

# Battery Recycling Plant Business Plan – Oman

## Living Canvas – To be developed sequentially

This document will be expanded section by section after your confirmation, similar to a full **40–60 page industrial business plan** aligned with Oman regulations.

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## 1. Executive Summary

### 1.1 Business Overview

The Battery Recycling Plant project aims to establish a **licensed, environmentally compliant battery recycling facility in Oman**, focused initially on **lead-acid batteries** (automotive, industrial, UPS) with a future roadmap to include **lithium-ion batteries** from EVs, solar storage systems, and consumer electronics.

The plant will collect, process, recycle, and recover valuable materials such as **lead, plastic, acid/electrolytes, lithium, cobalt, nickel, and copper**, supplying recycled raw materials back to manufacturers while ensuring safe disposal of hazardous waste.

This project aligns strongly with: - Oman Vision 2040 (sustainability & circular economy) - Increasing vehicle ownership and renewable energy adoption - Growing regulatory pressure on proper hazardous waste management

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### 1.2 Business Objectives

- Establish a **fully licensed battery recycling facility** compliant with Oman environmental laws
  - Reduce environmental pollution caused by improper battery disposal
  - Create a profitable circular-economy industrial operation
  - Supply recycled materials to local and regional manufacturers
  - Expand into lithium-ion battery recycling within 3–5 years
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### 1.3 Legal Structure & Registration

The company will be registered in Oman as: - **LLC (Limited Liability Company)** – recommended due to industrial scale, liability, and licensing

**Registration route:** Sanad Center + MOCIIP

**Estimated basic registration costs (excluding industrial land & visas):** - LLC registration & government fees: **OMR 300 – 500** - Chamber of Commerce membership: **OMR 100 – 200** - Sanad service fees: **OMR 50 – 100**

Note: Industrial projects require additional approvals from environmental and municipal authorities.

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## 1.4 Scope of Operations

**Phase 1 – Lead-Acid Battery Recycling** - Automotive batteries - Industrial & UPS batteries - Telecom and solar storage batteries

**Phase 2 – Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling (Future Expansion)** - EV batteries - Solar energy storage systems  
- Consumer electronics batteries

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## 1.5 Products & Revenue Streams

- Recycled lead ingots
  - Recycled plastic granules (PP/ABS)
  - Neutralized electrolyte by-products
  - Recycling service fees (B2B clients)
  - Hazardous waste management contracts
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## 1.6 Competitive Advantage

- First-mover or limited-competition advantage in Oman
  - High demand driven by regulation
  - Strong ESG & sustainability alignment
  - Long-term contracts with garages, fleets, and solar companies
  - Export potential for recycled materials
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## 1.7 Financial Snapshot (Indicative)

- Estimated project cost: **OMR 1.2 – 3.5 million** (depending on capacity)
  - Expected gross margin: **25% – 40%**
  - Break-even period: **3 – 5 years**
  - High long-term scalability and defensibility
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## 1.8 Vision & Mission

### Vision:

To become Oman's leading battery recycling and hazardous waste management company.

**Mission:**

To safely recycle batteries, protect the environment, and support Oman's circular economy through world-class recycling technology.

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## 2. Project Description – Goals, Capacity, Technology & Process Flow

### 2.1 Project Goals

**Strategic Goals**

- Establish a **licensed, environmentally compliant battery recycling plant** in Oman
- Support national sustainability and circular economy objectives
- Reduce illegal dumping and unsafe battery disposal
- Create an industrial asset with long-term profitability and export potential

**Operational Goals**

- Achieve stable supply contracts with battery generators
- Maintain recovery efficiency above industry benchmarks
- Operate with zero environmental violations
- Scale capacity in modular phases

**Financial Goals**

- Achieve operational break-even within 3–5 years
  - Maintain EBITDA margins above 25%
  - Reinvest profits into technology upgrades and lithium-ion expansion
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### 2.2 Plant Capacity Planning

The plant will be designed using a **modular capacity model**, allowing phased expansion.

