

## Recycling Capturing market opportunities emerging from the green transition

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## Why Recycling?

Martine Rambøl Hagen, Head of Investor Relations

### Starting from a leading product position

#### primary average ) Hydro )) Hydro Full service offering Extrusion ingot LOW-CARBON RECYCLED Kilos of CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions per kilo aluminium 200 Unique pilot volumes Near zero for front runners Foundry alloy aluminium $\mathbb{N}$ $\mathbb{D}$ Hydro Hvdro Hydro CIRCAL100R Increasing uniqueness/ pricing Scale with high LOW-CARBON RECYCLED ALUMINIUM ALUMINIUM ambition players **Advanced low-carbon** Sheet ingot e.g. Hydro REDUXA 3.0, 75% PCS **Certified low-carbon aluminium** 5.7 Wire rod e.g., REDUXA 4.0 4.0 3.0 1.9 Hydro's high quality 0.5 Hyforge aluminium products Hydro Hydro Hydro Hydro Hydro CIŔCAL CIŔCAL REDUXA REDUXA Primary produced consumed 100R 75R 3.0 4.0 Extrusion in Europe in Europe

#### Providing products with low emissions

Primary aluminium produced on renewable energy

~25 percent

**Recycled aluminium from Hydro** 

Less than



~4 percent for 100R of the world global primary average

20.3

~13 percent for 75R, and

15.1

Primary

world

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8.6

6.7

Primary Primary

average average

ingots

Europe



Primary

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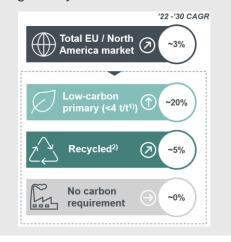
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## All signs point to recycling

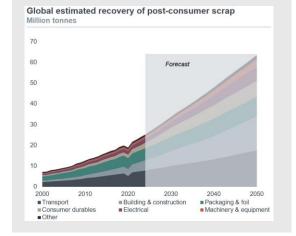


Clear trends in Hydro's main markets

- Low-carbon and recycled aluminium a majority of EU and North America markets by 2030
- Megatrends supporting growth: Innovate for circularity, Waste to value, Partnering with clients, Regulatory frameworks

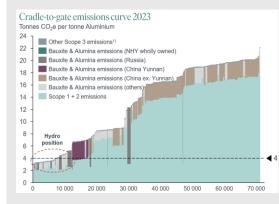


- 2. Recycling is becoming more important as the generation of post consumer scrap gains momentum
- Global estimated recovery of postconsumer scrap to accelerate
- Global aluminium demand set to increase >20% by 2030 – Recycled aluminium likely to be the main capacity provider



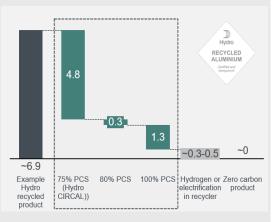
- 3. Global markets lacking low-carbon capacity
- Global aluminium demand set to increase >20% by 2030 – Recycled aluminium likely to be the main capacity provider
- Limited low-carbon capacity growth

   Potential for tightening green markets and premium pricing potential





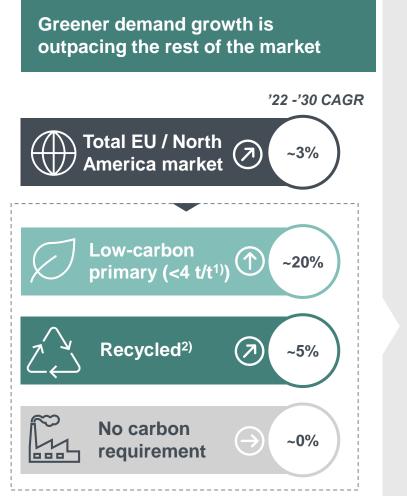
 Recycling and more use of postconsumer scrap necessary to reach net zero by 2050



## 1. Clear trends in Hydro's main markets

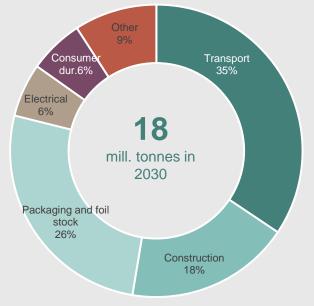
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Low-carbon and recycled aluminium a majority of EU and North America markets by 2030



Estimated low-carbon and recycled aluminium demand (based on currently stated ambitions)





Europe and North America low-carbon<sup>1)</sup> and recycled aluminium demand by sector (million tonnes) - estimate

#### **Megatrends supporting growth**

- - Innovate for circularity
- Process design re-using materials
- Product design lower material use
- Reuse and refurbish (second life)





#### Waste to value

- Reduce waste generation
- Reuse and upcycle waste streams
- Capture and recycle at end of life





#### Partnering with clients

- · Shaping the markets
- Enabling carbon footprint reduction
- Facilitate client branding



#### **Regulatory frameworks**

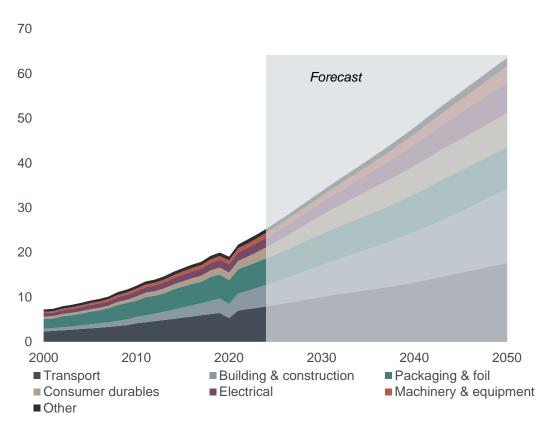
- End-of-life Directive
- EU waste shipment regulation
- · Critical raw materials act



## 2. Recycling is becoming more important as the generation of post consumer scrap gains momentum



#### Global estimated recovery of post-consumer scrap Million tonnes



### Global estimated aluminium consumption **Million tonnes** 140 Forecast 120 100 80 60 40 20 0

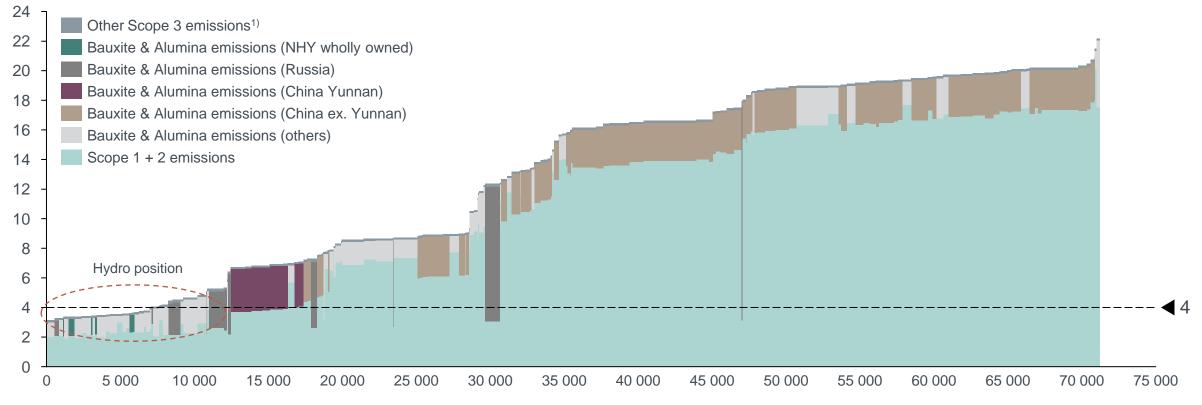
Primary consumption
Post consumer
Pre consumer

