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SAMPLE REPORT

Scout Report: Pharmaceutical Equipment, India — Ground Reconnaissance Sample

Sample Report
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India · Pharmaceutical Equipment

The five-minute version

Everything a decision-maker needs before choosing how deep to go.

5 MINUTES

This page, then the reconnaissance readout: who buys, who decides, which channel works, and the entry recommendation.

30 MINUTES

The field sections: buyer map, decision-chain anatomy, channel and competitor reconnaissance, and the 90-day contact plan.

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The verification appendix: what was checked on the ground, what is inferred, and what a live engagement would verify next.

VERDICT

A Scout Report answers one question: who, exactly, will buy from you first — and how to reach them.

This sample shows the full structure of a live Scout Report. Public-record sections carry real, sourced data. Sections that come from primary fieldwork in a live engagement are marked ILLUSTRATIVE — we do not publish real client fieldwork, and we do not fabricate it.

20

Named target accounts a live Scout Report maps — with the technical, commercial and financial approver identified per account

3-5

Channel candidates vetted per territory, each verified through reference accounts they closed in the last 18 months

4-6 weeks

Typical Scout engagement: desk phase (week 1-2), field calls (week 3-4), verification and write-up (week 5-6)

90 days

The contact plan horizon: every recommendation ends in a named next meeting, not a strategy slide

If you read nothing else

1. A Market Intelligence Report tells you whether the market is worth entering; a Scout Report tells you who to call on Monday. The two are designed to be used in that order.
2. In Indian pharma-equipment buying, the technical evaluator, the commercial negotiator and the final approver are usually three different people. Selling to only one of them is how tenders stall.
3. Every claim in a live Scout Report is labeled: observed (we verified it), reported (a named source told us), or inferred (our read). This sample keeps that discipline.

RECOMMENDED FIRST MOVE

If this structure fits the decision on your desk, the scoping call defines the sector, territory and account list — and we tell you honestly whether a Scout Report is the right tool or whether a lighter report answers your question.

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What a Scout Report is — and how to read this sample

A Scout Report is ground reconnaissance for a market entry that has already been decided in principle. It does not argue whether India is attractive — that is the job of a Market Intelligence Report. It answers the operational questions: which accounts will buy first, who inside them actually approves, which channel partner is worth signing, what the competition looks like from the buyer's side of the table, and what you should do in the next 90 days.

This sample uses the same sector as our public MIR sample — pharmaceutical equipment in India — so you can see how the two products connect. It is built with the same evidence discipline as a live engagement, with one honest difference, stated plainly:

- Sections built from the **public record** (clusters, account universe, regulatory context, trade flows) carry real, sourced data [1][2][3][6][7].
- Sections that in a live engagement come from **primary fieldwork** — distributor interviews, plant visits, reference calls — are marked **ILLUSTRATIVE** and show the structure and depth of what a client receives. We do not publish real client fieldwork, and we do not fabricate interviews for marketing. What you see is the format; a live report fills it with verbatim, attributed evidence.

Every claim in a live Scout Report is labeled **observed** (we verified it directly), **reported** (a named source told us and we recorded the exact words), or **inferred** (our read, argued from the evidence). This sample keeps that labeling throughout.

The reconnaissance readout

The question a live client would have asked: "We make secondary packaging and inspection equipment. Which Indian accounts do we target first, with whom, and through which channel?"

The answer this reconnaissance supports:

- **Target the compliance-driven buyer, not the price-driven buyer.** India's revised Schedule M (notified 28 December 2023) upgraded GMP requirements for premises, plant and equipment, and export-oriented manufacturers face EU and US inspection regimes on top [3]. Equipment that survives audits is bought on evidence, not on price — that is the European entrant's wedge (inferred from regulatory record and trade-flow structure [3][6]).
- **The account universe is concentrated and reachable.** India's pharmaceutical manufacturing base clusters in a handful of geographies — Hyderabad, Ahmedabad/Vadodara, Mumbai/Pune, Bengaluru, Visakhapatnam and the Baddi belt — and the large export-oriented manufacturers and CDMOs are publicly identifiable (observed, public record [1][2]).
- **Channel beats direct for the first 18 months — but only a verified channel.** EU machinery exports to India on relevant HS lines have grown steadily [6], and the buyers expect local installation, qualification documentation and service response. A partner who cannot produce reference accounts they closed in the last 18 months is a brochure, not a channel (inferred; verification protocol in the channel section).
- **90-day plan:** shortlist 20 accounts from the public universe, qualify the decision chain in the top 8, vet 3 channel candidates against the reference protocol, and enter with one flagship account per cluster rather than a national launch (inferred; plan detailed below).

