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To,

**BSE Limited** 

Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers, Dalal Street, Fort, Mumbai-400001, MH.

Scrip Code: **543534** 

Dear Madam / Sir,

**National Stock Exchange of India Limited** 

Exchange Plaza,

Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E),

Mumbai-400051, MH.

Symbol: **AETHER** 

#### **Subject: Investor Presentation**

In accordance with Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time, we herewith submit the Investor Presentation, as enclosed.

We request you to kindly take the information on your records.

Thank you.

For Aether Industries Limited

Chitrarth Rajan Parghi

Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Mem. No.: F12563

Encl.: As attached





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#### WHY AETHER?

#### The True Story

[8 x 8] Matrix of chemistry/ technology competencies developed in-house, from scratch, which caters to various segments of chemical industry

#### **R&D Driven Approach**

Specialised R&D team comprising 233 highly qualified people including 111 scientists (with PhDs or M. Sc. / B. Sc. degrees) and 122 engineers (MARCH-23)

#### **Growth Engines**

Successfully launched 3 business models in 5 years into commercialisation:

- 1. Large scale manufacturing
- 2. CRAMS
- 3. Contract / Exclusive manufacturing

#### 1st Time In India

Most of our advanced intermediates and specialty chemicals manufactured for the first time in India

#### Rich Infrastructure

Extensively expanded R&D, pilot plant, and manufacturing (2 new greenfield projects, 1 brownfield project all fully DCS automated) capabilities

#### **Experienced Team**

Career Technocrat promoter group, expert global technology and business development team, average age of 880+ staff is 31 years (MARCH-23)

#### Marquee Customers

280+ multinational, global, regional and local companies across industry spectrum, spread over 22 countries

### **Fastest Growing**

We are one of the fastest growing specialty chemical companies in India, growing at a CAGR of nearly 43% between Fiscal 2018 and Fiscal 2023



# **EVOLUTION OF AETHER | 2022 ONWARDS**

# 2027

#### Scaling up

- Plot No. 14 + 15, approx. 125,874.64 sq.m. acquired in Panoli GIDC
- Revenue from operations of ₹ 5,900 MM achieved
- Successfully launched the IPO
- 16MW Solar Power Plant commissioned
- Plot 8202/2/A, approx.2,622.90 sq.m. acquired at Sachin GIDC for further Capex expansion at Site 3
- Plot C-24/10 acquired
- Inauguration of R&D Centre
- Dr. Aman Desai honoured with BW Disrupt "40 under 40" Business Leader Award.

# 2023

#### Expansion

- Commercial production commenced at Manufacturing Facility 3 (8202/1, GIDC, Sachin, Surat)
- Inauguration of the new site
- Plot 8202/2/B, approx. 2,627.10 sq.m. acquired Sachin GIDC
- Revenue from operations of ₹ 6,511 MM achieved
- Team Aether grows to 880+



# **R&D Centre Inauguration**



Company's newly expanded Research & Development Centre was inaugurated on Tuesday, October 11, 2022. The ribbon-cutting ceremony to inaugurate the Newly Expanded R&D Laboratory was done by Padma Vibhushan Professor Dr. Man Mohan Sharma as the Chief Guest, in the presence of our Founding Promoter - Mr. Ashwin Desai, Promoter and Whole Time Director - Ms. Purnima Desai, Chairman of the Company - Mr. Kamalvijay Ramchandra Tulsian, along with other Board of Directors and the Aetherians.

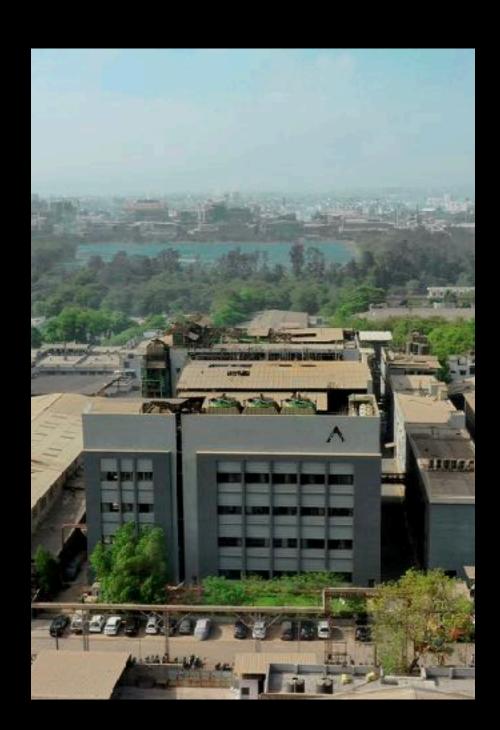
# **AETHER SITES (Chemical Zones, Gujarat, India)**

**S1 - Hojiwala** 21.140686° N, 72.8160973° E



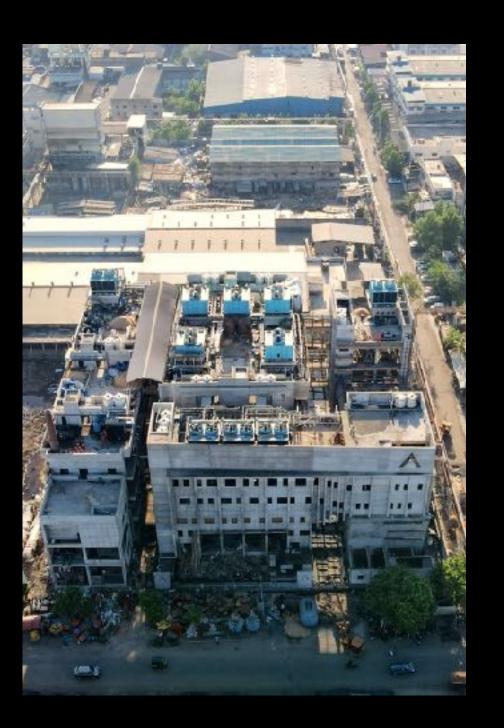
Presently operational in S-1
(3,500 sq. m.)
Research & development
Analytical sciences
Pilot plant / CRAMS facility
(KG to MTs)