## 3. Global markets lacking low-carbon capacity

Emerging potential for green market tightness and premium pricing

### Cradle-to-gate emissions curve 2023

Tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per tonne Aluminium



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### Primary aluminium

#### HalZero process New process technology for decarbonizing new



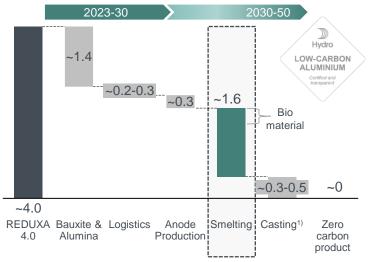
#### Carbon capture and storage Technologies for decarbonizing existing smelters



#### Parallel technology development

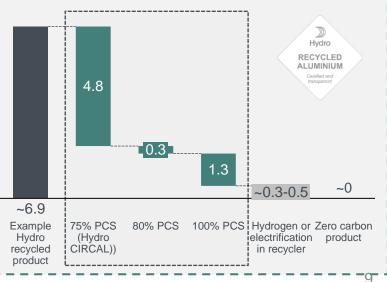
- HalZero Hydro's proprietary technology suited for greenfield smelters - targeting industrial scale pilots by 2030
- CCS solutions can be retrofitted into aluminium plants in operation
- Suited for decarbonization and securing value of existing smelters

#### CO2e emissions intensity per year



#### Recycling Technologies for more PCS-use





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## Hydro recycling strategy

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## Shifting gear to capture opportunities in a new reality



Key steps for Hydro to lead the green aluminium transition towards 2030



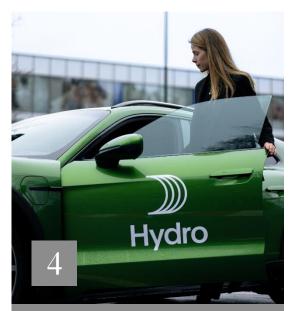
Step up growth investments in Recycling and Extrusions to take lead in the market opportunities emerging from the green transition



Step up ambitions within renewable power generation



Execute on ambitious decarbonization and technology road map and step up to contribute to nature positive and a just transition



Shape the market for greener aluminium in partnership with customers

## Step up growth investments in Recycling





Strengthen scrap sorting capabilities; secure feedstock



Expand global asset base across the value chain

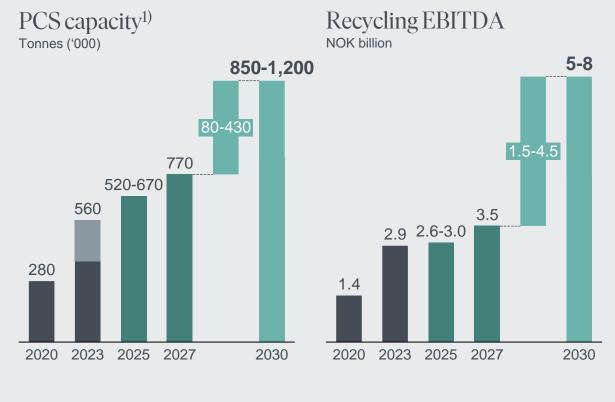


Diversify product portfolio, develop innovative solutions



Shape market for recycled products in partnership with customers



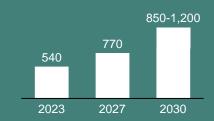


Realized 🗾 Target 📰 Installed capacity ramping up

ing up

1) Range based on capex. High-range include ~70% of further potential capex given market and M&A.

*Recycling 2030 ambitions:* 



**850-1,200** kmt PCS capacity



NOK **5-8** billion EBITDA potential



## Hydro with competitive advantages in recycling



#### Full value chain with multiple product outlets

- Large recycling asset base in Europe and North America
- Broad range of products extrusion ingot, sheet ingot, foundry alloys, HyForge, Master alloys
- Ability to utilize and upcycle mixed scrap



#### Sorting & production technology

- Technical and metallurgical competence
- Production optimization know-how from scrap to product
- Patented HySort technology, in-house R&D

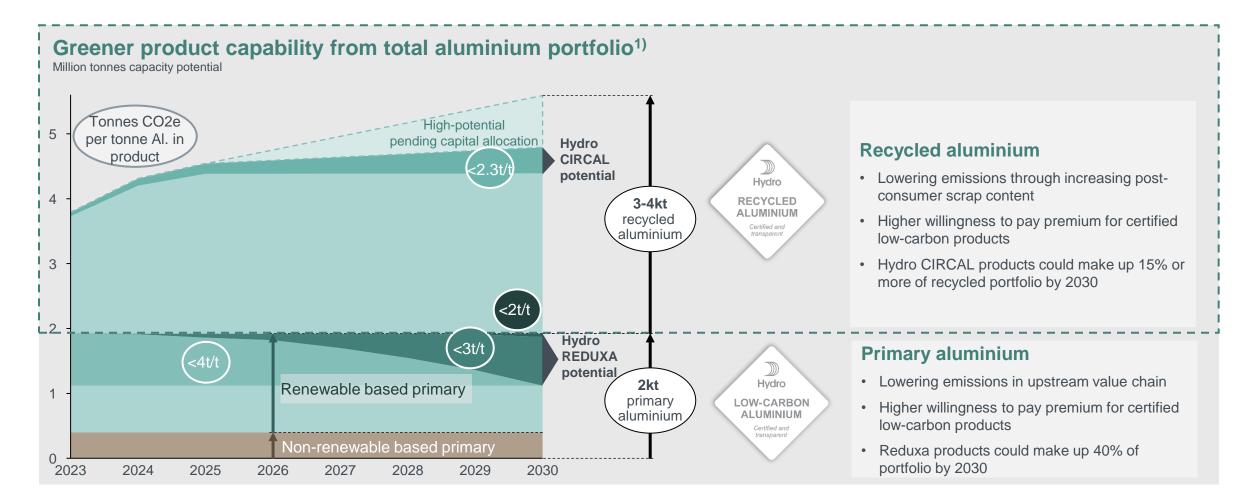
#### **Close customer & supplier relations**

- · Local presence and market insight in core locations
- · Established relationships with scrap suppliers
- · Partnerships and close cooperation with customers
- Commercial intelligence and strong value chain positioning

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### Aiming to harvest green premiums

Earnings uplift potential 2030 of NOK 2 billion1)



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## Recycling in Hydro

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## Hydro recycling operations



Metal Markets Recycling Extrusions Recycling

5 + Alumetal 3 10 9 2	Europe	North America	Europe	North America	South America
	5 + Alumetal	3	10	9	2

### Combined Hydro recycling capacity of ~2.4 million tones

- ~0.7 mill tons Extrusion billet production and HyForge
- ~0.3 mill tons Recycled foundry alloys production (Alumetal only)
- Standalone Recyclers serving both internal and external customers
- 2 scrap sorting plants
- Certified products such as Hydro CIRCAL 75R, 100R, LCR 3.0 and 4.0
- Recyclers in MM have unique competence and equipment to efficiently convert mixed scrap into advanced and green products (including Hydro CIRCAL) to demanding customers.
- Recyclers supply both internal and external, and provide conversion services to nearby extruders, thereby complementing primary supply and addressing increasing customer demand for recycled material.

