

Chlor-Alkali Production Plant Setup, Feasibility Study, ROI Analysis and Business Plan Consultant

A Detailed DPR on CapEx, OpEx, Electrolysis Technology, ECU Analysis, and Global Caustic Soda & Chlorine Market Opportunities.

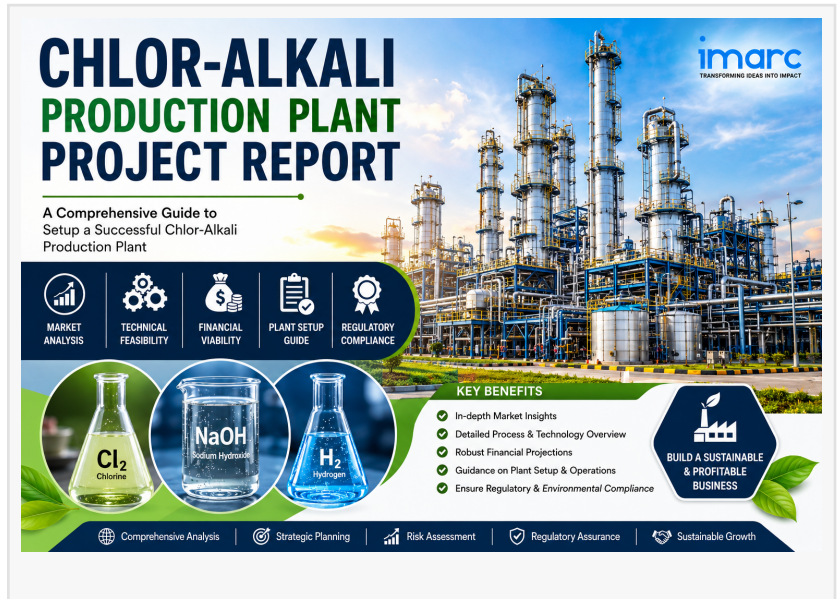
BROOKLYN, NY, UNITED STATES, May 19, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Setting up a chlor-alkali production plant builds the foundation of an integrated basic chemicals complex. The chlor-alkali process simultaneously produces three commercially essential products from a single electrochemical reaction: caustic soda (NaOH), chlorine (Cl₂), and hydrogen (H₂). Together these form

the Electrochemical Unit (ECU)-the standard measure of chlor-alkali plant economics. Caustic soda serves alumina, textiles, and paper; chlorine anchors the PVC and water treatment value chains; and hydrogen is gaining increasing value as a clean industrial fuel and green hydrogen feedstock. The integrated chlor-alkali complex is unique in production in that the revenue quality depends on the ability to monetise all three co-products, making derivative integration a core strategic priority.

IMARC Group's [Chlor-Alkali Production Plant Project Report](https://www.imarcgroup.com/chlor-alkali-manufacturing-plant-project-report/requestsample) is a complete DPR and chlor-alkali production feasibility study for chemical manufacturers, industrial investors, and project developers. It covers the full chlor-alkali plant setup-from brine preparation through membrane cell electrolysis, caustic concentration, chlorine liquefaction, hydrogen recovery, and downstream integration pathways-with complete chlor-alkali plant CapEx and OpEx modelling and 10-year financial projections.

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Three forces are driving chlor-alkali production investment:

Globally, 38% of chlorine is consumed by the vinyl chain (EDC → VCM → PVC). India has announced 1.74 million MTPA of PVC capacity additions-the second-largest after China-which will absorb the chlorine surplus that has historically constrained Indian chlor-alkali economics. India currently imports approximately 60–65% of its PVC requirements. Each new domestic PVC plant creates contracted chlorine demand, converting what was a disposal challenge into a revenue stream. Indian Peroxide Limited is executing a 400 TPD integrated chlor-alkali plant expansion with explicit chlorine derivative integration (February 2026).

Caustic soda serves the broadest industrial base of any basic chemical-alumina refining (Bayer process), textile scouring and mercerisation, pulp and paper kraft cooking, soap saponification, and organic and inorganic chemical synthesis. These demand streams are highly diversified, meaning no single sector contraction concentrates revenue risk. India's aluminium expansion, textile export growth, and chemical sector formalisation all support sustained caustic demand independent of chlorine market conditions.

Each tonne of caustic soda produced co-generates approximately 25 kg of high-purity electrolytic hydrogen. At a 100,000 MT caustic plant, annual hydrogen output reaches 2,500 MT. Selling this as compressed industrial hydrogen, or supplying it to adjacent hydrogen peroxide manufacturers, adds 8–12% to EBITDA when hydrogen prices exceed USD 3/kg. The EU's RED III framework allows chlor-alkali hydrogen to qualify toward renewable fuel quotas when powered by low-carbon electricity. Renewable energy-powered chlor-alkali plants are increasingly positioned as clean hydrogen producers alongside their primary chemical output.

