



AdBlue®



NPL BlueSky Automotive

Technical JV between Nandan Petrochem and KRUSE Automotive GmbH, Germany



**To Go Green,
add a bit of Blue!**



AdBlue/ DEF /AUS 32 Scenario-India Market

Presentation by
NPL BlueSky Automotive Pvt Ltd

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Your Speaker – Varun Agrawal, CEO

- About NPL and NPL BlueSky Automotive Pvt Ltd
- What is AdBlue / DEF / AUS 32 ?
- DEF Potential in India Market
- Price vulnerability in Urea Market.
- Implications/ failures associated with sub standard quality of AdBlue/ DEF.
- Measures by Developed countries to overcome sub standard quality.
- Initiatives in India to overcome substandard product quality.
- Way forward



Nandan Group of Companies

Manufacturing of Automotive and Industrial Lubricating Oils & Greases, Specialties etc



Nandan Petrochem Limited

Manufacture of Plastic Containers for lubricants & Essential Oil
Repacking of Lubricants | CFA for PSU Oil Cos



Nandan Impex Pvt Ltd



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GROUP OF COMPANIES



Technical JV with Kruse Automotive GmbH, Germany for manufacturing of AdBlue

Health Food Products



Nandan Bulk Carriers

Company owned Inbound | Outbound Logistics for Bulk Liquid cargos





NPL Group: Business at a Glance

25+
Years experience in Lubricants

16 Production
Site in India with R&D and in house LAB facility

400+
Employees

USD 185M+
Annual Turnover

30%
YOY sales Growth

15+ OEM
Genuine oil & AdBlue
Mft

15 Major
Industries catered

ISO, IATF, VDA, BIS
Certified



Total Production Capacity
96,000 MT
of Lubes
9,000 MT
of greases
4,00,000 MT
Of AdBlue

German
Technology Lubricants

In-House
Container manufacturing unit

1200+
Variety of SKUs

Portfolio
Automotive | Industrial Lubricants
Transformer oil - Process oils
Greases – AdBlue
Pharma Grade White Oil
Coolant