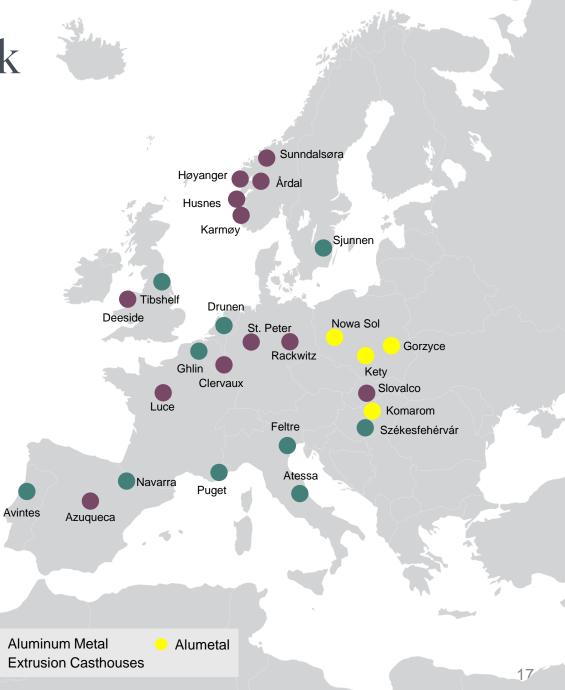
- ~1.4 million tons Extrusion billet production
- Mostly Wall to Wall Recyclers, and a few Standalone Recyclers
- Circular solutions: closed-loop recycling with customers
- Low-Carbon offerings based on EPDs

 The competition in Extrusion market put the service level and lead time as a top differentiator and value creator. In that context of very low order books recyclers provide a unique competitive advantage in enabling flexible, cost and energy-efficient tailor-made metal supply of billets to serve extrusion customers through the large network of extrusion plants.

## Strong European recycling network

Good basis for delivering on Hydro's recycling strategy

- Network of dedicated recycling plants across Europe producing billets
  - Total capacity of approx. 800 ktpy (~50%/50% split between AM and Extrusion)
    - Prior to Székesfehérvár start-up
  - Combination of conversion and full price sales business
- AM has massive primary smelter capacity at the Norwegian west coast (totally ~1.225 million mt)
  - · With casting capacity into billets, slabs and foundry alloys
  - · With ability to include some scrap as raw material
- AM acquired the St.Peter sorting plant in 2015
  - Main focus on sorting Post-Consumer Extrusion Profile scrap
- Acquisition of Alumetal recently completed to diversify portfolio and strengthen sorting/upgrading capacity
  - Increased demand for sorting capacity to upgrade low quality scrap
  - Outlets required for scrap qualities not suitable for consumption in current recycling network



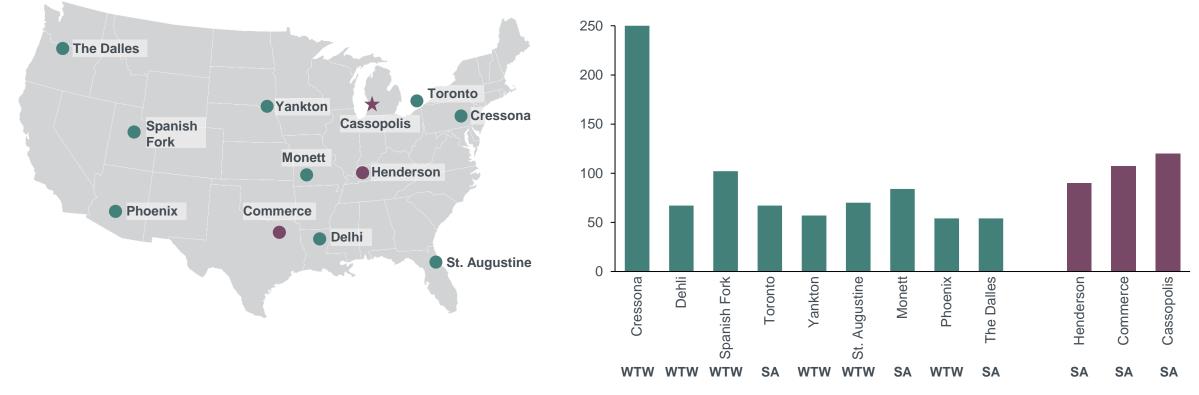
## Hydro has 12 remelters in North America



Installed capacity (kt)<sup>1)</sup>

- Hydro Aluminium Metal (AM)
- Hydro Extrusion North America (ENA)

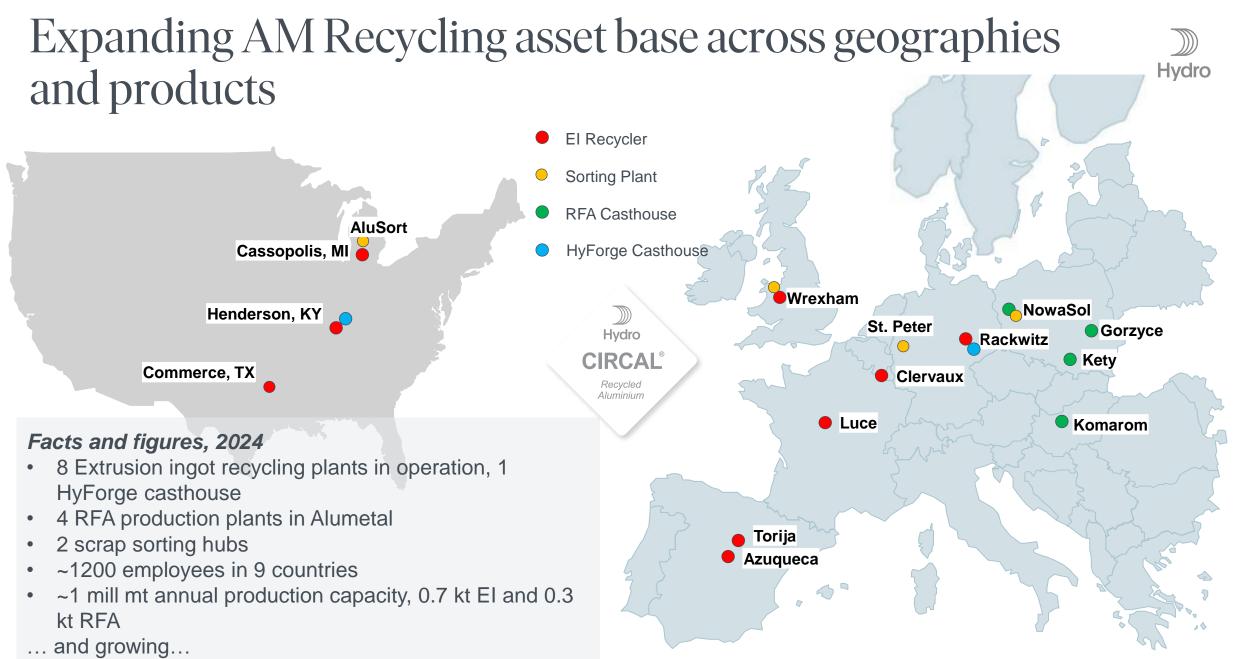
Total installed capacity ~1.1 Mt



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## Aluminium Metal Recycling

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## We are aiming for industry leadership in recycling



Our recycling strategy in three 'easy' steps to lift profitability and drive sustainability across the recycling value-chain







Melting/casting



> Products & Commercial

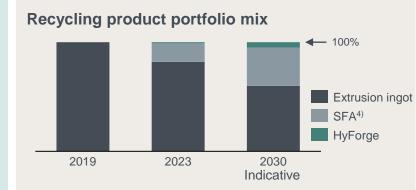


## Hydro has a proven track record developing recycling capabilities

Increasing use of PCS and sorting capacity<sup>1)</sup>

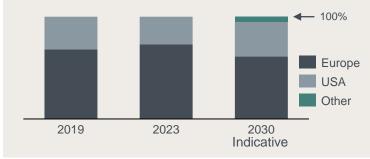
+40% PCS use 2019 to 2023





#### Recycling production by region

+100 kt Sorting capacity 2019 to 2023

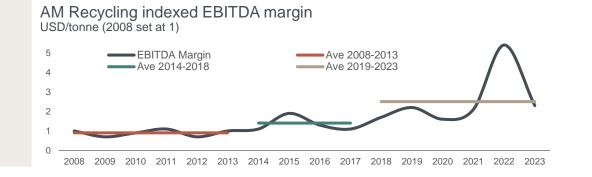


### Expanding specialty and greener product offerings<sup>3)</sup>





Lifting profitability through the cycle



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## Continuing to strengthen our recycling position

