



## **Blue Ammonia**

Towards a sustainable, reduced carbon economy

# What is **Blue Ammonia**?

Ammonia is manufactured by converting gaseous nitrogen and hydrogen ("synthesis gas" or "syngas") at the right temperature and pressure, and in the presence of a catalyst. Syngas can be produced from hydrocarbon feedstock and fuel or from renewable sources. Almost all ammonia is currently produced from hydrocarbon feedstock and fuel, accounting for around 1.8% of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 1.

Blue ammonia is produced from hydrocarbons where the CO<sub>2</sub> emitted during production is sequestrated via carbon capture utilization & storage (CCUS) technology.

KBR offers blue ammonia technology for grassroot or existing plant revamping projects to achieve significant reductions of CO<sub>2</sub> generated per ton ammonia and effective CCUS.

## TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE, REDUCED CARBON ECONOMY







## MINIMIZING AND OPTIMIZING CO<sub>2</sub> GENERATION

KBR's ammonia technology offers various technical options to minimize and optimize CO<sub>2</sub> generation and distribution in ammonia production process

- Thanks to KBR's inherent high energy efficient PurifierPlus<sup>™</sup> technology, total CO<sub>2</sub> produced per ton of NH<sub>3</sub> is reduced about 15% in comparison with that of the conventional SMR process
- Almost 80% of the total CO<sub>2</sub> produced is recovered at higher pressure (process side) vs. less than 70% in a conventional SMR process
- KBR can also cost-effectively offer over 80% or even 100% CO<sub>2</sub> recovery with further integration, depending on project/client requirements
- Alternatively, KBR can offer its PurifierA<sup>SM</sup> technology based on Air Liquide's well proven Autothermal (ATR) Reforming technology. The ATR and ammonia loop are integrated to reach very low carbon intensity without the need of post combustion carbon capture

## **KBR'S BLUE AMMONIA PROCESS**

KBR's offers two different layouts for blue ammonia production PurifierPlus and PurifierA layouts. KBR's PurifierPlus™ technology, which offers advantages including:

- Highest energy efficiency and low CO<sub>2</sub> generation
- Lowest CAPEX
  - Single train design
  - Reduced equipment count
  - 60% smaller primary reformer
  - No purge gas recovery unit
  - No ASU inherently simpler

#### Lowest OPEX

- Most energy efficient technology
- Less CH<sub>4</sub> consumption means less CO<sub>2</sub> production

- Highest Reliability
  - Well-proven technology
  - Mild (low temperature) primary reformer
  - Secondary reformer with no metallic burner
  - Purifier stabilizes entire plant operation
  - Simple and precise control of H<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> ratio
  - Cold wall horizontal ammonia converter
  - Maintain production despite catalyst deactivation
  - 13 days more online time per year on average



## KBR PURIFIERPLUS™ TECHNOLOGY

KBR PurifierPlus<sup>™</sup> technology combines:

- KBR's cryogenic Purifier<sup>™</sup> syngas technology, the most cost-effective route to high purity synthesis gas in ammonia manufacturing plants, which simultaneously removes impurities (i.e. methane, argon) from syngas by stripping it with excess nitrogen while adjusting the hydrogen to nitrogen (H<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>) ratio to 3
- KBR's Reforming Exchanger System (KRES<sup>TM</sup>), which offers the potential for reforming up to 30% of the total natural gas fed to the plant by using high temperature process waste heat exiting the secondary reformer (or auto-thermal reformer) instead of burning fuel

#### **KRES™**

KBR's proprietary Reforming Exchanger System features:

- Effluent gas from the ATR/secondary reformer provides heat for driving the reforming reaction occurring inside the catalyst-filled reforming tubes
- Tubes are open-ended and hang from a single tube sheet at the inlet cold end to minimize expansion problems
- Easy load through a removable top head



#### **KBR PurifierA<sup>SM</sup> TECHNOLOGY**

KBR's Blue Ammonia PurifierA process technology, based on Air Liquide's well proven ATR-Reformer Technology with over 30 references, of which 10 are in the 6,000 MTPD ammonia equivalent size offers benefits such as:

- Unique integration between reforming and ammonia sections to minimize carbon intensity and capture upto 99% CO<sub>2</sub> without post combustion capture unit
- Several carbon capture technologies in addition to the amine based process are offered



