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Company Symbol: NEOGEN

Sub.: Earnings Presentation on the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company under Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

With reference to the captioned subject, please (ind enclosed herewith the Earnings Presentation on the Unaudited Financial Results (Standalone and Consolidated) of the Company for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2021.

The Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2021 and the Earnings Presentation are also being uploaded on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.neogenchem.com">www.neogenchem.com</a>.

Kindly take the same on your record.

Thanking you, Yours faithfully,

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# Neogen Chemicals Ltd.

Q2 & H1 FY22 Earnings Presentation

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### Neogen Chemicals – At a Glance

Leading manufacturer of Bromine and Lithium-based specialty chemicals, operating since 1991

Strong portfolio of Organic and Inorganic products

Customers across multiple industries including Pharma, **Engineering and Agrochem** 

Key export geographies include USA, Europe, Japan and Middle East

**Growing contribution from Custom Synthesis and Contract Manufacturing** 

Promoters are pioneering technocrats with substantial domain expertise; cumulative experience of more than six decades

Developed strong R&D capabilities with dedicated in-house team

Products developed by in-house R&D

10%

Of workforce in R&D team

**Exporting countries** 

ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015 & BS OHSAS 18001:2007

Manufacturing units certified on Quality & SHE management systems

5-year Revenue CAGR

5-year PAT CAGR

### **Evolution of Neogen Chemicals**



#### 1970's to 1991 Pre-Neogen



1991 to 2016 Pre-expansion



#### 2016 to 2021 Present

- Mr. HT Kanani graduated as a Chemical Engineer and started his association with Bromine chemistry in the early 1970s
- Set up one of India's first Bromine plants using indigenous technology at Navlakhi near Morbi, Gujarat
  - Plant was later destroyed in 1970s due to flooding followed by Morbi Dam Collapse
  - Mr. Kanani worked as a consultant for setting up Bromine and other manufacturing units till 1984 to recover these losses
- o In 1985, started manufacturing Bromine derivatives from a 600 sq. ft. plant under a proprietorship firm, in small 20 lit reactors to start making n-propyl bromide and lithium bromide.

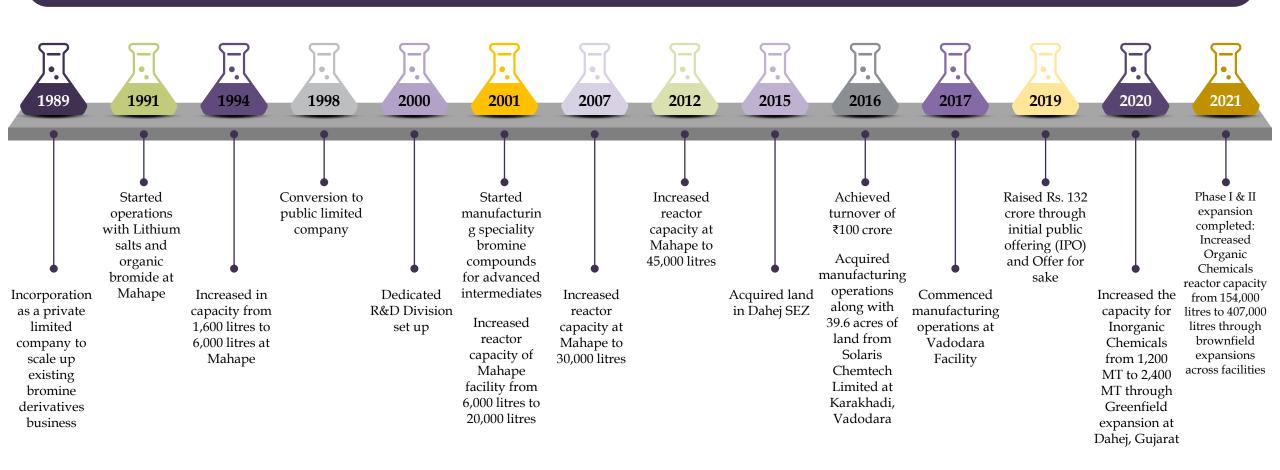
- 'Neogen Chemicals' commenced business operations in 1991, at Mahape, Navi Mumbai manufacturing a few Bromine Compounds and Lithium Compounds
- o From 1991 to 1999, two molecules namely Lithium bromide and N-Propyl Bromide contributed almost 80-90% to the topline; revenues moved from ~Rs. 1 crore to ~Rs. 10 crore during this period
- Set up dedicated R&D and hired first PhD scientist in 2001
- Capacity expansions at Mahape plant took place in 2000, 2007 and 2012; this left no scope for further brownfield expansion at Mahape
- Dr. Harin (now MD) re-joined Neogen Chemicals in 2008 after pursuing his PhD in Chemical Engineering from University of Maryland, USA and working as a Research Scientist with Pioneer – DuPont Company