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### Widening margins and positioning for long-term growth

### Developing and executing projects supporting our strategy

- Digging deeper into the scrap pile and securing access to scrap
- Diversifying product portfolio, exposure to market segments and geographies to increase counter-cyclicality
- Promoting recycling friendly alloys to enable higher recycled content
- Differentiating with premium and specialty recycled products to secure attractive upcharges
- Pursuing strategic decarbonization partnerships with customers
- Continuing to ensure competitive cost position vs peers; leveraging scale advantages and optimizing hot metal cost



Secure access to scrap and develop advanced sorting capabilities

Diversify and high-

grade extrusion ingot

portfolio – products,

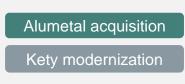
markets, geographies

Wrexham sorting
Alusort JV
Alumetal HySort
HyForge Rackwitz
Cassopolis
HyForge Henderson
Torija recycler

Luce upgrade



Establish leading positions in the recycled foundry alloy (RFA) market



Completed / in operations

Under execution

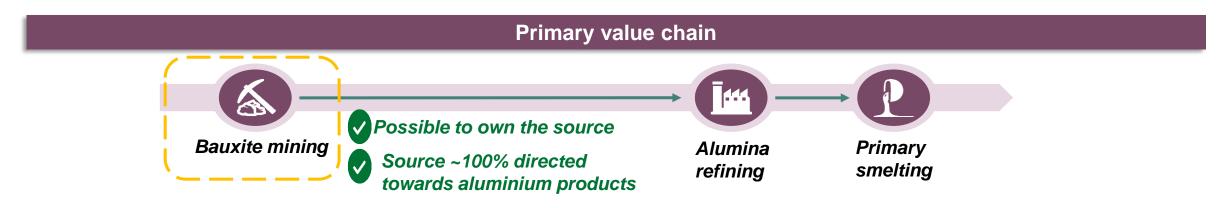
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## It's all about scrap

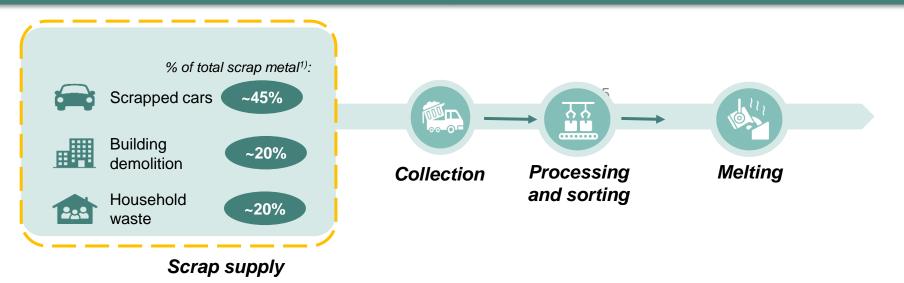
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## Primary and recycling value chains are distinctly different – impossible to own scrap source in recycling





**Recycling value chain** 



1) Rest include industrial process scrap

### Scrap value chain: many steps from scrap source to melting

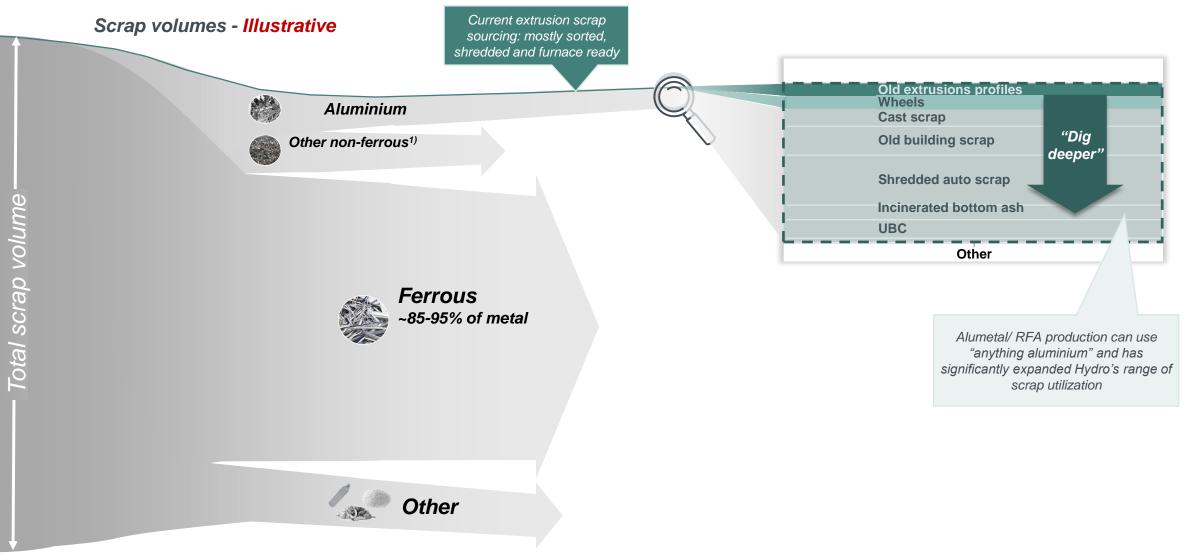


#### Scrap market value chain

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Number of players

## EI recycling exposed to a small share of scrap volumes. Accessing lower-grade scrap through Alumetal and sorting can unlock further potential Hydro

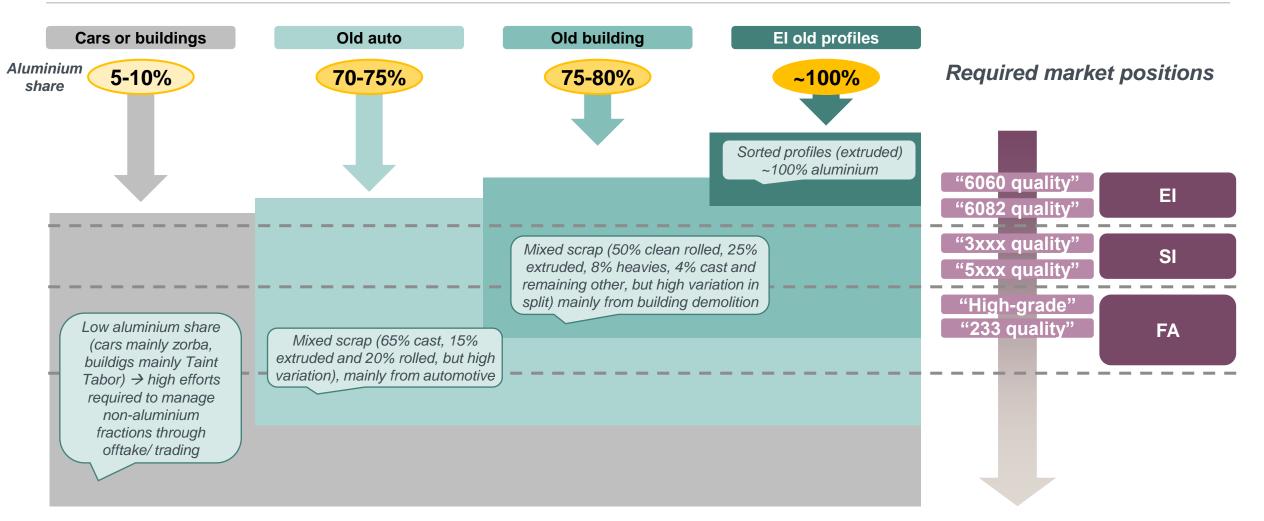


27 1) Including Brass, Nickel, Copper, Lead, Zinc, etc.

