

Developments in the Indian AdBlue Market NPL BlueSky Automotive

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NPL BlueSky Automotive



Pioneer of AdBlue® Manufacturing in India. Plant established in 2011.



Manufacturing plants to produce AdBlue® meeting ISO 22241 standards have been established around the country to meet the increasing demand of AdBlue in the country.



NPL BlueSky Automotive Pvt Ltd is a Technical Joint Venture between Nandan Petrochem Ltd (NPL) and KRUSE Automotive GmbH, Germany.



The objective of setting up this company is to supply AdBlue® to Automotive OEMs in India for their first fill as well as aftermarket requirement.





KRUSE Automotive GmbH



KRUSE Automotive is a part of the Stockmeier Group which was founded in 1920



KRUSE offers custom-made filling solutions (packaged and dispensing) and In house fleet of tank trucks for timely supplies of bulk deliveries



Kruse Automotive has a market share of about 25% in the German AdBlue® market

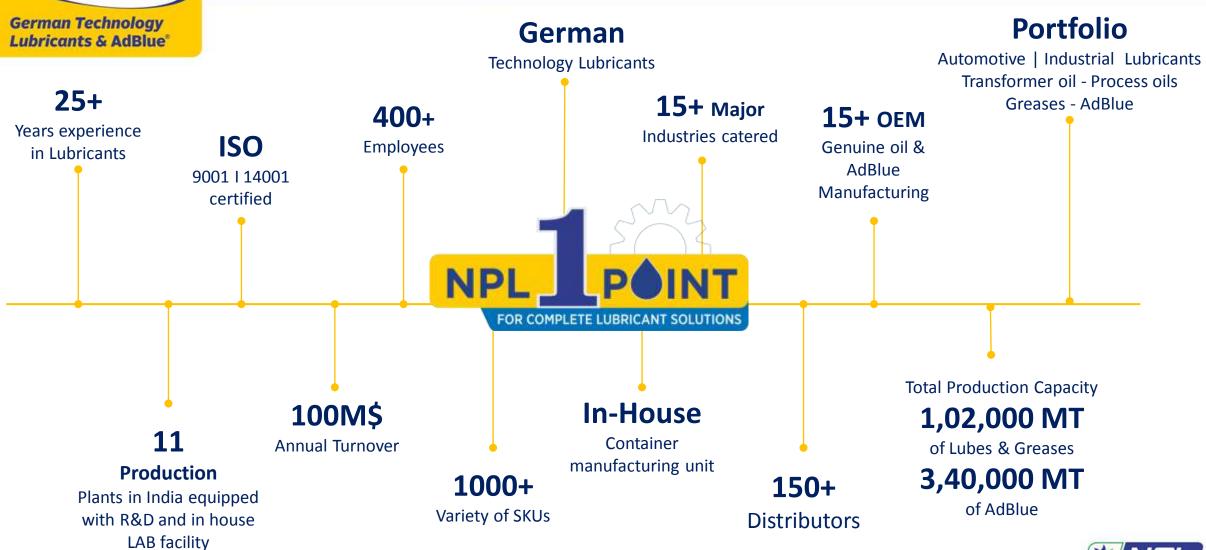


Stockmeier Group turnover is about €1.25Bn, of which KRUSE accounts for roughly 20%