- o Acquired 12 acres of land in Dahej for Greenfield expansion in 2015
- o Achieved turnover of Rs. 100 crore in FY16 after reporting full utilisation at the Mahape plant
- o Acquired Solaris ChemTech Industries' Bromine derivatives plant at Vadodara in 2016 via slump sale
  - Acquisation cost included 39 acres of land for the running business, plant and machinery at the site, ~50 trained manpower and several technologies developed by the acquired site
- Acquisition Increased total organic glass lined reactor capacity from 45,000 litres in FY16 to 130,000 litres in FY18
- o Turnover more than doubled in two years, to Rs. 240 crore in FY19, from Rs. 110 crore in FY17
- Doubled Inorganic Chemicals capacity from 1200 MT to 2400 MT through Greenfield expansion at Dahej SEZ
- O Phase I & II expansion completed: Increased Organic Chemicals reactor capacity from 154,000 litres to 407,000 litres through brownfield expansions across facilities

## Key Milestones



### Leading manufacturer of Bromine and Lithium-based specialty chemicals since 1989



### **Business Overview**



### **Organic Chemicals**

#### **Bromine Compounds**

Organic compounds containing chlorine, fluorine, iodine-based combinations thereof and others including grignard reagents

#### **Advanced Intermediates**

Combining bromination with other chemistries to create forwardintegrated value-added products

#### **End User Industries**

Pharmaceuticals

Agrochemicals

**Electronic Chemicals** 

Aroma Chemicals Flavours

#### **Custom Synthesis & Contract** Manufacturing

Products developed for specific customers. Process know-how and technical specifications are developed in-house

### **Inorganic Chemicals**

The portfolio includes specialty, inorganic lithium-based chemical products which find applications across multiple industries

#### **End User Industries**

Eco-friendly VAM for cooling air/water/process equipment

Pharmaceuticals

Specialty Polymers

**Battery Chemicals** 

Construction Chemicals































# Robust Manufacturing Expertise





#### **Strong Manufacturing Infrastructure -**

Factory	Land Area	Land Utilisation	Capacity		
			Organic Chemicals (Reactor capacity)	Inorganic Chemicals (Tonnage)	
Mahape (Since 1991)	1 acre	100%	69,000 Liters	1,200 MT	
Vadodara (Since 2017)	40 acres	20%	1,11,000 Liters	-	
Dahej (Since 2020)	12 acres	20%	2,27,000 Liters	1,200 MT	
Total			4,07,000 Litres	2,400 MT	



#### **Quality Control and Quality Assurance**

O Dedicated QC and QA team in place monitoring the entire manufacturing process at all stages right from initial testing stage to the final product



#### **Certifications of Manufacturing Facilities**

- Mahape Facility ISO 9001:2015 from Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS
- Vadodara Facility ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015 and OSHAS 18001:2007 certifications from Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS
- Implemented current good manufacturing practice (cGMP) prescribed by the US FDA as applicable for intermediates



# Developed strong R&D capabilities

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Established
two in-house
R&D units, one
each in Mahape
and Vadodara,
with an endeavor
to develop new
processes and
improve existing
processes

Developed
39-member
dedicated R&D
team, including 6
senior personnel
with doctorates in
chemistry (Ph. D.)
from reputed
institutions and
with 15+ years of
experience

Believes that
R&D is critical
for sustained
growth and will
continue to
deploy resources
to further
strengthen R&D
infrastructure to
take advantage of
upcoming
opportunities

CMD and MD
are actively
involved and
spend significant
time overseeing
the functioning of
both R&D
divisions

Post commissioning of dedicated R&D units in 2001, the product portfolio has grown from 20 products in 2001 to 227 products in Q2 FY22 (excluding products developed under contract manufacturing)