Key to success in recycling is "multi sources +multi market" positions, where RFA is key

### Scrap types and matching market positions

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## Mixed scrap types require sorting capabilities and ability to convert to various products

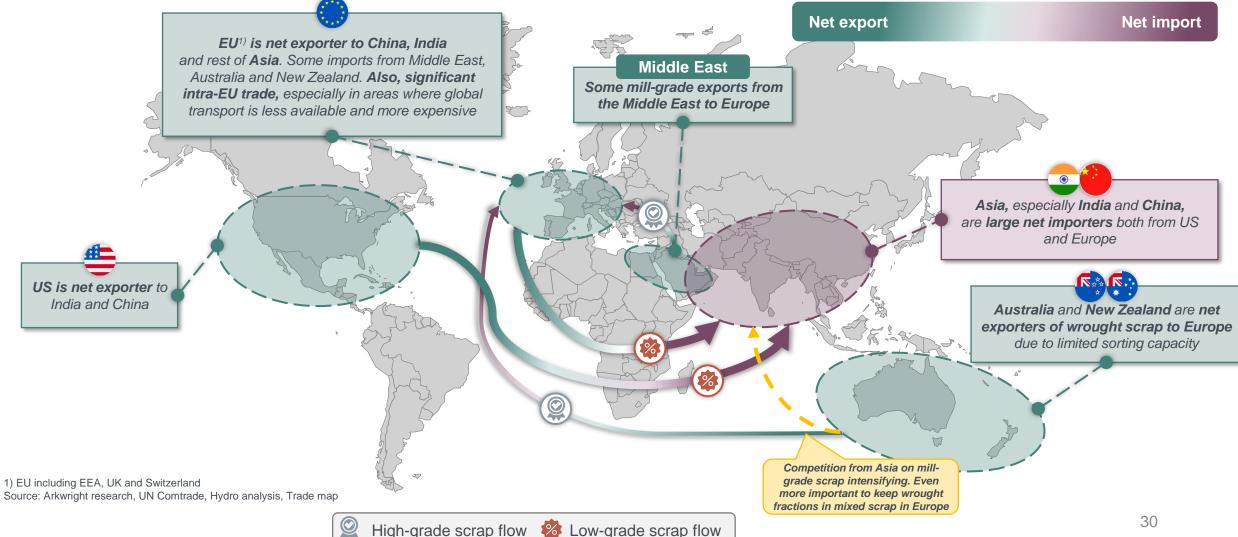


There is a large range of different scrap qualities differing among others from mix of aluminium qualities and share of other metals in the mix



## Large scrap volumes leaving Europe and NA, predominantly low-grade mixed scrap types

~30% of PCS generated in Europe and US is currently exported



## Currently tight scrap markets on low scrap generation combined with continued high exports



Long-term fundamentals remain intact

Old rolled scrap

600

500 400

300

200

100 0 -100

-200 -300

-400 -500 -600

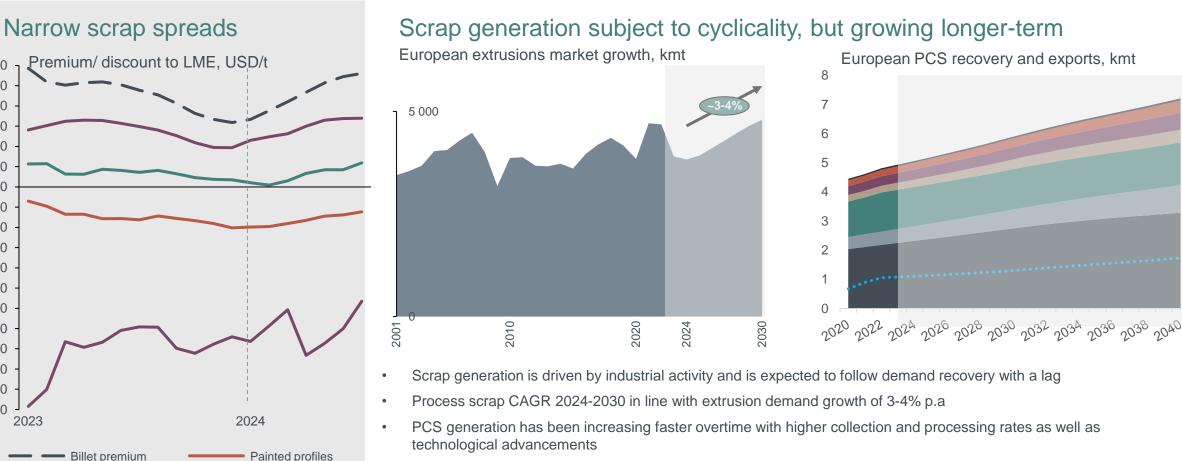
-700 -800 -900

-1,000

-1.100

2023

Standard ingot DDP Clean trader scrap



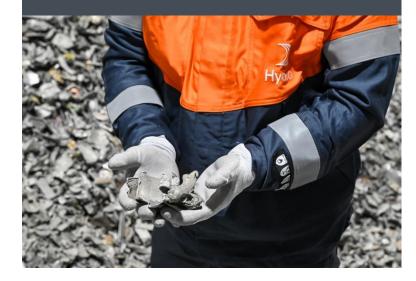
Export activity remains high in 2024, competing for scarcely available scrap due to reduced scrap generation

#### Source: Fastmarkets, CRU, Hydro analysis

## Summary – key success factors in securing competitive access to scrap



Scrap procurement excellence







Multiple product outlets



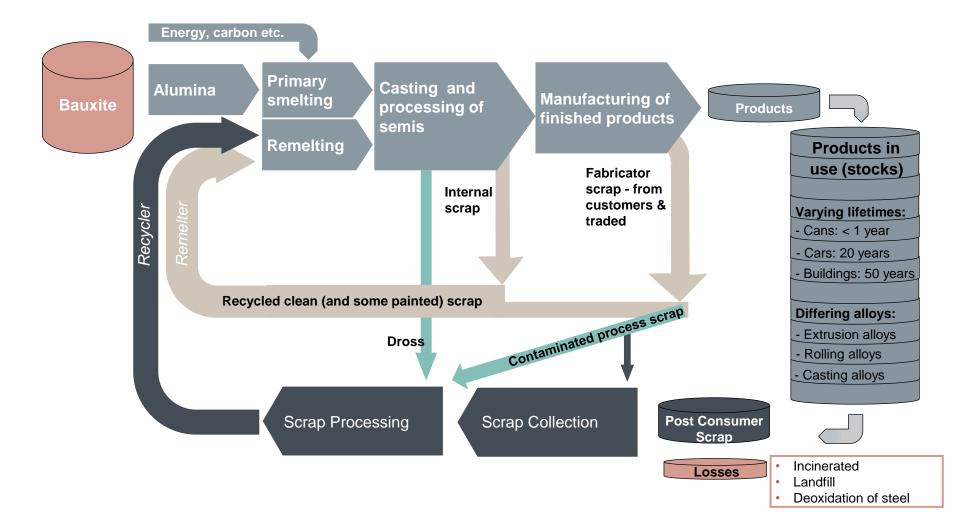
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# Recycling value creation