## **CARBON CAPTURE UTILIZATION & STORAGE (CCUS)**

KBR offers a unique value proposition in CCUS application to fertilizer and processing industries thanks to its extensive technical and commercial knowledge across the CCUS value chain having been involved in a number of notable CCUS projects in recent years spanning from feasibility studies to engineering (sample references: Statoil's Northern lights, JX Nippon, Gorgon LNG). KBR has specific experience with  $CO_2$  capture, use and/or sequestration from  $NH_3$  production facilities (sample references: Ras Laffan, Woodside and Jianfeng).

KBR is experienced in green and blue hydrogen development and its derivatives, e.g. ammonia (sample references: Singapore Government, Sunshot Energy); KBR has vast experience on carbon capture and Natural Gas Processing Activities utilizing CO<sub>2</sub> injection for enhanced oil recovery (EOR) and long-term storage (sample references: Browse FLNG, Confidential UAE study).

KBR can help with investment strategy in CCUS including deal sourcing, feasibility studies, transaction advisory, market/regulation support, technical support, asset performance, asset design/commissioning and more.

## **KBR EXPERIENCE IN CCS PROJECTS**

#### ADNOC SHAH GAS CCS PROJECT

Project: 2.3 MTPA of carbon capture utilization and storage at ADNOC's Shah ultra-sour gas production facilities
Location: Shah, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Year: 2019
Client: ADNOC
KBR's Scope: FEED aims to assess the project technoeconomic feasibility

#### NORTHERN LIGHTS PROJECT

**Project:** 1.5 MTPA on shore  $\rm CO_2$  receiving and storage terminal, off shore pipeline and  $\rm CO_2$  injection and subsea storage

Location: Eastern Norway

Year: 2017

**Client:** Equinor

**KBR's Scope:** Feasibility study, front-end engineering design for onshore  $CO_2$  storage terminal, import jetty topside,  $CO_2$  injection lines and associated utilities

#### **GORGON PROJECT**

**Project:** One of the world's largest CCS project capable of injecting 3.4-4.0 MTPA of  $CO_2$  extracted from gas production and liquefaction operations.  $CO_2$  is injected and stored 2.3km underground into a saline aquifer via a 7km pipeline.

Location: Barrow Island, Western Australia

Year: 2005

**Client:** Gorgon Joint Venture

**KBR's Scope:** FEED, EPCm and commissioning of 3x5.2 MTPA LNG plants including CCS facility

#### QUEST CCS PROJECT

**Project:** 1.1 MTPA carbon capture facility installed at the stream methane reformer for Shell's Scotford complex.  $CO_2$  is sent 80km from the facility to a 2,300m underground storage facility

Location: Fort Saskachewan, Canada

Year: 2013

Client: Shell, Canada

**KBR's Scope:** Off-site modularization and pipe fabrication, off-site testing and commissioning services

## **BLUE-GREEN AMMONIA COMBINATION**

For Purifier based layouts, depending on the client need, KBR offers **Blue-Green ammonia combination** as a feasible near-term solution.

- Low-cost add-on electrolyzer unit to any existing ammonia plant with no ASU required to co-produce some green ammonia
- Ammonia from renewable energy sources can be increased incrementally

KBR also offers **K-GreeN**<sup>®</sup>, a green ammonia technology, which consists of a fully integrated solution from the electrolysis of water, separation of air to produce green hydrogen and nitrogen to the synthesis of green ammonia.

Green ammonia is emerging as the preferred energy carrier to store and transport renewable energy for use either as energy or feedstock.



### **KBR AMMONIA EXPERIENCE**



## Largest plant Most energy Most with single converter efficient plant reliable plant

In addition to providing technology, equipment and services for Blue Ammonia, KBR Technology Solutions provides an optimal mix of domain expertise with technology across its businesses, including;

- Advisory Consulting services for M&A, financial advisory, CAPEX evaluation, human performance and energy transition advisory
- Technology-Led Industrial Solutions including digital solutions for operating facilities, improved production, maximized reliability and optimized energy consumption at reduced OPEX
- Asset Solutions covering digitally enabled front-end engineering, detailed engineering, procurement services, construction management services and program management





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