

# **CASE STUDY 3 -**

## **NAVIGATING MARKET SHIFTS: PEL'S DILEMMA**

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# POWERFLOW ENGINEERING LIMITED (PEL)'S HISTORY & FUTURE VISION

## PEL & its Vision

PEL was founded in 1978 and started manufacturing air compressors with a vision to lead the industrial compressor market by delivering innovative, energy-efficient, competitive, and reliable solutions that empower industries to achieve operational excellence and foster sustainable growth through cutting-edge technology and a commitment to quality.

## PEL Overview

### Current offered Products

- Air Conditioning
- Refrigeration Systems
- Marine HVACR
- Process Gas Systems
- Vapour Absorption System
- Hydraulic Transmission Machine



### STRENGTHS

Strong Industry Experience  
Government Support  
Potential Cost Reduction

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### WEAKNESSES

No prior experience in bare compressor development  
Unestablished supply chain

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### OPPORTUNITIES

Technological Advancements  
OEM Collaborations  
Growing Demand

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### THREATS

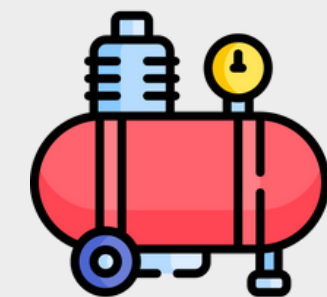
Strong global competition

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## About the Product

PEL currently imports bare centrifugal compressor from Hamilton International Corporation.. The imports per unit costs Rs **40L - 50L (including import duty)**. PEL wants to develop bare centrifugal compressors in-house to compete in the global market.



## Company Financials(2001) to (2006)

- Starting Revenue (2001) : Rs 187.5 Crores
- End Revenue (2006) : **Rs 260.0 Crores**
- Number of years : 5
- CAGR : **6.76%**



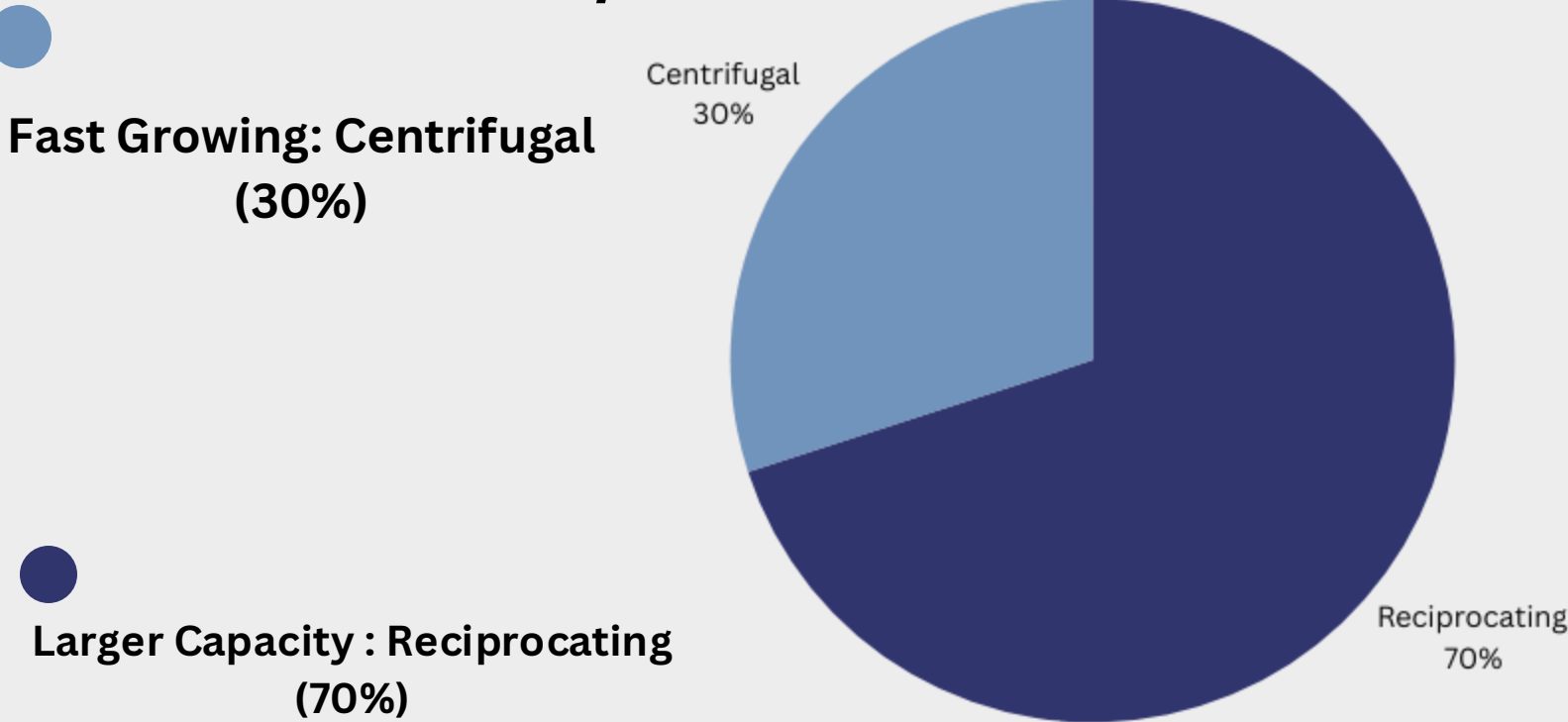


Reasons to consider NPD(New Product Development)

