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## Countrywide Hydrogen & WIRSOL to assess Solar-To-Hydrogen opportunities

ReNu Energy Limited (**ASX: RNE**) (**ReNu Energy**) is pleased to announce the signing of an agreement between its wholly owned subsidiary Countrywide Hydrogen Pty Ltd (**Countrywide**) and WIRSOL Energy (**WIRSOL**) to **assess co-development of behind-the-meter solar power and battery energy storage systems (BESS) at Countrywide's hydrogen projects in Tasmania.**

Countrywide is progressing two hydrogen projects in Tasmania, in the north and south of the State, with a view to establishing Tasmania as a showcase hydrogen state. Under the agreement WIRSOL will evaluate the potential project locations to scope solar and possible battery installations to provide Countrywide with energy for hydrogen production.

**ReNu Energy Executive Director & Countrywide Managing Director Geoffrey Drucker said:**

*With an established solar project development track record in Australia, we reached out to WIRSOL to determine their interest in co-developing behind-the-meter solar to hydrogen projects. We are excited they will be assessing the solar-to-hydrogen potential of our green hydrogen projects in Tasmania, with the potential to also determine whether it may be feasible to co-locate Countrywide hydrogen production facilities on WIRSOL's established solar farms throughout Australia.*

**WIRSOL Managing Director Mr Sigi Psutka said:**

*We are delighted to partner with Countrywide and be conducting the initial assessments of the Countrywide projects in Tasmania. Our in-house team works to challenge the norm and be among the first in the field to integrate new technologies like onsite hydrogen production and trading to play our part in the ongoing and crucially important transition away from fossil energy sources.*

**ReNu Energy CEO Greg Watson said:**

*With our green hydrogen project planned for Northern Tasmania, and recent announcements for our Southern Tasmania project along with the collaboration with Tas Gas, this agreement with WIRSOL allows us to assess options for the lowest cost of energy for hydrogen production at the project locations.*

This market announcement has been authorised for release to the ASX by the Chairman and Company Secretary. For more information, please contact:

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### **About ReNu Energy**

ReNu Energy's purpose is to strategically drive the transition to a low carbon future. It does this by investing in renewable and clean energy technologies and identifying and developing hydrogen projects to create stakeholder value, enabling the transformation to a low carbon future through collaboration and innovation. ReNu Energy's vision is to be a leader in the renewable and clean energy sector in Australia striving for a sustainable future, producing hydrogen for domestic use and with a portfolio of domestic and international projects.

### **About Countrywide Hydrogen**

Countrywide Hydrogen develops renewable hydrogen projects in Australia with a primary focus on supplying hydrogen to the road transport sector and for use in decarbonising operations and natural gas networks. Countrywide's vision is to be a major green hydrogen supplier domestically and then to use its Australian learnings to expand to export and offshore projects. Countrywide currently has four renewable hydrogen projects under development in Australia, two in Tasmania and two in Victoria.

### **About WIRSOL Energy**

WIRSOL Energy has been a major player in the large-scale renewable energy industry since the company was formed in 2014 as part of the WIRCON Group. Since entering the Australian market in 2016, the company has grown to develop, construct, manage and operate renewable energy projects on a national scale. Wirsol is now one of the market leaders in Australia, with a large portfolio of renewable energy and storage projects across New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. WIRSOL is proud to do its part to support Australia's National Electricity Market transition to a cleaner and more reliable future.