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 .**

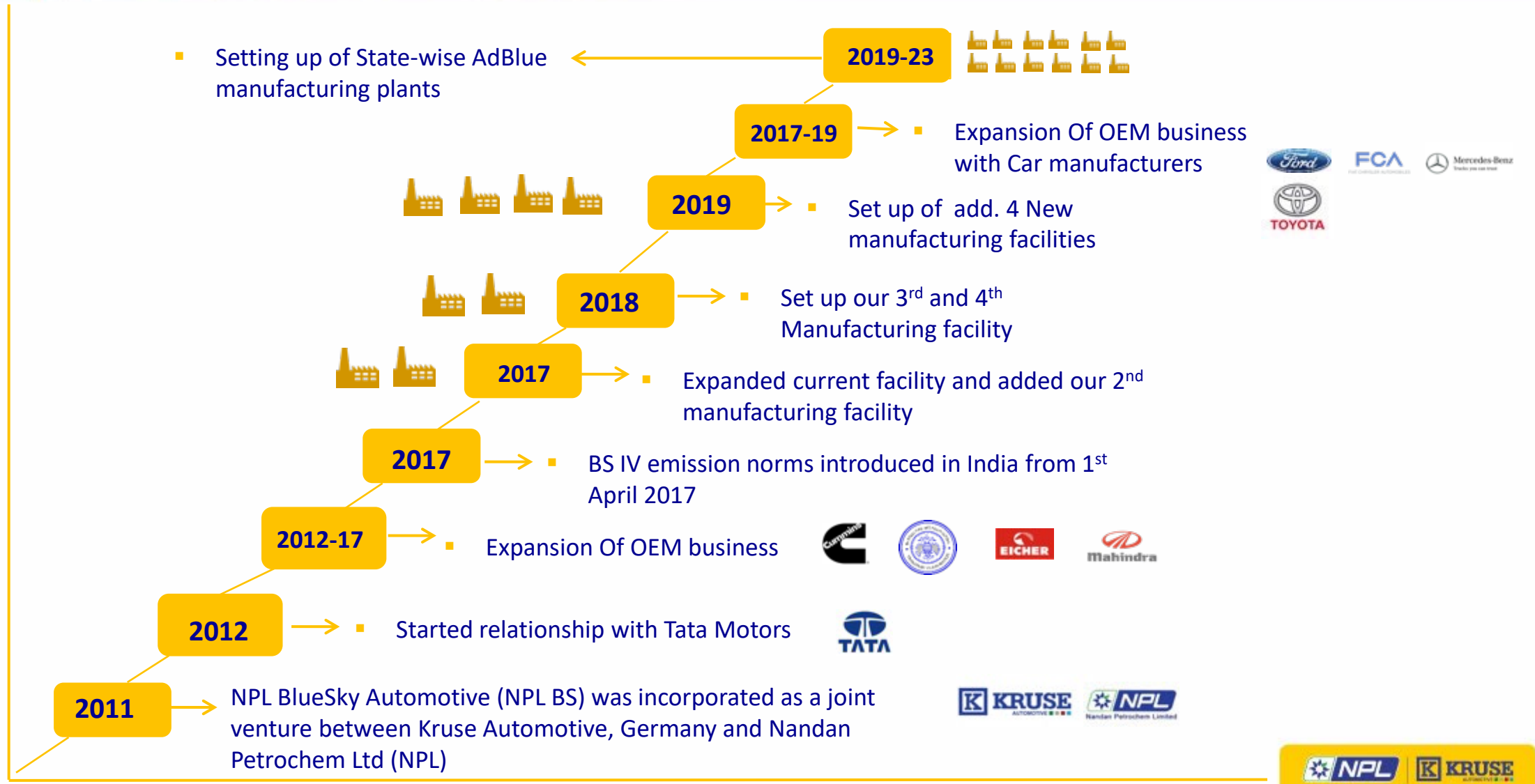


NPL BlueSky Automotive Pvt Ltd is a **Technical Joint Venture between Nandan Petrochem Ltd (NPL) and KRUSE Automotive GmbH, Germany.**



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.**

NPL BlueSky Journey So Far





Green – Existing NBS Plants

Yellow – New Upcoming

Red – Proposed

	No of Plants	Capacity (KL)
Annual Capacity	13	4,00,000

- 13 State-of-the-art manufacturing plants strategically located across INDIA, with plans to expand locations based on pick up of volume.
- Certified by VDA as per ISO 22241 standards
- Certifications :
 - ISO 90001 :2015 | ISO 140001 : 2015
 - BIS certified : IS 17042
 - IATF 16949 : 2016 Certified

- Central team at HO for periodic plant audits to ensure:
 - Consistency of Quality
 - Commonality of processes across all plants
- Plants are automated to ensure consistency.
- Design, Manufacturing and after sales service support for AdBlue Dispensing System (ADS)
- Logistics team to optimize and improve the supply chain challenges

Our Valued Customers



DAIMLER



Mercedes-Benz
Trucks you can trust

FCA

FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES



What is AdBlue / DEF / AUS 32 ?

Emission Regulations in India (Recap)

- **From 1 st April 2010 :**
BS IV norms were introduced in select 13 cities.
- **During 2016 :**
Part of country.
- **From 1st April 2017 :**
BS IV norms implemented All Over India.
- **By 2020 :**
BS VI norms nationwide implemented .

Two Technologies EGR and SCR

1. Exhaust Gas Regulation (EGR):

1. works by recirculating a portion of an engine's exhaust gas back to the engine cylinders to reduce **NOx (Oxides Of Nitrogen)**
2. The process makes combustion less efficient and increases wear and tear of the engine.

