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## ENTERING THE OCTOBER-MARCH PLANTING SEASON, PETROKIMIA GRESIK ENSURES STOCK OF FERTILIZERS IN VARIOUS REGIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT ALLOCATION

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Petrokimia Gresik, a member of the holding Pupuk Indonesia's Agro-Industry Solutions, has confirmed the availability of subsidized fertilizers during the October 2022 - March 2023 (Okmar) planting season in accordance with the government's allocation. As of October 18, 2022, the availability of subsidized fertilizers from Petrokimia Gresik reached 377,544 tons, two times more than the minimum allocation set by the government (142,222 tons).

The President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, during a visit to agriculture in Papua on Wednesday (19/10), stated that Petrokimia Gresik is obligated to distribute subsidized fertilizers according to the regulations set by the government. Through the Minister of Agriculture Regulation (Permentan) No. 10 of 2022, the government restricts subsidized fertilizers to Urea and Phonska.

The stock of subsidized fertilizers from Petrokimia Gresik consists of 34,387 tons of Urea and 343,157 tons of Phonska located in the factory (Line I), provincial warehouse (Line II), and district-level warehouse (Line III). Specifically for subsidized Urea, Petrokimia Gresik only has the responsibility to meet the needs in the regions of East Java, Maluku, North Maluku, Papua, and West Papua, as well as NTT. Meanwhile, for subsidized Phonska, Petrokimia Gresik is obligated to meet all needs throughout Indonesia.

"Petrokimia Gresik is always ready to support national food security by maintaining the availability of subsidized fertilizers according to regulations. Subsidized fertilizers are one of the very important agro-inputs to increase agricultural productivity," said Dwi Satriyo.

To ensure that the distribution of subsidized fertilizers reaches its target, Petrokimia Gresik has been increasing distribution supervision through the implementation of several digital systems and applications, such as the Warehouse Management System (WMS), the Online Truck Scheduling System (SISTRO), and the Petrokimia Gresik Port Information System (Petroport). This digitalization allows subsidized fertilizers to be monitored in real-time.

Dwi Satriyo, President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, wants to ensure that the distribution process throughout all lines of responsibility at Petrokimia Gresik runs well and in accordance with procedure. With the integration of digital systems, it is hoped that potential deviations in the Petrokimia Gresik distribution network can be minimized.

Satriyo also reminds farmers to be wary of fertilizer products with packaging or brands similar to Petrokimia Gresik products that are widely circulating or sold during the planting season, such as now, especially subsidized fertilizer products, as the quality cannot be guaranteed. The use of these fertilizers does not guarantee harvest productivity.

On the other hand, in line with the obligation to distribute subsidized fertilizers, Petrokimia Gresik also prepares stocks of non-subsidized fertilizers as a solution for farmers whose fertilizer needs are not allocated in the subsidy scheme.

"The allocation of subsidized fertilizers is indeed limited compared to the needs of farmers. Only farmers registered in the e-RDKK are entitled to receive subsidized fertilizers.



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Meanwhile, for farmers who are not registered, we recommend using our non-subsidized products because they are guaranteed to increase agricultural productivity," he explained.

As an effort to increase agricultural productivity, Petrokimia Gresik also provides comprehensive agricultural controls for agriculture in the country. Petrokimia Gresik has pest control products through its subsidiary.

Petrokimia Gresik also provides soil testing mobile services to determine the conditions of agricultural land in each region, so that it can provide the right fertilizer recommendations. Currently, there is 15 soil testing mobile units operating in eight provinces to serve farmers.

Meanwhile, during his visit to Papua, Dwi Satriyo met with a number of farmers in several areas, including Jayapura City, Merauke, and Sorong. In addition to holding a discussion with farmers, kiosks, and distributors, he also visited the Staging Warehouse.

"The purpose of our visit is to find out the fertilizer needs in the Papua and Papua Barat regions. In addition, it is also a means of customer intimacy, especially for non-subsidized fertilizers, especially at the beginning of the October-March planting season," Dwi Satriyo concluded.

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