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Global Methane Initiative for Oil and Gas Sector

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Cairn India - An Overview



Rajasthan (RJ-ON-90/1)

Cairn (Operator)	70%
ONGC	30%

Cambay (CB/OS-2)

Cairn (Operator)	40%
ONGC	50%

Ravva

Cairn (Operator)	22.5%
ONGC	40%

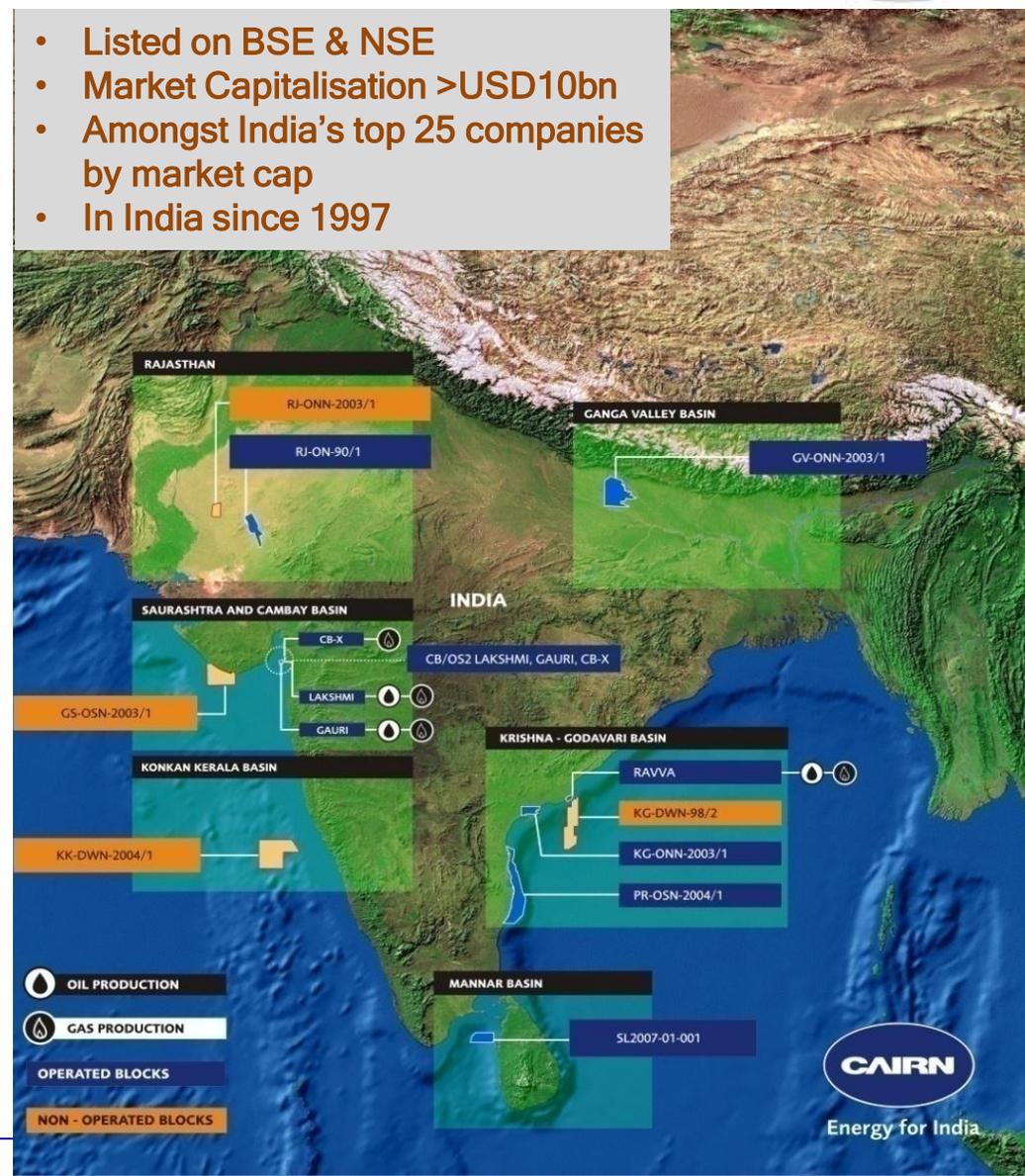
Sri Lanka

Cairn Lanka	100%
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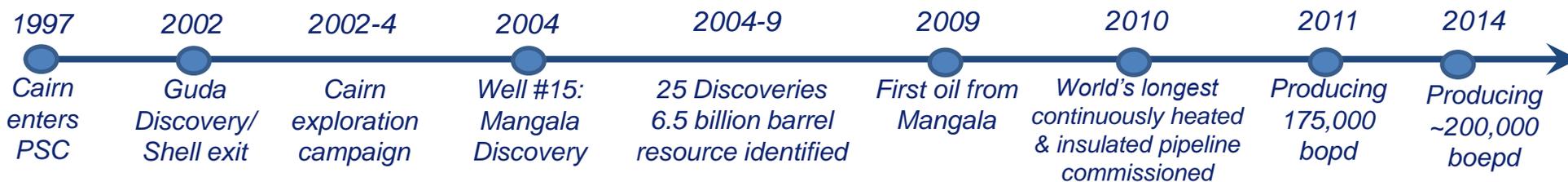
South Africa