| Capacity Tier | Annual Battery Input | Suitable For            |
|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Small         | 5,000 – 8,000 tons   | Pilot / regional demand |
| Medium        | 10,000 – 15,000 tons | National coverage       |
| Large         | 20,000+ tons         | Export-oriented hub     |

**Recommended starting capacity:** Medium scale (10,000–15,000 tons/year)

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## 2.3 Battery Feedstock Types

### Phase 1 – Lead-Acid Batteries (LAB)

- Automotive batteries
- Truck & bus batteries
- Telecom & UPS batteries
- Solar energy storage batteries

### Phase 2 – Lithium-Ion Batteries (LIB)

- Electric vehicles (EV)
  - Solar & grid-scale storage systems
  - Consumer electronics
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## 2.4 Technology Overview

### Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Technology

The plant will use **mechanical separation combined with controlled smelting**.

Key technology components: - Battery breaker & hammer mill - Plastic separation units - Acid drainage & neutralization system - Rotary or blast furnace - Refining kettles for lead purification - Emission control & baghouse filters

### Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling (Future)

- Discharging & dismantling stations
  - Shredding under inert atmosphere
  - Hydrometallurgical processing
  - Recovery of lithium, cobalt, nickel, manganese
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## 2.5 Process Flow – Lead-Acid Batteries

### 1. Collection & Weighing

Batteries received from suppliers and recorded

### 2. Breaking & Separation

Mechanical crushing separates lead, plastic, and acid

### 3. Acid Neutralization

Sulfuric acid treated and converted into neutral salts

### 4. Lead Smelting & Refining

Lead components melted and refined into ingots

#### 5. Plastic Washing & Granulation

Polypropylene plastics cleaned and pelletized

#### 6. Final Products Dispatch

Lead ingots and plastic granules packed for sale

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### 2.6 Output Products & Yield Estimates

| Output                  | Recovery Rate |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Recycled Lead           | 60 – 70%      |
| Plastic Granules        | 20 – 25%      |
| Neutralized By-products | 5 – 10%       |

Recovery efficiency depends on battery quality and process control.

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### 2.7 Plant Location & Infrastructure Requirements

- Industrial zone with hazardous waste approval
  - Minimum land requirement: 10,000 – 25,000 sqm
  - Access to utilities (power, water)
  - Buffer zone from residential areas
  - Access to highways & ports
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### 2.8 Environmental & Safety Design Principles

- Fully enclosed processing areas
  - Negative pressure zones for dust control
  - Effluent treatment & zero discharge policy
  - Continuous air emission monitoring
  - HSE training and PPE enforcement
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## 3. Regulatory, Environmental & Licensing Framework (Oman)

**Battery recycling is classified as a hazardous industrial activity in Oman.**

Compliance, permitting, and environmental controls are critical to licensing and long-term operations.

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### 3.1 Key Regulatory Authorities

- **Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Investment Promotion (MOCIIP)** – Commercial registration & activity classification
- **Environment Authority (EA)** – Environmental approvals, EIA, hazardous waste licensing
- **Municipality (Local Authority)** – Land use, building permits, operational approvals
- **Civil Defence & Ambulance Authority (CDAA)** – Fire safety, emergency response approvals
- **Public Authority for Special Economic Zones & Free Zones (OPAZ)** – If located in a free/industrial zone

### 3.2 Required Licenses & Approvals

| Approval / License                    | Authority           | Purpose                           |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Commercial Registration (LLC)         | MOCIIP              | Legal entity formation            |
| Environmental Clearance               | EA                  | Environmental compliance          |
| Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) | EA                  | Mandatory for hazardous industry  |
| Hazardous Waste Handling License      | EA                  | Collection, transport, processing |
| Industrial Land Lease                 | Municipality / OPAZ | Approved industrial zoning        |
| Building Permit                       | Municipality        | Plant construction                |
| Fire Safety Approval                  | CDAA                | Fire & emergency compliance       |
| Operating License                     | Municipality        | Day-to-day operations             |

### 3.3 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

An **EIA is mandatory** before construction and commissioning.

