# **Neogen Chemicals Limited**

# **Issue Snapshot:**

Issue Open: Apr 24 - Apr 26, 2019

Price Band: Rs. 212 - 215

Issue Size: \*6,155,814 (Fresh issue of 3,255,814 eq sh + offer for sale of

2,900,000 eq sh)

Offer Size: Rs.130.05 crs - 132.35 crs

QIB upto 50% eq sh Non Institutional atleast 15% eq sh Retail atleast 35% eq sh

Face Value: Rs 10

Book value: Rs 30.62 (Dec 31, 2018)

Bid size: - 65 equity shares and in

multiples thereof

100% Book built Issue

# **Capital Structure:**

Pre Issue Equity: Rs. 20.08 cr Post issue Equity: Rs. 23.34 cr

Listing: BSE & NSE

Co - Book Running Lead Manager: Batlivala & Karani Securities India Private Limited

Book Running Lead Manager: INGA Advisors Private Limited

Registrar to issue: Link Intime India Private Limited

# Shareholding Pattern

Shareholding Pattern	Pre issue %	Post issue %
Promoter and Promoter Group	95.79	70.00
Public & Employee	4.21	30.00
Total	100.0	100.0

Source for this Note: RHP

## **Background & Operations:**

Neogen Chemicals Ltd is one of India's leading manufacturers of bromine -based, and lithiumbased, specialty chemicals. Specialty chemicals are those chemicals that impart different properties to a variety of products (i.e. the effect that specialty chemicals have varies based on the product) and have a high degree of value addition. Specialty chemicals are, also generally, in the Indian context, manufactured in smaller volumes when compared to non-specialty chemicals. Specialty chemicals, including bromine and lithium-based compounds, comprise pharmaceutical intermediates, agrochemical intermediates, engineering fluids, electronic chemicals, polymers additives, water treatment chemicals, construction chemicals and flavours and fragrances. Specialty chemicals are widely used for specialised applications to meet industry-specific requirements and can be classified based on application industries. Additionally, certain specialty chemicals find application in multiple industries. It manufactures specialty organic bromine-based chemical compounds (Bromine Compounds) and other specialty organic chemical compounds as well as specialty inorganic lithium-based chemicals compounds (Lithium Compounds and together with the Bromine Compounds the Products). It commenced its business operations in 1991, at its Mahape, Navi Mumbai manufacturing facility with a few Bromine Compounds and Lithium Compounds. Over the years NCL 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. As on February 28, 2019, it has manufactured an aggregate of 198 products comprising 181 organic chemicals and 17 inorganic chemicals.

NCL's specialty chemicals product offerings comprise of Organic chemicals and Inorganic chemicals. In addition to manufacturing standard products, it also undertakes custom synthesis and contract manufacturing. In custom synthesis the product is developed and customized primarily for a specific customer, but process know-how and technical specifications are developed in-house by it. Further, it has more recently, also commenced contract manufacturing where, the product is developed under confidentiality for a single customer using the process know-how and the technical specifications provided by the customer. It operates out of its manufacturing facilities located in Mahape, Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra (Mahape Facility) and Karakhadi, Vadodara in Gujarat (Vadodara Facility). It is presently, developing a green-field manufacturing unit in Dahej SEZ, in Gujarat (Proposed Dahej Facility) and are also proposing to expand its operations in Karakhadi, Vadodara (Proposed Vadodara Facility). As on February 28, 2019, it employed 152 full time, 45 fixed term contract employees (generally a 5-year contract) and 4 retainers.

NCL's restated total income on consolidated basis for 9-month period December 31, 2018, Fiscal 2018, Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2016 was Rs 1596.87 million, Rs 1646.75 million, Rs 1217.75 million and Rs 1090.46 millon respectively. Its profit for the year on a consolidated basis for the 9-month period December 31,2018, Fiscal 2018, Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2016 was Rs 122.21 million, Rs 104.97 million, Rs 76.83 million and Rs 51.80 million, respectively. Its total income and profit for the year on a consolidated basis, grew at a CAGR of 19.69% and 30.29%, respectively, between the Fiscals 2014 and 2018.

## **Objects of Issue:**

The Offer comprises of the Fresh Issue and the Offer for Sale.

### Offer for Sale

Each of the Selling Shareholders will be entitled to the proceeds of the Offer for Sale after deducting their portion of the Offer related expenses and relevant taxes thereon. NCL shall not receive any proceeds from the Offer for Sale.

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<sup>\*</sup>Assuming pricing at the higher end of band



#### Fresh Issue

The objects of the Fresh Issue are:

- Prepayment or repayment of all or a portion of certain borrowings availed by the Company;
- Early redemption of 9.8% FRCPS;
- Long term working capital; and
- General corporate purposes.

## Requirement of funds and Utilisation of the Net Proceeds:

(Rs in million)

Particulars	Amount to be funded from the Net Proceeds
Prepayment or repayment of all or a portion of certain borrowings availed by the Company	205.00
Early redemption of the 9.8% FRCPS	115.00
Long term working capital	200.00
General corporate purposes*	*
Net Proceeds*	*

## **Competitive Strengths**

- Experienced promoters with domain knowledge
- Large and diverse array of products
- Diversified and stable customer base
- Growth led by continuous investment in R&D
- Management expertise
- Specialised business model with high entry barriers
- Established and stable relationship with suppliers

## **Business Strategy:**

- Expanding production capacities
- Increasing contract manufacturing portfolio
- Augmenting growth in domestic and global markets
- Improving financial performance through focus on operational efficiencies and functional excellence
- Focus on advanced specialty intermediates which offer higher value addition

## **Key Concerns:**

- Neogen Corporation has filed a commercial intellectual property suit against NCL which if determined against NCL may have an adverse effect on this Offer, its business and results of operations.
- Increased capacity due to future capacity augmentation;
- Loss of one or more of significant customers or a significant reduction in production and sales of, or demand for production from NCL's significant customers;
- Strict quality checks and a consequent requirement to incur significant expenses to maintain such product quality;
- Absence of any firm commitment long-term agreements with customers;
- Significant reliance on certain select customers and customers in application industries, in particular customers in the sectors such as pharmaceutical, agro-chemicals, refrigeration and construction chemicals;
- Availability of raw materials on commercially acceptable terms.
- Failure to identify and understand evolving industry trends and preferences and to develop new products to meet customers' demands;
- Changes in the value of the Indian rupee and other currencies;
- Inability to accurately forecast demand for products, and accordingly manage inventory or plan capacity increases;
- Indebtedness and the conditions and restrictions imposed on NCL by its financing agreements;
- Increased costs on account of compliance with various law and regulations, in jurisdictions where NCL operates, including environmental and health and safety laws and regulations; and
- Dependence on a number of key management personnel and senior management personnel.

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