The buyer map

The account universe (public record)

A live Scout Report names 20 target accounts with plant locations, relevant product lines and known expansion signals. The universe for pharmaceutical equipment in India is well documented in the public record; the table below shows the mapping format on publicly identifiable segments [1][2].

Segment	Publicly identifiable examples	Why they buy compliance-grade equipment	Evidence label
Large export-oriented manufacturers	Sun Pharma, Cipla, Dr. Reddy's, Zydus, Aurobindo, Lupin	US/EU inspection exposure; continuous brownfield upgrades	Observed (public filings, plant approvals) [1]
CDMOs scaling complex capacity	Divi's, Syngene, Piramal Pharma Solutions, Aragen	Client-imposed quality standards; technology-led capex	Observed (public announcements) [2]
Sterile injectables and biologics	Serum Institute, Biocon, Gland Pharma	Sterility assurance, containment, automated inspection	Observed (public record) [1] [2]
Mid-size exporters upgrading under Schedule M	Cluster-level universe: Baddi, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad	Revised Schedule M compliance deadlines [3]	Observed (regulatory record) [3]

The decision chain — the part that stalls tenders

ILLUSTRATIVE — in a live report this section is built per account from primary calls.

Indian pharma-equipment purchases typically run through three distinct roles, and they are rarely the same person:

Role	Typical title	What they care about	How they kill a deal
Technical evaluator	Head of Engineering / Projects	Qualification documents, URS fit, audit survivability	"Vendor could not produce IQ/OQ formats on request"
Commercial negotiator	Purchase head / SCM	Landed cost, AMC terms, spares pricing, penalties	Endless L1 re-quoting against a domestic reference price
Final approver	Promoter / Plant director / CFO	Project timeline risk, inspection history, references	One call to a peer who had a bad service experience

A live Scout Report names all three for each of the top 8 accounts, records how each was reached, and grades access from "warm introduction available" to "cold, requires trade-show route." The verbatim evidence — what a projects head actually said about current suppliers — is the core deliverable of the field phase, and the reason a Scout Report cannot be compiled from a desk.

Channel reconnaissance

The verification protocol (this is the method, and it is not optional)

Any distributor candidate is verified against four checks before we recommend signature — each one labeled in the live report:

1. **Reference accounts:** three named accounts closed in the last 18 months, each contacted (reported evidence, verbatim).
2. **Decision-chain reach:** demonstrated access to all three buying roles above, not only the engineering office (observed via joint meetings).
3. **Service reality:** number and location of qualified service engineers; response-time commitments tested against an existing customer (reported).
4. **Portfolio conflict:** current principals and whether your line competes or complements — checked against their actual quote history where shareable (reported/inferred).

What the channel landscape looks like

ILLUSTRATIVE — candidate names and assessments in a live report come from fieldwork.

The structural finding the public record supports: European machinery reaches India through a small set of specialized importers and manufacturer-representative firms clustered around the pharma geographies, and the credible ones exhibit the pattern above — reference accounts, service engineers on payroll, and a portfolio of complementary (not competing) European principals. Trade-flow data show EU exports to India on relevant machinery and instrument HS lines grew from roughly USD 1.4 billion (2021) to USD 2.0 billion (2025) on the selected proxy buckets [6] — the channel to absorb European equipment exists and is growing. The industry association layer (for example IPMMA, the Indian Pharma Machinery Manufacturers Association, founded 2001 [7]) and the annual CPHI/P-MEC India cycle provide the neutral ground where channel vetting starts.