**S2 - 8203** 21.1406860° N, 72.8160973° E



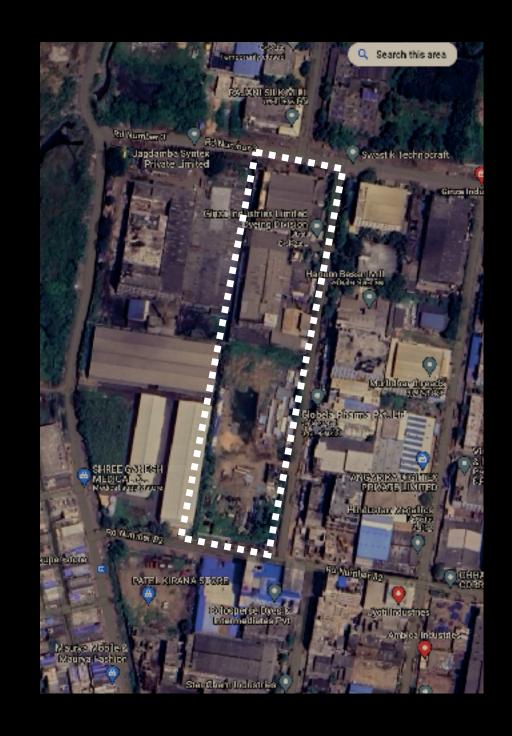
Presently operational in S-2
(10,500 sq. m.)
Large scale Manufacturing and
Contract / Exclusive
Manufacturing Plant
6,096 MT per annum Capacity
SRP plant capacity: 13,140 MT
per annum

**S3 - 8202** 21.0895827° N, 72.8481159° E



Presently operational in S-3 (5,250 sq. m.)
Large scale Manufacturing Plant 3,500 MT per annum Capacity

**S4 - 362, 363** 21.0933241° N, 72.8137618° E

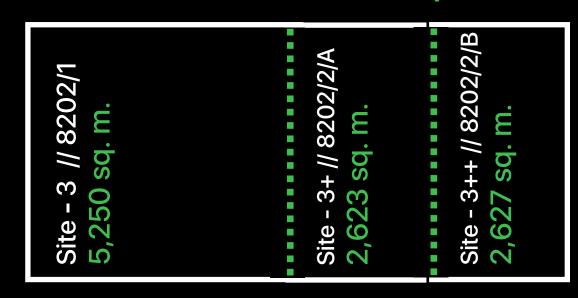


New green-field production site in S-4, soon to start civil construction (18,290 sq. m.) Large scale Manufacturing and Contract / Exclusive Manufacturing Plant

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# **AETHER SITES (Chemical Zones, Gujarat, India)**

Site - 3 = 10,500 sq. m.



Site -2 // 8203 10,500 sq. m. Oiagonally Oiagonally

200 mtrs.

Site - 4 // 363 9,610 sq. m. Site - 4 // 362 8,680 sq. m.

Site - 4 = 18,290 sq. m.

# SITE 3

# Located diagonally Opposite to the current Manufacturing

Facility 2 in Sachin GIDC, Surat



January 2023

facility operational

# **Production of 3 Products**

Commenced





# Additional 3500 MT

capacities approximately per annum added



# SITE 5 INAUGURATION | BLOOD DONATION CAMP





Inauguration of Manufacturing Site 5 (Panoli GIDC, Bharuch, Gujarat) was done by brick laying rituals and conducting a blood donation camp.





Units
Blood Collected



Revenue\*
6,511
10%
FY22
5,900

EBITDA PAT

1,863 1,304

111% 20%

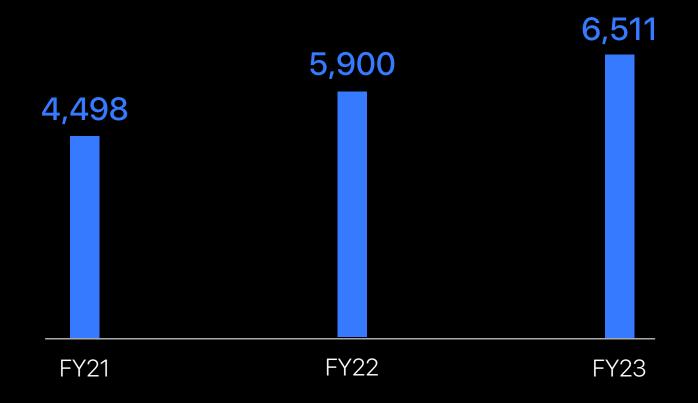
1,681 1,089

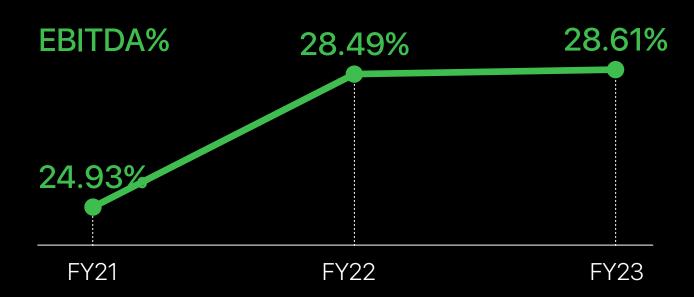
<sup>\*</sup> Revenue from operations
EBITDA is calculated as profit before tax + depreciation and amortisation expense + finance costs - other income

