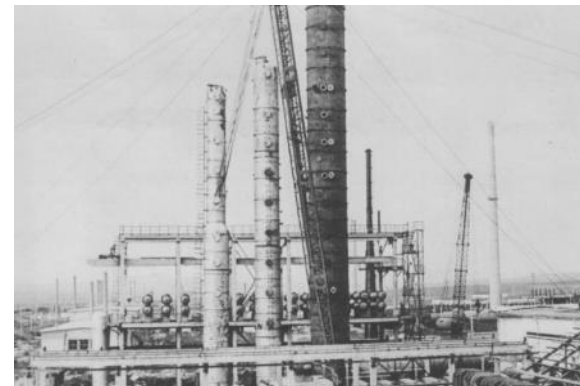


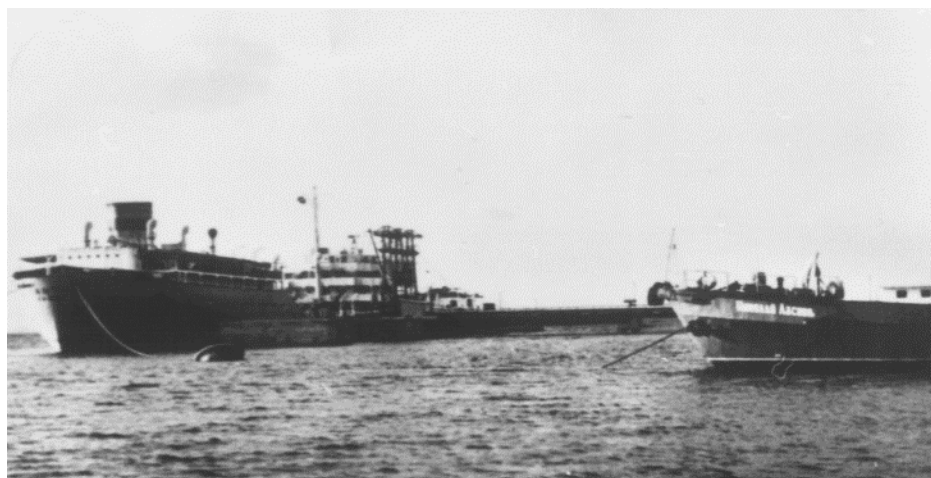
Innovative approaches in new technologies implementation for enhancement of competitiveness

Atanas Ivanov,
Deputy Chief process engineer

Oil refining beginnings - September 1963



5 November 1960 – Foundation stone laying, marking the construction of the oil refinery



4 August 1963 Anton Ivanov tanker ship delivered the first 12 308 **tons** of crude oil



At 17.30 on 02.09.1963 the FIRST BULGARIAN GASOLINE was produced.

A new stage of Company's development within LUKOIL Group



12 October 1999: The contract of sale signed at an official ceremony in Burgas. Neftochim becomes a part of the big family of the international vertically-integrated company LUKOIL.

A new stage of Company's development starts.

Investment projects for providing EURO-5 quality fuels production

Motor gasolines – 344 mln. \$

Revamp of existing facilities

- Fluid-bed catalytic cracking unit– 2003
- Catalytic reforming unit – 2004
- APC updating on FCCU – 2016
- New process control on FCCU and CR-1 – 2016
- New instrumentation on MTBE – 2016

Construction of new units

- Sulphur Acid Alkylation and SAR – 2009
- Gasoline desulphurization – 2010
- N-Butane Izomerisation unit – 2012



Diesel fuels – 256 mln. \$

Revamp of existing facilities

- HDS 2 – 2009
- HDS 3 – 2009r.
- New compressor room – 2010
- Optimisation of Hydrogen ring for efficient H₂ distribution to consumers – 2016