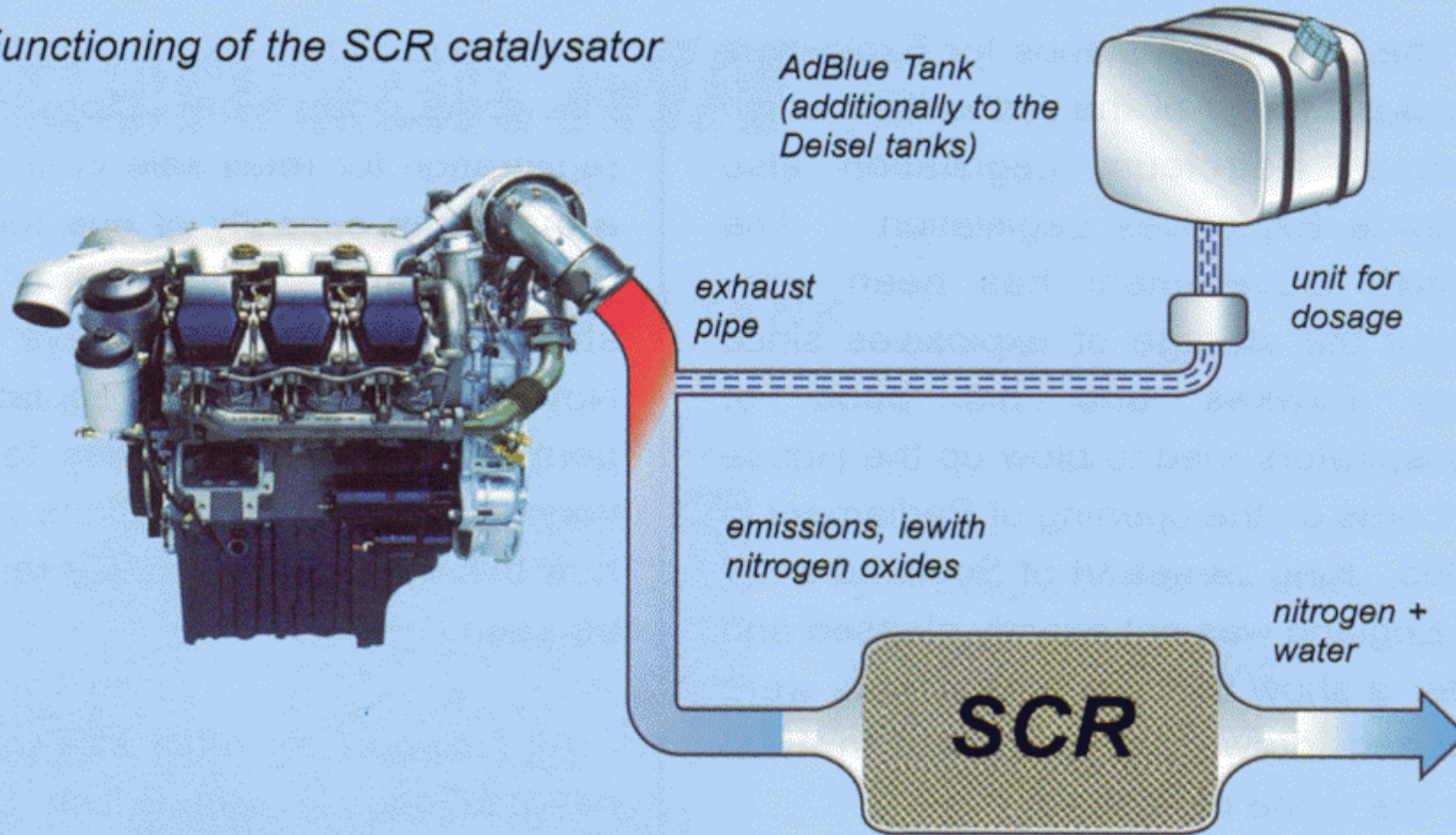
2. Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) :

1. SCR is an emissions control technology to clean **NOx** from the exhaust gases.
2. In 2006, European heavy-duty diesel market, implemented SCR technology to enable trucks to meet the Euro IV and V limits.
3. An SCR system uses **AdBlue®** to reduce **NOx to water vapor and Nitrogen.**
4. SCR technology is **more fuel efficient** than EGR technology **by 3-5%.**

- **With BS IV, majority of CV manufacturers had adopted SCR Technology for MHCV**
- **Post BS VI, SCR for Diesel engines for entire range was imperative.**

How SCR Works

Functioning of the SCR catalysator



SCR = selectrive Catalytic Reduction



What is AdBlue / D.E.F. / AUS 32?

- AdBlue® is also called as DEF, AUS 32, Nox Doser etc.
- AdBlue® is essential for the correct operation of SCR After treatment device.
- **AdBlue® is a 32.5% solution of Automotive Grade urea in deionized water.**
- AdBlue® is a high specification solution and is to be manufactured as per ISO 22241 standards.
- **AdBlue® is a registered trademark of VDA.**
- It is not a diesel additive
- AdBlue is Non Hazardous, Non Toxic , Non Flammable & Non explosive.

- ❖ SCR systems is sensitive to potential chemical impurities in the urea solution. Therefore, it is essential to maintain high quality standards of AdBlue / DEF.

- ❖ Applicable Quality Standards:
 - ISO 22241-1
 - IS 17042 (Indian Standard) Part I

- ❖ These Quality standards ensure that **product** is manufactured in accordance to requirements of SCR technology.

