Innovative Solution: Tapping 4 times more energy from Acid Gases Unique, Valuable, Proven Sagar Shukla Haldor Topsoe

How we proceed

- What can we do differently with H2S
- Where it fits best from Indian perspective
- About the process
- Future of Acid Gas Management

Haldor Topsoe In brief

- Market leader in heterogeneous catalysis for the refining and chemical industries for more than 75 years.
- 2,200 employees in 13 countries.
- Headquarters in Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Production in Frederikssund, Denmark, and Houston, US.
- Spends around 9% of revenue on R&D.
- Established in 1940 by Dr. Haldor Topsøe.
- Owned by the Topsøe family via Haldor Topsøe Holding A/S (70%) and Temasek (30%).



2018 operating profit DKK 708m (~USD 110m)

Concerns for Indian Subcontinent

- India is net Energy deficit
- India is net Sulfuric acid deficit
- India is struggling on rising Pollution Concerns

Some Other Facts:

- Maximum of Indian Refining and Phosphatic Fertilizer Production happens in Refinery-Fertilizer hubs
- Refiner use HC to produce HP Steam
- Fertilizer Plant use either Sulfur from Refinery or Import Sulfuric Acid for Phosphatic Fertilizer production



Can there be a better way:

- Where Refiner produce Energy from Waste
- Fertilizer gets cheap raw material
- Overall pollution in the region reduces?



The Process Principal: SRU vs Sulfuric Acid Solution

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Claus with conventional tail gas treatment





How this will look in hubs Old way vs New way



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Wet gas Sulfuric Acid

A process for purification of sulfur containing streams under production of concentrated sulfuric acid



- ...without use of chemicals or other additives
- ...without drying of the gas
- ...without generation of waste acid
- ...with high energy efficiency and low OPEX.

Walkthrough of the WSA process Three simple steps







WSA plant



Case Study: The Project Summary- Case Study



Production Figures

| | UOM | Unit Price (INR) | WSA (Prod/Cons) | | Claus + TGTU | |
|---------------|-----|---------------------|-----------------|-------|--------------|------|
| | | INR | perday | lpa | perday | lpa |
| Production | | | | | | |
| Sulfuric Acid | MT | 1500.0 | 670 | 3467 | | |
| HP Steam | MT | 2700.0 | 1650 | 15370 | | |
| MP Steam (15 | MT | 1800.0 | | | 413 | 2562 |
| Sulfur | MT | 6000.0 | | | 218 | 4507 |
| Sales | | | | 18837 | | 7069 |

Consumption & Operating Profit Figures

| | UOM | Unit Price (INR) | WSA (Prod/Cons) | | Claus + TGTU | |
|------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----------------|------|--------------|------|
| | | INR | perday | lpa | perday | lpa |
| Cons | | | | | | |
| Fuel Gas | MT | 35000.0 | | | 7 | 898 |
| BFW | MT | 23.0 | 1680 | 133 | 421 | 33 |
| MP Steam (15 | MT | 1800.0 | | | 103 | 640 |
| CW | MT | 2.0 | 6480 | 45 | | |
| Power | kwh | 8.0 | 72000 | 1987 | 50400 | 1391 |
| Cost of Sales | | | | 2165 | | 2963 |
| | | | | | | |
| Operating Profit (Ipa) | | | 16672 | | 4106 | |

WSA/SNOX[™] references 2019

Acid production: 4 – 1,140 MTPD 160+ references



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Summary:

Adaptation of Sulfuric acid Solution for Acid gas Management by Refiner

- This Solution is best fit in Refinery-Fertilizer Hubs for Refinery Acid Gas Mgmt.
 - Refiner extract maximum Energy from Waste
 - Refiner are able to send by-product (SA) to nearby Fertilizer Unit
 - Solution will reduce pollution by half in these Industrial regions





New Developments:

- Can WSA be used as substitute to TGTU in SRU?
 - For mix Sulfur & Sulfuric Acid Production
 - For only Sulfur Production

Claus + WSA Claus with WSA as tail gas treatment

Main disadvantages

- Relatively high capital and operating costs
- Ammonia is problematic (but can be treated in WSA)
- Two different products



99.95 %

S removal



Claus reaction furnace chemistry Fate of H_2SO_4



Claus reaction furnace chemistry Claus capacity increase

Up to 16 % for 90 vol% H₂S gas feed

Overall Claus reaction with pure O₂ $4 H_2S + 2 O_2 \rightarrow 4 S + 4 H_2O$ 4 moles dilution gas Overall Claus reaction with air $4 H_2 S + [2 O_2 + 8 N_2] \rightarrow 4 S + 4 H_2 O + 8 N_2$ 12 moles dilution gas Overall Claus reaction with H_2SO_4 $3 H_2S + [H_2SO_4 + 0.4 H_2O] \rightarrow 4 S + 4.4 H_2O$ 4.4 moles dilution gas H_2SO_4 is an excellent oxygen carrier

Thank You



WSA technology – a simpler solution

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