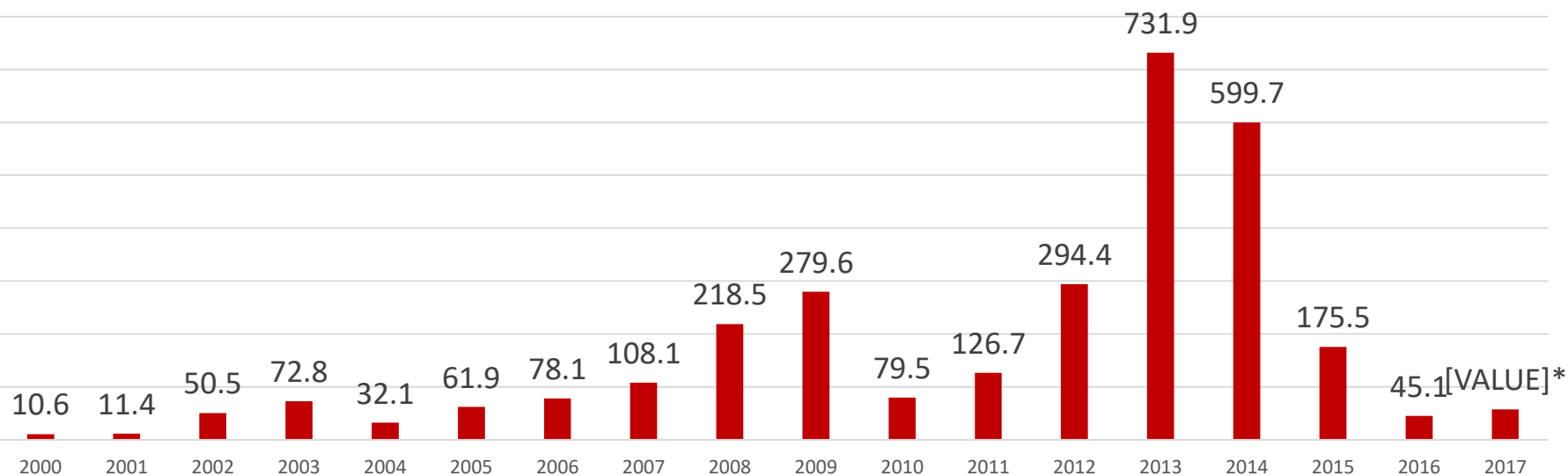
Construction of new units

- MDEA Regeneration-1 – 2009
- Diesel fractions desulphurization – 2010



Total investments 2000 - 2017

Total investments for 2000-2017 3,034 bn \$



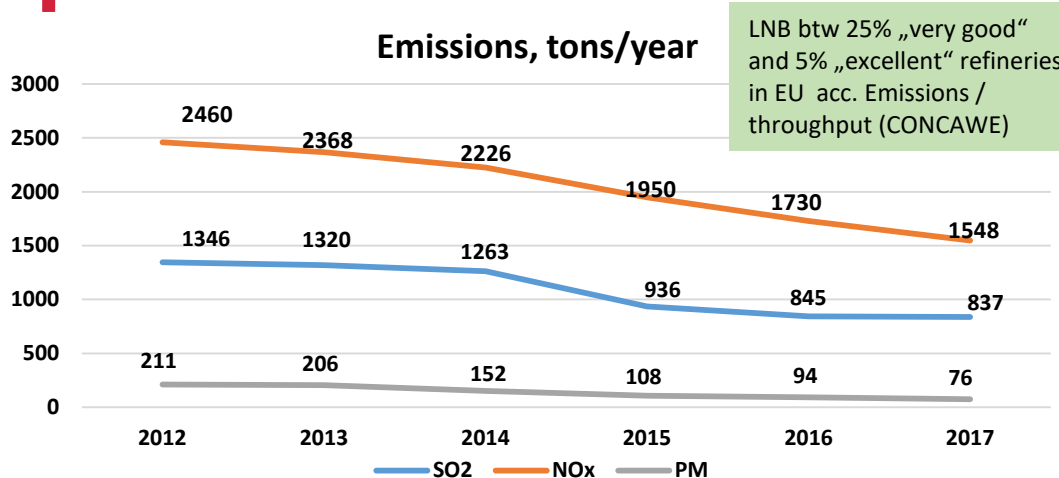
➤ Revamp of key units

➤ Construction of **13** new facilities

➤ Environmental & safety projects



LNB and environmental protection



- New field instrumentation and controls HDS-1/2 (2016)
- Reduced Nox emissions from s.1000 down to 60 mg/Nm³ against regulatory standard 300mg/Nm³ (2016)
- Process condensates treatment unit (2015)
- New Sulphur Recovery Unit (2014)
- Catalyst dust filter of FCCU (2014)
- Automated road truck and railway filling racks with VRU (2012)
- Local water treatment facilities at Rosenets Oil terminal
- Commissioning of HC flare (2011)
- New industrial waste disposal area (2009)