## Experienced Leadership Team





### Mr. Haridas Kanani, B.TECH (CHEM) M.I.I.Ch.E. Chairman & Managing Director

- Holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay
- Set up one of India's first Bromine plants using indigenous technology at Gujarat which was later destroyed due to a flood
- Subsequently, set up the firm Chem Ocean Consultant which provided consultancy, technology and engineering technologies to set up Bromine plants for other companies
- o Then later established NCL in 1989 and has been on the Board since then
- o Has previously worked with Excel Industries Ltd. In 1968-1970.
- Oversees the manufacturing, research and development and general operation and management of the Company's manufacturing units



#### Mr. Harin Kanani, PhD Managing Director

- Holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from IIT, Bombay and a Master's degree and a doctorate in chemical engineering from the University of Maryland
- Served as a research fellow at the University of Maryland, where he has published 4 first author manuscripts in the field of chemical engineering
- Presented various talks and presentations at national and international conferences
- Also participated in the Small and Medium Enterprises Programme from IIM Ahmedabad
- Joined NCL in 2008 and is on the Board since 2017
- Has previously worked with companies such as Asian Paints India Ltd. and as a senior research scientist at Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc. in the United States
- Heads various business divisions of the Company including research and development, business development, quality control, purchase, marketing and finance

#### Mr. Anurag Surana Non-Executive Director

- Holds a bachelor's degree in commerce with Honours from the University of Delhi
- Experience of more than 20 years in Contract Manufacturing business
- A well known personality in the Agrochemical and specialty chemical industry in India, Europe and Japan
- Founded a consulting company specialising in consulting with companies in the chemical, agrochemical and fertilizers sector in India and abroad
- Previously, he was an Executive Director on the Board of PI Industries Ltd. for 14 years

#### Shyamsunder Upadhyay Executive Director

Holds a master's degree in science from Vikram University, Ujjain

- He has 41 years of work experience in the field of chemicals
- Oversees maintenance, projects, logistics, administration and engineering store in the company
- Has previously been associated with companies such as Savita Chemicals, Wimco, Gharda Chemicals, Clariant India, Tytan Organics Limited, Arch Pharmalabs Limited and Laxmi Organic Industries Limited

#### Ketan Vyas Chief Financial Officer

Is a fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, MBA and has completed his Project Management Professional Certificate from (PMI) USA in the year 2013

- He has 22 years of work experience in the field of Finance & Accounts, Taxation/ International Taxation across industries, Corporate Banking, Audits, Corporate & Commercial laws and other Regulatory and Statutory compliances
- Other expertise lies in Strategic Planning, Budgeting & Cost Control, Financial Reporting & Management, Process Re-engineering, System Integration and Solution Design
- Has previously been associated with companies like Batliboi, Arcelor Mittal Projects India Private Limited, SGS India Private Limited, Integreon Managed Solutions, Dow Corning India Private Limited, Rhodia Chemicals India Private Limited and Amplas Polymers Private Limited,

# Competitive Advantages

Large and diverse array of products

Experienced promoters with domain knowledge

Established and stable relationship with suppliers



Strong Manufacturing **Č**apabilities

Diversified and Stable **Customer Base** 

Specialised Business Model with high entry barriers

Continuous Investment in R & D

### Key Performance Highlights – Q2 & H1 FY22



### H1 FY22

Rs. 113.2 crore 38%



Rs. 197.8 crore



25%

#### Revenues\*

Rs. 20.5 crore



Rs. 36.1 crore



25%

#### **EBITDA**

Rs. 14.4 crore



Rs. 24.6 crore



29%

#### **Profit Before Tax**

Rs. 11.2 crore



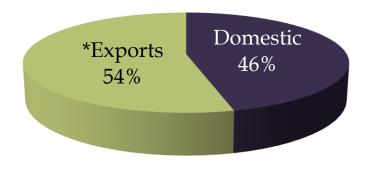
Rs. 18.6 crore



37%

#### **Profit After Tax**

### Q2 FY22 Revenue break-up



\*Including deemed exports

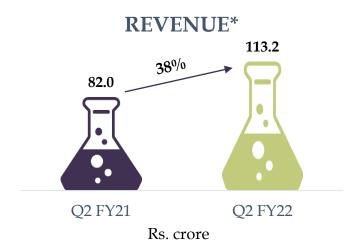
Note: 1. Growth for Q2 FY22 is compared to Q2 FY21

2. Growth for H1 FY22 is compared to H1 FY21

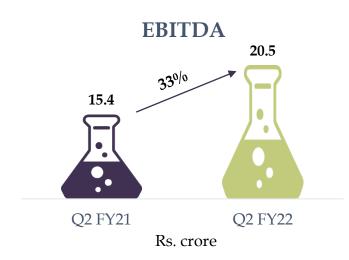
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# Financial Summary – Q2 FY22