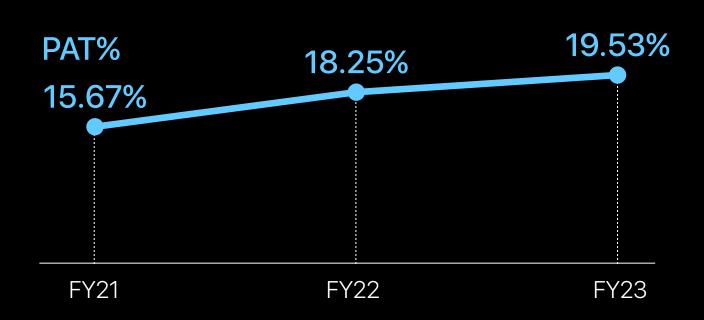
# **AETHER TODAY**

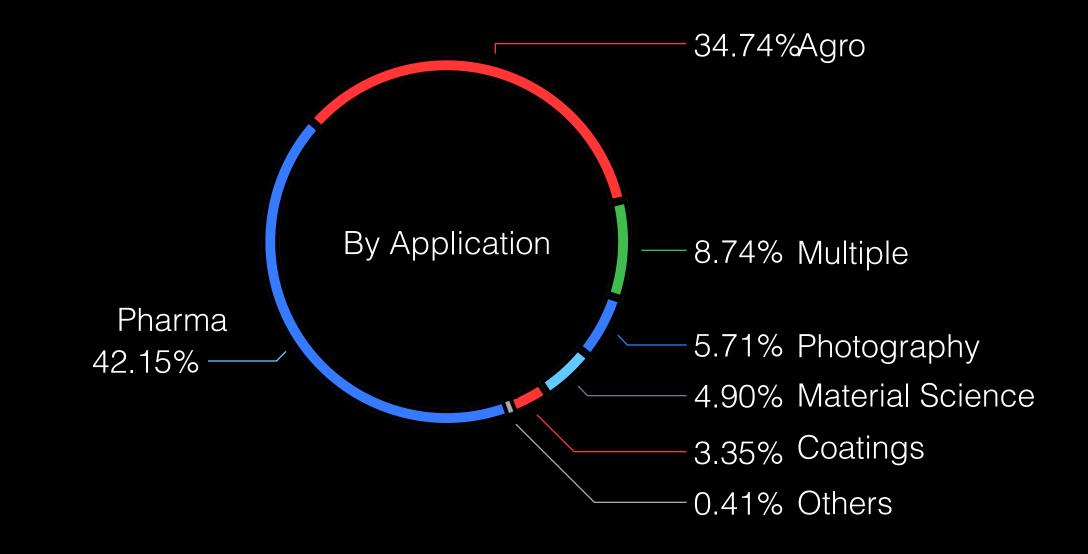
**REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS** 

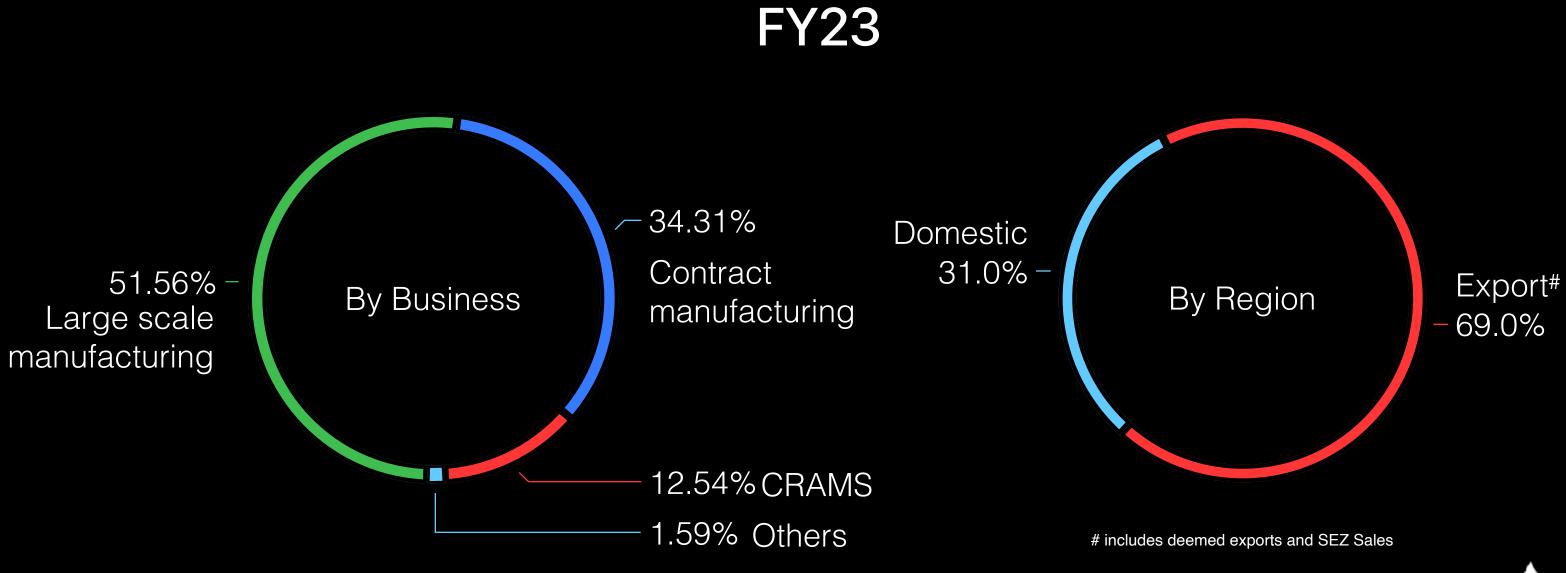
(INR MM)