Industrial safety

Labour safety as well as safe and efficient production assurance is the priority task of LUKOIL Neftohim Burgas

[VALUE]



- ✓ Zero tolerance to rule breakers
- ✓ Education and training of all employees
- ✓ Management consistency and commitment to the industrial safety principles
- ✓ Equipment reliability assurance
- ✓ Advanced technologies and automation



Rosenets Port Terminal



- Rosenets PT – crude oil delivery and oil products logistics
- Capacity: 9-12 mln tons per annum
- in 2011 a concession contract signed with the government for a period of 35 years

- The products are delivered to Bulgarian market by pipeline, tank-trucks and railway tank-cars
- Oil products export through Rosenets PT to Mediterranean, East-European and North American markets



Getting started



EC directives
(2003/30/EC)
regarding the fuels
quality requirements

2003



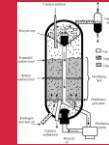
Complexity program
for development of
LNB 2006 – 2015
including strategic
plan for heavy
residuals utilisation

2006



Choice of the most
effective
technology for
implementation

2007



Contract with
Axens for the
licensed
technology
"H-oil®"

2008



EPC contract
signed with
Technip Italy
S.p.A.

2012

- The policy of EU becomes a driver for the refiners to invest and develop new technologies;
- Technology choice as function of:
 - CAPEX, OPEX;
 - products price & markets availability;
 - overall refinery process configuration (integration);
 - NPV, IRR, PI.
- EPC contract choice with all advantages and disadvantages;

Construction of the Heavy Residue Processing Complex (HRPC)

Laying the first stone (31.07.12)



Opening ceremony (20.05.15)



Intensive construction works



The implementation of this project was of crucial importance for LNHB and will further increase its competitiveness and oil refining performance.

H-oil mega-project engineering achievements



Transportation of two mega-reactors through the territory of Burgas city

Changes were made in the city transport scheme and infrastructure to transport the large-sized equipment.



Erection of the two reactors of 1500 tons each

Transportation and installation of reactors was done by Sarens.



Reactors assembly

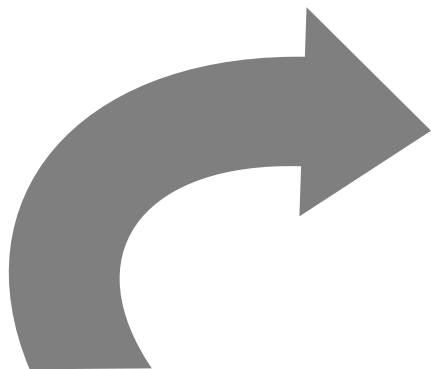
The complexity of assembly works is comparable to assembly of a Swiss watch.

H-oil mega-project statistics

**Construction workers up to
4 100 p.**

Companies 83

Process sites 17



Site area	207 400 m²
Concrete	39,8 km³
Metal structures	17,8 kt
Pipelines	12,7 kt
Cables	1 195 km
Equipment	16,9 kt

H-oil mega-project and people



200 Project team

Dedicated project team:

- LNB - **23** people
- Axens – 15 people
- KT – 12 people
- Technip – 150 people



147 personnel

The overall personnel in the H-oil complex, including the engineers, operators, etc.



1500 hrs. training

Specialised training:

- Axens - **30** people
- FLOWSERVE - **7** people
- Kinetics Technology - **24** people
- Technip - **15** people

On-site training:

- Plock, Poland - **45** people
- LUKOIL PNOS refinery- **14** people

H-oil complex



▪ **Flare and tank-farm**
- Start-up 02.2015



▪ **Hydrogen plant**
- Start-up 03.2015



▪ **Amine cleaning and sour waters**
- Start-up 04.2015 г.



▪ **Sulphur recovery unit**
- Start-up 12.2014 г.



▪ **Cooling water**
- Start-up 11.2014 г.