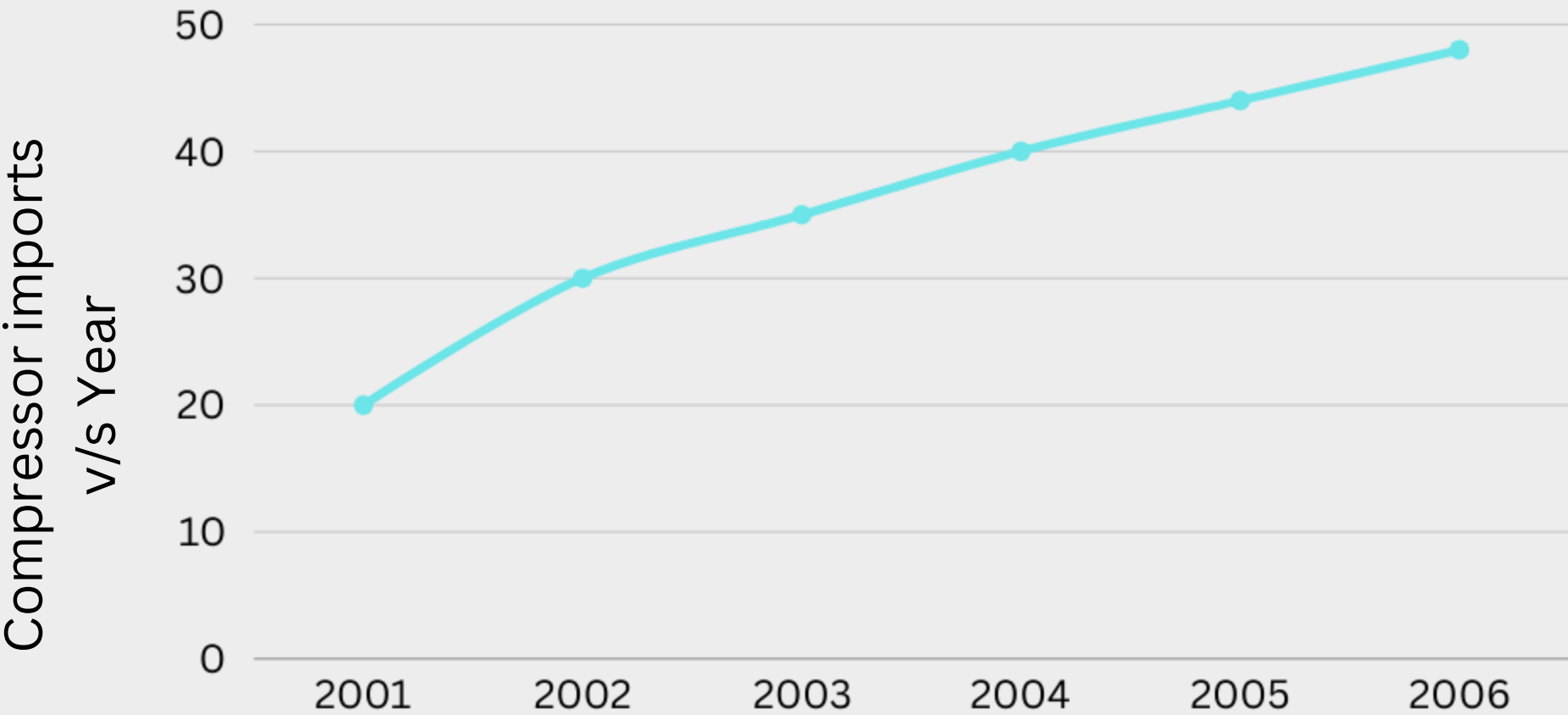
Considering in house  
Centrifugal Compressor

- Reduced Dependency on Imports
- Better Returns & High profits
- Ability to capture wide range of market
- Can leverage SEZ and Tax benefits such as 150% tax reduction for R&D and 100% tax exemptions for first five year

Indian compressor market by  
product



Factors	Imported product cost	In-house developed product cost	Benefit
Cost per Unit	Rs 45L (including import duties)	Rs 30L (no import duties)	High Amount of savings per unit. Can offer competitive prices
Total Cost 250 Units	Rs 112.5Cr.	Rs 75 Cr.	37.5 Cr saved on 250 units. Opportunity to capture a large market
Load Time	High	Low	Faster Product Delivery
Supply Chain	Hamilton International Corporation	Local Suppliers ( such as L&T)	Reduced Lead Time, Better quality control
Customization & Tech Controls	Limited	High	Opportunity to capture larger market