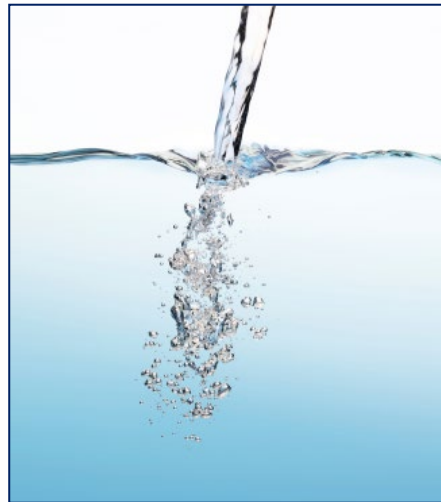
Automotive Grade Urea (AGU) Formaldehyde Free, Low Biuret Urea



32.5%

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Deionized Water



67.5%

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AdBlue Specifications

Characteristics	Unit	Limits		Test methods
		min.	max.	
Urea content ^a	% (m/m) ^d	31,8	33,2	ISO 22241-2 Annex B ^e ISO 22241-2 Annex C ^e
Density at 20 °C ^b	kg/m ³	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

AdBlue Specifications Significance of each characteristic

Characteristics	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	Product Identification and to check possible contamination
Refractive Index at 20°C,	Product Identification and to check possible contamination
Alkalinity as NH3	To Determines its shelf life
Biuret	Poison to catalyst
Aldehyde	Form Deposits
Insoluble Matter	Causing Injector Clog
Phosphate (PO4)	Poison to catalyst
Calcium	Causing Injector Clog
Iron	Poison to catalyst
Copper	Poison to catalyst
Zinc	Poison to catalyst
Chromium	Poison to catalyst
Nickel	Poison to catalyst
Aluminium	Poison to catalyst
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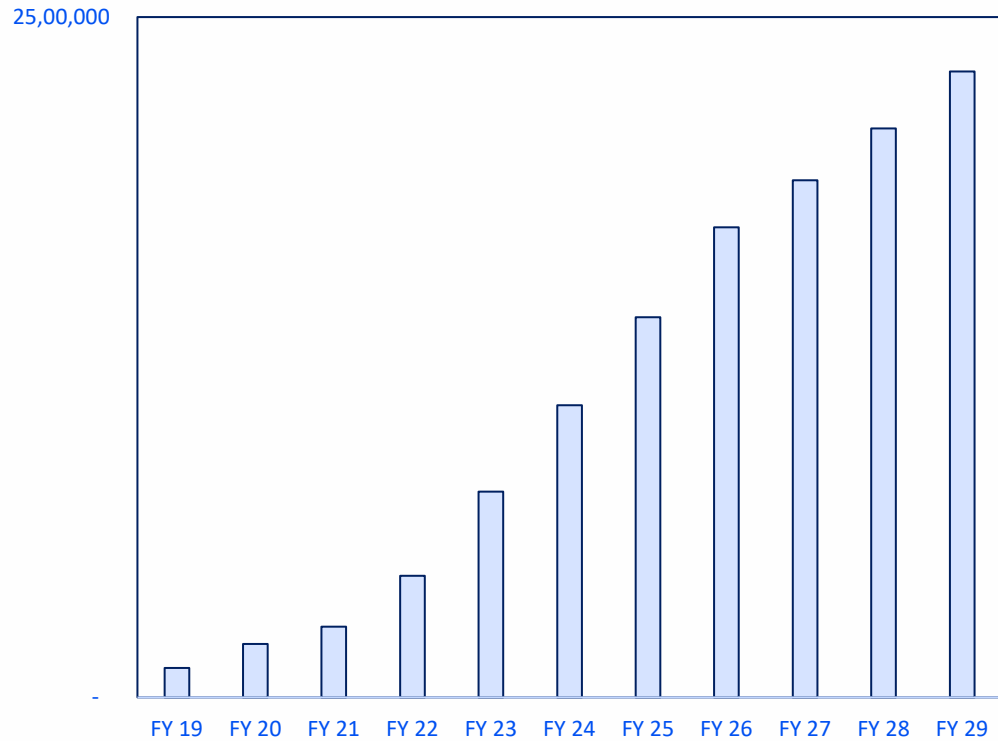
AdBlue Potential in India Market & Price vulnerability

- In India, with BS IV (2017) implementation, AdBlue was introduced for Trucks using SCR technology primarily having a tonnage of over 16 tons and above.
- With implementation of BS VI (April 2020) emission norms in the country, further increase in vehicle park using SCR technology.
- AdBlue consumption in BS VI vehicles are at an average of 5 - 8% to their diesel consumption.
- FY 22-23, AdBlue demand is estimated to be 750,000 KL and by year FY 24-25, around 1.4 Million KL, with an estimated total of 3.7 million vehicles with SCR Technology on road.
- Potential at high selling diesel outlets for AdBlue is envisaged to be 10 KL to 30 KL per month.

