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Drilling Mud

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Investment Highlights₁

- Expected Investment: ~\$160 Mn
- Expected Plant Capacity: ~16,000 Ton
- Expected Project IRR: ~5.4%
- Expected Equity IRR: ~4.7%
- Payback Period: ~22 years
- Expected GDP Impact till 2030: ~\$93 Mn

Major Assumption	
Drilling Mud Price	~\$4,067 / Ton
Debt	70%
Interest rate	7%

Raw Materials

- Water
- Clay minerals
- Weighting agents
- Fluid loss control additives
- Viscosifiers

Energy Sector Demand Drivers

- Saudi Aramco expanding its crude oil production capacity to 13 million barrels per day (MMB/D) by 2027
- KSA aiming to increase the Petrochemical production from 38 to 70 M tons annually
- The Jafurah onshore gas field is considered one of the largest unconventional gas fields worldwide and is driving the demand for drilling mud in KSA
- KSA targets increasing their Natural Gas production by 40%

Other Sectors Demand Drivers

 The demand drivers for Drilling Mud are solely influenced by the energy sector

Value Proposition

- KSA is the world largest exporter of Crude Oil and 2nd largest producer
- KSA is well positioned to play a leading role and become a major clean Hydrogen exporter which will drive the demand on natural gas
- KSA has the 6th largest natural gas reserve of 329
 Tn Cubic ft
- The recent discovery of 8 gas fields, 3 of which are unconventional



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Import Dependency

- In 2021, Saudi Arabia imported \$217M in Chemical products, mixtures and preparations,
- Saudi Arabia imports Chemical products, mixtures and preparations primarily from: China (\$50.2M), Germany (\$34.1M), and United States (\$23.9M)₄

Localization Potential Baseline **Target** Contribution* 22% **75%** 17% Scalability

- The business can expand its geographic reach by targeting new markets in the middle east region
- The business can expand its product line to offer a wider range of Drilling Mud of varying types

Enablers and Incentives

No enablers are taken into consideration in the financial estimation for this opportunity, but the opportunity is subject to off the shelf's incentives like:

- SIDF financing up to 75% of CAPEX
- HRDF covers monthly salaries of up to 3,000 SAR / employee for Saudi employees
- Tax credits for R&D for manufacturers
- Custom duty exemption for import of capital **goods/machinery** required for setup of facility

Major Local and International Manufacturers

- Local Manufacturers: Drilling Fluid Factory, Gumpro Drilling Fluids
- International Manufacturers: Schlumberger, Baker Hughes, NOV

Key Stakeholders