# Strategy to obtain 20% Market Size

## Competitor Market Share

Ingersoll Rand - 50-60% in India



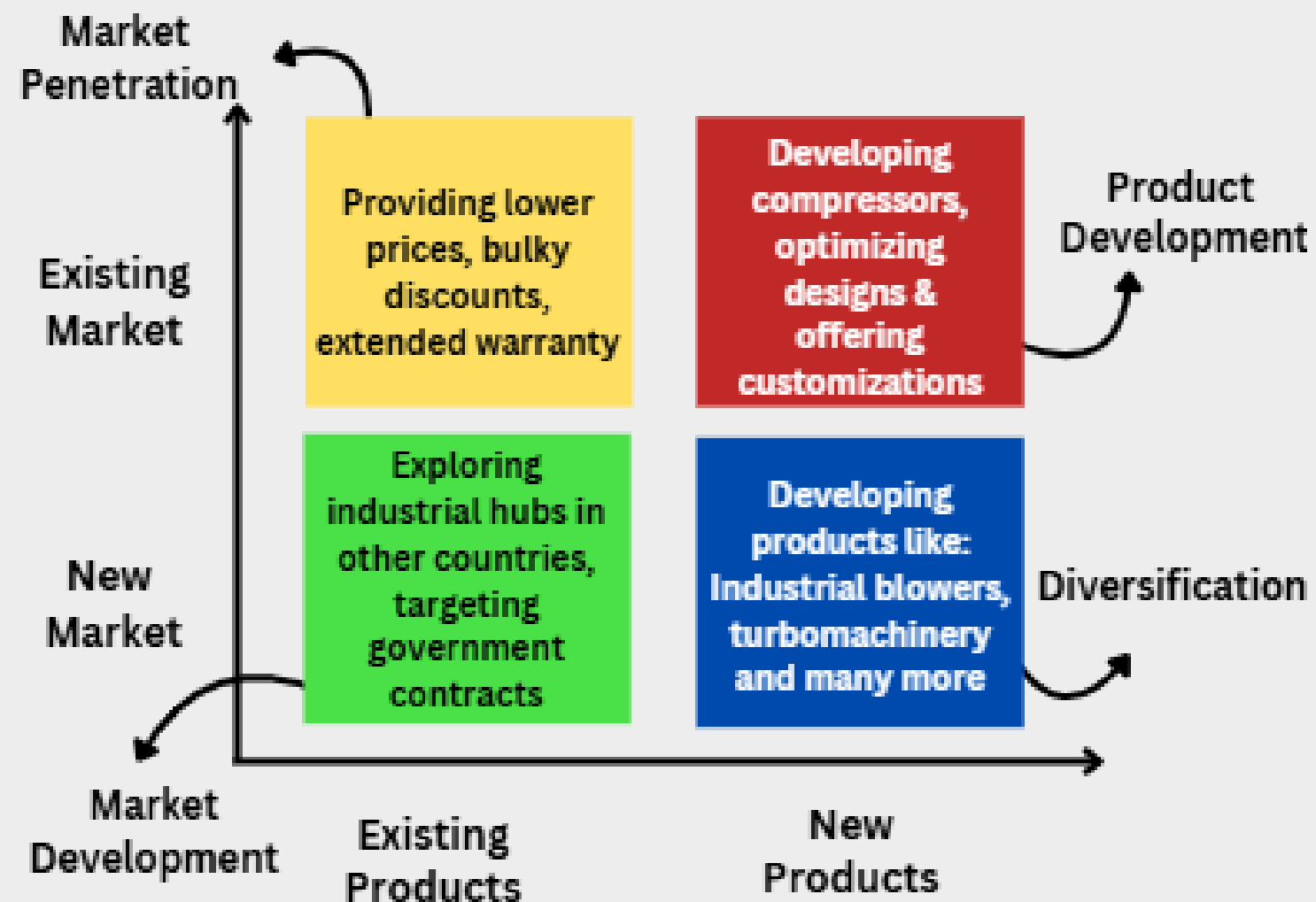
Atlas Copco - 30-40% in India



ELGI Equipments - 30% in India



## Ansoff Matrix



## Porter's 5 Forces Model for Market Share Growth Strategy

### Threats for entrants

- Partner with local Indian suppliers (Bharat Forge, L&T) for cost savings.
- Utilize 150% R&D tax deduction & SEZ benefits to lower costs.

### Threat of Substitutes

- Position centrifugal compressors as a long-term cost-saving investment.
- Prove that PEL's compressors save electricity & maintenance costs vs. imported models.

### Competitive Rivalry

- Capturing market with new technology.
- Offering lower prices by reducing dependency over imports.

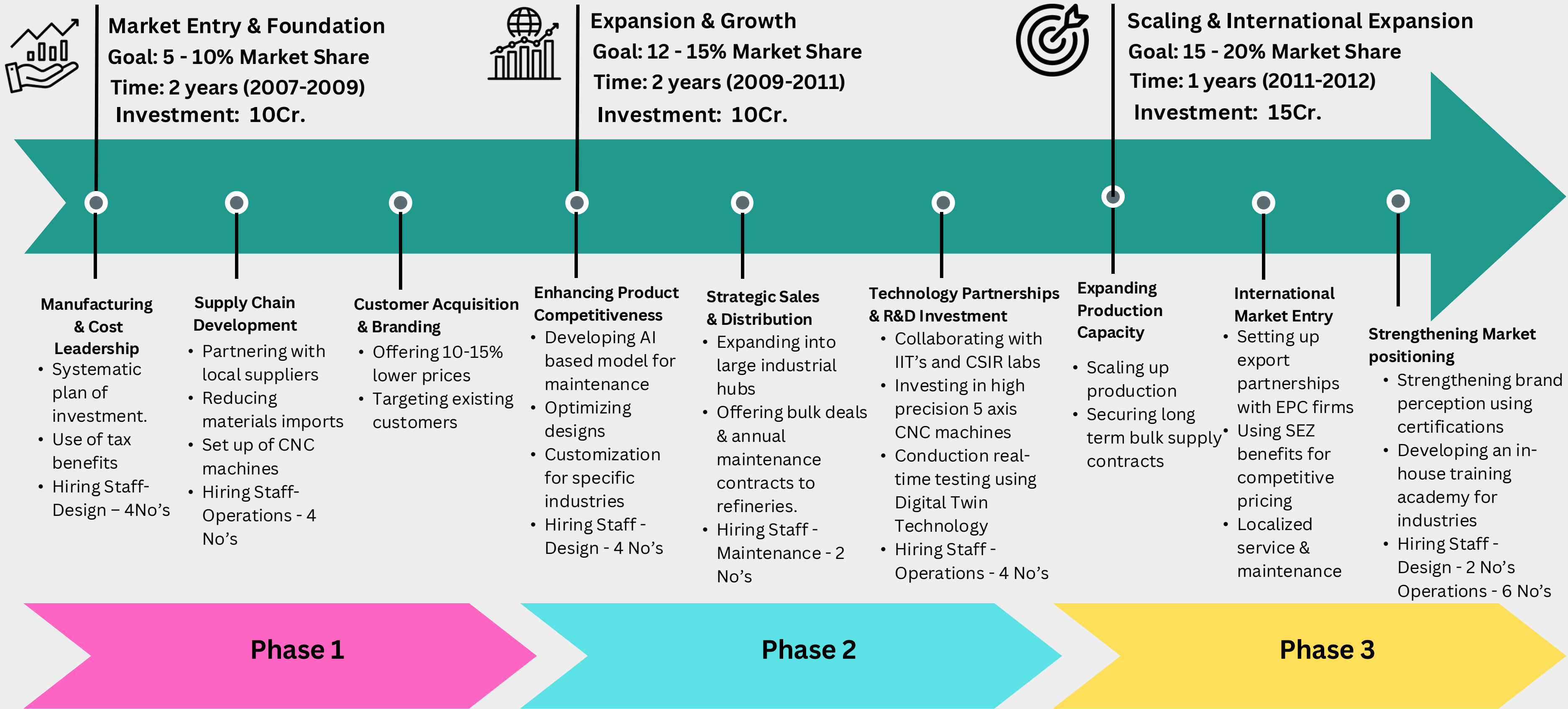
### Bargaining Power of Suppliers

- Develop long-term contracts with local manufacturers. Negotiate wholesale rates to lower per-unit costs.
- Reduce dependency on external precision machining vendors.