Competitor field view

ILLUSTRATIVE structure — a live report grades named competitors per account.

The competitive read that matters is not global market share; it is who the buyer benchmarks you against at quote time. A live Scout Report builds, per target account, a table of: the incumbent supplier, the domestic alternative and its reference price, the other European or Japanese contender, and — critically — what the buyer's team said about each (reported, verbatim). The public-record baseline: domestic manufacturers compete hard on price and delivery in standard equipment classes, while imported equipment holds the compliance-critical and automation-heavy segments — which is exactly where the trade-flow growth concentrates [6].

The 90-day contact plan

ILLUSTRATIVE — dates and names filled per engagement.

Days	Action	Output
1-15	Confirm the 20-account universe; rank by compliance pressure and expansion signals	Ranked account list with evidence per rank
15-45	Field phase: decision-chain mapping in top 8 accounts; first channel-candidate meetings	Named decision chains; channel shortlist with reference checks started
45-75	Verify channel references; joint visits to 2-3 accounts with the leading candidate	Channel recommendation with evidence; first live opportunities logged
75-90	Commercial setup: pricing architecture per cluster, service commitment letter, first tender responses	Signed channel agreement or a documented reason not to sign; pipeline of named opportunities

Verification appendix

What this sample verified (public record): the cluster geography and account universe [1][2]; the revised Schedule M notification and its scope (28 December 2023, premises/plant/equipment) [3]; EU-India trade-flow growth on selected HS proxy lines 2021-2025 from UN Comtrade [6]; the association and trade-show layer [7].

What a live engagement verifies in the field: the decision chain per account; channel candidates' reference accounts; service response reality; competitor standing per account; price benchmarks per equipment class.

What we will not do: publish another client's fieldwork as marketing, or fill the illustrative sections of a sample with invented interviews. If the structure above is what your entry decision needs, the live version is built for your product line, your territory and your account list.

Ref	Confidence	Use in report	Source
[1]	High	Export-oriented manufacturer universe and inspection exposure	Public company filings and plant-approval records of listed Indian pharmaceutical manufacturers (Sun Pharma, Cipla, Dr. Reddy's, Zydus, Aurobindo, Lupin)
[2]	High	CDMO and biologics segment universe	Public company announcements (Divi's, Syngene, Piramal Pharma Solutions, Aragen; Serum Institute, Biocon, Gland Pharma)
[3]	High	Revised Schedule M notification and scope	Government of India, G.S.R. 922(E), 28 December 2023 — revised Schedule M: GMP and requirements of premises, plant and equipment
[6]	High	EU-India trade flows, selected HS proxy lines 2021-2025	UN Comtrade public preview API — `data/pharmaceutical-equipment-india/data_manifest.json`
[7]	High	Industry association layer	Indian Pharma Machinery Manufacturers Association (IPMMA), founded 2001 — ipmma.org

Methodology & Source Log

The narrative was generated from the MIR/STORM research run and preserves inline citation markers. Data charts, where present, are generated from auditable public API outputs and their manifests.

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1	Public company filings and plant-approval records of listed Indian pharmaceutical manufacturers (Sun Pharma, Cipla, Dr. Reddy's, Zydus, Aurobindo, Lupin)	Export-oriented manufacturer universe and inspection exposure	High	
2	Public company announcements (Divi's, Syngene, Piramal Pharma Solutions, Aragen; Serum Institute, Biocon, Gland Pharma)	CDMO and biologics segment universe	High	
3	Government of India, G.S.R. 922(E), 28 December 2023	revised Schedule M: GMP and requirements of premises, plant and equipment	Revised Schedule M notification and scope	High
6	UN Comtrade public preview API	\`data/pharmaceutical-equipment-india/data_manifest.json\`	EU-India trade flows, selected HS proxy lines 2021-2025	High
7	Indian Pharma Machinery Manufacturers Association (IPMMA), founded 2001	ipmma.org	Industry association layer	High