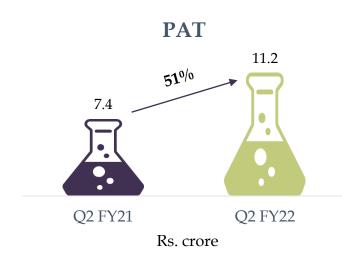




- Reported accelerated revenue momentum steered by higher capacity utilization led by positive contribution from Phase I expansion
- Demand from key end user industries has normalized and returned to pre-COVID levels



- Better utilization of plants post Phase I expansion resulted in robust EBITDA performance, which was attained inspite of several operational challenges witnessed during the quarter
- Operating leverage gains as well as better product mix helped maintain the margins



- PAT performance was bolstered by strong contribution from key product categories and expanded capacities
- Reduction in effective tax rate due to higher revenues from the SEZ facility positively contributed to PAT growth

<sup>\*</sup>Export incentives were discontinued last year; accordingly, revenues for Q2 FY22 includes an impact of Rs. 1.2 crore

# Revenue break-up – Q2 & H1 FY22

	Q2 FY22	Q2 FY21	H1 FY22	H1 FY21		
35%	Rs. 91 crore	Rs. 67.1 crore	Rs. 159 crore	Rs. 132.9 crore	20%	Organic Chemicals
63%	Rs. 22 crore	Rs. 13.5 crore	Rs. 38.8 crore	Rs. 25.7 crore	51%	Inorganic Chemicals

<sup>\*</sup>Raw material prices (Lithium) which corrected in Q2 of last year, was at normal levels in Q2 FY22. Accordingly, the management has estimated positive impact on revenues for Q2 FY22 to the tune of Rs. 4.79 crore

### Seasonal Variance Factors



- Neogen's business has some seasonal drivers, due to which the company tends to deliver stronger financial performance in the second half of the financial year (October to March). Seasonal variance is driven by strong demand from Europe as orders tend to scale up in October-November and further accelerate from January after the holiday season
- Demand for Lithium-based chemicals tends to be strong in Q4 as demand from the HVAC segment, a key usage area, is linked to capital expenditure that enjoys 100% depreciation benefits for air-conditioning/cooling machines
- Demand from the agrochemicals segment is linked to the crop cycle and is stronger during H2
- Consequently, investors are urged to compare financial performance of each quarter only with that of the corresponding quarter previous year to evaluate business progress on a like-to-like basis

# Key developments





- Total Organic Chemicals reactor capacity increased from 154,000 litres to 407,000 litres through brownfield expansions across facilities
  - Phase I expansion completed in Sept 2021
  - Phase II expansion completed in Oct 2021
- Approved CAPEX of Rs. 35 crore at Vadodara facility for:
  - o 250 MT of Electrolyte capacity for lithium Ion batteries advanced chemistry cells
  - Pilot facility to speed up process development and commercialization of specialty chemicals
  - o Overall site development





#### Key attributes

- State-of-the-art facility adhering to internationally followed safety & engineering protocols
- Will allow manufacturing of highermargin, value-added products based on multi-stage processes and complex chemistries



#### **Expected outcome:**

- Revenue trajectory to be significantly elevated from FY21 levels of Rs. 336 crore
- Capacity expansion initiatives to create revenue potential of Rs. 700-725 crore including new CAPEX plans

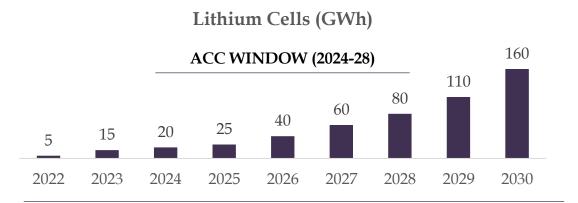
# Strong Opportunities in Lithium Battery sector



# Government focus on self-reliance in battery manufacturing has opened up new prospects

- India has invited global bids for giga-scale Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) production units
- Bidders to commit a minimum of:
  - 5 GWh manufacturing capacity
  - Investment of Rs. 250 crore per GWh
  - 60% localization through value-addition in five years to create strong opportunity for Indian component manufacturing companies
- Clearly-defined timelines for battery manufacturers to set-up ACC capacities under PLI scheme
  - Scheme outlay of Rs. 18,000 crore over five years
- o Import substitution potential of ~Rs. 20,000 crore annually
  - India imported Lithium cells/batteries worth Rs 8,818 crore in 2019-20

#### **Demand Estimates for the Indian Market**



Source: India Energy Storage Alliance

This will translate into Electrolyte demand of 70,000 MT by 2030, as per Company estimates.

