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Speech of
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- **Your Excellency Saad Abu Al Maati, Representative of Egyptian Fertilizer Industry, AFA Board Member**
- **AFA Board Members**
- **Engineer Mohamed Abdullah Al Zain – AFA Secretary General**
- **Companies’ Board Chairmen, Regional and International Organizations Officials**

Ladies and Gentlemen

In my name and on behalf of AFA Board members I would like to welcome you all in Sahl Hasheesh, in the beautiful touristic city of Hurghada and in the opening ceremony of the 21st Annual AFA Fertilizer Forum & Exhibition. The Forum is held annually since 1995, in Arab Republic of Egypt, enjoying a long history in fertilizer industry. All thanks to Egypt for the ongoing support to AFA activities and proceedings.

Distinguished attendants,

In witnessing the 40th anniversary of AFA, it is worth noting that AFA is currently occupying a distinct and prominent status among other industrial sectors in many Arab countries, highlighting the significant role played by such an industry. This industry is considered to be the point connecting between the raw materials extracting industries, besides being one of the agriculture sector development elements; the world food security source.

AFA, with strenuous efforts and dedicated pursuits, became today an ideal model of common Arab work in the industry field. AFA is further characterized by effectiveness, commitment and seriousness, thus achieves aspirations and takes Arab fertilizer industry to wider horizons.

Ladies and Gentlemen

The ongoing convening of such an annual international event, during all these years with this great attendance of chairmen from international organizations and institutions working in fertilizer industry and trade field, undoubtedly emphasizes the deep links connecting fertilizer producers in the Arab region with their counterparts in the rest of the world.

Therefore, AFA yearns for such an annual gathering to renew means of communication with colleagues and fertilizer industry stakeholders, whose attendance is appreciated and participation is valued.

The success that has been and still being achieved by AFA since its establishment is attributed to the commitment reflected by all who led AFA affairs, namely Board chairmen, Board members, Secretary Generals and distinguished members. They all believed in the importance of working on developing Arab fertilizer industry and maximizing related contributions for the development of our countries.

As an AFA Board Chairman for this session, it gives me great pleasure to express all gratitude and thanks for all Board chairmen, secretary generals and member companies of AFA since its establishment in 1975.

Distinguished attendants,

I would like to highlight that AFA is adopting a strategy and vision based on paying due concern to sustainable development. To elaborate, fertilizer industry and related raw materials, under the umbrella of which we gather today, are in dire need to apply the sustainability policy, for being an industry concerned with the best utilization of available natural resources. Moreover, it is an industry on which the human life, present and future depend together with the aspired food security.

The previously mentioned is to be applied through:

- Reaching high quality products that fulfill society developing needs;
- Monitoring, managing and bearing the responsibility for our environmental impacts;
- Investing effectively in projects contributing in a more sustainable environment;
- Increasing the agricultural extension and awareness raising activity with regard to good usage of fertilizers and its different types and elements (main and micro) in addition to entrenching direct relationship with end users (farmers);

- Integrating and communicating with related regional and international organizations, associations and research centers, at the top of which Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD), International Fertilizer Association (IFA), (IPI), (IPNI), (IMPHOS) and other organizations;
- Paying attention to sustainable human development via convened forums, conferences and specialized workshops (it is noteworthy in this regard that AFA encourages applied scientific researches through the annual awards provided to the best applied research in the field of good usage of fertilizers; during such a remarkable event the 2014 winner will be announced).

Distinguished attendants,

At the end of my speech I would like to extend my thanks for all participants and exhibitors and the participating Egyptian companies for their support and contribution in the success of such an international event. I would further like to extend special thanks to Stamicarbon Company for participating in such an endeavor.

Wishing you all success in achieving such an event desired objectives,,

Regards

Dr. Abdul Rahman Jawahry

AFA Board Chairman