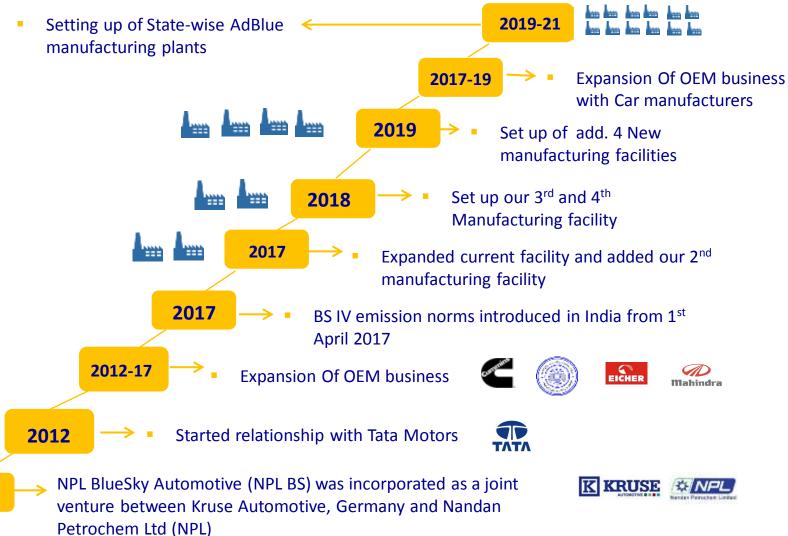


NPL - Business Overview





Journey So Far...





Mercedes-Benz

2011



Our Valued Customers



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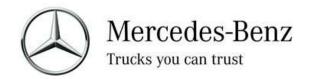




















NPL BlueSky Plant Locations



- Strategically located 8 State-of-the-art manufacturing plants across INDIA
- VDA Certified as per ISO 22241 standards
- ISO 90001 :2015 | ISO 140001 : 2015
 certified
- IATF 16949 : 2016 certified
- BIS certified : IS 17042
- Fully automated Manufacturing.,







VDA Certification

AdBlue® - Certification Audit



VAT-ID

Report no. of the Audit

Audit Start date Audit End date

0004005 19.11.2018 19.11.2018

Certification party

Department / Organization Auditor / Name

Audited / certified party

Department / Organization Responsible person / Name

Address / Street City / ZIP code Country / State Audited locations Audited units

VDA QMC

AdBlue*-Auditing Dirk Wetter

NPL BlueSky Automotive

AdBlue Production and Handling

N A Joshi (CEO)

Lotus Corporate Park B 601, Ram Mandir Lane, Goregaon Mumbai-400063

Maharashtra - India

Production plant Silvassa

Results	valuated requirements	A req.	No. of red B req.	No. of yellow	No. of green
5.1 Basic requirements	4	0	0	0	4
5.2 Production process	7	0	0	0	7
5.3 Production equipment	4	0	0	1	3
5.4 Sampling and testing	7	0	0	1	6
5.5 Documentation of test results and certification	3	0	0	0	3
5.6 Administration, tracking, batch traceability and labeling	2	0	0	0	2
5.7 Handling, transport and storage	8	0	0	0	8
Total (may 38)-	35	0	0	2	33

Fulfillment rate [%]: 96,3

Website Screenshot, Certificate Screenshot and Audit Scorecard

Certificate

Qualitätsmanagement Center im Verband der Automobilindustrie e.V. Behrenstrasse 35 10117 Berlin Germany

NPL BlueSky Automotive Pvt. Ltd.

Lotus Corporate Park, 601 B- Wing, Ram Mandir Lane, Jai Coach Junction, Western Express Hwy, Goregaon East Mumbai 400063, Maharashtra

India

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Overall Result



AdBlue Distribution Channels

Channels:

- OEM dealership/ franchise workshops
- > OEM spare-part distributors
- Oil Distributors
- Aftermarket OES
- > Fuel Retail Outlets

- Pack sizes
- > Pails/Drums (26L, 20L,10L)
- Barrels (210L)
- > Intermediate bulk container (IBC)