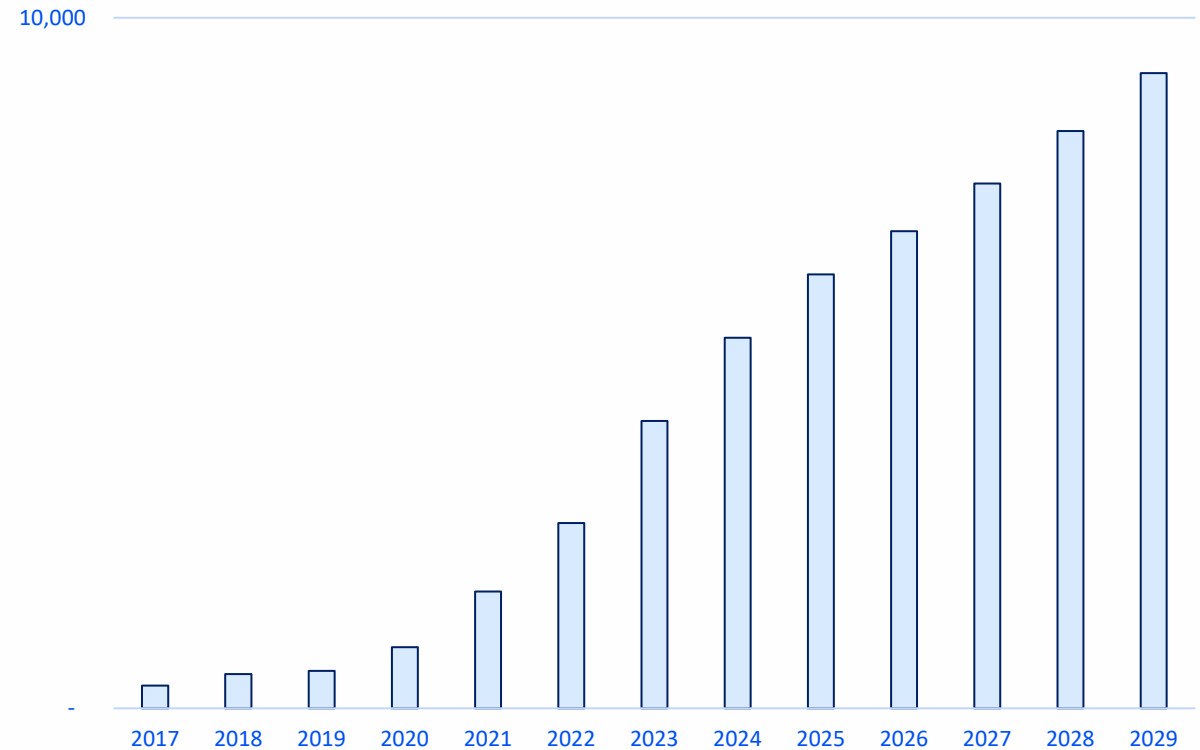


AdBlue demand for the next few years