### Bargaining Power of Buyers

- Provide extended warranties & predictive maintenance. Offer EMI-based models to reduce upfront investment.
- Allow OEMs to integrate compressors into their systems easily.

# Timeframe Planning for Market Share Growth



Milestone in Phase 1: Securing initials large industrial clients

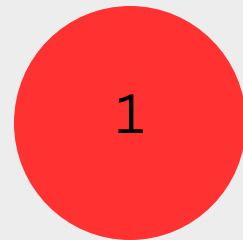
Milestone in Phase 2: Reduce per unit Cost from ₹ 30 L to ₹ 25 L

Milestone in Phase 3: Signing of international deals

# Building Supply Chain based on SCOR Model

- Importing compressors to maintain sales
- Investing Rs. 10Cr for supply chain setup and manufacturing
- Searching domestic suppliers for components
- Finalizing contracts with local suppliers

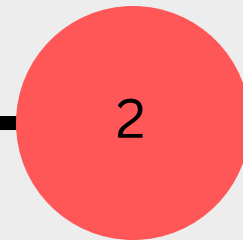
Months: 1-3



Plan

- Checking material quality and benchmarking them
- Starting small-component plant for R&D and material test
- Purchasing and setting up 2 CNC machines
- CFD simulations, impeller and diffuser testing

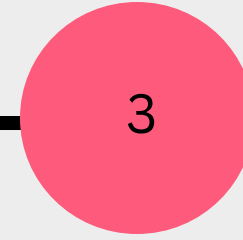
Months: 4-6



Source

- Prototype manufacturing and testing
- Setting up pilot plant and starting in-house production
- Testing compressors in HVAC's and other industrial units
- Shifting of 5-10% orders to in-house
- Product improvement through customer feedback

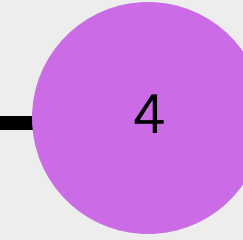
Months: 7-9



Make

- Increasing in-house production
- Securing major customers like oil & gas industry and refineries
- Purchasing and setting up 3 CNC machines
- Establishing after sales network
- Shifting 40-50% orders to in-house development

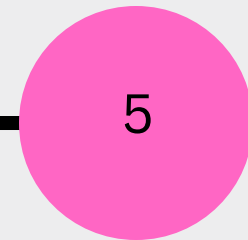
Months: 10-15



Deliver

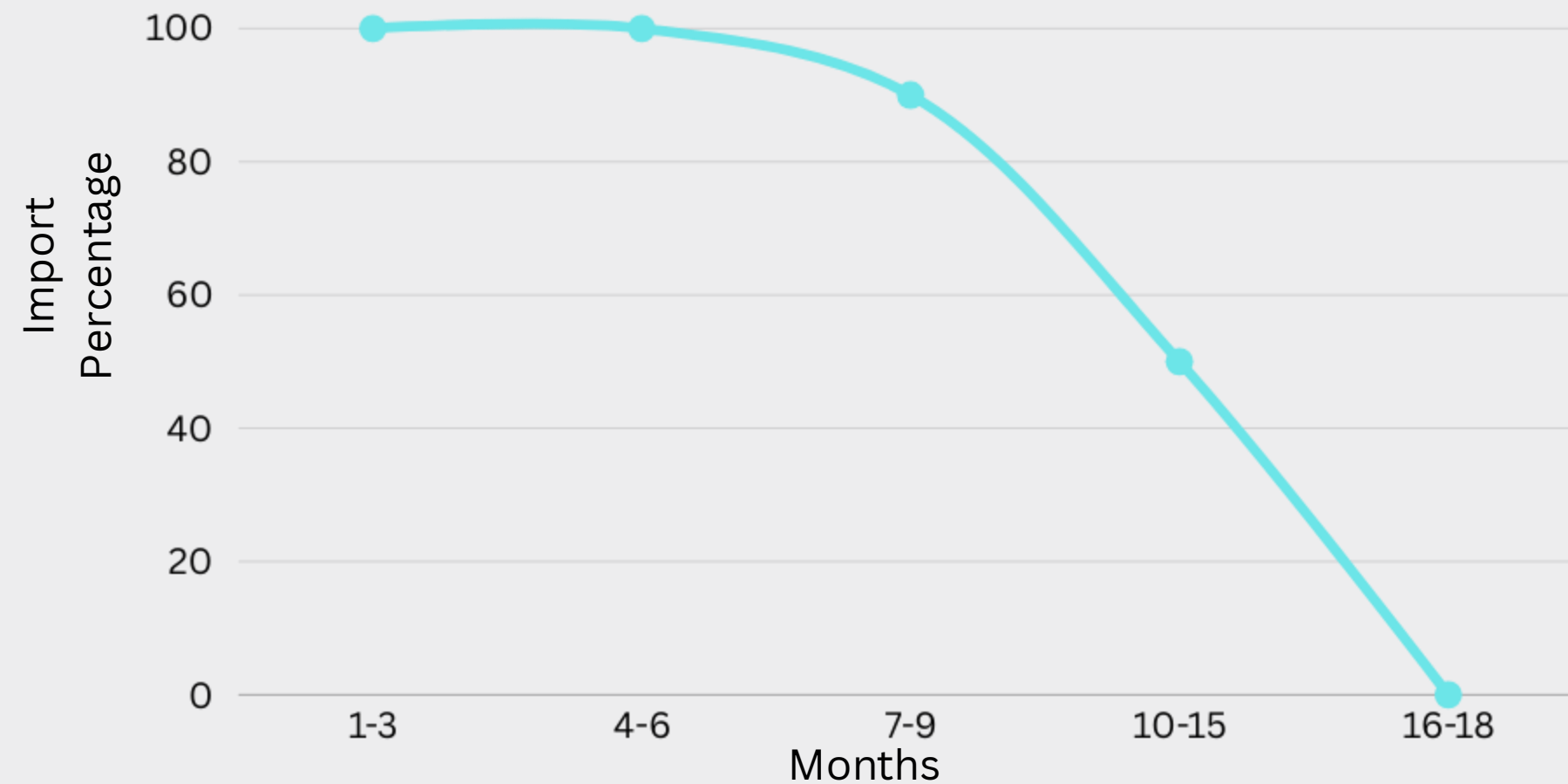
- Optimizing processes, machines and cost efficiency
- Plant scaling up for meeting up production orders
- Shifting 100% orders to in-house development