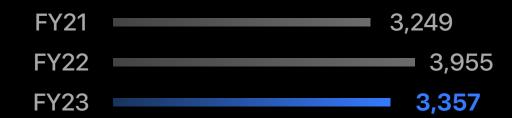
### **BUSINESS SEGMENTS**

52%

# Large Scale Manufacturing

Advanced intermediates and speciality chemicals with application across the industry spectrum

(INR MM)



13%

# Contract Research and Manufacturing Services - CRAMS

Contract research, scale-up services, technology development, low volume high value contract manufacturing

FY21 359
FY22 479
FY23 817

34%

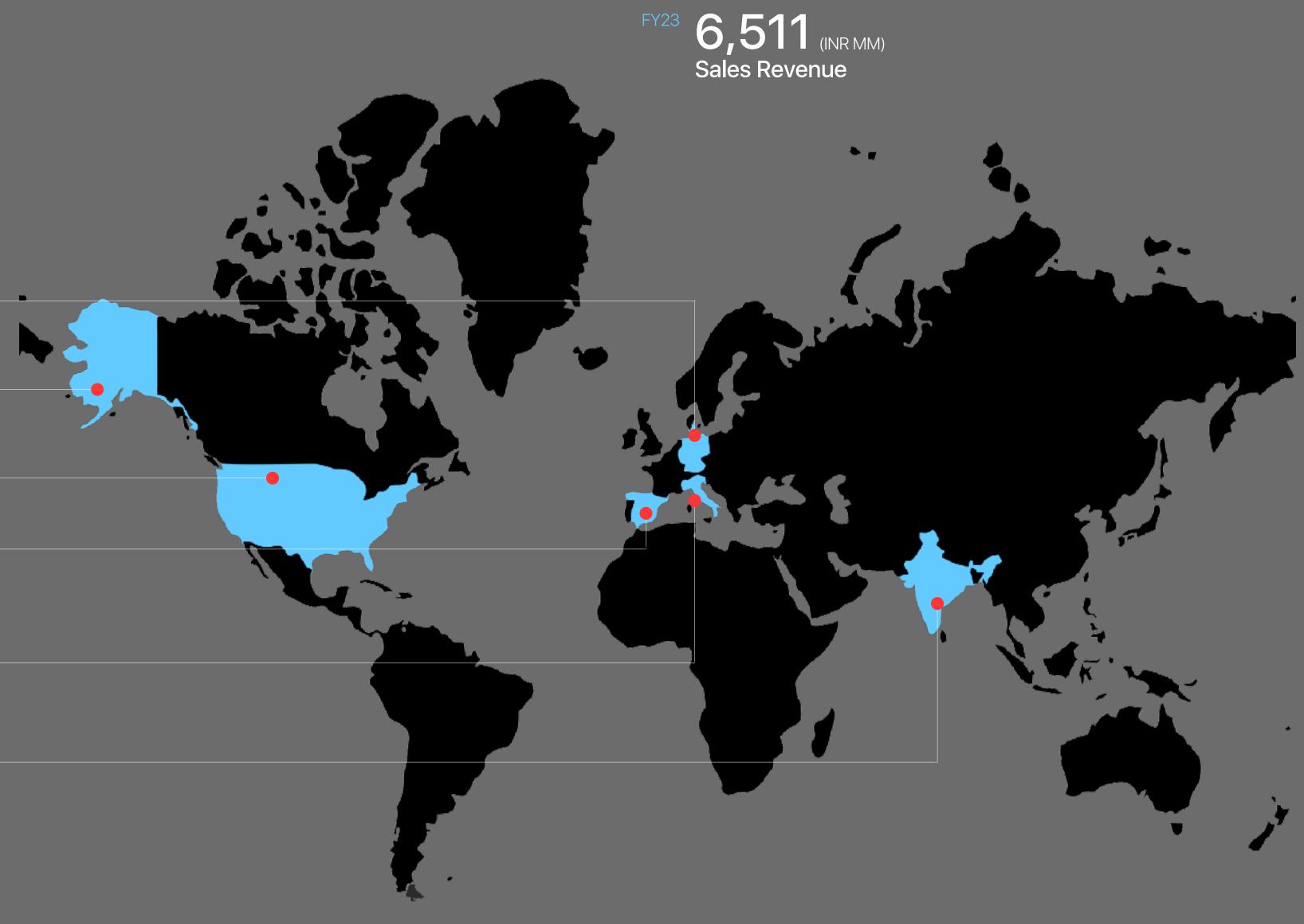
# Contract / Exclusive Manufacturing

Manufacture under contractual supply agreements with MNCs



# **GLOBAL PRESENCE**





<sup>\*</sup>includes local sales + deemed exports + SEZ sales

<sup>\*\*</sup> includes exports to Germany, Taiwan, Mexico, China, Japan, Rest of Europe and Rest of World

# SELECT MARQUEE CUSTOMER BASE | DOMESTIC AND GLOBAL

**Pharmaceutical** 

227

Oil and Gas

4

**Other Sectors** 

56

High performance photography

4

**Agrochemical** 

19

Coatings

2

**Textiles** 

1

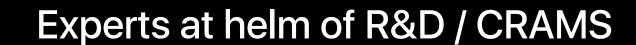
**Material Science** 

21



### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

R&D has been critical to success and a differentiating factor vis-à-vis competitors



