# ARGUS OIL AND FUTURE FUELS FORUM 2025 Aviation Fuels: is the future here? SAF & e-SAF

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### EU and UK mandates could drive >1.5mn t SAF demand in 2025



- 2% SAF mandates started on 1 January in EU and UK: only firm targets to date globally
- Mandates set penalties/buy-outs in case of non-compliance

# Mandates and incentives shaping global trade flows

SAF balances: 2024, 2025, 2030 & 2035 mn t



- Europe key demand hub due to mandates, attracting global SAF volumes
- US demand voluntary, incentives could boost domestic production
- National initiatives to grow SAF uptake shaping up in the Asia-Pacific region

## SAF supply to tighten after 2034 with current targets

Global SAF supply/demand balance, '000 tonnes



- Plentiful supply to meet mandated demand in the early stages of the obligations
- Supply/demand balance set to shift post 2034 with rising European targets
- More mandates (if announced), voluntary demand, projects delays could shift balance earlier

### HEFA SAF SPK physical market coming into place



### SAF value disconnects from conventional Jet fuel



- 45 % drop in SAF vs 25% drop in Jet
- Different supply & demand fundamentals
- Fixed premium to Jet unpredictable SAF price needs to be reflective of Biofuels dynamics
- Airlines need hedging fuels risk

First trade on 15<sup>th</sup> January ICE SAF futures settled on Argus fob ARA HEFA SAF SPK price

# What price hydrotreatment feedstock decarbonisation?

#### KG CO2/KG H2



- Two-year average +€1.02/KG
- -9KG decarbonisation @ €0.113/KG.
- Two-year average €2.93/KG
- 10KG decarbonisation @ €0.295/KG.

Grey SMR Blue ATR Green PPA+ALK

- Incremental 'last KG' of decarbonisation costs a further €1.91 for facilities using a grid-connected RNFBO-compliant PPA linked power feed.
- Dedicated feed (island projects with a vertically integrated renewable energy feed can do the same for less cost but take longer to bring on-stream and are at larger scale than many projects progressing through FID.

#### e-SAF: European mandated demand/announced supply



Implied EU e-SAF mandates (volume mntpy)





# Hydrogen feedstock costs: scaling is failing...so far

Has not begun in earnest, due to sustained global delays to project installations. Yet, plenty of opportunity for costs to fall from increased electrolyser efficiencies, targeting of lowest LCOE sites and scaling effect on Balance of Plant.



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