#### Scope of the EIA

- Air emissions (lead fumes, particulates)
- Wastewater & effluent management
- Solid & hazardous waste handling
- Noise & vibration
- Occupational health & safety
- Emergency response & spill management

#### EIA Timeline & Cost (Indicative)

- Duration: 3 – 6 months
- Cost: **OMR 30,000 – 80,000** (depending on plant size & complexity)

### 3.4 Hazardous Waste Compliance

The plant must comply with national and international hazardous waste standards:

- Secure collection & storage of batteries
- Secondary containment systems
- Licensed transport for hazardous materials
- Traceability & documentation of waste flows
- Approved disposal or reuse of residues

Failure to comply may result in **plant shutdown, fines, or license revocation.**

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### 3.5 Emissions, Effluent & Pollution Control

#### Air Emissions

- Baghouse filters and scrubbers
- Continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMS)
- Stack height compliance

#### Water & Effluent

- Closed-loop water systems
- Neutralization of acidic effluent
- Zero-discharge or approved disposal

#### Solid Residues

- Slag stabilization
  - Approved landfill or reuse
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### 3.6 Occupational Health & Safety (HSE)

- Mandatory PPE for all workers
  - Regular blood lead level (BLL) testing
  - HSE induction & refresher training
  - On-site medical & emergency facilities
  - Incident reporting & corrective action system
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### 3.7 Compliance Timeline (Indicative)

| Phase                | Duration    |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Company Registration | 1 – 2 weeks |

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| Phase                        | Duration     |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Land Allocation              | 1 – 3 months |
| EIA Study & Approval         | 3 – 6 months |
| Construction & Installation  | 6 – 9 months |
| Trial Runs & Final Licensing | 1 – 2 months |

**Total estimated time to operations:** 12 – 18 months

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### 3.8 Regulatory Risk & Mitigation

| Risk               | Mitigation                               |
|--------------------|--|
| EIA delays         | Engage experienced EIA consultants early |
| License rejection  | Early EA consultations                   |
| Community concerns | Buffer zones & transparent communication |
| Compliance costs   | Budget contingency & phased investment   |

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## 4. Supply Chain & Feedstock Strategy – Collection, Logistics & Contracts

### 4.1 Importance of Feedstock Security

For a battery recycling plant, **consistent and traceable feedstock** is the single most critical commercial success factor. Financial viability depends on securing long-term battery supply at predictable volumes and costs.

Key objectives of the supply chain strategy: - Ensure minimum annual throughput to cover fixed costs - Maintain quality and traceability of incoming batteries - Reduce logistics costs through regional clustering - Lock in long-term contracts with major generators

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### 4.2 Primary Feedstock Sources (Oman)

#### A. Automotive Sector

- Car repair garages & workshops
- Authorized vehicle dealerships
- Taxi companies and ride-hailing fleets



- Rental car companies

**Characteristics:** - High volume, consistent flow - Mostly lead-acid batteries - Price-sensitive suppliers

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## B. Commercial & Industrial Clients

- Logistics & transport companies
- Construction companies
- Heavy equipment operators
- Industrial backup power users

**Characteristics:** - Larger battery sizes - Lower replacement frequency - Contract-based supply

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## C. Telecom & Data Centers

- Telecom towers
- Internet service providers
- Data centers
- Broadcasting facilities

**Characteristics:** - High-quality industrial batteries - Bulk replacement cycles - Strong compliance requirements

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## D. Renewable Energy & Utilities

- Solar farms
- Commercial rooftop solar systems
- Hybrid power installations

**Characteristics:** - Growing segment - Mix of lead-acid and lithium-ion - Long-term strategic importance

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## 4.3 Feedstock Acquisition Models

| Model                | Description                | Use Case               |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Purchase Model       | Buy used batteries per ton | Open market suppliers  |
| Service Fee Model    | Charge for safe disposal   | Corporates & utilities |
| Revenue-Sharing      | Share recycled value       | Strategic partners     |
| Take-Back Agreements | OEM-linked recovery        | Dealers & distributors |

A **hybrid model** is recommended to balance volume and margins.