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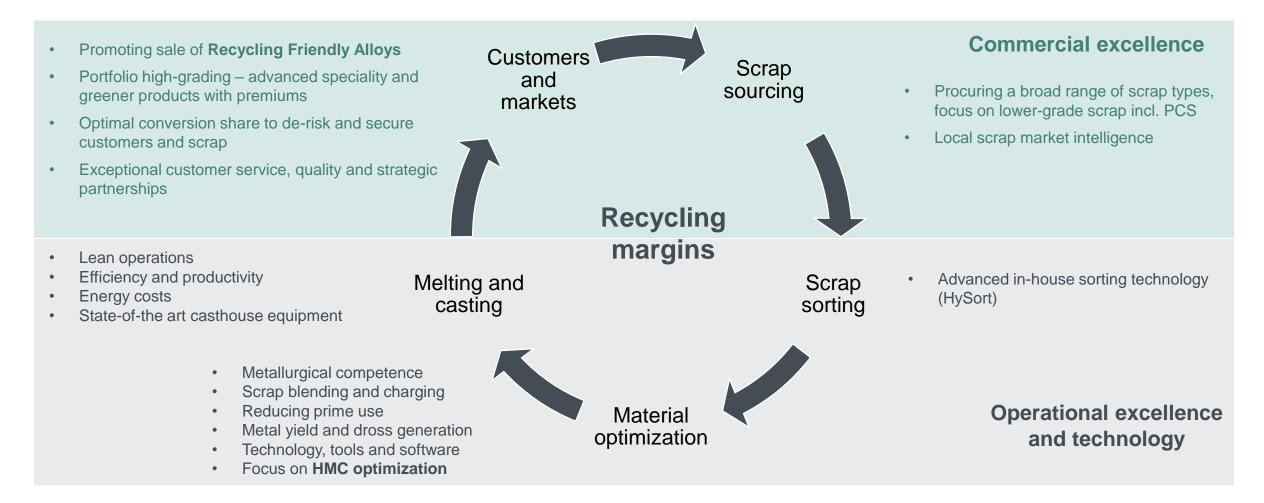
### Aluminium recycling – a schematic overview





## Bringing it all together – what can we optimize?

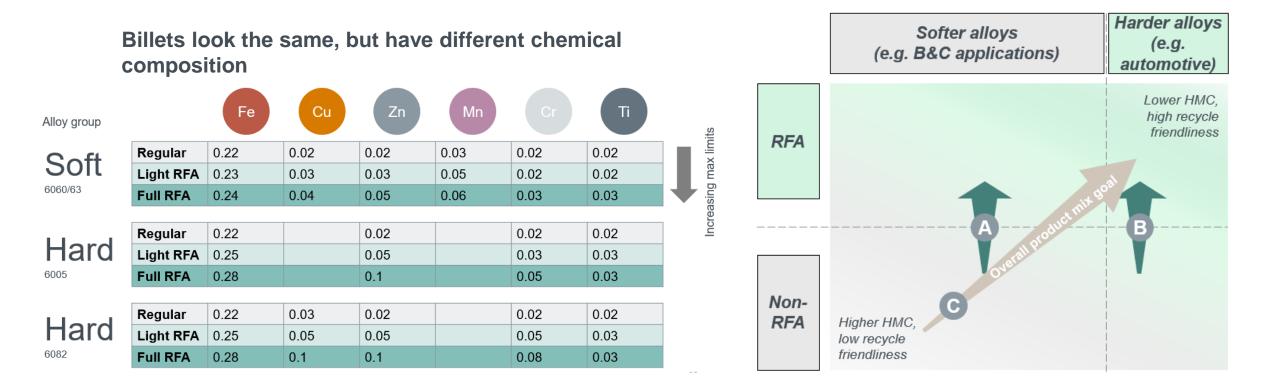
Within each plant and across the portfolio



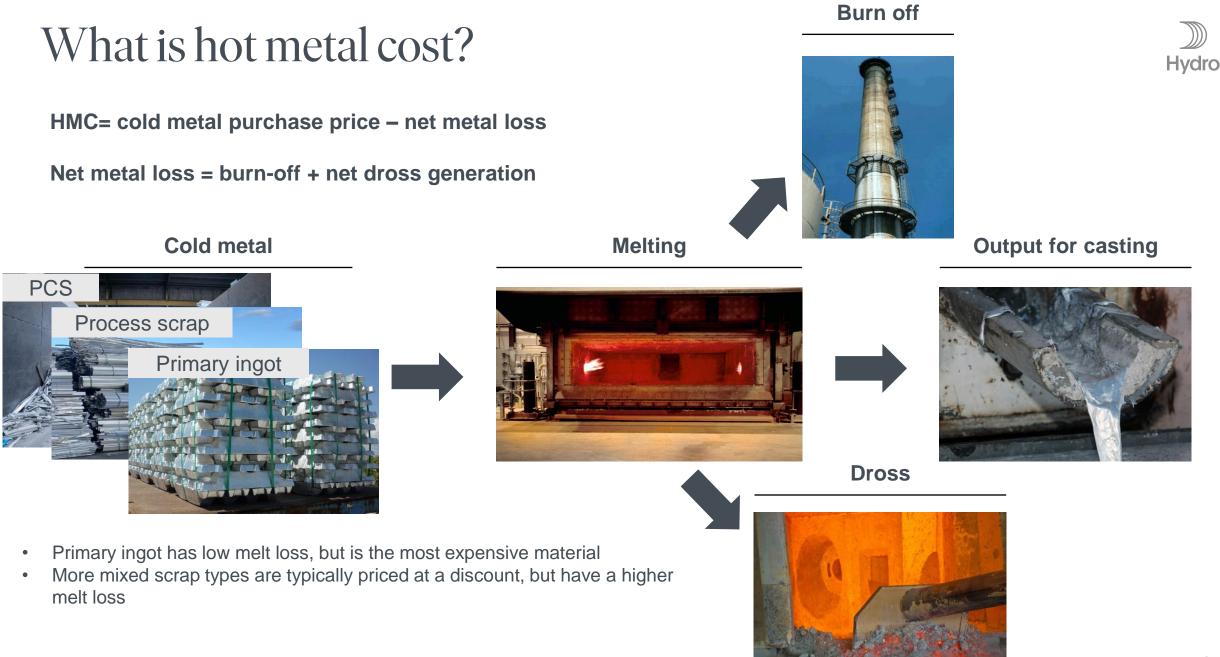
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## What is RFA? – Recycling-friendly alloys

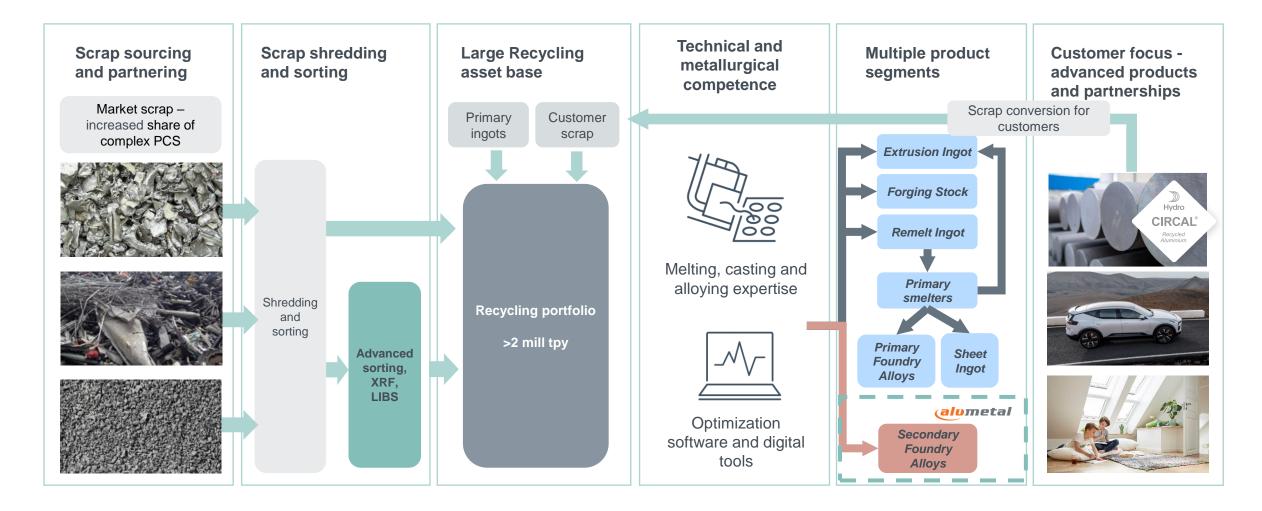
Moving product mix and customer mix towards lower HMC and higher 'recyclability'