Months: 16-18

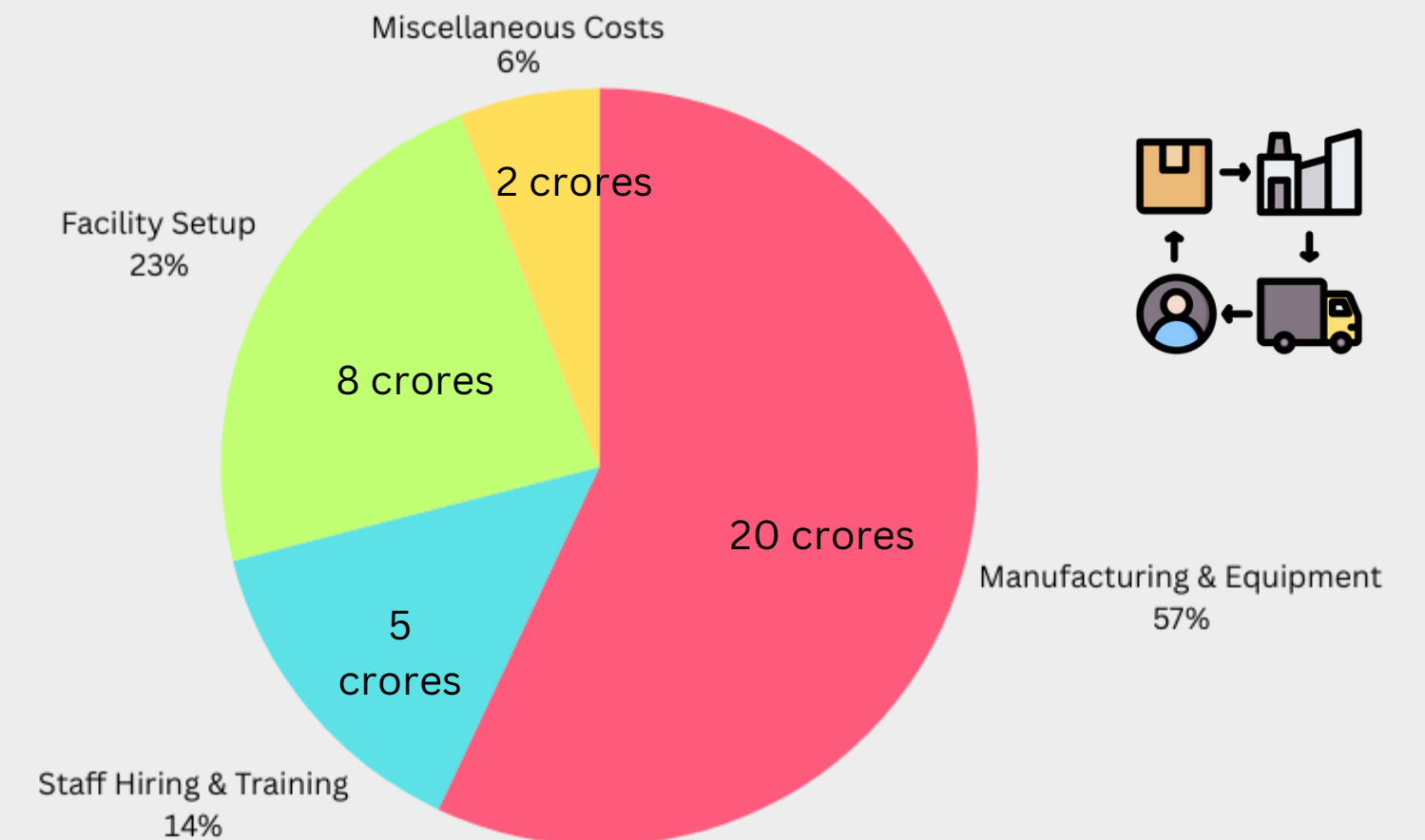


Return

Imports percentage vs Months



Final break down of 35Cr. (2007-2012)