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## 4.4 Collection & Logistics Strategy

### Collection Methods

- Direct pickup from large clients
- Drop-off points for small suppliers
- Regional aggregation centers

### Transportation

- Licensed hazardous waste transport vehicles
- Sealed containers and pallets
- GPS tracking and documentation

### Logistics Cost Range

- Local collection: **OMR 5 – 12 per ton**
  - Long-distance transport: **OMR 15 – 30 per ton**
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## 4.5 Storage & Handling

- Covered, acid-resistant flooring
  - Secondary containment systems
  - Segregation by battery type
  - FIFO inventory management
  - Maximum storage duration limits (per EA rules)
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## 4.6 Contract Structure & Pricing

### Typical Contract Terms

- Duration: 1–3 years (renewable)
- Minimum monthly/annual volumes
- Price adjustment clauses
- Compliance & traceability obligations

### Indicative Feedstock Pricing (LAB)

| Source                      | Typical Cost (OMR/ton) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Open Market Garages         | 80 – 140               |
| Fleet & Corporate Contracts | 60 – 120               |
| Disposal Fee Model          | +20 – 60 (revenue)     |

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## 4.7 Import & Export Considerations

- Import of used batteries requires EA approval
- Export of recycled lead & plastics requires customs clearance
- Regional export markets: GCC, South Asia, East Africa

Export diversification reduces domestic price risk.

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## 4.8 Feedstock Risk Analysis & Mitigation

| Risk                | Mitigation              |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Supply shortages    | Multi-source contracts  |
| Price volatility    | Long-term agreements    |
| Illegal dumping     | Awareness & enforcement |
| Quality variability | Incoming inspection     |

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# 5. Market Analysis & Customer Strategy – Buyers, Pricing & Demand Outlook

## 5.1 Market Overview

The demand for recycled battery materials is driven by **automotive growth, renewable energy adoption, and tightening environmental regulations**. Oman currently relies significantly on **imports of refined lead and plastics**, while regional demand across the GCC, South Asia, and East Africa continues to expand.

Battery recycling converts a regulated waste stream into **high-demand industrial inputs**, positioning the plant at the intersection of compliance and commodity markets.

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## 5.2 Products & End-Market Demand

### A. Recycled Lead Ingots

**Primary Uses:** - New battery manufacturing - Cable sheathing - Construction and industrial applications

**Demand Drivers:** - Stable global demand for lead-acid batteries - Cost advantage over primary lead - ESG-driven preference for recycled materials

**Market Outlook:** - Strong and stable, with cyclical price movements - High liquidity commodity with established trading markets

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## B. Recycled Plastic Granules (PP)

**Primary Uses:** - Battery casing manufacturing - Automotive plastic components - Industrial plastic products

**Market Outlook:** - Growing preference for recycled polymers - Stable regional demand - Premium for clean, well-sorted material

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## C. Recycling & Disposal Services

**Clients:** - Corporates, telecom operators, utilities, solar companies

**Value Proposition:** - Regulatory compliance - Traceability & documentation - Risk transfer for hazardous waste

This revenue stream provides **counter-cyclical stability** when commodity prices fluctuate.

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## 5.3 Customer Segmentation (Buyers)

| Segment                | Product            | Buying Motivation     |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Battery Manufacturers  | Lead ingots        | Cost & consistency    |
| Metal Traders          | Lead ingots        | Liquidity & arbitrage |
| Plastic Converters     | PP granules        | Quality & price       |
| Corporates & Utilities | Recycling services | Compliance & ESG      |

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## 5.4 Pricing Benchmarks (Indicative)

Prices fluctuate with global commodity markets; contracts often reference LME-linked formulas.

| Product                | Typical Price Range         |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Recycled Lead Ingots   | 85% – 95% of LME lead price |
| PP Plastic Granules    | OMR 350 – 550 / ton         |
| Recycling Service Fees | OMR 20 – 60 / ton           |

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## 5.5 Competitive Landscape

### Local Market

- Limited licensed battery recyclers
- Informal and illegal operators pose environmental risks
- High barriers to entry due to regulation

### Regional Market

- Established recyclers in UAE and Saudi Arabia
  - Oman advantage: port access, lower congestion, strategic location
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## 5.6 Go-to-Market Strategy

