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**THE CONTRIBUTION OF PETROKIMIA GRESIK TO
RESTORE THE NATIONAL ECONOMY**

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Entering one year of President Jokowi and Vice President Ma'ruf Amin's reign, the SOE Ministry under the leadership of SOE Minister, Erick Thohir continues to strive to assist the government in improving the national economy. Petrokimia Gresik, as an Agro-industry Solution company member of the SOE holding of Pupuk Indonesia company, also supports these efforts, especially in the field of food security, particularly through the provision of good quality commercial and subsidized fertilizers.

"We should be grateful together, the agricultural sector was able to grow amid the Covid-19 outbreak. For this reason, this achievement must be promoted together as a form of support for the government in its efforts to restore the national economy," said President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Dwi Satriyo Annurogo.

As for the Petrokimia Gresik strategy in an effort to improve the national economy through increasing agricultural productivity, said Dwi Satriyo, the **first** is to carry out demonstration plots and big harvests in a number of places. During the new Adaptation Habit Petrokimia Gresik has carried out a big harvest of corn, tomato and chili plants in Gorontalo, then a big rice harvest in Madiun City, and a demonstration plot in Rote Ndao District (Rote Island).

"This demonstration plot is certainly carried out by applying balanced fertilization as recommended by Petrokimia Gresik, so that the harvest will be abundant," said Dwi Satriyo.

Second, Petrokimia Gresik has also provided fertilizer assistance in Bungo District (NPK Phonska Plus), Madiun City (Petroganik), and conducted a special "One Day Promotion" for 3 (three) flagship retail non-subsidized products, namely NPK Phonska Plus, NPK Petro Nitrat, and NPK Petro Ningrat in 16 kiosks spread across 8 (eight) provinces.

Third, Petrokimia Gresik carried out mass spraying using Phonska Oca liquid organic fertilizer in six areas in East Java and Central Java, including Banyuwangi, Lumajang, Bondowoso, Bojonegoro, Sragen and Banjarnegara.

The fourth, build pilot village. Petrokimia Gresik has raised agricultural hopes through three pilot villages, including "Kampung Petro Nitrat" in Konawe (Southeast Sulawesi), "Kampung Naga Petrokimia" in Banyuwangi (East Java) and "Kampung Petroganik" in Mojokerto (East Java).

This agricultural development village by applying non-subsidized fertilizer from Petrokimia Gresik is not a partial program, but is an effort by the company to optimize the potential that is owned in each region. This will be a pilot, with the hope that the success in the village will be adopted by other farmers in various parts of the country with the same potential.

"Through these various programs, we are trying to increase farmers' optimism amid the Covid-19 outbreak, so that the upstream agricultural sector can continue to run so that food security can be maintained and last but not least the welfare of farmers is also boosted," said Dwi Satriyo.

Efforts to increase farmer optimism were also realized by the company by actively providing assistance and health protocol campaigns to farmers.

The Coordinator of the Task Force

Petrokimia Gresik's commitment against Covid-19 is not only implemented in upstream agriculture. Petrokimia Gresik got the trust to become the Coordinator of the East Java SOE Task Force Response Covid-19. Even though East Java is currently in the orange zone, Petrokimia Gresik continues to provide assistance to fight Covid-19, totaling Rp48 billion.

The assistance touches all sectors, from the health, social, economic, and religious sectors by providing education on the prevention of Covid-19 contagion with 100 places of worship to the agricultural sector in districts/cities in East Java in order to maintain national food security for economic recovery.

Based on data from the East Java Provincial Government, the confirmed cases of Covid-19 until Tuesday (27/10) reached 51,217 with a total of 2,331 active cases. Within a day there were an additional 297 cases. Looking at the distribution map, the Covid-19 case in East Java is still dominated by orange (medium risk) and yellow (low risk).

East Java is now no longer a red zone, but we shouldn't be careless. Efforts to accelerate handling and prevention must be carried out on all fronts so that we are truly free from this outbreak so that efforts to recover the national economy can be achieved quickly, said Dwi Satriyo.

Even as a measure contingency plan to respond to the increase in positive cases in Surabaya, including Gresik District, Petrokimia Gresik has built Tri Dharma GOR (Rismagor) Independent Isolation Room facilities and Petrokimia Gresik Testing Center to serve the large family of the Petrokimia Gresik group even though until now no one has been treated or referenced there.

MSMEs Assistance

Meanwhile, Petrokimia Gresik's other efforts in improving the national economy are also provided through the support of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Where this year, Rp41.8 billion in CSR funds was allocated to help develop Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). This figure reaches 80.1% of the CSR budget of Rp51.8 billion.

"This is a manifestation of Petrokimia Gresik's commitment to actively participate in improving the community economy by providing working capital and coaching to SMEs," said Dwi Satriyo.

Most of the business actors come from several regions in East Java, but some also come from Blora (Central Java), then Sleman, Bantul, and Kulon Progo (Yogyakarta). He added that the partnership budget in the Petrokimia Gresik family is high every year. In 2018, Petrokimia Gresik has distributed Rp43.7 billion for 2.296 business actors, then in 2019 Rp45.98 billion for 2.117 MSME players.

"Meanwhile, if the total starting from 2016 until now there have been 11.325 business actors or MSMEs that we have assisted with a total budget of more than Rp188 billion," he said.

Dwi Satriyo added that if CSR program on 2020, Petrokimia Gresik, also budgeted Rp10 billion for environmental development. This aid is distributed to help victims of natural

disasters, education, health improvement, development of public facilities and infrastructure, religious facilities, nature conservation, and poverty alleviation programs.

"As the company progresses, we want to spread even more for the community. This is in line with the five priority programs of SOE Minister Erick Thohir, namely increasing economic and social value for Indonesia, especially in the field of food security," he explained.

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