MARCH-22

MARCH-23

164

Highly qualified employees, including

92

Scientists with PhD / M. Sc and B. Sc

72 Engineers 233

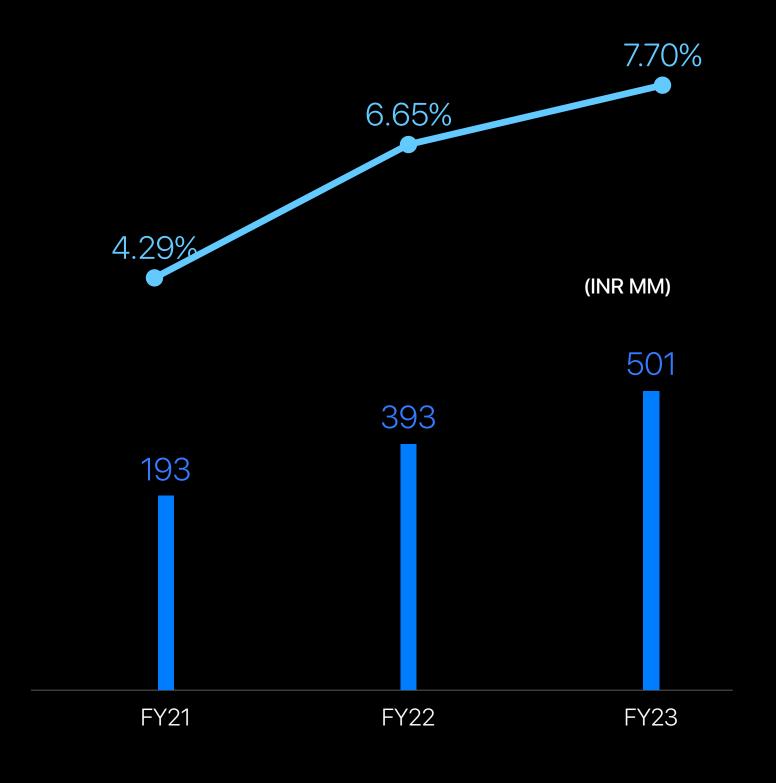
Highly qualified employees, including

111

Scientists with PhD / M. Sc and B. Sc

122 Engineers

#### Consistently rising R&D expenditure



#### **QEHS**

#### Health and Safety

- Undertaking hazard and operability studies before commencing commercial production of new products
- Dedicated team of safety personnel
- Mobile application for safety and emergencies
- Modern fire-fighting and safety systems
- DCS automation system to control safety systems and processes
- Combined fire hydrant water reserve of over 2,000 m3 capacity
- Occupational Health and Safety Hazard Prevention
- Health and Safety Permits
- Emergency Prevention, Preparedness, and Response
- Working and Living Conditions
- Training and Communication

ISO 9001

for Quality

ISO 45001

for Occupational Safety

ISO 14001

of workforce as Environment Team

ISO 27001

of Information Security Management

INDIAN GMP

for Manufacturing

**UN GLOBAL COMPACT** 

Annual Corporate Member

SILVER ECOVADIS MEDAL

among the top 25 percent of companies

15%

of which

5.39%\*

is workforce as QC/QA/ADL Team

is workforce as Safety Team

4.27%\* 5.17%\*

is workforce as Environment Team

\* as on March 31, 2023

## **QEHS**

#### Quality

High standards of quality for products

To cover To ensure

Manufacturing Consistent Quality

Supply Chain Efficacy

Product Delivery Safety of Products

In FY 23

27

Times, our facilities have been audited by

24

Customers or their external auditors

#### Environment

Vibrant infrastructure installed for environment and sustainability efforts

- 100 KLPD in-house zero liquid discharge (ZLD) plant
- Triple stage multiple effect evaporator (MEE)
- Mechanical vapour recompression (MVR) plant
- Agitated thin film evaporator (ATFE)
- Reverse osmosis (RO) plant
- Soil biotechnology (SBT) platform with ozonation
- Employing cleaner chemistries, semi-continuous or continuous reaction technologies, and automation in the process



### **ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIAL GOVERNANCE**

#### Environmental

- Adoption of the green chemistries or more accurately sustainable chemistry since inception.
- Principles of energy saving and conservation, atom economy
- 4R strategy (reduce / recover / recycle / reuse)
- Undertaking hazard and operability studies.

#### Social

- Focused on:
  - Education (especially for girls)
  - Skill development
  - Healthcare
- Total spent of Rs. 20 MM towards CSR in FY23 (entire year compliance fulfilled)

#### Governance

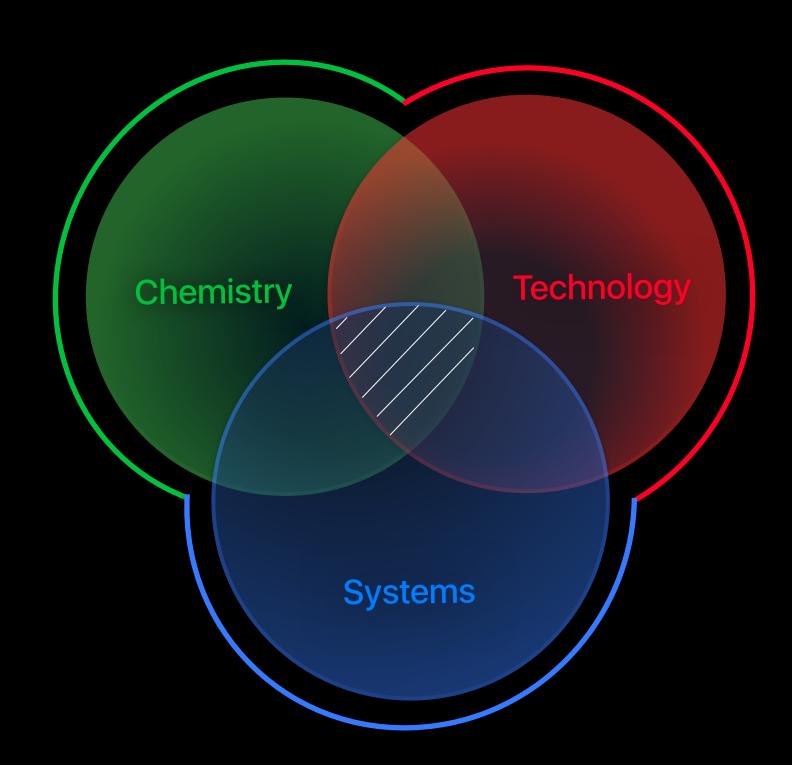
- Technically sound and extensively experienced Board members
- Transparency and accountability at each level
- Adequate corporate governance helps:
  - Improved capital flow
  - Risk mitigation
  - Reputation boost
  - Effective decision making
  - focus on compliance
  - Higher staff retention
  - Limitation of conflicts of interests

