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Sc.wéñwen Economic Development Advances Green Hydrogen Development

KAMLOOPS, BC (December 8, 2025) – Sc.wéñwen Economic Development, T̓k̓emlúps te Secwépemc's economic development arm, alongside Elemental Clean Fuels and Kruger Kamloops Pulp L.P., are advancing the Kamloops Clean Energy Centre (KCEC) – a first-of-its-kind, 10-megawatt green hydrogen production facility that will drive industrial decarbonization and showcase Indigenous-led clean energy innovation.

Located at the Kruger Kamloops Pulp Mill, the KCEC will produce up to four tonnes of green hydrogen and 32 tonnes of oxygen per day. The hydrogen is expected to reduce Kruger's natural gas use by 16%, reducing approximately 7,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions annually, supporting CleanBC's emission reduction goals. A portion of the oxygen will be reused directly in the mill process, contributing to a local circular economy. The facility also supports future hydrogen blending opportunities, advancing B.C.'s Hydrogen Strategy.

The \$21.7-million project, enabled by B.C.'s Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Clean Energy) Regulation, is now in the Front-End Engineering and Design (FEED) phase. Feasibility and FEED work have been supported by Natural Resources Canada, BC Hydro, and project partners. The partners continue to work closely with FortisBC to establish a potential offtake agreement, which will be critical to bringing the project to a positive final investment decision.

For more information visit: scwenwen.ca/kcec

Quotes

Kúkwpí7 Rosanne Casimir, T̓k̓emlúps te Secwépemc

"The Kamloops Clean Energy Centre reflects our commitment to sustainability, economic self-determination, and highlights our leadership in advancing innovative, local clean energy solutions."

Irene Preto, General Manager, Kruger Kamloops Pulp Mill

"Sustainability drives every decision we make. By integrating green hydrogen into our operations, we will be reducing emissions, supporting a circular economy, and contributing to British Columbia's clean energy targets. Our partnership with T̓k̓emlúps te Secwépemc and Elemental Clean Fuels on this innovative project allows us to advance clean energy solutions that benefit both the

environment and the local economy.”

Zachary Steele, CEO, Elemental Clean Fuels

“We’re excited to be partners in the Kamloops Clean Energy Centre. This project demonstrates how collaboration between Indigenous leadership, industry, and clean energy expertise can create practical, sustainable solutions. It’s a pivotal moment for green hydrogen in B.C., and we are committed to advancing the project to maintain momentum.”

The Honourable Tim Hodgson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources

“This project represents a smart investment in clean energy, economic resilience, and Indigenous leadership. By advancing the Kamloops Clean Energy Centre, Sc.wéńwen Economic Development and our partners are helping decarbonize industry, create good local jobs, and position the region as a leader in B.C.’s growing hydrogen economy. It’s a model for how communities can benefit directly from the energy transition.”

The Honourable Stephen Fuhr, Secretary of State

“The Kamloops Clean Energy Centre is a powerful example of Indigenous leadership driving Canada’s clean energy transition. The partnership behind this project reflects exactly the kind of collaboration we need—where communities, industry, and government work together to cut emissions, strengthen regional economies, and build a sustainable future. Investing in clean energy projects like this is how we advance reconciliation, grow our economy, and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come.”

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