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Uniper welcomes publication of UK-wide Hydrogen Strategy

Uniper welcomes the publication of the long-awaited UK-wide Hydrogen Strategy and looks forward to continuing to engage with government in developing business models and driving forward decarbonisation.

“The plan set out in the Hydrogen Strategy, together with the set of consultations, provides the next step in developing the framework that will need to be in place for investors like Uniper to take forward hydrogen projects in the UK.” **said Mike Lockett, Uniper UK Country Chairman, and Chief Commercial Officer, Power.**

“We know that hydrogen will be crucial in helping the UK achieve Net Zero by 2050, especially in tackling hard to decarbonise sectors such as industry, heat and transport. To ensure we can deliver hydrogen at scale it is important to recognise the role that both blue and green hydrogen will play, which is why we welcome the Government’s commitment to a ‘twin-track’ approach. Investing in both blue and green hydrogen is essential to drive forward innovative solutions that will reduce emissions across key sectors, whilst supporting global competitiveness, and the UK’s post-COVID economic recovery.”

Mike Lockett added: *“However, whilst we welcome this package of measures, we must also recognise that this is the start of a process and there is more work to be done in bringing forward investment in technology and infrastructure, if we are to make a UK hydrogen economy a reality.”*

Dr Axel Wietfeld, CEO, Uniper Hydrogen, added; *“Uniper is a pioneer in the field of hydrogen production and we’re bringing our expertise to an expanding portfolio of projects across a number of markets in Europe. In the UK, we are working with several partners on potential hydrogen projects, such as Zero Carbon Humber, looking to decarbonise the Humber region, currently the UK’s highest emitting industrial cluster. And, we’ve also recently partnered with Eni UK Ltd to support our aspiration for blue and green hydrogen production at Connah’s Quay Power Station, in North Wales. We welcome the publication of the strategy and look forward to engaging further on our role in the UK’s future hydrogen economy.”*

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The company is headquartered in Düsseldorf and currently the third-largest listed German utility. Together with its main shareholder Fortum, Uniper is also the third-largest producer of CO₂-free energy in Europe.

About Uniper UK

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