## **CORE COMPETENCIES**

# 8X8 Matrix

### Chemistry

Organolithiations
Ethylene Oxide Chemistry
 - Tandem Grignard /
Ethylene Oxide
Isobutylene Chemistry
Hydrogenation
 - Asymmetric
Hydrogenation
Heterogeneous Catalysis
Exothermic Chemistry
Cross Coupling Chemistry
Olefin Metathesis /
Polymerisation



### Technology

Continuous Reaction
Batch Reaction
High Pressure Reaction
Fixed Bed Reaction
Cryogenic Reaction
High Vacuum Distillation
Wiped Film Distillation
Process Automation

#### Systems

SAP
Multiple Certifications
(DCS) Automation

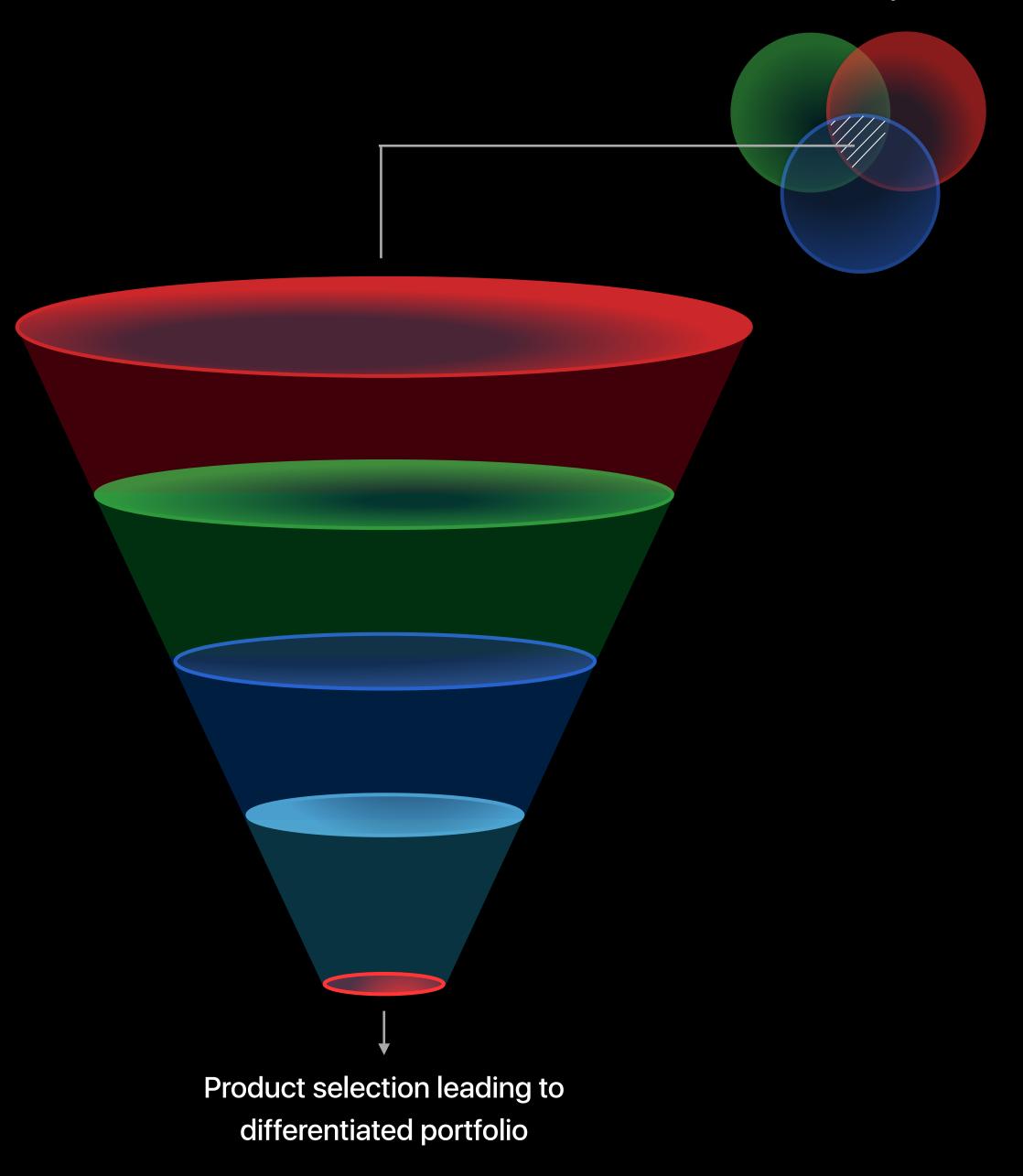
Core competencies of chemistry, technology and systems

No active manufacturer in India, made for 1st time in India

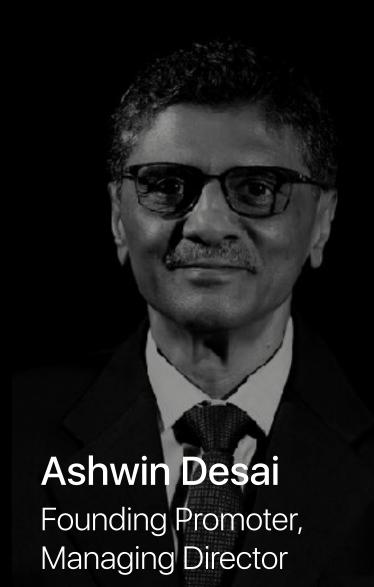
Minimum 4 step sequences of manufacturing and infrastructure oriented

