

**LAUNCH THE AGRO SOLUTION PROGRAM  
PETROKIMIA GRESIK INITIAL PLANTING OF CORN IN EAST LOMBOK**

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NTB  
Event : Declaration Agro Solution Program and Initial Planting of Corn.

Petrokimia Gresik is an Agroindustry Solution company and a member of the [Pupuk Indonesia](#) holding company, launched the Agro Solution program which is marked by the first planting of corn on an area of 108 hectares in North Pringgabaya Village, Pringgabaya District, East Lombok Regency, West Nusa Tenggara Province (NTB), Tuesday (19/1).

Director of Operation and Production of Petrokimia Gresik, Digna Jatningsih was representing the President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Dwi Satriyo Annurogo explained that Agro Solution is a breakthrough program of PT Pupuk Indonesia holding, which carries the concept of agricultural business from upstream to downstream to maintain national food sovereignty amid the Covid-19 pandemic, through increasing agricultural productivity and farmer welfare.

"In this program, Petrokimia Gresik has a task with guarding agriculture on an area of 16,000 hectares, or 32 percent of the total target of the Pupuk Indonesia Group of 50,000 hectares," said Digna.

He further explained that this first corn planting in East Lombok is a pilot project for Petrokimia Gresik, where its success will be duplicated in other areas.

So far, farmers are still faced with many obstacles in running their business, such as low agricultural productivity, unreachable prices for agro-input (fertilizers, pesticides, seeds and others), lack of access to financial institutions, the selling price of their crops tends to fall when harvest is high, no protection of farmers from the risk of crop failure, limited infrastructure, and other obstacles.

"For this reason, through this program, Petrokimia Gresik and partners will provide intensive assistance for farmers in running agricultural businesses by providing guarantees for production and marketing of agricultural products," said Digna.

This assistance was carried out with the Sustainable Agriculture Partnership Alliance, namely PT Asuransi Jasa Indonesia (Jasindo) as a provider of agricultural insurance, PT Bank Negara Indonesia (BNI) as a provider of People's Business Credit (KUR), PT Bisi Internasional as a provider of corn seeds, and PT Datu Nusra Agribisnis (DNA) as an off taker of agricultural products in East Lombok. Meanwhile, Petrokimia Gresik's task is to coordinate and provide fertilizers and pesticides, through its subsidiaries, namely PT Petrosida Gresik and PT Petrokimia Kayaku.

Meanwhile, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, the need for fertilizer for farmers based on the proposed Electronic Group Needs Definitive Plan (E-RDCK) reaches 23 million tons. Meanwhile, in 2021 the government will only allocate 9 million tons of subsidized fertilizer plus 1.5 million liters of liquid organic fertilizer.

"For that, Petrokimia Gresik is committed to the success of this Agro Solution program by providing comprehensive assistance, particularly through the use of non-subsidized fertilizers," she said.

In this program, Petrokimia Gresik applies [NPK Phonska Plus](#) non-subsidized fertilizer. Based on the application test using a balanced fertilization dosage of 5:3:3 or 500 kilograms of organic [Petroganik](#) fertilizer, 300 kilograms of Phonska Plus, and 300 kilograms of [Urea](#) per 1 hectare of corn, yields are 25% higher or 2.5 tons per hectare of shelled dry, if it compared to the use of subsidized [Phonska](#) NPK fertilizer.

"We provide NPK fertilizer with better quality but at affordable prices," said Digna.

She also hopes that the Petrokimia Gresik fertilizer product can become a mainstay for farmers in East Lombok Regency, so that it can improve the welfare of local farmers and affirms NTB as one of the provinces that centers on national corn production. Apart from the food industry, especially animal feed, corn is also used by other agro-industrial sectors, such as the pharmaceutical, cosmetics, and chemical industries.

### **Caring and Sharing with Farmers**

In addition to supplying agricultural production facilities in the form of fertilizers and pesticides, on the same occasion Petrokimia Gresik also provided assistance in the form of 2 (two) cultivator units and 15 units hand sprayer to local farmers.

This assistance is part of the "Petrokimia Gresik Cares & Share" program in which Petrokimia Gresik is committed to growing and developing with the community, especially Indonesian farmers.

Digna hopes that this assistance can make it easier for local farmers to run their agricultural businesses to make the Agro Solution program a success, which of course will increase agricultural productivity and farmer welfare.

"We are optimistic that this Agro Solution program will bring Indonesian agriculture forward, so that it can become a solution for national food security as well as the welfare of farmers in Indonesia," She said.

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