Cairn SA	60%
Petro SA	40%

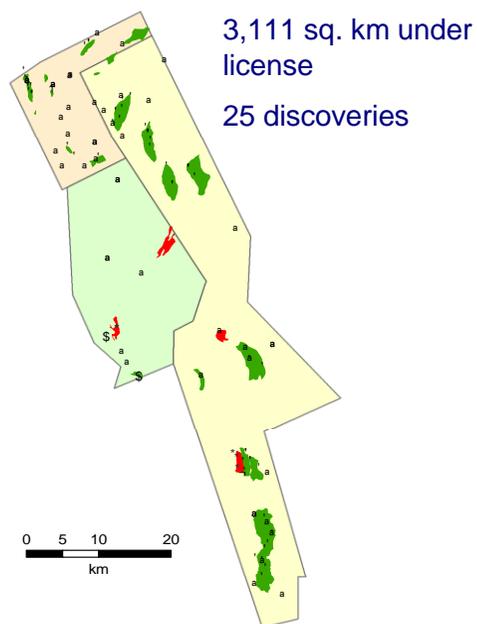
- Listed on BSE & NSE
- Market Capitalisation >USD10bn
- Amongst India's top 25 companies by market cap
- In India since 1997



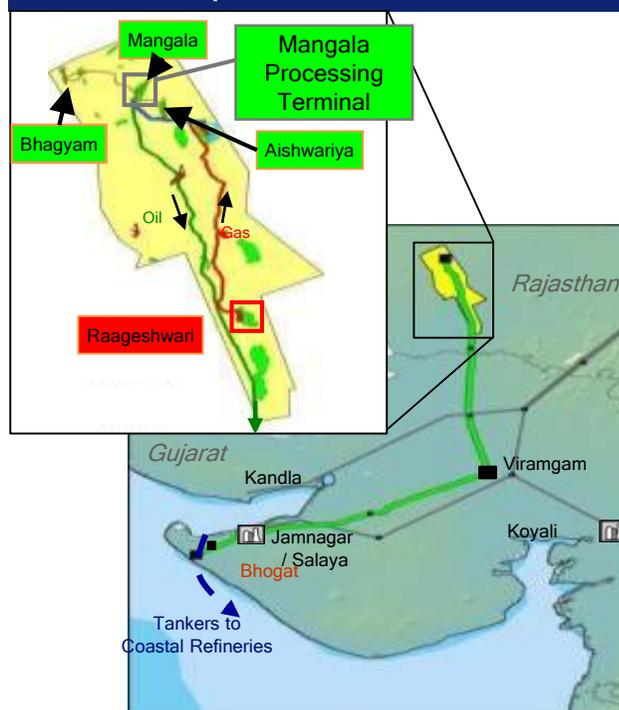
Rajasthan: Frontier Exploration to Production - The Journey