Generate adequate revenue at maturity

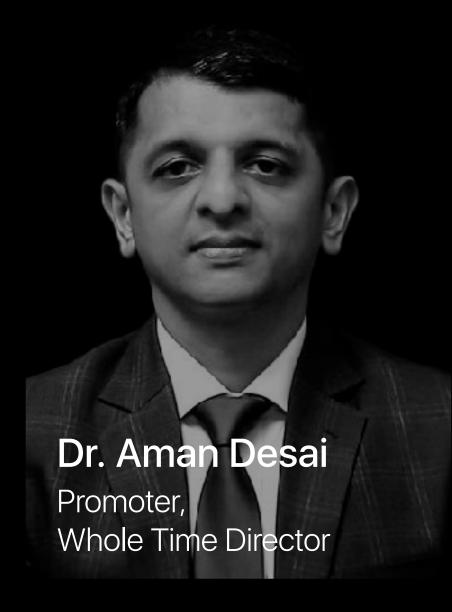
Market leading position at product maturity



#### **KEY PILLARS**



- Bachelor of Chemical Engineering from Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT, formerly University Department of Chemical Technology, UDCT, Mumbai, 1974
- Distinguished Alumnus Award by UDCT (2010)
- Prior to Aether, Founder / Chairman / MD of Anupam Rasayan (India) Limited (till 2013)
- Spearheading the continuous (flow) technology core competency
- Aether's visionary, multiple decades of experience in speciality chemicals
- Bachelor of Commerce from South Gujarat University, Surat
- Prior to Aether, Director at Anupam Rasayan (India) Limited (till 2013)
- Handles commercial portfolio including sales, finance, strategic procurement, human resources and systems
- Extensive experience in speciality chemicals

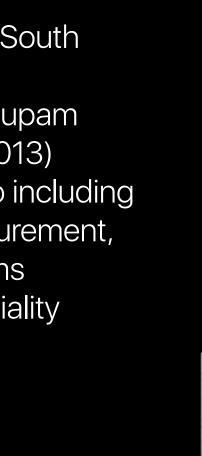


Purnima Desai

Whole Time Director

Promoter,

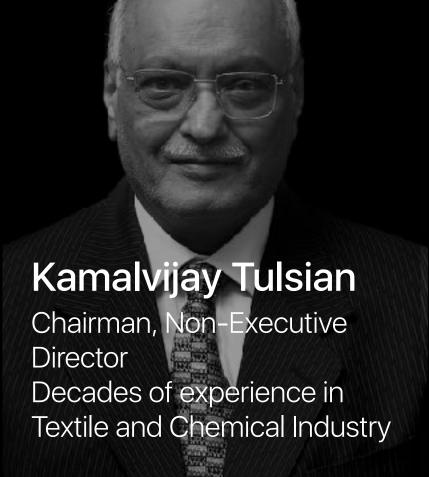
- Bachelor of Chemical Technology ICT (UDCT, 2005), PhD in Organic Chemistry from Michigan State University (USA, 2010)
- Prior to Aether, project leader in Process
   Development group in Core R&D HQ of The
   Dow Chemical Company in Michigan, USA
- Author / Co-author of 25 publications, 4 patents in USA and published worldwide
- Distinguished Alumnus Award by UDCT (2018)
- 10+ years of experience in speciality chemicals



- Bachelor of Commerce from University of Delhi (1975)
  Prior to Aether, Director at Anupam
- Rasayan (India) Limited (till 2013)Leads overall finance and accounting operations
- Multiple decades of experience in speciality chemicals



## **EXPERIENCED BOARD**





Jeevan Lal Nagori
Non-Executive Independent
Director
Experience 34 years in
Chemical Industries



Leja Hattiangadi
Non-Executive Independent
Director
Decades of experience in
Engineering Contracting /
Chemical Industry



Dr. Amol Kulkarni
Non-Executive Independent
Director
Experience as a Scientist



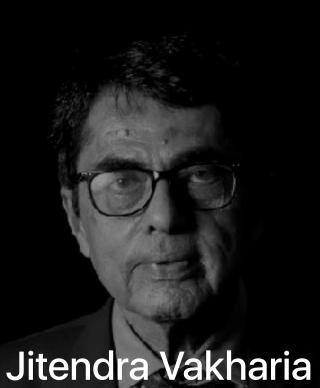
Experience in

Chemical Industry



Arun Kanodiya

Non-Executive Independent
Director
15+ years of experience in
Chartered Accountancy and
Finance



Non-Executive Independent
Director
Decades of experience in
Chemical and Textile Industry



Rajkumar Borana
Non-Executive Independent
Director
Extensive experience in
Textile Industry

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT LEADERS | SMP AND KMP



- Bachelor's Science (Purdue Univ. USA) and PhD Organic Chemistry (Univ. Wisconsin, USA)
- > 30 years at The Dow Chemical Company (and subsidiaries) at various positions - Leader R&D Director
- Co-inventor on 22 USA patents, published worldwide



- Diploma Physics and Doctorate of Natural Sciences (PhD), Univ.
   Hannover (Germany)
- Decades of experience in Chemical Industry
- Previously at ALTANA AG (Germany)



- Bachelor's Science and Master's Chem. Engg., Univ. of Pittsburgh (USA)
- Decades of experience in Chemical Industry
- Previously at the Dow Chemical Company (USA)
- Co-inventor of 7 USA patents, published worldwide