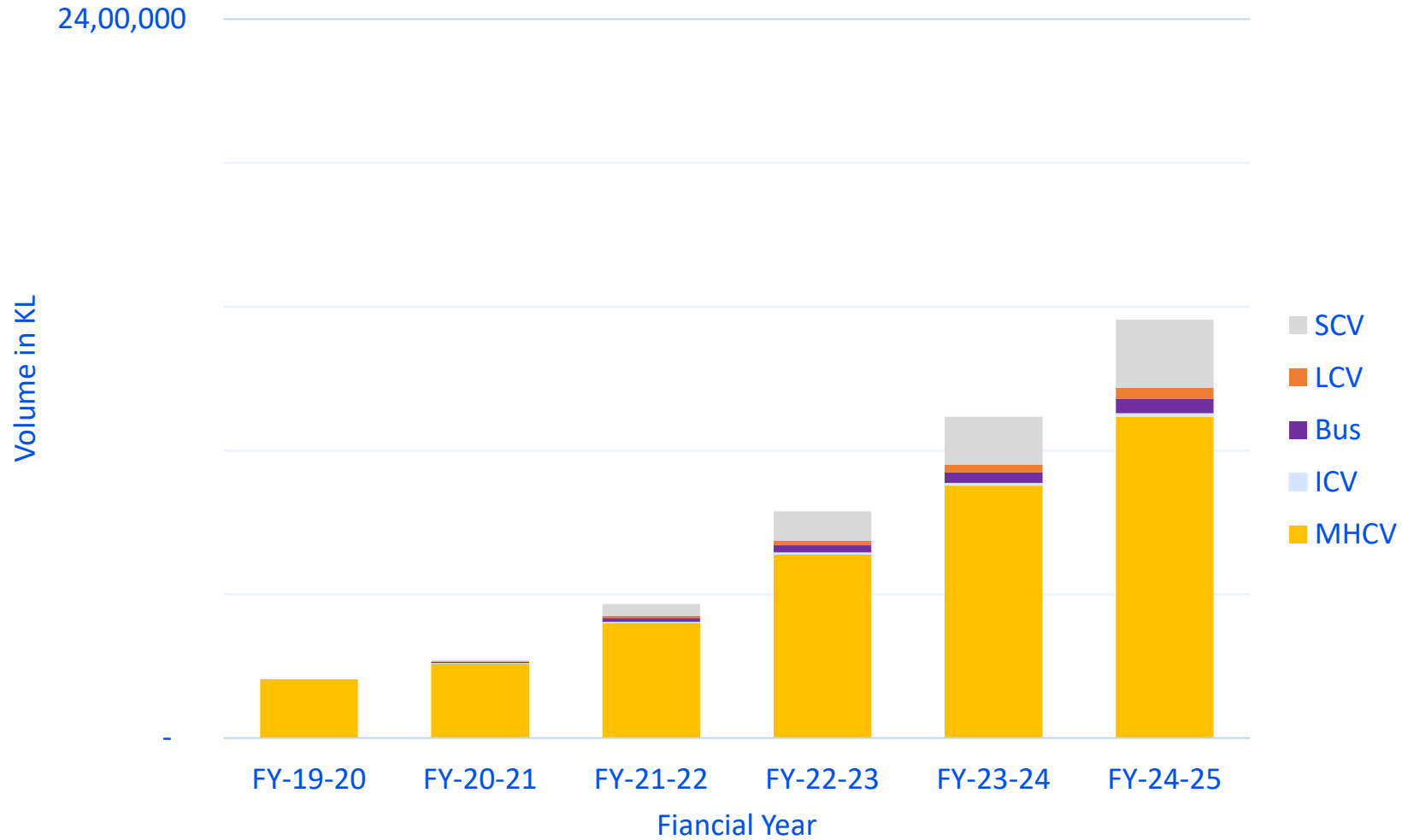
AdBlue Demand (KL / Year)