Exploration & Appraisal



Development & Production





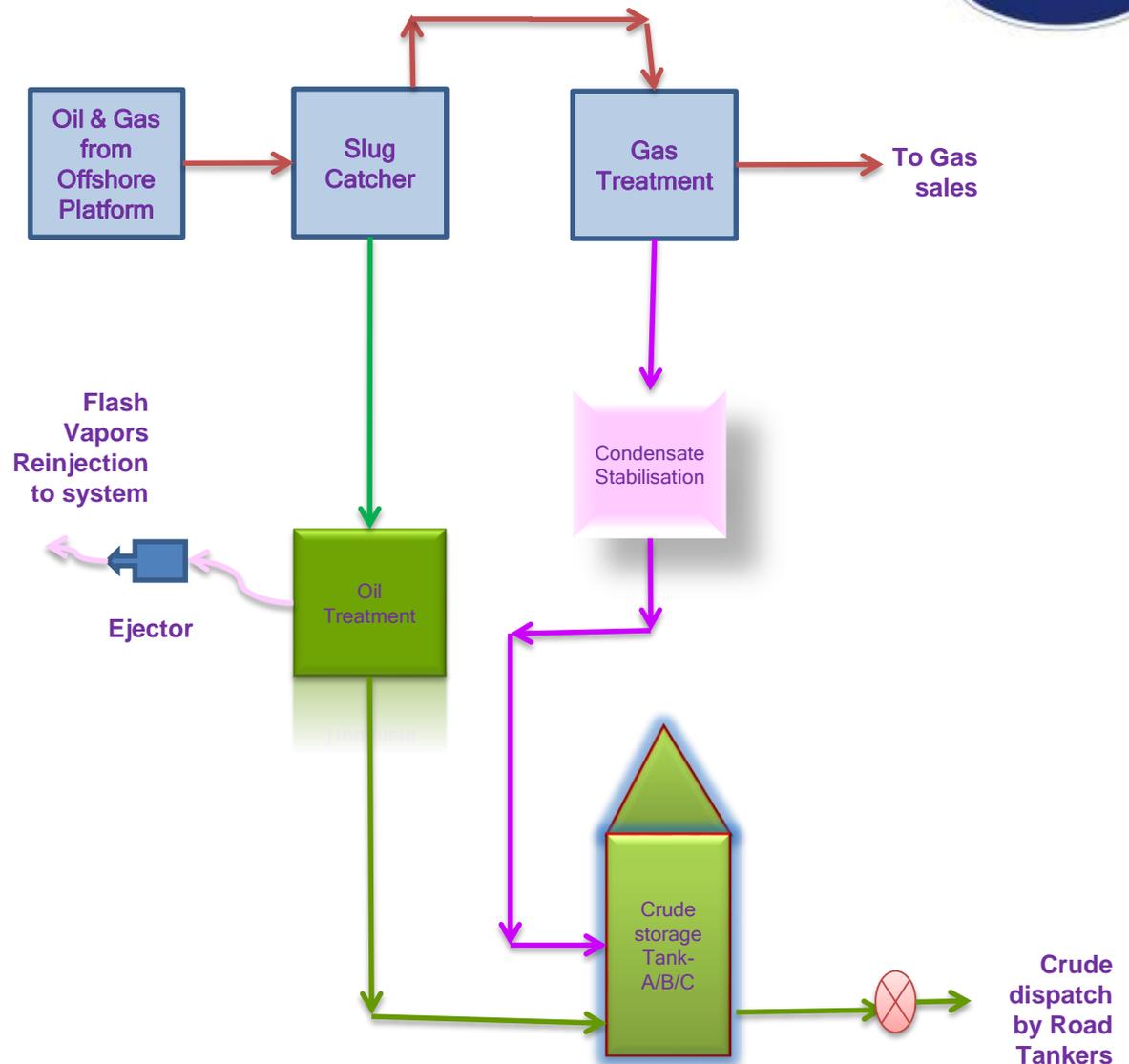
GMI- Challenges to Opportunities

- Methane is an important climate change forcing greenhouse gas (GHG) which has a climate forcing effect 25 times greater on a 100 year basis than that of carbon dioxide, the primary greenhouse gas (GHG).
- There are many ways to reduce methane emissions, both fugitive (from leaks) and vented (from released-through bleeds, blow down, combustion or venting etc.)source.
- Reducing methane emissions add incremental revenue and also reduce - at no extra cost - the conventional pollutants that can harm public health and the environment.



Process Overview: Suvali Oil & Gas processing Unit

- The Oil & Gas produced from the offshore fields is processed at onshore terminal.
- Natural Gas is being **conditioned** and put in the state gas grid.
- **Crude oil & condensate** generated after treatment (in two separate stream) is stored in fixed roof tank.
- The processed oil is loaded in 20 KL / 24 KL road tankers. It is a top loading system and complete manual operation.





3-Stage Emission Reduction Program: :

STEP - I

- ❖ Providing the flash Vapor vent system at crude loading bay area.
 - ❖ To divert vapour at crude loading bay to minimize personal exposure.

STEP - II

- ❖ Diverting Unstabilised condensate to Oil stabilisation unit .
 - ❖ To minimise vapor generation and losses due to flashing

STEP - III

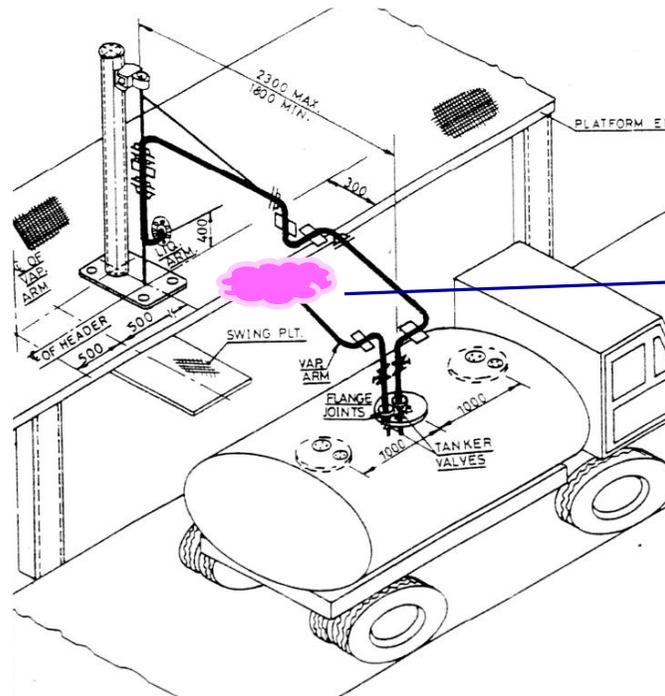
- ❖ Providing Crude Tank Vapor balancing & Nitrogen blanketing in place of valuable Fuel gas :
 - For optimum utilisation of flash vapor's
 - Nitrogen blanketing provides additional safety protection for storage tanks.
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❖ STEP-I

Providing the Vapor vent system at crude loading bay (*Before Modification*):

