

**SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT TO GENERATE *NET-ZERO EMISSIONS*
PETROKIMIA GRESIK INVOLVES COMMUNITY PLANTING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF
MANGROVES**

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As an effort to support the government's target of realizing *Net-Zero Emissions*, Petrokimia Gresik, through the "***Climate Change Action***" program, planted thousands of mangroves on the coastline around the company, Gresik, East Java, Friday (16/9).

Director of Operations and Production of Petrokimia Gresik, Digna Jatningsih said that the activity entitled "***Minimize Emission, Go Green, Save Our Earth***" which is a series of 50th Anniversary of Petrokimia Gresik aims to minimize emissions from the remaining business activities in the company's environment.

"The government targets an initial reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 to reach 29%. Through this activity, we are trying to accelerate the achievement of this target," said Digna.

For information, mangroves are an essential ecosystem that is one of the parameters of the Blue Carbon ecosystem, because mangroves play a role in utilizing CO₂ for photosynthesis and storing it in biomass and sediment stocks.

"Mangrove forests are even able to store 4-5 times more carbon (*carbon sinks*) than inland tropical forests. So that mangroves can make a major contribution in the absorption of carbon emissions as an action to prevent climate change," said Digna.

Furthermore, Digna revealed that this activity was carried out by involving the community around the company from Roomo Village, Mud Village, and Kroman Village. This aims to make a shared commitment to maintaining what the company has initiated today so that it can run sustainably.

As is known, in addition to functioning to absorb carbon emissions, mangroves are also able to reduce coastal abrasion, maintain coastal water quality, conserve biodiversity and provide important natural materials that support the fisheries sector. Thus, with the existence of this mangrove forest, it is hoped that it will be able to support the livelihoods of coastal communities around the company.

"We believe that big changes always start from small steps, hopefully, this activity can inspire so that it can increase awareness of Petrokimia Gresik employees and the community in maintaining environmental sustainability," he said.

Not only conducting planting, in this activity which was attended by the Head of KSOP Class II Gresik Regency and the Acting Head of the Environmental Service (DLH) of Gresik Regency, the company also assisted with 1,000 mangrove seedlings for each village involved.

Lurah Lumpur, Rizki Ameliah, after receiving the assistance appreciated Petrokimia Gresik's concern for the coastal environment in their area. Regarding this assistance, Ameliah admitted that they would coordinate with the Five Halls in Lumpur Village.

"We will involve the community from each Hall so that they help maintain the sustainability of the mangroves assisted by Petrokimia Gresik in the future," Ameliah said.



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For information, this mangrove planting activity is not the first time held by Petrokimia Gresik. Previously, Srikandi Petrokimia Gresik also planted mangroves at the Mengare Mangrove Restoration and Planting Center (PRPM) in Tanjungwidoro Village, Bungah District, Gresik Regency at the commemoration of World Living Lin Day some time ago.

PRPM Mengare itself is one of the Petrokimia Gresik Social and Environmental Responsibility (TJSL) programs in the form of community empowerment through coastal ecosystem conservation. The goal is to reduce the rate of abrasion, increase fisheries productivity and create alternative jobs from integrated coastal ecotourism.

In addition to PRPM Mengare, Petrokimia Gresik also developed mangrove ecotourism in Lamong River which now become a new tourist destination in Gresik, as well as contributing to the development of the Ujungpangkah Mangrove Essential Ecosystem Area (KEE), until it received appreciation from the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (KLHK) of the Republic of Indonesia in the "Private Sector/Company" category in 2021.

"As part of Pupuk Indonesia and BUMN which are the locomotive of nation building, Petrokimia Gresik is committed to making continuous improvements in carrying out its business operations to minimize the impact of environmental pollution," concluded Digna.

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