# Leveraging Cutting-edge tech for New Products

## Design & Performance Optimization (R&D Phase)

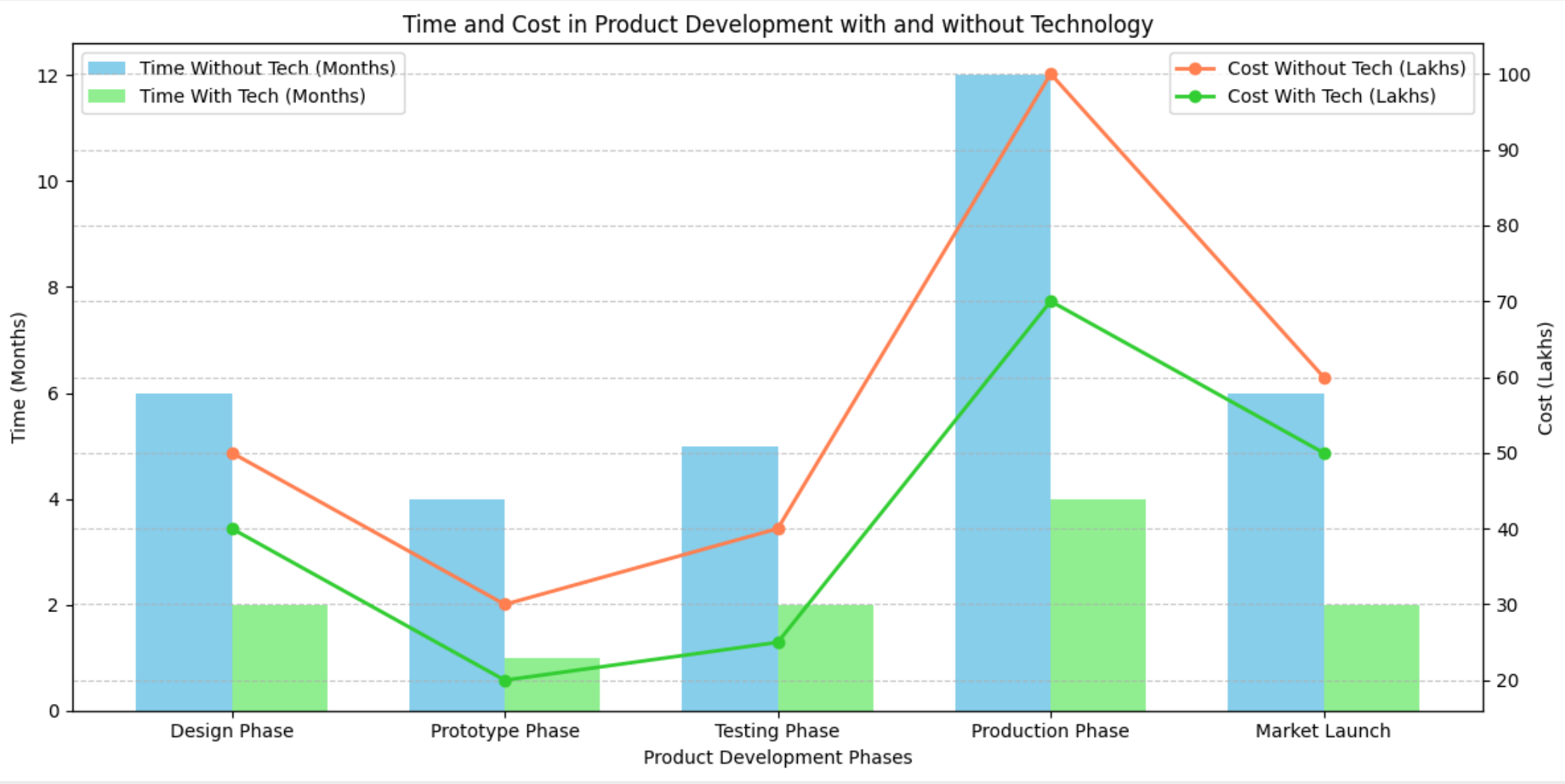
- Impeller Design Optimization
- Diffuser Efficiency Enhancement
- Integrally Geared Compressors

## Manufacturing & Cost Reduction (Production Phase)

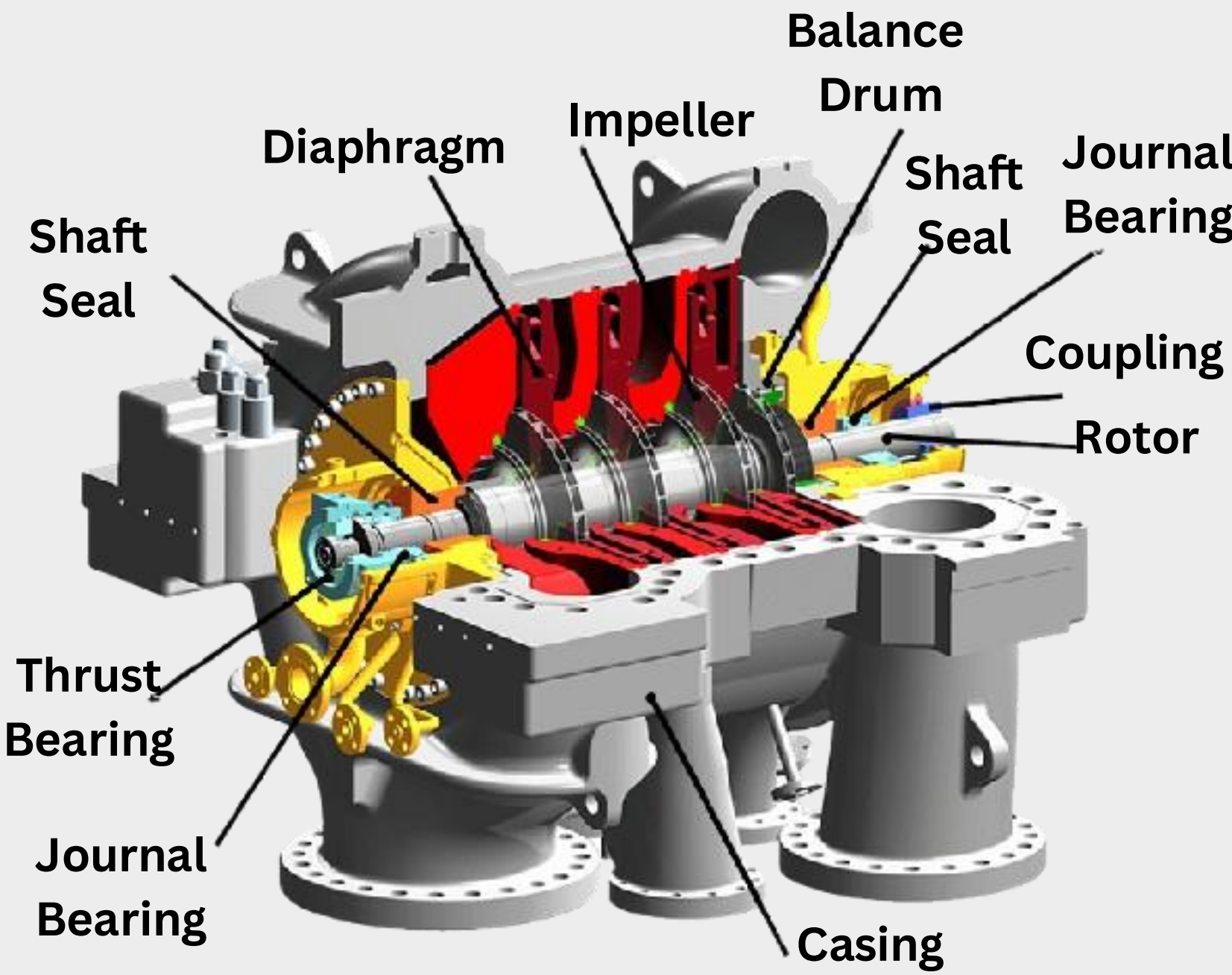
- High precision CNC Machining & 3D Printing
- Advanced Material Testing
- Automation & Robotics