**Hydro** 



### Hydro's competitive advantages in recycling are difficult to replicate $\mathcal{D}_{Hydro}$ Complex value-chain optimization from A to Z



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# Material management

Helene Bøe, Material Manager AM Recycling

# What is Material Management

Scrap Management and Optimization





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Scrap Management and Optimization





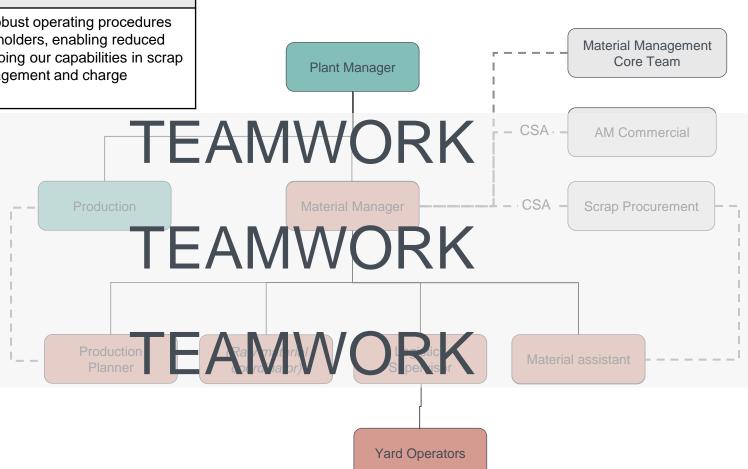
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# What is Material Management



#### **Target state**

Establish "fit for future" organization with robust operating procedures and communication lines to relevant stakeholders, enabling reduced HMC and increased use of PCS by developing our capabilities in scrap receival and inspection, raw material management and charge optimization.







#### Scrap Purchase

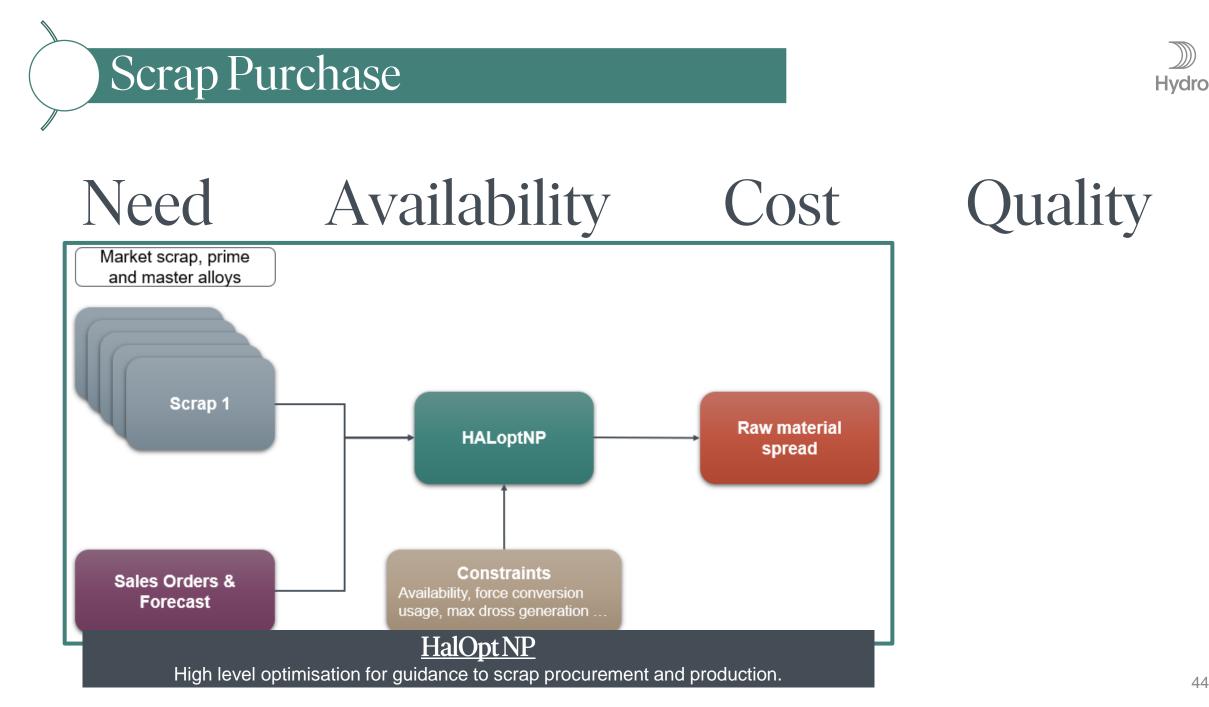
### Quality Control

Segregation and Storage

Consumption Mix

**Production Sequence** 

**Dross Handling** 



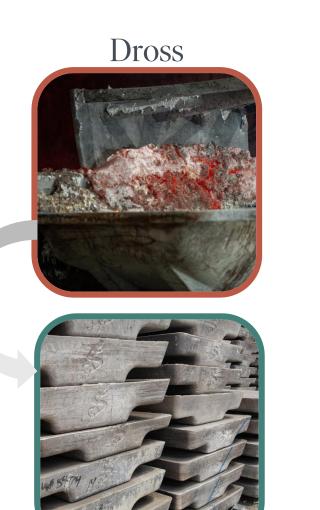
# Value of aluminium metal - HMC



Hot Metal Cost

#### Market Price





Value from Dross

Burn-Off





Master Alloy

Sorting











#### Scrap Purchase

### **Quality Control**

Segregation and Storage

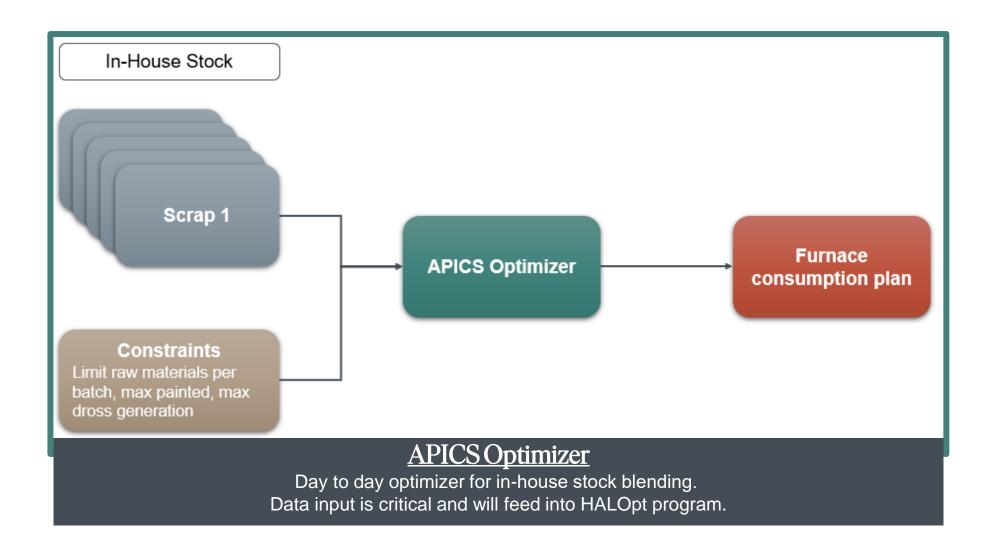
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## Consumption Mix