Loading Bay
Roof



Flash vapors
venting to atms
near tanker
loading area

For Dip
Stick/Rod

Flash Gas
Vapour Line

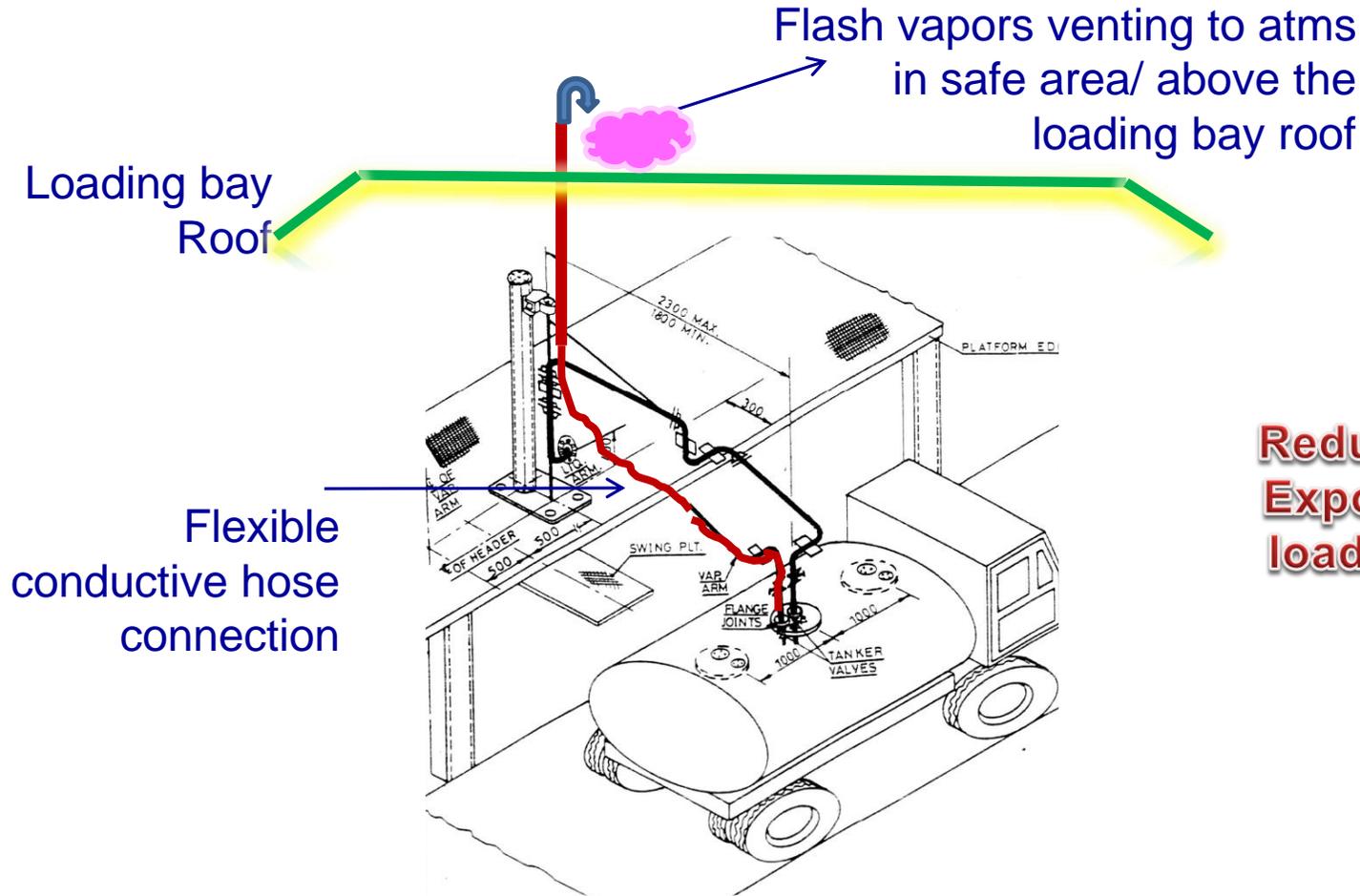
Loading Arm -
Crude oil inlet
line





❖ STEP-I

Providing the Vapor vent system at crude loading bay (*After Modification*):



Reduced the vapor Exposure to crude loading personals



Crude Loading bay overview (after implementation of STEP-I):





