



WHY INVEST IN CHEMICALS & PETROCHEMICALS SECTOR IN PAKISTAN?



SECTOR OVERVIEW

MARKET SIZE (2024):	GDP CONTRIBUTION:	EMPLOYMENT:	LOCAL PRODUCTION COVERAGE:	ICE MOTORCYCLE MARKET BASE
USD 16B	4%	700,000+	44%	56%

SIZABLE IMPORT (USD Billion)

Basic Chemicals & Petrochemicals: 3.5-4.0

Pharma Chemicals (APIs): 1.2

Agrochemicals (Urea, DAP): 1.5

Specialty Chemicals (Textile, Pigments): 1.0

POLICY INCENTIVES

10-Year Tax Holiday (SEZ Units)

Duty-Free Plant & Equipment (Greenfield)

100% Foreign Equity & Repatriation

Tariff Differential: 0-5% (non-local) | Up to 20% (local substitutes)

One-Window Operations: MoI, BOI, SIFC

TRADE CONNECTIVITY

Preferential Trade Agreements: China, Iran, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Malaysia

GSP+ Access: Europe

SAFTA Membership: South Asia

WHAT PAKISTAN SEEKS

Establishment of Integrated Minerals-to-Chemical Parks

Water Treatment & Bio-based Green Chemicals

Provision of latest technologies through JVs with Chinese EPCs & Process Licensors

RESOURCE BASE

Thar Coal Reserves:

186B tons

Salt Reserves

25-30B tons

Limestone, Gypsum:

Abundant in Punjab, KP, Balochistan

Biomass:

Bagasse, whe at straw, rice husk, cotton stalks

Fluorspar, Barite, Bentonite:

Underdeveloped reserves in Balochistan

GEOGRAPHIC ADVANTAGE

Connector State:

South, West, and Central Asia

Seaports:

Karachi, Port Qasim, Gwadar

Export Transit Time (40ft Container):

China: 15-22 Days | \$950-1,200

US: 35-40 Days | \$4,500-7,000

Europe: 30-35 Days | \$4,000-5,000

Africa: 30-55 Days | \$4,500-8,000

ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

FDI Access: All sectors open, 100% equity allowed

Investor Visas: On arrival from 100+ countries

BITs: With China & multiple partners

Security: CPEC Security Division + SEZ On-Site Security Zones

FLAGSHIP PROJECTS (OPEN FOR INVESTMENT)

Petrochemical Complex (Cracker, PP, PE) - Port Qasim/Gwadar

API & Pharma Intermediate Park - Faisalabad/Sheikhupura

Specialty Chemical Zones-Punjab, Sindh

Chlor-Alkali JV Expansions-Soda Ash, PVC,