Sector manufacturing opportunity: estimated investment of ~Rs. 45,000 crore

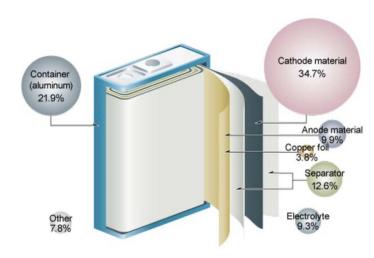
### Neogen's planned initiatives in the Lithium Battery sector



- o Development initiatives under process for:
  - Electrolyte Formulations
  - Electrolyte Lithium Salts
  - Specialized Cathode Materials
  - CSM opportunities
- Portfolio of battery application products at quality/efficiency optimization stage, prior to commercial scale up
- o Positive demand evaluation discussions with 9 potential cell manufacturers, including overseas players for electrolyte and 6 international customers/ distributors based out of Europe, Japan and Korea interested in electrolyte salt
- o Electrolyte production plan at Vadodara unit developed following board approval:
  - 250 MT to be operational by H1 FY23
  - Commercial scale plant to be set up based on customer commitments and approvals
  - Lithium Salt manufacturing capacity at Vadodara to support internal demand for commercial scale electrolyte production
- Expansion of Lithium Salt production capacity at Dahej unit to meet international demand subject to customer commitments and approvals

#### Lithium ion battery (3.7V)

Approximate Cost Component Break Up\*



\*Based on literature as an example, actual % will vary

# Financial Table - Profit & Loss Statement (Standalone)



(Rs. In crore)

Particulars	Q2 FY22	Q2 FY21	Growth (%)	H1 FY22	H1 FY21	Growth (%)
Revenue	113.2	82.0	38%	197.8	158.5	25%
Expenditure	92.6	66.5	39%	161.7	129.5	25%
EBITDA	20.5	15.4	33%	36.1	29.0	25%
Margins	18.1%	18.8%	-70 Bps	18.3%	18.3%	-2 <i>Bps</i>
Depreciation	2.3	1.7	38%	4.2	3.3	27%
EBIT	18.2	13.8	32%	32.0	25.7	24%
Interest	4.1	3.7	10%	7.7	7.0	10%
Other Income	0.2	0.2	9%	0.3	0.4	-12%
<b>Profit Before Tax</b>	14.4	10.3	40%	24.6	19.1	29%
Margins	12.7%	12.6%	+14 Bps	12.4%	12.0%	+40 Bps
Tax Expense	3.2	2.9	10%	6.1	5.5	9%
Profit After Tax	11.2	7.4	51%	18.6	13.6	37%
Margins	9.9%	9.0%	+85 Bps	9.4%	8.5%	+84 Bps
Earnings Per Share (Rs.)	4.8	3.2	51%	8.0	5.8	37%

# Balance Sheet Snapshot(Standalone)

Particulars (Rs. crore)	As on Sept 30, 2021	As on March 31, 2021
Assets		
Non-Current Assets	290.9	251.5
Current Assets	313.7	240.6
Total Assets	604.6	492.1
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Shareholders' Funds	196.5	183.1
Non-Current Liabilities	164.1	135.0
Current Liabilities	244.1	173.9
Total Liabilities	604.6	492.1

# Management Commentary





Commenting on the Q2 & H1 FY22 performance, Mr. Haridas Kanani, Chairman & Managing Director, at Neogen Chemicals said:

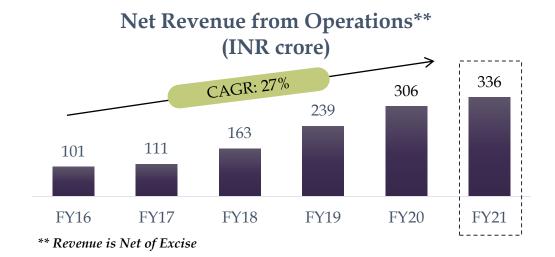
"I am pleased to share that we have navigated through numerous headwinds during the quarter under review to deliver a solid performance. While revenues increased by 38% during this period, PAT registered gains of 51%. This was possible due to our efforts of running the facilities at higher utilization levels supported by incremental contribution from Phase I expansion. This was further bolstered by our relentless emphasis on product & process innovation as well as our adherence to volumes committed to our customers.