Figure 1: Chlor-alkali production plant's commercial output spans three primary products and extends into a broad derivative tree:

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- **Caustic soda (NaOH)**-primary product: Available as 32–35% solution, 48–50% concentration, and solid flakes. Largest-volume product by revenue. Markets: alumina refining, textiles, pulp and paper, soaps and detergents, water treatment, organic chemicals. An integrated chlor-alkali complex can supply caustic as liquid, concentrated, or solid depending on customer infrastructure.
- **Chlorine gas (Cl₂)**-primary product: Liquefied under pressure for storage and transport, or piped directly to adjacent derivative units. Primary markets: EDC-VCM-PVC chain, water treatment (chlorine dosing, hypochlorite generation), hydrochloric acid, organic chemical synthesis,

titanium dioxide. A chlorine caustic soda plant that integrates EDC or PVC production converts cyclical chlorine pricing into a long-term derivative margin.

- **High-purity electrolytic hydrogen (99.9%+):** 99.9%+ purity electrolytic hydrogen. Can be used as boiler fuel (offsetting utilities), supplied to adjacent hydrogen peroxide units, compressed and sold as industrial gas, or in future integrated into fuel cell or mobility applications. India's chlor-alkali sector currently burns approximately 40% as fuel and converts 30% to HCl; only 30% is sold at higher value.
- **Chlorine dioxide (ClO₂):** Produced by reacting chlorine with dilute caustic soda on-site. Used in water disinfection, bleach products, and food processing sanitation. Low-capital derivative that improves chlorine utilisation without major additional CapEx.
- **Hydrogen chloride (HCl):** Produced by reacting chlorine with hydrogen. Used in steel pickling, food processing, organic synthesis, and pH adjustment. Important chlorine monetisation route when chlorine market conditions are weak.

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- **Brine purification:** Rock salt or solar salt is dissolved to form saturated brine (315–320 g/L NaCl). Primary purification by precipitation removes Ca²⁺, Mg²⁺, and SO₄²⁻ ions that would damage membranes. Secondary purification by ion exchange resin achieves ppb-level impurity removal
- **Electrolysis:** Purified brine enters the anode compartment of bipolar membrane electrolyzers. DC current drives Cl⁻ oxidation to Cl₂ at the anode and water reduction to H₂ and OH⁻ at the cathode. The ion-exchange membrane selectively migrates Na⁺ ions while preventing Cl⁻ back-migration, producing high-purity caustic soda on the cathode side. Salt-to-product conversion efficiency and electricity tariff determine chlor-alkali production unit cost
- **Chlorine gas handling:** Wet chlorine gas is cooled, dried with H₂SO₄, and either liquefied (for transport) or compressed and piped to adjacent derivative units. Chlorine safety management-emergency scrubbing, leak detection, exclusion zones-is the highest-consequence safety system in the plant

- **NaOH Concentration:** Catholyte exits as 30–35% NaOH solution and is concentrated to 48–50% by multiple-effect evaporation, or further to flake grade by additional evaporation and flaking. Evaporation energy is a significant component of the 30–40% utility cost share
- **Hydrogen Purification:** Cathode hydrogen is washed, dried, and compressed. Route selection - plant fuel, HCl synthesis, industrial gas sales, or hydrogen peroxide supply - is determined at design stage and directly affects overall plant ECU economics
- **Brine Management:** Depleted anolyte is dechlorinated by acidification and vacuum or chemical treatment, then re-saturated with fresh salt and returned to the electrolyser. Closed-loop brine management minimises salt consumption and effluent generation

Process Flow Summary:

Key Design Parameters:

- The proposed production facility is designed with an annual production capacity of 100,000 MT of Caustic Soda, with co-production of approximately 89,000 MT of chlorine and 2,500 MT of hydrogen

Financial Performance:

- Gross Profit: 25–40%
- Net Profit: 15–25% after financing costs, depreciation, and taxes

Operating Costs Breakdown:

- Raw Materials (salt/NaCl brine): 40–50% of total OpEx
- Utilities: 30–40% of OpEx - membrane cell electrolysis at 1,950–2,200 kWh per tonne of caustic soda makes electricity the dominant operating cost variable

Facility Components:

- **Process Units:** electrolysis hall, brine plant, chlorine handling area, caustic evaporation unit, hydrogen recovery system, safety exclusion zones, derivative integration area
- **Key Equipment:** bipolar membrane electrolysers, brine purification plant (precipitation + ion exchange), multiple-effect evaporators, chlorine liquefaction or compression unit, hydrogen compression and purification system

- 氯气应急 scrubber, explosion-proof electrical installation, nitrogen blanketing on caustic and hydrogen systems, caustic-resistant piping and vessel lining
- 高容量整流器 for DC supply is the single largest CapEx item in a chlor-alkali production plant investment
- 技术许可 (Asahi Kasei, Thyssenkrupp, De Nora, Chlorine Engineers), PESO chlorine storage authorisation, MSIHC Rules compliance, commissioning and operator training

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全球氯碱市场概况

The global chlor-alkali market, valued at USD 76.34 billion in 2025, is projected to reach USD 110.08 billion by 2034 at a CAGR of 4.2%. Asia Pacific accounts for approximately 62% of global shipments, led by China, India, and Southeast Asia.

