



Fortescue partner to raise \$US1bn

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Fortescue partner and supplier Plug Power is looking to raise \$US1bn in the US capital markets to keep its hydrogen ambitions alive, underlining the risks facing the nascent green hydrogen sector.

Stock in the electrolyser and hydrogen company crashed on the US markets this week after the company said it planned to raise as much as \$US1bn in a stock offering, despite the company downplaying its financial troubles in November.

Plug is a key partner for Andrew Forrest's **Fortescue** Energy. Last October **Fortescue** named Plug Power as the preferred supplier of 550MW in electrolyzers for its Gibson Island green ammonia plant in Queensland.

Plug and **Fortescue** also have a deal for the Australian resources major to take up to a 40 per cent stake in Plug's Texas hydrogen plant and for Plug to take up to a 25 per cent stake in a plant **Fortescue** wants to build in -Arizona.

In November Plug attached a going concern warning to its quarterly accounts, warning the company was running out of cash after burning through more than \$US860m in the first nine months of the year. Plug chief financial officer Paul Middleton told analysts the going concern warning was to comply with corporate accounting standards, and Plug was confident it could raise debt to cover its obligations. Instead the company filed a prospectus to raise up to \$US1bn on the US market this week, in a move that could dilute existing shareholders substantially.

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