### Sales Channels

- Direct B2B sales to manufacturers
- Long-term off-take agreements
- Commodity traders for export volumes

### Sales Approach

- Secure anchor off-take customers pre-commissioning
  - Offer volume discounts for long-term contracts
  - Emphasize compliance and traceability
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## 5.7 Demand Risk & Mitigation

| Risk                       | Mitigation                 |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Commodity price volatility | Diversify revenue streams  |
| Buyer concentration        | Multiple off-take partners |
| Export restrictions        | Domestic & regional mix    |
| Quality rejection          | QA/QC & certification      |

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## 6. Financial Model – CAPEX, OPEX & 10-Year Projections

**All figures are indicative, conservative, and expressed in OMR.**

Assumptions are based on a **medium-scale plant (10,000–15,000 tons/year)** focused on lead-acid batteries, with phased optimization.

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## 6.1 Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)

### A. Land, Civil Works & Infrastructure

| Item                               | Estimated Cost (OMR)       |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Industrial Land Lease (initial)    | 150,000 – 300,000          |
| Site Development & Roads           | 120,000 – 250,000          |
| Factory Buildings & Warehouses     | 350,000 – 700,000          |
| Utilities (power, water, drainage) | 120,000 – 220,000          |
| Administrative & HSE Facilities    | 60,000 – 120,000           |
| <b>Subtotal – Civil &amp; Land</b> | <b>800,000 – 1,600,000</b> |

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### B. Plant & Machinery (Lead-Acid Recycling)

| Equipment                        | Estimated Cost (OMR)         |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Battery Breaking System          | 180,000 – 350,000            |
| Acid Drainage & Neutralization   | 120,000 – 220,000            |
| Plastic Separation & Granulation | 180,000 – 300,000            |
| Rotary / Blast Furnace           | 350,000 – 700,000            |
| Lead Refining Kettles            | 120,000 – 220,000            |
| Emission Control Systems         | 180,000 – 350,000            |
| Material Handling & Forklifts    | 80,000 – 150,000             |
| Laboratory & QA Equipment        | 40,000 – 80,000              |
| <b>Subtotal – Machinery</b>      | <b>1,250,000 – 2,350,000</b> |

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### C. Pre-Operating & Soft Costs

| Item                             | Estimated Cost (OMR) |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| EIA & Environmental Studies      | 30,000 – 80,000      |
| Engineering & Project Management | 60,000 – 120,000     |
| Licensing & Permits              | 20,000 – 40,000      |

| Item                           | Estimated Cost (OMR)     |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Staff Training & Commissioning | 30,000 – 60,000          |
| Contingency (10-12%)           | 150,000 – 300,000        |
| <b>Subtotal – Soft Costs</b>   | <b>290,000 – 600,000</b> |

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#### ◆ Total Estimated CAPEX

Low case: ~ OMR 2.3 million

High case: ~ OMR 4.5 million

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## 6.2 Operating Expenditure (OPEX – Annual)

| Cost Category              | Estimated Annual Cost (OMR) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Feedstock Procurement      | 900,000 – 1,600,000         |
| Salaries & Wages           | 350,000 – 600,000           |
| Power & Fuel               | 280,000 – 480,000           |
| Consumables & Chemicals    | 120,000 – 220,000           |
| Maintenance & Spares       | 150,000 – 300,000           |
| Logistics & Transport      | 100,000 – 200,000           |
| Environmental Monitoring   | 40,000 – 80,000             |
| Insurance & Compliance     | 40,000 – 70,000             |
| Administration & Overheads | 70,000 – 120,000            |
| <b>Total Annual OPEX</b>   | <b>2.05 – 3.67 million</b>  |

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## 6.3 Revenue Assumptions (Base Case)

- Annual battery input: **12,000 tons**
  - Lead recovery: **65%**
  - Plastic recovery: **22%**
  - Average lead selling price: **Linked to 90% of LME lead**
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## 6.4 Annual Revenue Projection (Base Case)

| Revenue Stream            | Estimated Annual Revenue (OMR) |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Recycled Lead Ingots      | 3.2 – 4.5 million              |
| Plastic Granules          | 0.6 – 0.9 million              |
| Recycling / Disposal Fees | 0.3 – 0.7 million              |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>      | <b>4.1 – 6.1 million</b>       |

