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## PETROKIMIA GRESIK ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT ACHIEVE THE GREEN INDUSTRY LEVEL 5 FROM THE INDUSTRY MINISTRY OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

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Environmental management efforts of Petrokimia Gresik, an Agroindustry Solutions company and member of the Pupuk Indonesia holding, again received the Industry Level 5 award or the highest from the Ministry of Industry of the Republic of Indonesia (RI). The award was symbolically handed over by the Indonesian Minister of Industry, Agus Gumiwang Kartasasmita to the President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Dwi Satriyo Annurogo in Jakarta, Tuesday (30/11).

Dwi Satriyo explained that Petrokimia Gresik's commitment to environmental management is implemented through the use of efficient and environmentally friendly technology. Where every production process always prioritizes resource efficiency and good environmental management.

"Petrokimia Gresik always applies the principles of the green industry consistently in order to increase business competitiveness. Besides that, it also harmonizes industrial development with environmental sustainability and can provide benefits to the community," he said.

There are three excellent programs that have made Petrokimia Gresik win the Level 5 award. **First**, the effort to control NH<sub>3</sub> (Ammonia) emission pollution through the innovation of "The New X-Scrubber System", where this tool is able to reduce NH<sub>3</sub> emissions at the ZA I Plant.

In addition to pollute the environment and potentially cause complaints from the surrounding community, the emission of  $NH_3$  loose in the air is also a distinct disadvantage for the company because the raw material is wasted into the atmosphere.

"So that innovation is not only able to protect the surrounding environment from air pollution, but also can improve business competitiveness. Because the fewer emissions of  $NH_3$  are emitted into the air, the more the amount of raw materials that can be used for the production process," said Dwi Satriyo .

**Second**, Petrokimia Gresik is also able to utilize wastewater as a water scrubber in the Phosphate I Fertilizer unit. Thus, the waste that should be disposed of can provide added value for the company.

**Third**, Petrokimia Gresik also implements sustainable development through mangrove conservation in some areas. Among them are the Mangrove Restoration and Learning Center (MRLC) in Mengare. Mengare RLC is a coastal community empowerment program in Tanjung Widoro Village, Bungah District, Gresik Regency through conservation of coastal ecosystems to reduce the rate of abrasion, increase fishery productivity and create alternative employment opportunities through integrated coastal ecotourism.

Furthermore, the development of mangrove ecotourism is also carried out in Lamong River, Sukorejo Village, Kebomas District, Gresik Regency which has now become a new tourist destination in Gresik.

In addition, Petrokimia Gresik also contributed to the development of the Ujungpangkah Mangrove Essential Ecosystem Area (EEA) in Gresik Regency, which received an

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appreciation from the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MEF) of the Republic of Indonesia in the "Private Sector/Company" category in early 2021.

"These various efforts are a tangible manifestation of Petrokimia Gresik's commitment to continue to grow and develop with the community," said Dwi Satriyo.

According to him, the essence of sustainable development is not just giving donations to the community. So that environmental management, education and community empowerment through the MSME program are currently the focus of Petrokimia Gresik's CSR, and mangrove conservation is one of the implementations of that commitment.

Meanwhile, the Green Industry award is an annual program of the Ministry of Industry given to national industries, which in the production process prioritize the efficiency and effectiveness of sustainable use of resources, use of environmentally friendly and renewable raw materials and energy.

Petrokimia Gresik itself has participated in this event since 2012 and managed to get Level 5 awards six times, starting from 2014 to 2018, and this year.

The 2021 Green Industry award event was attended by 152 companies, with 88 entities getting the highest rating qualification level 5. Meanwhile, 49 companies receiving level 4 qualifications and 15 industries stated that they still needed more effort to apply the green industry principles.

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