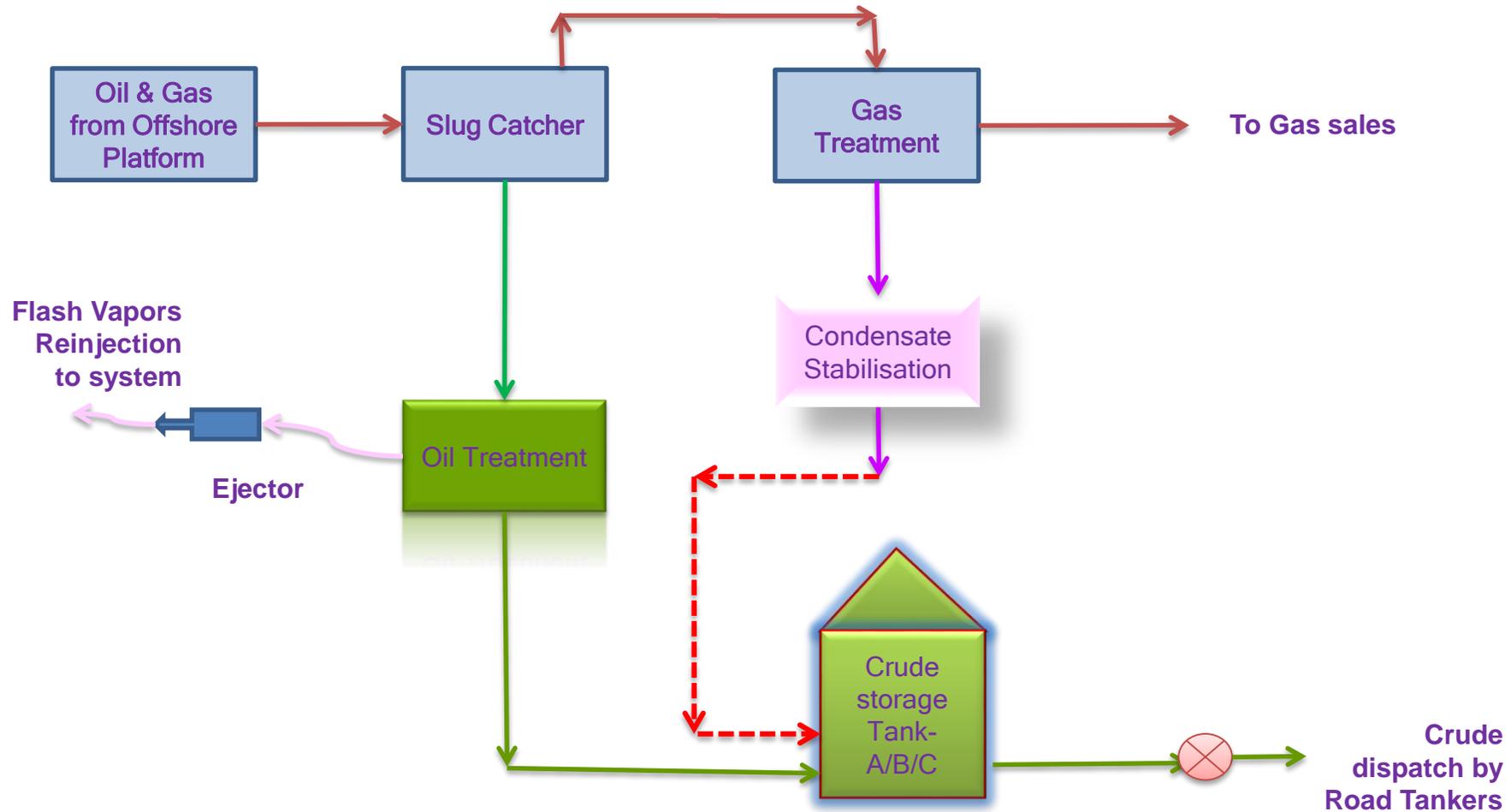
STEP - II - Diverting Unstabilised condensate to Oil stabilisation unit .

- ✓ To minimise vapor generation & losses due to flashing
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STEP-II : Diverting Un-stabilized condensate to Oil stabilisation unit.

Process Flow Diagram (**Before Modification**):



STEP-II : Diverting Un-stabilized condensate to Oil stabilisation unit.



❖ Issue:

- Observed Condensate not getting stabilized due to unsteady state flow rate
- Crude Oil Product RVP was in the range of 4.5 to 5.0 Psig (Ideal RVP should be < 1.0 psig).
- Causing more vapor flashing & emission from the Crude Storage tank (~ 60 to 65 scm/hr) and at the loading bay.