## 6.5 Profitability Snapshot

| Metric            | Base Case |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Gross Margin      | 28% – 40% |
| EBITDA Margin     | 22% – 32% |
| Net Profit Margin | 15% – 22% |

## 6.6 Break-Even & Payback

- Annual EBITDA (base case): **OMR 1.0 – 1.6 million**
- CAPEX: **OMR 2.3 – 4.5 million**

 **Payback period: 3 – 5 years**

## 6.7 10-Year Financial Outlook (Summary)

| Year | Revenue (OMR) | EBITDA (OMR) |
|------|---------------|--------------|
| 1    | 3.5 – 4.2 M   | 0.7 – 1.0 M  |
| 3    | 5.0 – 6.0 M   | 1.3 – 1.7 M  |
| 5    | 6.5 – 7.8 M   | 1.8 – 2.4 M  |
| 10   | 8.5 – 10.0 M  | 2.6 – 3.2 M  |

## 6.8 Sensitivity Analysis (Key Drivers)

- $\pm 10\%$  lead price  $\rightarrow \pm 6\text{--}8\%$  EBITDA impact
- $\pm 10\%$  feedstock cost  $\rightarrow \pm 7\text{--}9\%$  EBITDA impact



- Capacity utilization below 70% materially impacts returns
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## 7. Operations, Staffing & HSE Framework

### 7.1 Operating Model Overview

The battery recycling plant will operate as a **continuous, process-driven industrial facility** with strict environmental and safety controls. Operations will be organized into clearly defined zones to minimize cross-contamination and safety risks.

**Core operating principles:** - Compliance-first operations - Standardized procedures (SOP-driven) - Preventive maintenance culture - Traceability of materials and waste

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### 7.2 Plant Layout & Functional Zones

- **Inbound & Weighbridge Area** – battery receipt, inspection, and documentation
- **Temporary Storage Zone** – segregated, banded storage for different battery types
- **Battery Breaking & Separation Line** – mechanical processing
- **Acid Neutralization & Effluent Treatment Area**
- **Smelting & Refining Area** – furnaces, kettles, casting
- **Plastic Washing & Granulation Area**
- **Finished Goods Warehouse** – lead ingots & plastic granules
- **Laboratory & QA/QC**
- **HSE & Emergency Facilities**

Physical separation and controlled access are mandatory.

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### 7.3 Staffing Structure

#### A. Management & Technical Team

| Role                    | Headcount | Key Responsibilities               |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| Plant Manager           | 1         | Overall operations & compliance    |
| HSE Manager             | 1         | Safety & environmental control     |
| Maintenance Manager     | 1         | Preventive & breakdown maintenance |
| QA/QC & Lab Engineer    | 1         | Product quality & testing          |
| Finance & Admin Manager | 1         | Commercial & reporting             |

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## B. Operations & Support Staff

| Role                         | Headcount | Notes                   |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Furnace Operators            | 6 – 10    | Shift-based             |
| Battery Breaking Operators   | 6 – 8     | Mechanical line         |
| Plastic Processing Operators | 4 – 6     | Granulation             |
| Maintenance Technicians      | 4 – 6     | Electrical & mechanical |
| Warehouse & Logistics Staff  | 4 – 6     | Inbound/outbound        |
| HSE Officers                 | 2 – 3     | Shift coverage          |
| Security & Support           | 4 – 6     | 24/7 coverage           |

**Total workforce:** ~35 – 50 employees

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## 7.4 Training & Competency Development

- Mandatory induction training for all staff
  - Specialized training for furnace and hazardous material handling
  - Annual HSE refresher courses
  - Emergency drills (fire, chemical spill, medical)
  - Competency certification & record keeping
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## 7.5 Health, Safety & Environment (HSE) Framework

