

Bahri Chemicals

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Bahri Chemicals (National Chemical Carriers (NCC)) was established in 1990 as a joint venture between Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) with 20% ownership, and Bahri Group (The National Shipping Company of Saudi Arabia) with 80% ownership. Bahri Chemicals' operations include shipping and logistical handling of liquid chemicals, clean petroleum products (CPP), and vegetable oils including biofuels.

We commercially manage a fleet of chemical tankers globally, calling to more than 150 ports annually and over 200 ports since 2014. Our commercial footprint and presence are reinforced with local offices in Riyadh, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Dubai, UAE, and Houston, USA.

Bahri Chemicals' owned fleet of 32 vessels (at the end of 2023) is designed to the highest technical and safety specifications with performance tank coating systems. Our latest class of newbuilds (55,000 DWT wide beam eco ships) can transport up to 22 different

grades of bulk liquid cargoes under a nitrogen blanket to preserve quality. Our fleet (including 10 newbuilds) has a combined DWT of about 1.6 million tons.

While expanding our fleet of both owned and time chartered-in vessels under our commercial management, we maintain our focus on providing the best performance in terms of HSE and customer satisfaction through our commitment to safety, reliable vessel itineraries, and dependable tank cleaning.



Developments in 2023

During the year, Bahri Chemicals celebrated a range of significant milestones. Notably, we successfully solidified our market presence in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, with the volume loaded accounting for an impressive 42% of our total transportation volume in 2023.

Moreover, in Q1, we received the last of our 10 newbuilding (Amwaj class) IMO2 MRs order. Our newbuilding fleet's unique design provides us with a significant competitive advantage in terms of cargo volume, lower draft, and wide beam to berth in several ports and lower bunker consumption.

We also continued our efforts in fleet diversification, by adding further J19 (stainless steel) and LR2 vessels. In addition, we focused on maintaining a youthful fleet by divesting aging vessels. As such, we concluded the sale of 4 vessels before dry-docking (NCC Dammam and NCC Haiel during Q1 and, NCC Najd and NCC Hijaz during Q4). The vessels were sold at an opportune time with values well above book values. This supported our cash flow requirements for future fleet replacements and growth.

In 2015, Bahri Chemicals had contracted with Akzo Nobel for the re-coating of 15 vessels with interline coating. This coating became unavailable soon thereafter and Akzo Nobel stopped selling it. The arbitration procedure was concluded this year. As a final settlement, Bahri Chemicals received a significant one-off total payment of USD 23.5 Mn. from Akzo Nobel and Hull Underwriters.

On the commercial side, we further consolidated our COA commitments with several major charterers including International Shipping and Trading Company (SABIC), Waterfront, GHS, Sipchem, and ATC.

Our efforts reflected positively on our financial performance. Year-end revenue reached SAR 2,723 Mn. as compared to SAR 2,058 Mn. in 2022, representing an increase of 32%. Net income stood at SAR 797 Mn., as compared to SAR 375 Mn. for 2022, representing an increase of 113%. We also witnessed a 27% increase in transported cargo, from 13.4 million mt in 2022 to 17 million mt for this year.

Sustainability and HSE

Bahri Chemicals remains committed to sustainable operations, in line with the Company's overarching initiatives. As such, with our newbuilding fleet, in addition to the disposal of older tonnage and time chartering of new vessels, we have been able to decrease our carbon footprint.

Our HSE performance has also improved, with only 3 accidents and 4 incidents overall, and zero spills to water this year.

We have also continued to focus on human capital, with the addition of key competencies across all functions including Chartering and Operations. Bahri Chemicals' team has grown from 25 to 34 people, supporting our ambitions and helping us pave the way forward.

Looking Ahead

In 2024, we plan to continue our efforts to diversify our portfolio, while striving to maintain an optimum ratio of 70/30 owned/TC-in fleet. Furthermore, we will continue to provide valuable support and commitment to Saudi-based charterers, while demonstrating our global capabilities with an expanded commercial footprint in Asia and North America.

Fleet Details

At the end of 2023, NCC managed a fleet of 51 vessels, including the fleet it owns of 32 vessels, of which 10 newbuilds were delivered in 2022, as follows:

16 IMO2 MR
chemical tankers Legacy
(46 k DWT built 2006-13)

10 IMO2 MR
newbuild chemical tankers
(55 k DWT built 2022/23)

1 IMO2 LR
chemical tanker
(83 k DWT built 2013)

5 MR
product tankers
(50 k DWT built 2014)

Furthermore, Bahri Chemicals has 19 vessels under short- to long-term time charter (10 x IMO2 MR, 2 x LR2 and 7 x J19 stainless steel) and a further 8 vessels under operational management for its key partner International Shipping and Trading Company (SABIC).

The commercial management of Bahri Chemicals' fleet is optimized to benefit from the strong uplift in spot market earnings and to pursue time charter out arrangements to secure medium-term cash flow security. As such, at the end of 2023:

2 IMO2 MR and
5 MR product tankers
were time-chartered to
Saudi partner companies
SABIC and Aramco Trading
Company (ATC)

2 IMO2 MRs
were time-chartered to
international customers