印度: India's chlor-alkali sector has fully transitioned to 100% membrane cell technology. The industry is navigating the chlorine surplus challenge by investing in chlorine derivatives-EDC, hypochlorite, HCl, and hydrogen peroxide. India's planned 1.74 million MT PVC capacity addition will progressively absorb chlorine surplus and improve ECU economics. Key producers include Grasim Industries, DCM Shriram, GACL, Epigral, and Tata Chemicals.

中国: The world's largest chlor-alkali producer. Capacity consolidation under environmental regulations is retiring mercury and diaphragm cells and replacing them with membrane cell units. China's PVC sector is the dominant chlorine offtake channel globally.

美国: OxyVinyls announced a USD 1.1 billion expansion at its La Porte, Texas chlor-alkali plant. Chemours and PCC Group unveiled a collaborative chlor-alkali project at the DeLisle, Mississippi TiO₂ site (2024). Hydrogen valorisation through industrial gas sales is advancing, with US chlor-alkali plants already venting significant hydrogen volumes that could be monetised.

印度尼西亚: Chandra Asri launched a JV in Indonesia (2025) for a world-scale caustic soda and EDC plant targeting regional vinyl and textile demand. The Abu Dhabi TA'ZIZ complex, developed with Reliance Industries, integrates 940,000 MT of chlor-alkali with 1.1 million MT of EDC and 360,000 MT of PVC-the integrated chlor-alkali complex model at its largest scale.

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Location decisions for a membrane cell chlor-alkali plant directly affect electricity cost, salt supply, and chlorine market access:

- **Electricity at 1,950–2,200 kWh per MT of caustic is the single largest OpEx variable.** Long-term renewable energy PPAs or captive power reduce chlor-alkali production unit cost and improve ECU competitiveness. Renewable-powered plants qualify for EU CBAM green chemistry credits and increasingly command green premium pricing from sustainability-conscious buyers
- **Gujarat’s Rann of Kutch is India’s largest solar salt producer.** Plants near Dahej, Bharuch, Gandhidham, or Kutch access salt at the lowest delivered cost. Most Indian chlor-alkali capacity is concentrated in Gujarat’s West Zone for this reason
- **Chlorine transport and storage are safety-critical and expensive.** The most economical model is pipeline connection to an adjacent EDC, PVC, or hydrogen peroxide unit. A greenfield chlor-alkali plant setup co-located with a chlorine-consuming derivative unit structurally improves ECU realisations and reduces chlorine logistics risk
- **Proximity to hydrogen peroxide producers, hydrogenation plants, or industrial gas networks maximises hydrogen co-product value.** Coastal locations with LNG infrastructure are increasingly relevant as hydrogen energy markets develop
- **India-PCPIR incentives for large chlor-alkali investments in Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha; National Programme on Use of Membrane Cells providing technology upgrade credits; carbon pricing advantage for membrane versus legacy diaphragm technology**

Key components

IMARC Group’s Chlor-Alkali Plant Project Report is a complete chlor-alkali production business plan and technical reference:

- **Process flow: from brine preparation through electrolysis, chlorine handling, caustic concentration, hydrogen recovery, and derivative integration**
- **Key equipment: electrolysers, rectifier, brine plant, evaporators, chlorine system, hydrogen system, and safety infrastructure**
- **10-year chlor-alkali plant OpEx covering salt, electricity, membrane replacement, utilities, and maintenance**
- **Key financial metrics: chlor-alkali plant ROI, IRR, NPV, DSCR, break-even, and ECU sensitivity tables**

across electricity tariff and caustic/chlorine pricing scenarios

- **caustic, chlorine, and hydrogen pricing scenarios and derivative integration pathways to maximise integrated margin**
- **Asahi Kasei, Thyssenkrupp, De Nora, and Chlorine Engineers comparison on CapEx, energy efficiency, and operational flexibility**
- **across standalone caustic production and integrated derivative configurations**
- **PESO chlorine storage authorisation, MSIHC Rules, Factories Act, CPCB emission norms, PCB consent to operate**

The report is built for chemical industry investors evaluating a chlor-alkali production plant investment, PVC and EDC manufacturers evaluating upstream chlorine integration, industrial gas companies assessing hydrogen valorisation, and banks requiring a bankable chlor-alkali production feasibility study for project financing.

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