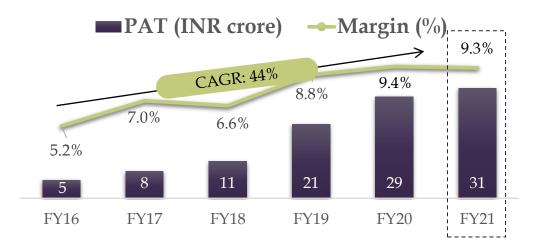
In a significant development, we commenced Phase I commercial operations of Organic Chemicals at full scale at Dahej SEZ in September 2021. With this, we will be able to focus on niche complex chemicals that require multiple steps which will enhance our earnings profile. Given the robust demand visibility, we expedited construction at our Phase II expansion project and commissioned it in October 2021. Phase II expansion was earlier planned to come on stream towards the end of the current year. I thank the entire project management team that executed this in a short span of time. Moreover, we are undertaking some exciting initiatives in the lithium-ion battery materials segment to capitalize on the strong demand trajectory and expand our addressable market size.

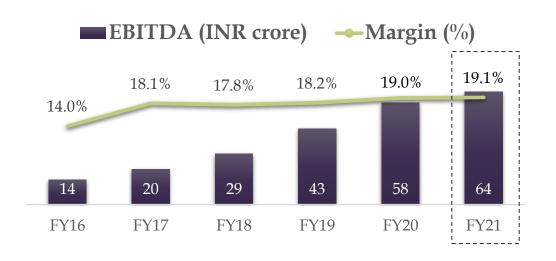
Overall, I am elated with the growth prospects in the Indian chemical industry. Our focus will be to deliver profitable performance given our strengths in the chosen chemistries. All in all, we are well poised to leverage the present opportunities and further strengthen our position in the market."

### Historical Financial Trends

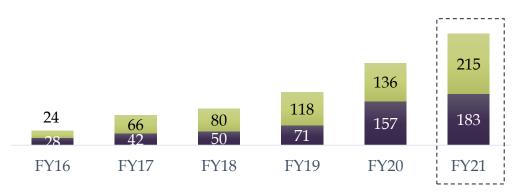








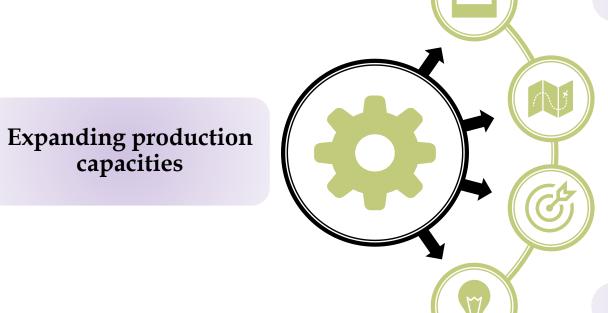




<sup>\*</sup> Net Debt includes preference share capital and current maturities of long term debt

# Way Forward





Increasing Custom Synthesis & Contract Manufacturing portfolio

**Foray into sunrise sector of Lithium Ion Batteries** 

Focus on advanced speciality intermediates

Focus on operational efficiency and functional excellence

### Contact Us



### **About Neogen Chemicals Limited**

Incorporated in 1989, Neogen Chemicals Ltd. (NSE Code: NEOGEN; BSE Code: 542665) is one of India's leading manufacturers of Bromine-based and Lithium-based specialty chemicals. Its specialty chemicals product offerings comprise of Organic as well as Inorganic chemicals. Its products are used in pharmaceutical and agrochemical intermediates, engineering fluids, electronic chemicals, polymer additives, water treatment, construction and aroma chemicals, flavours and fragrances, specialty polymers, chemicals and VAM original-equipment manufacturers. Over the years, Neogen has expanded its range of products and, presently, manufactures an extensive range of specialty chemicals which find application across various industries in India and globally. It has a product portfolio of over 227 products.

In addition to manufacturing speciality chemicals, Neogen also undertakes custom synthesis and contract manufacturing where the product is developed and customized primarily for a specific customer, but process know-how and technical specifications are developed in-house.

The Company operates out of its three manufacturing facilities located in Mahape, Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra, Karakhadi, in Vadodara and Dahej SEZ in Gujarat.

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