AdBlue Market Size in INR Crs



Spread of volume between models





Transformation of packed products to bulk dispensing



Packed Products:
210,20,10,5,2 Ltr
pack sizes



Bulk Tankers- Bowser style

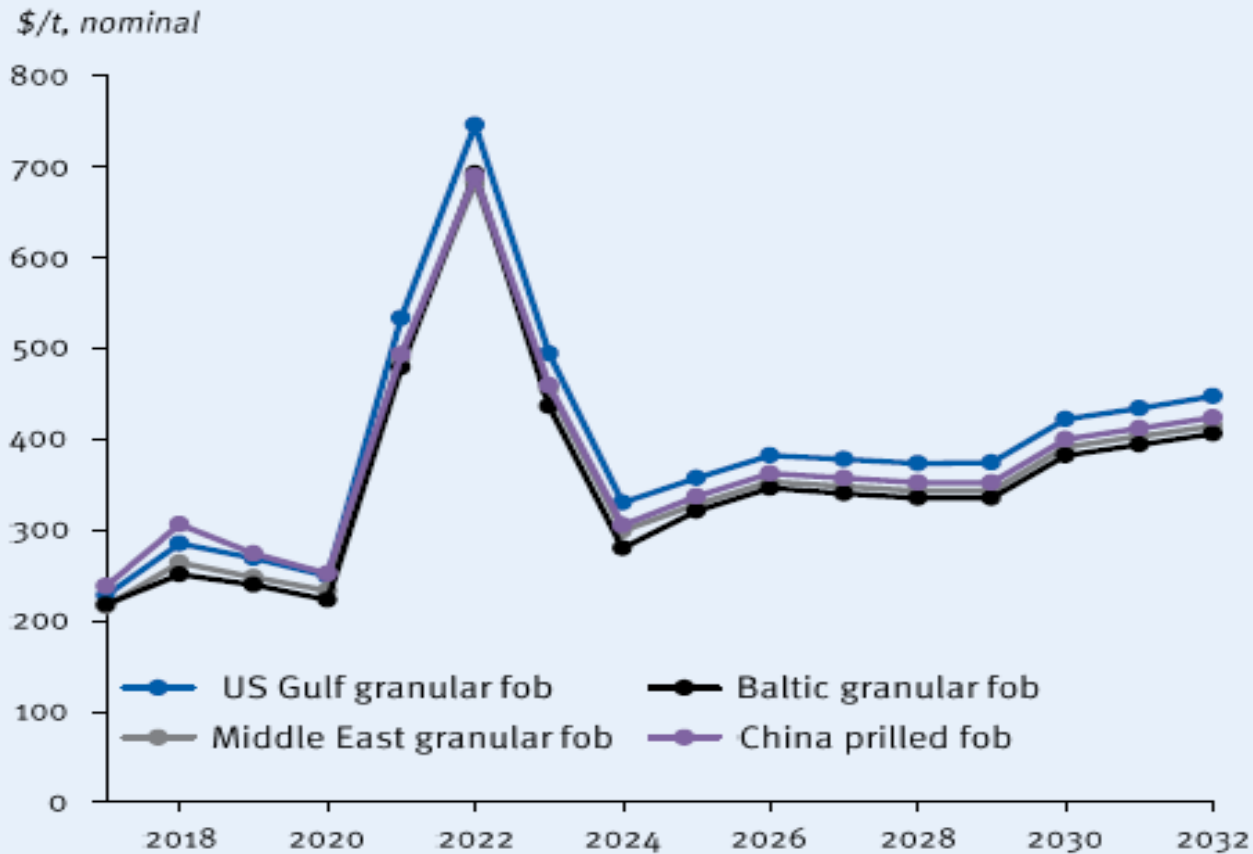


AdBlue
Dispensing
System
(ADS)



Urea Price Vulnerability and Long Term Forecast

Global urea price forecast, nominal \$/mt



AGU prices are largely determined by the wider fertilizer grade urea market and AGU producers use the global urea benchmark prices to account for the price fluctuations in the market

Export ban for urea by China had created unprecedented situation for urea prices.

Situation continued to be vulnerable due to Ukraine urea crisis.

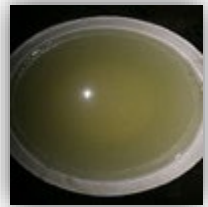
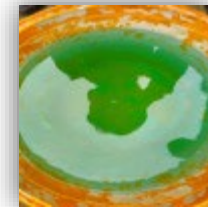
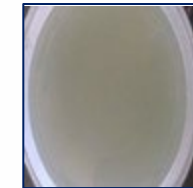
To overcome the crisis, Automotive manufacturers supported with monthly PVC