Segregation and Storage

Consumption Mix

**Production Sequence** 





#### Scrap Purchase

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**Dross Handling** 





#### Scrap Purchase

### **Quality Control**

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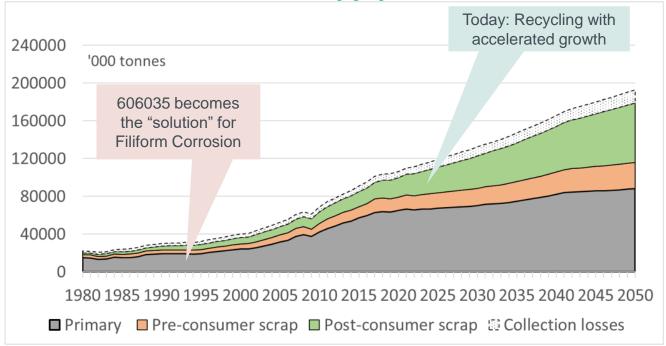
Consumption Mix

Production Sequence

**Dross Handling** 

# Introduction

Recycling in a historic perspective



#### Aluminium – supply & demand

A 'recycling friendly alloy (RFA) is an alloy with a chemistry specification that allows for significant EoL scrap content.

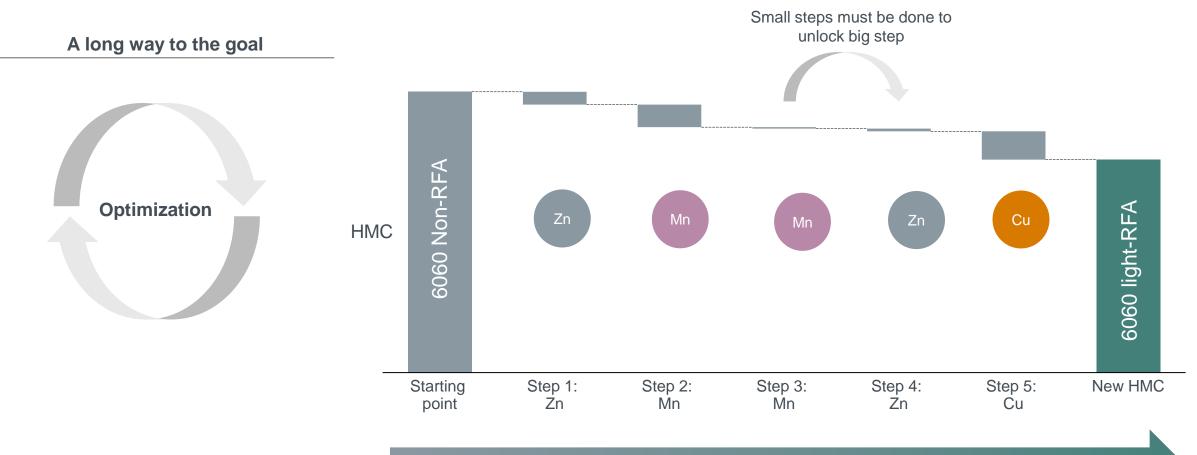
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#### Background

- In the past most alloys were defined based on what make sense from a smelter perspective.
- Limits for trace elements (impurities) are therefore kept low.
- Recycling mostly meant process scrap conversion in WtW remelters.
- Recycling EoL was a small part of the industry and was only something the SFA industry were occupied with.

## HalOpt & HMC

The impact of trace element changes is not intuitive and varies with IMS and plant



Every IMS has a different journey to lower HMC





# Hydro CIRCAL

Recycled post-consumer aluminium with a low carbon footprint



# Hydro provides products with low emissions

Primary aluminium produced on renewable energy



~25 percent of the world global primary average

#### Recycled aluminium from Hydro





of the world global primary average

#### Kilos of CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions per kilo aluminium



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# Hydro CIRCAL

Setting a new standard in recycled content

- 1. At least **75%** post-consumed recycled aluminium\*
- 2. **VERIFIED** by DNV based on traceability and quality principles developed by Hydro
- 3. Max **1.9** kg  $CO_2e/kg$  Aluminium
- 4. **CONFIRMED** by an Environment Product Declaration

\*Post Consumer Scrap: Scrap arising from the disposal of post-consumer products after they have been used. This type of scrap has to be collected and sorted before it can be recycled.



# There are two sources of aluminium for recycling



They might look the same, but their CO2 footprint is different



#### Process scrap & fabrication scrap



#### Post-consumer scrap

Has **never** become a product

Had a previous useful life

Pre-consumer scrap is aluminium material that has never been used in a product

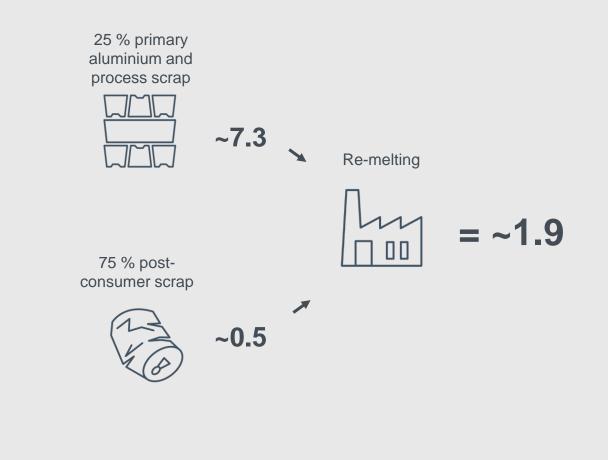


### Post-consumer scrap has been used by consumers and has already had a useful life as a product

## Where does the carbon footprint of Hydro CIRCAL come from?

- Hydro CIRCAL is made from minimum 75% recycled post-consumer scrap
- When a material has been in use in a product, reaches the end of its life and gets recycled, it starts a second life. This material is now recycled post-consumer material
- To avoid double counting of the greenhouse gas emissions, Hydro allocates the carbon footprint from the production and manufacturing of aluminium to the first life cycle of the material
- This means that the greenhouse gas emissions of recycled post-consumer material which start its second life are coming from the energy that goes into scrap collection, transport, sorting and re-melting the material
- This is usually less than the emissions from primary aluminium and in the case of Hydro CIRCAL this amounts to 1.9 kilo CO2 per kilo aluminium



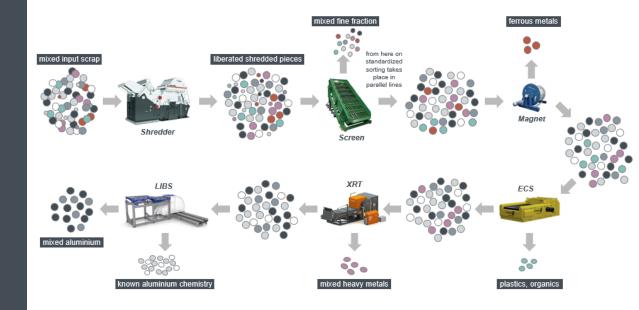


# On the doorstep to implement HySort<sup>TM</sup>

#### HySort LIBS Sorting Technology

- ✓ Can separate different aluminium alloys
- Enabler to avoid downgrading of mixed scrap
- ✓ Enabler for Hydro CIRCAL 75R and 100R
- ✓ Performance targets reached for LIBS technology pilot in Dormagen
- Evaluating scrap sources and developing cases for technology rollout





#### Aluminium Metal 2030:

# The leading low-carbon aluminium company with a clear path to zero

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**Preferred provider.** The preferred provider of high-quality and low-carbon aluminium to customers who value transparency

**World-class producer.** A good neighbour with world-class safe, efficient, reliable and continously improving operations

3

**Innovative front-runner.** The innovative front-runner that pushes technological boundaries and captures attractive opportunities for growth



We are aluminium