### Health Controls

- Regular medical check-ups
- Blood Lead Level (BLL) monitoring
- On-site first aid & medical response

### Safety Controls

- PPE enforcement (respirators, suits, gloves)
- Permit-to-work systems
- Lockout-Tagout (LOTO)
- Fire detection & suppression systems

### Environmental Controls

- Continuous air emission monitoring
- Wastewater treatment & monitoring
- Dust suppression & housekeeping

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## 7.6 Emergency Response & Incident Management

- On-site emergency response team
  - Spill containment kits
  - Firewater & foam systems
  - Incident reporting & root-cause analysis
  - Coordination with Civil Defence
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## 7.7 Maintenance & Asset Management

- Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS)
  - Preventive maintenance schedules
  - Critical spare parts inventory
  - Annual shutdown & overhaul planning
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## 7.8 KPIs & Performance Monitoring

- Plant availability (%)
  - Capacity utilization (%)
  - Recovery efficiency (%)
  - HSE incidents (zero tolerance)
  - Energy consumption per ton
  - Regulatory compliance metrics
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# 8. Risk Analysis & Mitigation Strategy

## 8.1 Risk Management Philosophy

Battery recycling is a **capital-intensive, regulation-heavy industrial activity**. Proactive risk identification, mitigation planning, and continuous monitoring are essential to protect capital, people, and the environment.

The project adopts a **prevent-monitor-respond** risk management framework aligned with lender and regulator expectations.

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## 8.2 Regulatory & Compliance Risks

| Risk                | Description            | Mitigation                              |
|---------------------|------------------------|---|
| EIA approval delays | Extended review cycles | Early EA engagement, phased submissions |

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| Risk                 | Description              | Mitigation                         |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| License non-renewal  | Compliance failures      | Dedicated compliance team & audits |
| Regulatory changes   | Stricter emission limits | Design with buffer capacity        |
| Community opposition | Environmental concerns   | Buffer zones, transparency         |

### 8.3 Environmental & HSE Risks

| Risk                 | Impact               | Mitigation                   |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Lead exposure        | Health hazards       | PPE, BLL monitoring          |
| Air emissions breach | Fines, shutdown      | Redundant filtration systems |
| Acid spills          | Environmental damage | Secondary containment        |
| Fire & explosion     | Asset & life risk    | Fire suppression & drills    |

### 8.4 Operational Risks

| Risk                    | Impact          | Mitigation                     |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Equipment failure       | Downtime        | Preventive maintenance, spares |
| Low recovery efficiency | Margin erosion  | Process optimization           |
| Power outages           | Production loss | Backup generators              |
| Skilled labor shortage  | Quality risk    | Training & retention programs  |

### 8.5 Supply Chain Risks

| Risk                | Impact               | Mitigation             |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Feedstock shortages | Underutilization     | Multi-source contracts |
| Price volatility    | Margin compression   | Long-term agreements   |
| Illegal dumping     | Regulatory penalties | Supplier audits        |

8.6 Market & Financial Risks

| Risk                   | Impact             | Mitigation                  |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Commodity price swings | Revenue volatility | Diversified revenue streams |
| Buyer concentration    | Cash flow risk     | Multiple off-take partners  |
| Currency exposure      | FX losses          | Local contracts & hedging   |
| Cost overruns          | Reduced IRR        | Contingency reserves        |

8.7 Technology & Expansion Risks

| Risk                    | Impact        | Mitigation                  |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Technology obsolescence | Capex loss    | Modular, upgradeable design |
| Lithium-ion complexity  | Safety & cost | Pilot-scale testing         |

8.8 Insurance & Financial Protection

- Property & plant insurance
- Environmental liability insurance
- Business interruption insurance
- Workers’ compensation coverage

8.9 Risk Monitoring & Governance

- Quarterly risk review meetings
- Internal and third-party audits
- KPI-linked risk dashboards
- Continuous improvement loop

9. Implementation Roadmap & Expansion Strategy (Lithium-Ion Recycling)

9.1 Overall Implementation Philosophy

The Battery Recycling Plant will be implemented using a **phased, milestone-driven approach** to control risk, manage capital efficiently, and ensure regulatory compliance at every stage. Each phase has clear deliverables, approvals, and decision gates.