VELVEX AdBlue is available at Major Fuel Retail Outlets in the country





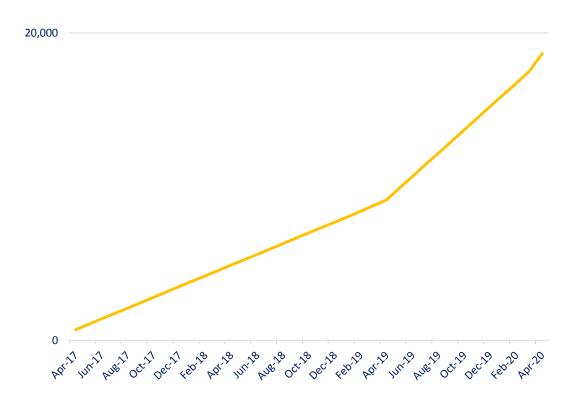




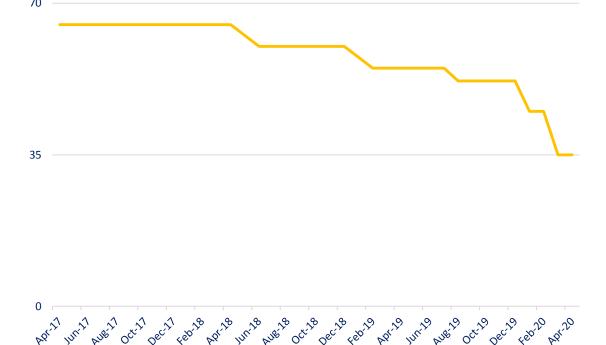


Market Trend: Volumes on the Rise, Price on the Fall

Per Month Volume in KL



MRP Price Per Litre in INR





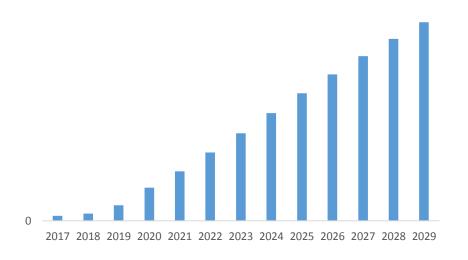


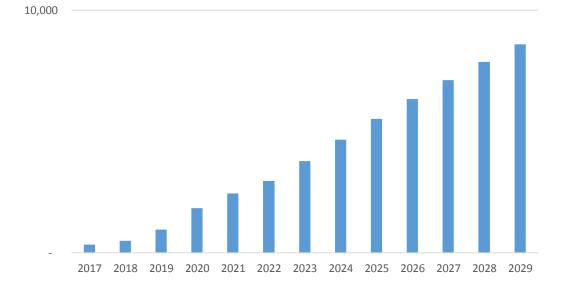
AdBlue demand for the next few years

AdBlue Demand (KL / Year)

AdBlue Market Size in INR Crs













Urea Policy – India

- Manufacturing of any Fertilizer grade urea is subsidized by the Govt of India
- Subsidies and low interest loans provided for plant and machinery procurements
- India is a net importer of urea.
- Urea manufacturers in India have to necessarily sell urea only for fertilizer applications.
- AGU needs to be imported from International markets which are having surplus capacity and will be able to cater to Indian AdBlue requirements.



Concerns for the market

Sub-standard quality AdBlue/DEF is being sold in the market...

Major Reasons:

- Inferior quality of urea (industrial/fertilizer grade urea)
- Lack of proper manufacturing infrastructure
- Using AdBlue sub-license to promote product
- Lower concentration of urea to cut cost (less than 32.5%)
- Inadequate Laboratory equipment to test all parameters specified in ISO 22241

