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Ladies and gentlemen

This year Forum is convened under the title “Arab Fertilizer Producers Continue to Shine”, as Arab fertilizer industry occupies a distinguished status internationally, for being characterized by abundant natural resources of natural gas, phosphate and potash, which are the main elements for fertilizer industry. Moreover, the Arab countries are continuously striving to develop this sector, which represents one of the main national economy sources for the countries of the region, within the framework of pursuing sustainable development.

As nearly 90% of Arab production of some Arab countries is export oriented. . In 2015, the Arab region fertilizers and related raw materials total production exceeded 100 Mt and exports surmounted 58 Mt.

As an overview of Arab market shares, reached the following:

64% of phosphate rocks;

58% of phosphoric acid;

42% of super triphosphate;

34% of urea; and

19% of ammonia.

In addition to other products with diverse percentages.

This highlights the significance of fertilizer for Arab region future, as a result of the current launching of numerous fertilizers project in the Arab region.

Our meeting today is an actual manifestation of a valuable opportunity to exchange best practices and innovations in order to develop our individual and collective experiences; seeking to achieve sustainable development, make best use of natural resources and apply modern technology to accomplish society goals and reach better living standards.

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AFA, all through its path, sought to develop mechanisms and programs in accordance with the latest updates and challenges facing such a vital industry, which was translated into AFA annual plans. These plans were considered the foundation for identifying Arab fertilizer industry needs, coping with the international developments, and aspiring to raise efficiencies, improve performance and promote this industry on scientific basis, with regard to energy, environment protection, water usage rationalization, maintenance, and the development of production methods.

It is noteworthy that fertilizer industry is considered a main point of entrance to agriculture sector and indispensable to achieve sustainable agricultural development, eliminate food gap and reach food security. During the past decades, remarkable efforts were exerted to improve land productivity, provide farmers with adequate fertilizers and encourage them to adopt modern technologies so as to increase fertilizer usage effectiveness. However, we definitely need a variety of new ideas that would direct us rapidly towards a better future. This undoubtedly will not be fulfilled without involving all stakeholders, including farmers, international organizations, modern technologies specialized companies as well as scientific research institutions. Currently, efforts are focused on the different methods that would lead to crop production increase. The numerous factors with regard to achieving the previous goal include balanced fertilization of different crops without overlooking the key or secondary nutrients.

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Fertilizer industry policy in Egypt mainly depends on maximizing the value-added and economic return of the key materials, namely phosphate and natural gas, in accordance with the available needs, accumulated expertise, trained labor, and continuous presence in international markets, based on clear exporting plans to contribute in international fertilizer trade movement. Fertilizer industry in Egypt has achieved a qualitative surge in increasing amounts, diversifying fertilizers and expanding phosphate fertilizer sector, as Egypt total production of fertilizers and related materials reached around 21 Mt (15.5% nitrogen), 9.5 Mt of which are consumed (15.5% nitrogen) by local market and the remaining

share is export oriented. It is worth noting that some of the most significant projects, being launched shortly, are:

✚ **Delta Company for Fertilizers Project**

- Ammonia and urea production project with a total production capacity of 396 Kt /Y for the ammonia unit and 650 Kt/Y for the urea unit.

✚ **Egyptian Chemical Industries Company (KIMA) (Aswan)**

- Ammonia and urea production project with a total production capacity of 396 Kt/Y for the ammonia unit, 530 Kt/Y for the urea unit and 240 Kt/Y for ammonia nitrate unit.

✚ **Al Nasr Company for Intermediate Chemicals (Q4 2018) Ain Sokhna Compound:**

It comprises:

- Two sulfuric acid production units with total production capacity of 1250 Kt/Y;
- Two commercial phosphoric acid production units with total production capacity of 396 Kt/Y;
- Two pure phosphoric acid production units with total production capacity of 100 Kt/Y;
- DAP/MAP production unit with total production capacity of 100 Kt/Y;
- TSP production unit with total production capacity of 248 Kt/Y.

✚ **Industrial Compound (Abu Tartour/New Valley):**

The following parties contribute in this project:

Phosphate Misr Company – Investment Bank – Abu Qir Fertilizers Company – Al Ahly Capital Holding Company – ENPPI Company – Petrojet Company – East Gas Company – Egyptian General Authority for Mineral Resources.

- It depends on phosphate rocks with total production capacity of 3 Mt/Y;
- Phosphoric acid is produced after the purification and concentration operations with total production capacity of 500 Kt/Y, as a first phase;
- All phosphate fertilizer types are planned to be produced in the project second phase.

✚ **MOBCO Company Projects**

Production started in 2016 with a total production capacity of 1.8 Mt of urea fertilizer (46.5%).

In addition, Abu Qir Company projects are in the process of execution.

Egypt is further paying due concern to implementing promising programs aiming at further improvement of work conditions, enhancement of vocational safety, preservation of environment and development of local community.

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At the end of my speech, I would like to express my deep appreciation to the Government of Egypt for the support provided to AFA work proceedings, being the headquarters country, together with the generous companies sponsoring such an international Forum.

I would like also to thank AFA Board members and Secretariat for their ongoing efforts for the benefit of Arab fertilizer industry.

All appreciation for your distinguished attendance, wishing that such a Forum would be a momentum for Arab fertilizer industry progress, to be always capable of catering for the increasing demand on fertilizers locally and internationally and boosting Arab region sustainable development process.

Wishing you all an outstanding stay ... and don't miss visiting Egypt landmarks (Giza Pyramids – Egyptian Museum – Saladin Citadel).