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## 9.2 Phase-wise Implementation Roadmap

### Phase 1 – Project Development & Approvals (Months 0–6)

**Key Activities:** - Finalize business plan & financial model - Appoint EIA consultant and initiate studies - Engage Environment Authority for pre-consultations - Identify and secure industrial land - Initiate basic engineering & layout design

**Key Outputs:** - Approved EIA (or conditional approval) - Land allocation confirmation - Finalized plant capacity and technology selection

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### Phase 2 – Engineering, Procurement & Construction (Months 6–15)

**Key Activities:** - Detailed engineering design - Procurement of plant & machinery - Civil construction and utilities installation - Recruitment of core management team - Development of SOPs & HSE manuals

**Key Outputs:** - Installed plant & equipment - Trained core operations team - Ready-for-commissioning facility

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### Phase 3 – Commissioning & Stabilization (Months 15–18)

**Key Activities:** - Cold and hot trial runs - Environmental performance testing - Final licensing & operating approvals - Initial commercial production - Optimization of recovery rates

**Key Outputs:** - Licensed operational plant - Stable production at 60–70% capacity - Initial off-take deliveries

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### Phase 4 – Optimization & Scale-Up (Years 2–3)

**Key Activities:** - Increase capacity utilization to 85–90% - Secure long-term feedstock contracts - Improve energy efficiency & yields - Strengthen export sales channels

**Key Outputs:** - Improved margins - Predictable cash flows - Strong compliance track record

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## 9.3 Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling Expansion Strategy

### Strategic Rationale

Lithium-ion battery volumes in Oman and the region will grow rapidly due to: - EV adoption - Solar & grid storage projects - Consumer electronics turnover

Early positioning provides **first-mover advantage** and technology leadership.

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### Expansion Approach (Phased)

**Stage 1 – Preparation (Years 2–3)** - Market study for LIB volumes - Technology partner selection - Pilot-scale trials - Staff training & safety framework

**Stage 2 – Pilot Facility (Years 3–4)** - Small-scale LIB processing line - Focus on dismantling & safe discharge - Limited hydrometallurgical recovery

**Stage 3 – Commercial LIB Plant (Years 4–6)** - Dedicated LIB recycling line - Recovery of lithium, cobalt, nickel - Integration with main facility

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## 9.4 Indicative LIB Expansion Investment

| Stage               | Estimated CAPEX (OMR) |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Pilot LIB Line      | 300,000 – 600,000     |
| Commercial LIB Line | 1.5 – 3.0 million     |

Returns expected to exceed traditional LAB recycling margins once scaled.

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## 9.5 Strategic Partnerships

- EV manufacturers & dealers
  - Solar EPC companies
  - Technology licensors
  - Research institutions
  - Government sustainability programs
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## 9.6 ESG & National Impact

- Reduction in hazardous waste dumping
  - Import substitution for metals
  - Job creation & skill development
  - Alignment with Oman Vision 2040
  - Contribution to national circular economy
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## 9.7 Exit & Long-Term Value Creation Options

- Strategic sale to regional recycler
- IPO or private equity entry
- Joint venture with OEMs

- Regional expansion hub
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## 10. Final Conclusion

This Battery Recycling Plant project represents a **strategic, environmentally critical, and financially attractive industrial investment** for Oman. With strong regulatory alignment, defensible economics, and a clear expansion roadmap into lithium-ion recycling, the project is positioned to become a **national infrastructure asset** supporting sustainability, energy transition, and industrial growth.

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### Battery Recycling Plant Business Plan – COMPLETE

This canvas now represents a **full 50-60 page equivalent industrial business plan**, suitable for: - Environment Authority submissions - Industrial land allocation - Bank & project finance discussions - Strategic & ESG investors

If you wish, next we can: - Convert this into a **bank-ready financial model (Excel-style)** - Prepare an **EIA pre-consultation deck** - Build an **investor pitch deck** - Localize it for a **specific industrial zone in Oman** - Create SOPs & compliance manuals