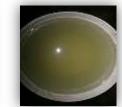
Off Spec products from the Market











Improper handling of SCR systems









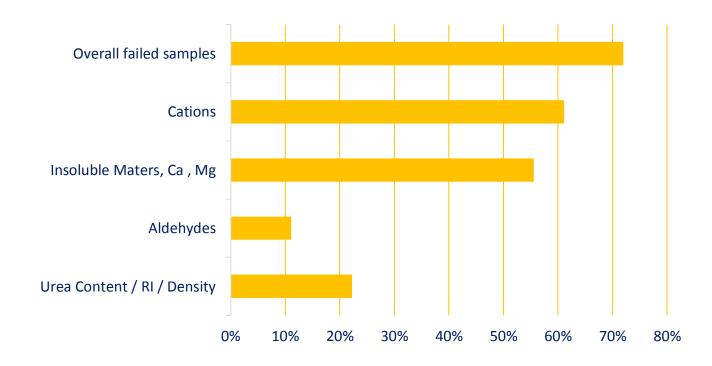




Market Study

- Analyzed 50+ samples from the market, with approximately 72% of them being off spec
- Many samples failed on basic requirement of Urea content along with other parameters
- Failures predominantly on Urea concentration,
 Sodium, Phosphates, Calcium, Potassium &
 Aldehydes levels
- Retail price for these off spec products are really low
- Spurious products of famous AdBlue/ DEF brands available in the market. Spurious/ local brands being sold in cash without GST invoice there by evading 18% GST on the product

Product failure - Category wise (Market samples)



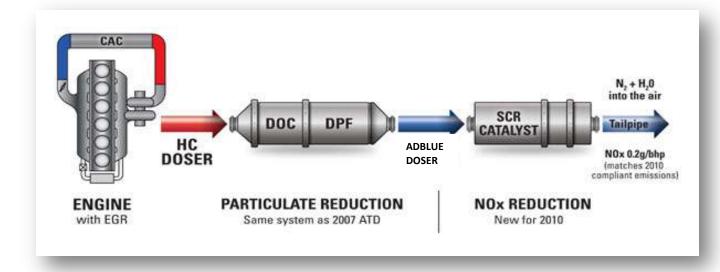




Implications of using wrong AdBlue

- Contaminants are the biggest cause of damage to an SCR System and the repair costs are expensive
- Major components that can be damaged include:
 - AdBlue Dosage Pump
 - Urea Injector
 - The Catalyst

 Effective NOx conversion does not take place which will lead to engine torque reduction







Damage to SCR system

- Visibly clogged strainer filter clogged due to contamination
- Comparison of Contaminated and Regular filters





- AdBlue tank strainer filter found
 detached from the suction port leaving
 no filtration at the suction port.
- Risking reduced service life of main filter.

Damaged SCR systems















Quality Parameters

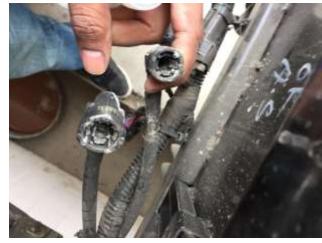
Characteristics	Unit	Limits		Test methods	
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Urea content ^a	9/ / () d	31,8	33,2	ISO 22241-2 Annex B e	
	% (m/m) ^d			ISO 22241-2 Annex C e	
Density at 20 °C b	kg/m³	1 087,0	1 093,0	ISO 3675 or ISO 12185	
Refractive index at 20 °C C	_	1,381 4	1,384 3	ISO 22241–2 Annex C	
Alkalinity as NH ₃	% (m/m) ^d	_	0,2	ISO 22241–2 Annex D	
Biuret	% (m/m) ^d	_	0,3	ISO 22241–2 Annex E	
Aldehydes	mg/kg	_	5	ISO 22241–2 Annex F	
Insoluble matter	mg/kg	_	20	ISO 22241–2 Annex G	
Phosphate (PO ₄)	mg/kg	_	0,5	ISO 22241–2 Annex H	
Calcium	mg/kg	_	0,5	ISO 22241–2 Annex I	
Iron	mg/kg	_	0,5		
Copper	mg/kg	_	0,2		
Zinc	mg/kg	_	0,2		
Chromium	mg/kg	_	0,2		
Nickel	mg/kg	_	0,2		
Aluminium	mg/kg	_	0,5		
Magnesium	mg/kg	_	0,5		
Sodium	mg/kg	_	0,5		
Potassium	mg/kg	_	0,5		
Identity	_	identical to reference		ISO 22241–2 Annex J	