- B. Comm. (Mumbai University), FCA (ICAI)
- Previously at Ala Metals LLC (Dubai)
- Awarded as CA-CFO for Emerging Corporates



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# FINANCIAL GROWTH

Particulars	For the year ended March 31, 2023	For the year ended March 31, 2022	For the year ended March 31, 2021
INR MM (Standalone Financials)			
Income			
Revenue from operations	₹ 6,510.74	₹ 5,900.47	₹ 4,498.16
Other Income	₹ 165.65	₹ 69.74	₹ 39.73
Total income	₹ 6,676.39	₹ 5,970.21	₹ 4,537.89
Expenses			
Cost of materials consumed operation and incidental cost	₹ 3,796.14	₹ 3,585.21	₹ 2,249.16
Changes in inventories of finished goods and work-in-progress	-₹ 622.76	-₹ 704.88	₹ 57.72
Employee benefits expense	₹ 344.57	₹ 270.44	₹ 221.13
Finance costs	₹ 50.93	₹ 131.21	₹ 113.15
Depreciation and amortisation expense	₹ 232.45	₹ 154.87	₹ 110.11
Other expenses	₹ 1,130.27	₹1,068.63	₹ 848.56
Total expenses	₹ 4,931.60	₹ 4,505.48	₹ 3,599.83
Profit before tax	₹ 1,744.79	₹ 1,464.73	₹ 938.06

# FINANCIAL GROWTH

Particulars	For the year ended March 31, 2023	For the year ended March 31, 2022	For the year ended March 31, 2021
INR MM (Standalone Financials)			
Tax expense:			
Current tax	₹ 311.22	₹ 338.73	₹ 201.00
Deferred tax	₹129.39	₹ 36.72	₹ 25.87
Total Tax Expenses	₹ 440.61	₹ 375.45	₹ 226.87
Profit for the period (A) Other comprehensive (loss)/income	₹ 1,304.17	₹ 1,089.29	₹ 711.19
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Remeasurement of defined benefit liability / (asset)	-₹1.67	-₹1.98	-₹ 0.86
ii. Income tax relating to remeasurement of defined benefit liability / (asset)	₹ 0.42	₹ 0.50	₹ 0.22
Total others (B)	<b>-</b> ₹ 1.25	<b>-</b> ₹ 1.48	<b>-</b> ₹ 0.64
Total comprehensive income for the period (A+ B) Earnings per equity share [nominal value of ₹ 10]	₹ 1,302.93	₹ 1,087.81	₹ 710.55
Basic	₹10.47	₹ 9.67	₹ 7.36
Diluted	₹ 10.47	₹ 9.67	₹ 7.36

Particulars (Standalone Financials)	For the year ended March 31, 2023	For the year ended March 31, 2022	For the year ended March 31, 2021
EBITDA (₹ In MM)	₹ 1862.51	₹1,681.07	₹1,121.59
EBITDA Margin (%)	28.61%	28.49%	24.93%
PAT (₹ In MM)	₹1,304.17	₹1,089.29	₹711.19
PAT Margin (%)	19.53%	18.25%	15.67%
ROCE (%)	14.28%	23.96%	28.50%
Debt-Equity Ratio (Times)	0.00	0.74	1.19
Return on Net Worth (%)	10.48%	28.16%	40.79%

#### Notes:

- 1.EBITDA is calculated as profit before tax + depreciation and amortisation expense + finance costs - other income

- 2.EBITDA Margin is calculated as EBITDA divided by revenue from operations 3.PAT is the Profit for the period 4.PAT Margin is calculated as profit for the period/year divided by total income 5.ROCE is calculated as earnings before interest and taxes divided by Capital Employed
- 6.Debt-Equity Ratio is calculated as Debt divided by total equity 7.Return on Net Worth is calculated as profit for the period/year divided by Net Worth



# STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS

(INR MM)

Particulars	FY23	FY22
Standalone Financials	Audited	Audited
Revenue from operations	6,511	5,900
Other income	165	70
Total income	6,676	5,970
Cost of goods sold #	3,173	2,880
Employee benefits expense	345	270
Finance cost	51	131
Depreciation & amortization expense	232	155
Other expenses	1,130	1,069
Total expenses	4,931	4,505
Profit before tax	1,745	1,465
Tax expenses (Current + Deferred)	441	375
Profit after tax	1,304	1,090



# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

INR MM (Standalone)	FY23	FY22	INR MM (Standalone)	FY23	FY22
ASSETS			EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Non-Current Assets			Equity		
Property, plant and equipment	5,333	2,355	Equity share capital	1,245	1,127
Capital work-in-progress	372	577	Other equity	11,201	2,742
Investments + Other Financial Assets	30	25	Total equity	12,446	3,869
Intangible Assets	6	4	Non-current Liabilities		
Right-of-Use Assets	1,122	211	Borrowings	O	1,218
Other non-current assets	185	427	Lease liabilities	145	51
Total non-current assets	7,048	3,600	Deferred tax liabilities (net)	268	139
CURRENT ASSETS			Total non-current liabilities	413	1,408
Inventories	2,488	1,627	Current Liabilities		
Trade receivables	2,590	1,635	Borrowings	1	1,633
Cash and bank balances	1,022	180	Lease liabilities	11	6
Loans + Other Financial Assets	25	181	Trade payables	815	699
Other current assets	626	474	Other current liabilities#	113	85
Total current assets	6,751	4,098	Total current liabilities	940	2,422
Total Assets	13,799	7,698	Total equity and liabilities	13,799	7,698

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

INR MM (Standalone)	FY23	FY22
Cash generated from operations	253	284
Net cash from operating activities	(66)	(54)
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(3,484)	(1,509)
Cash flow from financing activities		
Net cash used in financing activities	4,392	1,688
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	842	125
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	180	56
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	1,022	180