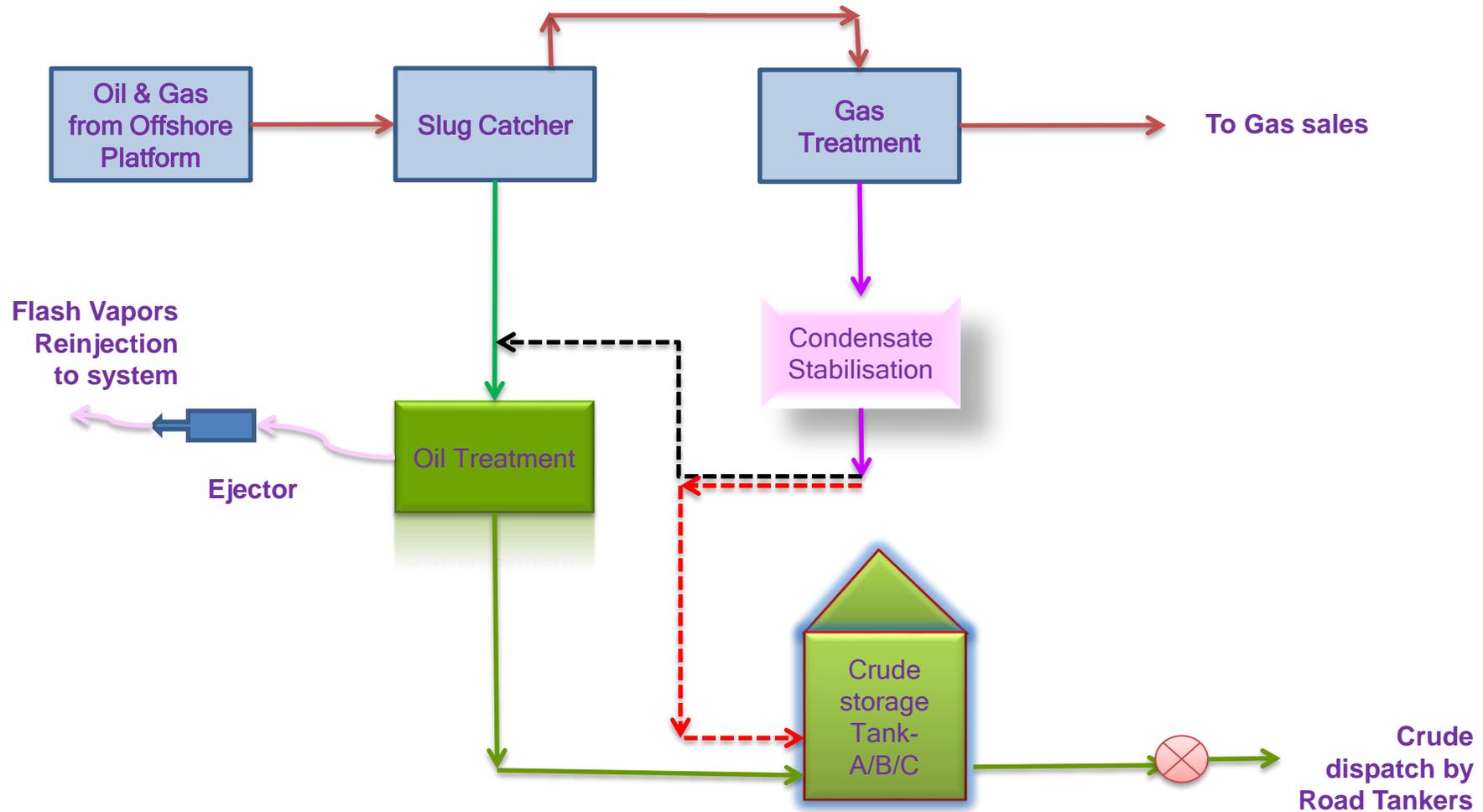
❖ Corrective Actions:

- Unstabilised condensate diverted to Oil Stabilisation Unit inlet.
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STEP-II: Diverting Un-stabilized condensate to Oil stabilisation unit.



Process Flow Diagram (After Modification):



