**Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, inaugurates the first of its kind green hydrogen plant set up by Hero Future Energies for blending with PNG/LPG at Rockman Industries facility in Tirupati on 3rd March 2025**

*This project blends green hydrogen with PNG/LPG for an industrial furnace application—a pioneering breakthrough in heating technology with reduced carbon emission*

**New Delhi, March, 3 2025** – Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, today virtually inaugurated Hero Future Energies’ (HFE) first-of-its kind Green Hydrogen plant at Rockman Industries in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. This project reinforces HFE’s commitment to driving India’s green hydrogen ecosystem, and accelerating industrial decarbonisation, while also testifying to Rockman Industries consistent focus on sustainable business operations.

The plant was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh today virtually from Amravati in the presence of Sri K. Vijayanand, Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Dr. N. Yuvaraj, Secretary Industries, Govt. of AP, Sri CM Saikanth Varma, IAS, CEO of APEDB, Sri Rahul Munjal, Founder and CMD, Hero Future Energies, and Sri Ujjwal Munjal, Managing Director of Rockman Industries.

At the Rockman Plant near Tirupati, the following dignitaries and officials of Tirupati and senior management from the two Companies namely, Sri Bojjala Sudhir Reddy, MLA, Srikalahasti, Dr. S. Venkateshwar, IAS, Collector, Sri V Harshavardhan Raju IPS, Superintendent of Police, Sri K. Santhosha Rao, CMD, Southern Discom, Sri NSRCM Maruti Prasad, Joint Director, Department of Industries, Sri V Ramakrishna Reddy, Deputy Chief Inspector of Factories, Mr Srivatsan Iyer, Global CEO, Hero Future Energies, Mr Kaushik Manna, CEO, Rockman Industries, and Mr Arne Ballantine, CEO, Ohmium, were present.

This plant is considered a pioneering initiative for its unique blending of green hydrogen with PNG/L{PG for an industrial furnace application- **a breakthrough feat in industrial de-carbonization, setting a new benchmark for India’s energy transition**. This technology integration promises significant reductions in emissions, laying the groundwork for a scalable model that can be replicated across hard to abate industries in AP and the rest of India.

***On this occasion, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu*,** said, *"Congratulations to Hero Future Energies and Rockman Industries on the commissioning of this pioneering Green Hydrogen Plant at Rockman’s factory in Tirupati. Andhra Pradesh, with its strong industrial base and forward-thinking energy policies, is uniquely positioned to become a hub for green hydrogen adoption. With ample renewable energy resources and industrial demand, the state can lead the way in scaling up green hydrogen use across refineries, fertilizers, steel, mobility, and other key sectors—supporting India’s energy transition story. I commend Hero Future Energies and Rockman for choosing Andhra Pradesh for this one-of-a-kind project which opens up another pathway towards India’s energy transition. I wish them all success in this endeavour. I assure that the Government of Andhra Pradesh will extend all support to investments in clean energy projects, making use of the liberal provisions under the new ICE Policy that I announced in October 2024."*

***Rahul Munjal, Founder CMD, Hero Future Energies***, thanked the Hon’ble Chief Minister for inaugurating the project amid his very busy schedule and said, *“This plant has the unique capability of blending green hydrogen with LNG which opens the door of possibilities for industries to decarbonize their hard to abate operations. This pioneering project will give a boost to adoption of green hydrogen by industries and catalyse development of the green hydrogen eco system in India. I am grateful to Hon’ble Chief Minister for his blessings and demonstrating his commitment to innovative clean technologies for sustainable Industrial growth in AP and India.”*

***Ujjwal Munjal, Managing Director, Rockman Industries*,** stated, *“We are extremely happy that the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh inaugurated this green hydrogen plant, set-up in partnership with Hero Future Energies, our sister company in the Hero Group. Together, we are committed to reducing our carbon footprint and leading the way in eco-friendly innovation in the automotive component industry. Looking ahead, we aim to expand green hydrogen usage across our processes and collaborate with HFE to implement further advancements in renewable energy technologies.”*

**About Rockman Industries**

Rockman Industries, a part of the Hero Group, is the largest alloy wheel manufacturer in India with a capacity of 17 million two wheeler wheels and 1.5 million four wheeler wheels. With a strong focus on innovation and sustainability, Rockman Industries supplies critical components to the automotive and industrial sectors. Hosting this green hydrogen pilot at their Tirupati facility highlights their commitment to sustainable manufacturing and clean energy adoption.

**About Hero Future Energies**

Hero Future Energies (HFE), also part of the illustrious Hero Group, is a global renewable energy company. HFE was established in 2012 with an aim to contribute towards a sustainable future through next-gen clean energy technologies. With renewable assets in India, UK and Vietnam, HFE today is at the vanguard of energy transition. Apart from traditional wind and solar PV assets, the company’s portfolio comprises complex high CUF projects such as hybrid power, peak-power, firm dispatchable power and emerging technologies projects such as energy storage and green hydrogen. HFE also provides innovative clean tech solutions to private sector Commercial & Industrial clients to help them in their net-zero journey.

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