## Smart Technology & IOT Integration (Post sales & Maintenance Phase)

- AI Based Predicted Maintenance
- Remote Monitoring & Cloud Performance Optimization



Graph shows the effect of technology in cost and time of production.



# PEL’s Vision for In-House Centrifugal compressor

To lead the market:

- Innovative, energy efficient, competitive solutions
- Cutting edge technology



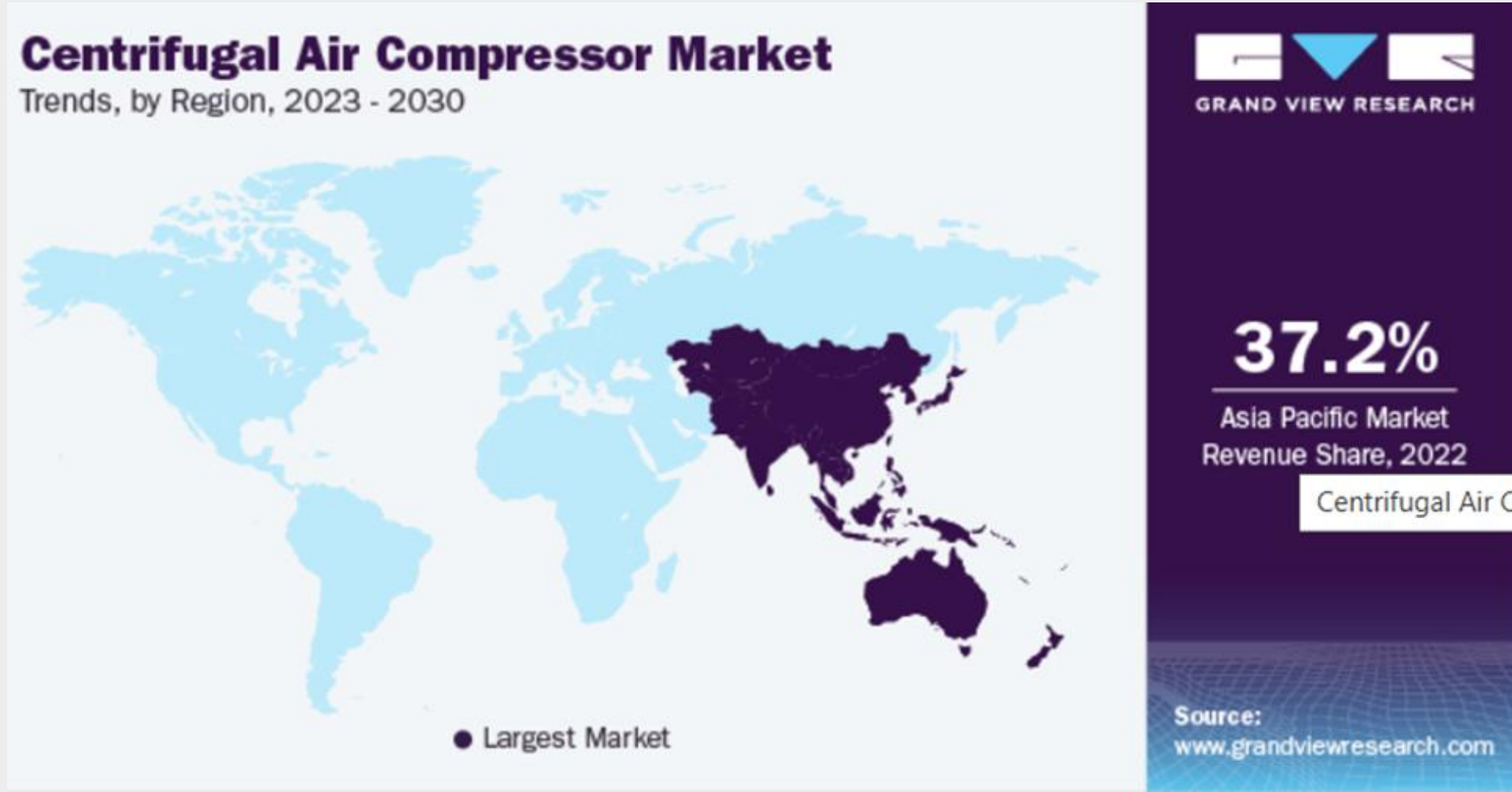
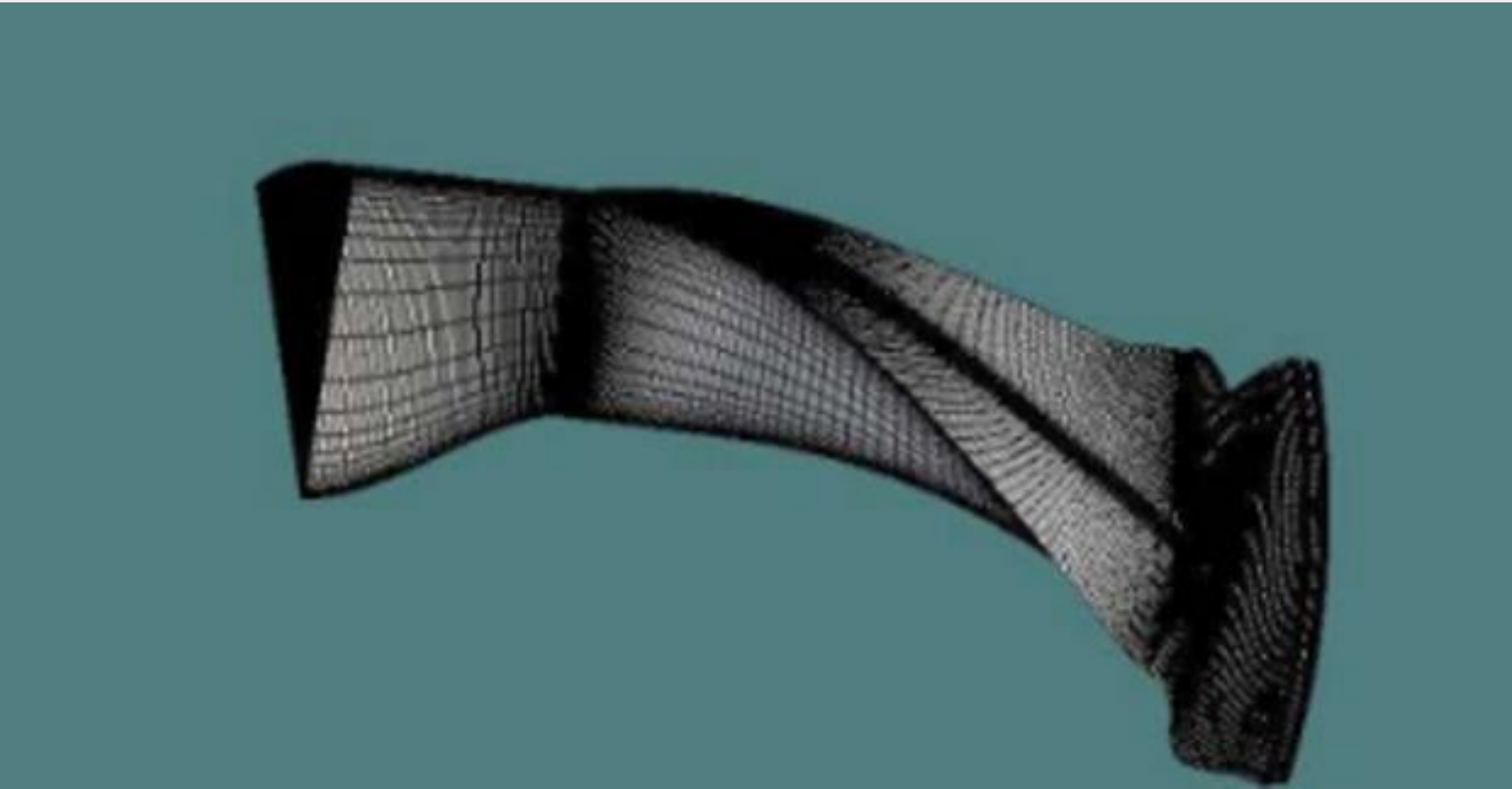
Advantages

- Longer life span than screw and rotary
- Providing competitive prices by reducing taxes & duties
- Collaborating with IITs and CSIR Labs to provide compressors develop on latest technologies
- Optimizing Compressors through R&D with the help of softwares like Ansys

CFD provide Data on - Efficiency vs mass flow










Pressure vs mass flow, Power vs mass flow

Parameter	1	2	3	4
Speed/rpm	9750	13650	15600	19500
Mass flow rate Kg/s	2.85	4.1	4.9	6
Pressure ratio	1.3	1.8	2.1	3.33
Efficiency	0.71	0.75	0.76	0.79
Power kw	100	300	450	900





# Challenges and Risks

Risks	Impacts	<div> <div>COVID - 19 impact Response and solutions</div>  </div>		<div> <div> <div>Consolidate:</div> <div>Considering Partnerships and reduce competition</div>  </div> <div> <div>Servitization:</div> <div>To increase manufacturing by evaluating business model</div>  </div> <div> <div>Innovation:</div> <div>Create and develop new products</div>  </div> <div> <div>End-use industries:</div> <div>Target those industries that provides services to end users for our business</div>  </div> <div> <div>Procurement:</div> <div>Evaluate various procurement options and update strategies</div>  </div> <div> <div>Locations:</div> <div>Target and strategize suitable locations to plan sales</div>  </div> </div>
COVID - 19 Pandemic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workforce unavailability</li> <li>Supply Chain Disruptions</li> <li>Gradual fall on demand of compressor due to decrease in industrial activity</li> </ul> 			
Demonetization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Problem of exchange rate volatility</li> <li>Worse Credit conditions</li> <li>Liquidity Crunch</li> <li>Payments Delays</li> </ul> 			
Change in Tax Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inflation costs problem rises</li> <li>Difficult for investment strategies</li> </ul>			
Market Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competitors like Ingersoll Rand and Atlas Copco dominate the market</li> </ul>			





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