STEP-II : Benefits



- This has resulted **drastic reduction in flash vapor generation rate up to ~ 15 to 20 scm/hr** from ~ 60 to 65 scm/hr due to reduction in Crude Oil Product RVP from 4.0 to 5.0 psig to 1.2 to 2.0 psig.
 - **Generation of flash Vapors in Oil handling section which are being recovered by Mechanical Ejector & injected back to natural gas stream.**
 - **Reduction in RVP at Loading bay and Storage tank, correspondingly reduction in HC vapor emission.**
 - **Revenue generation of around ~ INR 35.0 Lakhs/Annum. Due to vapour recovery at Oil stabilisation unit.**
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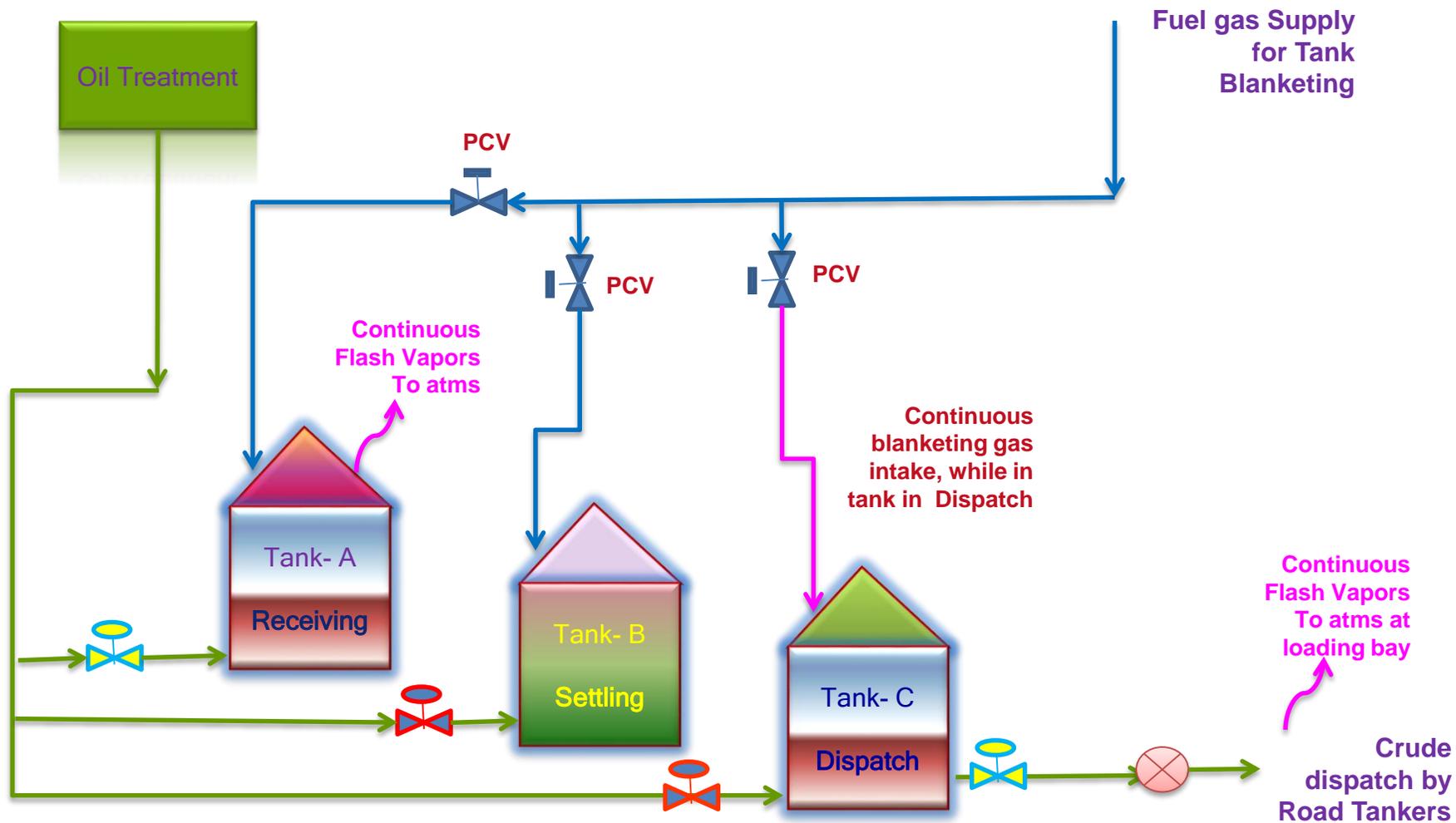


STEP - III - Providing Crude Tank Vapor balancing & Nitrogen blanketing in place of valuable Fuel gas :

- ✓ For optimum utilisation of flash vapor's
 - ✓ Nitrogen blanketing provides additional safety protection for storage tanks.
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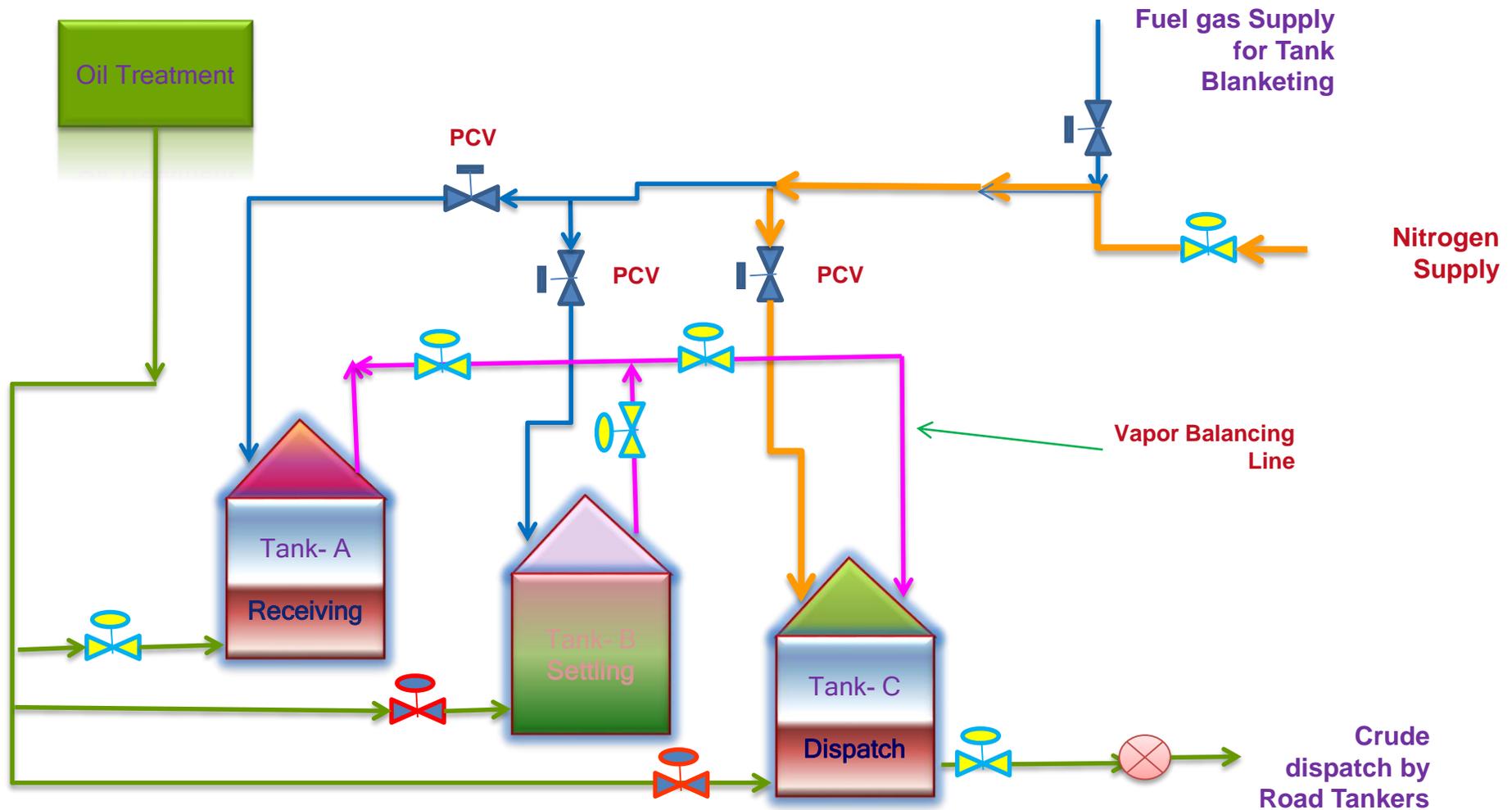
STEP-III: Process Flow Diagram (Before Modification):