Project parameters

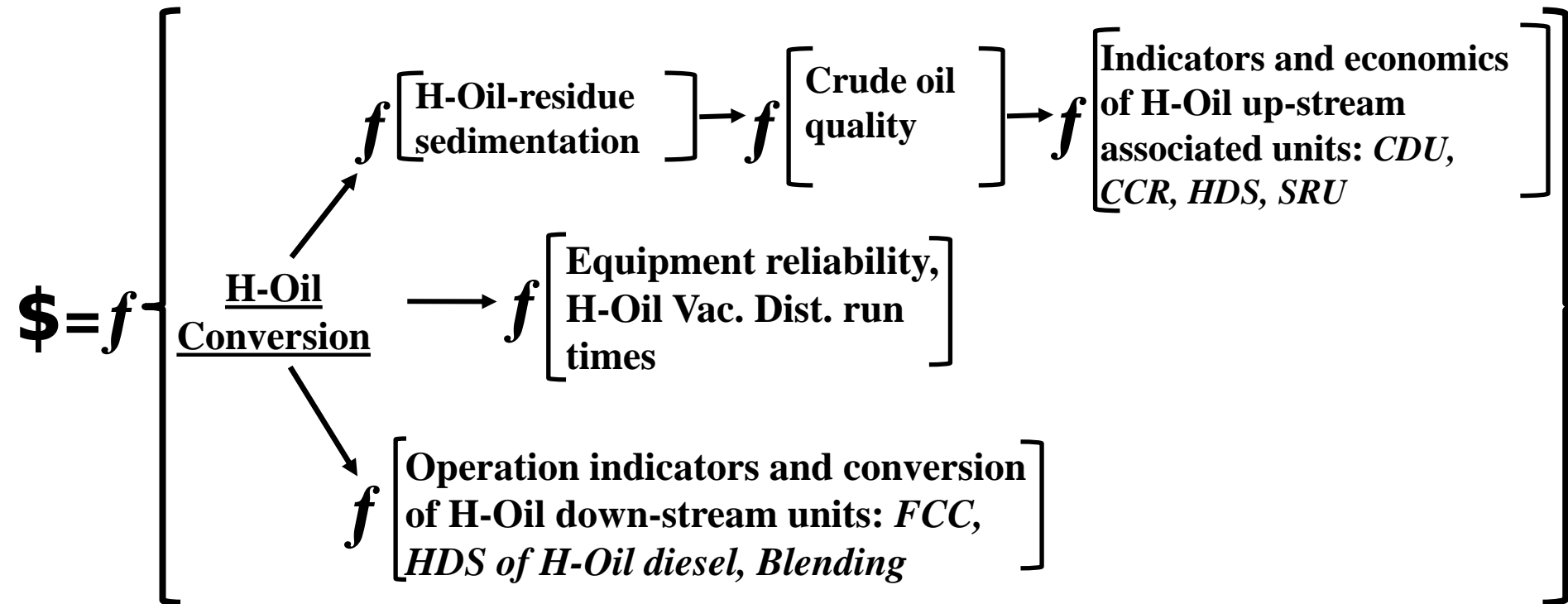
- CAPEX:
1, 540 bn \$
- Capacity:
2.5 mln. tons/year
- **Conversion:**
70%
- Refinery conversion rate:
90%
- Staffing:
147 people



▪ **H-oil units**
- Start-up 05.2015

Mastering the new H-Oil process.

Optimisation of the Refinery Process Flow Diagram



Profit maximisation is the solution of the most challenging task with a great number of variables and limits, which requires:

- Collection, classification and analysis of new data;
- Formulation of new limits;
- New technological approaches;
- Innovative thinking;
- Refinery LP-model update.

H-oil and innovative solutions for efficiency improvement



Optimization of crude oil types & product quality constraints leading to H-Oil Hydrocracking conversion (up to **10%** conversion increase);

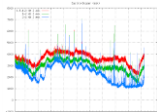


Improve H-Oil residue quality (stability) using semi-products available in the refinery (another **8%** conversion increase);



Ensuring operation reliability of:

- Dynamic equipment (pumps and compressors);
- Instrumentation;
- Fixed equipment: heat exchangers, vacuum tower.



Implementing a technology model to identify the relationships and development of adequate measures for optimization of operation modes and feedstock pools together with the Licensor Axens and the catalyst supplier.

75,3 %
Mid 2017



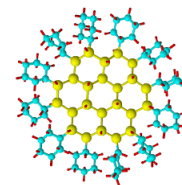
57,5 %
Start up 2015

Further steps for improvement

Evaluation of H-cat technology for further conversion increase and process (products) stability;

Ensuring equipment reliability and safety through dedicated investment programs;

Working on extension of the cycle length and overall economic efficiency!





Always moving forward!