup>
Q2 25	SPARC	Grant funding results
Mid 25	SPARC	Pilot plant completion and commissioning
FY26	ecosparc°	ecosparc® commercial acceptance and adoption

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