STEP-III

❖ Providing Crude Tank Vapour balancing & Nitrogen blanketing:



STEP-III: Providing Crude Tank Vapour balancing & Nitrogen blanketing:



- Crude tank Vapour balancing across the three tank, has resulted to optimum utilisation of flash vapors generated (15 to 20 scm/hr) while crude tank is in receipt mode & while crude tank is in dispatch mode.
 - Reduced the venting of flash vapors to atms at the rate of ~50 scm/hr through Crude tank PVSV, while the tank is in receipt mode. The tank when in dispatch mode consumes fuel gas at the rate ~ 120 m³ / hr.
 - Nitrogen blanketing has added additional safety protection for crude storage tanks.
 - By providing the low cost Nitrogen blanketing in place of natural gas. (by 8-9 times)
(Cost of nitrogen production is INR 1.62/sm³. Where as cost of treated Fuel gas is INR 9.72 /sm³).
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Outcomes:

- ❖ **Benzene exposure level reduced to Zero PPM from 0.4 PPM, to loading personal during crude loading operations.**
 - ❖ **Reduction in cold venting (GHG emissions) from crude storage tank & at crude loading operations.**
 - ❖ **Nitrogen blanketing** provides additional safety protection for crude storage tanks.
 - ❖ **Conservation of natural resource:**
 - ✓ Effective utilization of flash vapors
 - ❖ **Revenue Generation up to ~ 60.0 to 70 Lakhs/Annum** by optimization of natural gas usage and recovery of condensate vapor at Oil Stabilisation.
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Lessons from this case study:

- ❖ Minimize HC exposure to personnel- In line with **organisation's commitment towards Occupational health.**
 - ❖ Minimize GHG emissions - **Contribution towards organizational commitment to sustainable development**
 - ❖ Minimise Resource Depletions - **Overall natural resource conservation**
 - ❖ In addition to the above, such programs can lead to incremental revenue Generation - **Financial gains to organization & Nation**
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Methane Emission Reduction Programs in Other Assets



- ❖ Vapor recovery units commissioned at the Mangala Processing Terminal (MPT) to recover ~1.5 MMSCFD associated gas
 - ❖ Installation of low NOx flare tip with modified design has reduced the consumption of associated gas by ~0.5 MMSCFD. (MPT)
 - ❖ Plant O&M initiatives to eliminate fugitive emissions: > 90% success in arresting flange/pipe/hose leaks (~3 mmscf/annum)
 - ❖ Emission reduction targets set right upfront in the Engineering design/Std.
 - ❖ No cold venting permitted and if unavoidable (high CO₂) flaring is allowed thereby reducing Methane emissions
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Emission Reduction other Initiatives



- ❖ Measurement key to Management - Baseline Survey completed with the help of USEPA GMI program in 2014
 - ❖ Options being looked into capturing flow back gas during fracing using a DST module with oil-gas separator.
 - Green completions : After drilling new wells, instead of venting the well to remove debris from around the well bore, green completions use additional separator traps and dehydrators to route gas to sales.
 - Trial runs using brackish water for fracing in progress for maximum recycling and conservation of water.
 - ❖ Other Initiatives includes W2E/W2R, Water Management Strategy, Emission and energy conservation Strategy, Alternate Energy use , Massive GB Development including Mangrove and Shelterbelts in about 50% of the total occupied area, partnership with IUCN for Bio-diversity/Eco-service resource Conservation etc.
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Thank You