Characteristicsc	Significance
Urea Content	It is very critical to be in the range as an ideal solution as it provides the lowest freezing point. Also, to get the optimum Nox reduction, the SCR system will be calibrated to 32.5% Urea content
Density @ 20°C Refractive Index at 20°C,	Product Identification and to check possible contamination
Alkalinity as NH3	To Determines its shelf life
Aldehyde	Form Deposits
Insoluble Matter, Calcium, Magnesium	Causing Injector Clog
Biuret, Phosphate (PO4), Iron, Copper, Zinc, Chromium, Nickel, Alumunium, Sodium, Potassium	Poison to catalyst



Tampered SCR Systems

- SCR Equipment lines are removed from the system
- Use of OBD emulators, been observed across Europe as well.
- Ways to tamper SCR system as seen in Europe:
 - Remapping
 - OBD Plug
 - Can bus emulators
 - NOx sensor emulators
 - "Old-school" modifications/tampering with signals from sensors with passive components
 - Additional tampering with DPF
- OBD emulators allows the emissions to bypass the SCR system









Reasons for Tampering

Reasons:

- Saving on the product cost
- Saving on maintenance costs
- Saving on the downtime which the SCR system could cause

Fight Against Tampering:

- There is an urgent need for a complete ban on emulators
- Also a need for an on-road emission testing or on-road vehicle inspection to negate the use of such cheat mechanisms.
- Fines on defaulters









Effects of Sub Standard Product



ENVIRONMENT:

- Increased NOx emissions in the environment equal to BS-I levels worsening air quality
- Purpose of BS-IV implementation at a huge investment is defeated





- Engine de-ration due to ineffective NOx conversion
- Repair costs post warranty
- Loss of business due to frequent breakdown

OEMs:



- Breakdown of SCR system leading to increase in repair costs
- Negative perception on BS-IV technology affecting OEM Brand Equity
- In addition there are cheat technologies called OBD Emulators available for sale on e-commerce websites.
- These devices bypass the SCR system to avoid usage of AdBlue, hence increasing NOx emissions.





Steps Taken in Other Countries



Europe: AdBlue is a registered trademark of VDA. VDA audits and certifies the manufacturing plants and certifies them to use the AdBlue trade name



USA: American Petroleum Institute (API), on lines of VDA, has set up an audit and licensing framework and manufacturers qualifying the audit can use the API logo on their packs.



China: In April 2015, the Internal Combustion Engine Industry Association set up a certification system for AdBlue and those enterprises who meet the manufacturing specification are authorized to use their trademark called CGT.



Brazil: The In metro (Brazilian Institute of Metrology) is responsible for conformity assessment of a range of products manufactured and sold in Brazil.





Way Forward

- □ BIS has adopted ISO 22241 standard and has published quality standard IS: 17042 for AdBlue/DEF
- An urgent need of having Government Agency like BIS to audit and license manufacturing units
- Government to issue Control Order Copy to mandate BIS audit and license for AdBlue/DEF manufacturing
- Accordingly only quality manufacturers will be allowed to supply product in the market
- ☐ Need to reduce GST from 18% to 5% to reduce price gap
- Ban on sale of OBD Emulators (these are also available on e-commerce websites in India)
- □ Since the development of the market for AdBlue is in its nascent stage , this is the right time to set up a regulatory mechanism in the country to ensure that the emission norms are well and truly complied with and the citizens get cleaner air to breath

Vehicles running without DEF are more harmful to the environment as they emit more NOx than BS I standard





Why NPL BlueSky







- Pioneer of AdBlue manufacturing in India
- Technical Joint Venture with Kruse Automotive
- Supplying to all major OEMs in India
- Primary VDA license holder & Plants audited by **German Auditor**
- Well equipped plant and laboratory
- PAN India manufacturing presence























Thank You...!!

The pioneer of AdBlue manufacturing in India