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



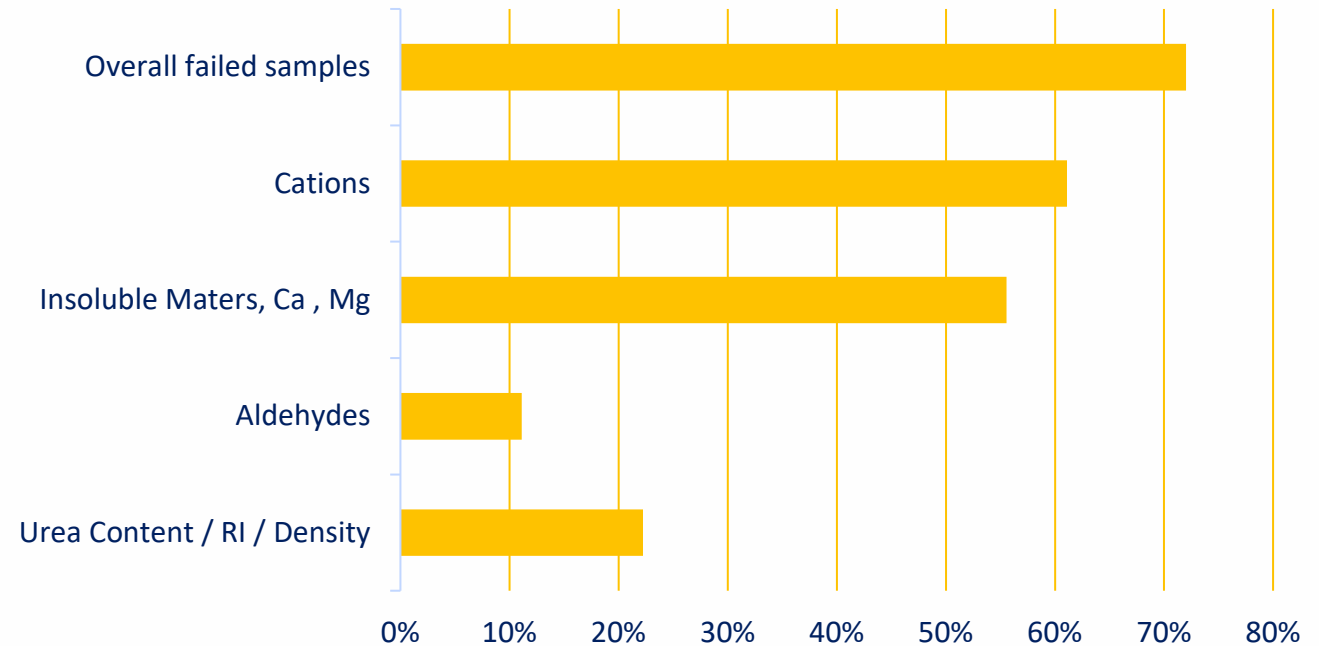
Improper handling of SCR systems



Implications/ failures associated with sub standard quality of AdBlue/ DEF.

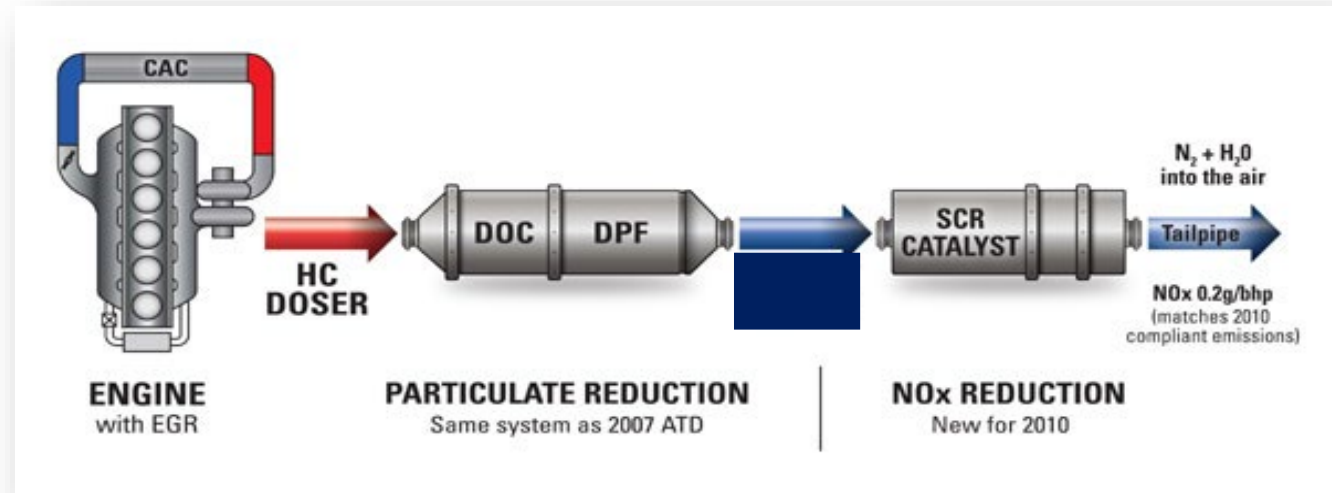
- Analyzed 50+ samples from the market, with approximately **72% of them being off spec**
- Many samples failed on basic requirement of Urea content along with other parameters
- Failures predominantly on Urea concentration, Sodium, Phosphates, Calcium, Potassium & Aldehydes levels
- Retail price for 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 NO_x conversion does not take place which will lead to engine torque reduction



- 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




ENVIRONMENT:

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- 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

VEHICLE OWNER:

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

OEMs:

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- 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.

Initiatives to overcome substandard product quality by Developed countries & Way forward for India



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.

India Market - 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

Quality Control Order and Reduction of GST

- Quality Control Order
 - Inter-ministerial meeting was held regarding mandatory mechanism
 - All ministries & stake holders have given their consent including BIS & MORTH
 - Gazette notification awaited
 - The issuance of Gazette notification will take time
- For Reduction / waiver of GST
 - Request, letters are sent to all concerned including FM & PM
 - Work is on hold till Gazette Notification on Mandatory Mechanism is issued
- Working closely with SIAM & our OEM partners to use their good offices for the above

Thank You