

**PETROKIMIA GRESIK COOPERATION WITH
KONAWE REGENCY TO ESTABLISH "PETRO NITRAT VILLAGE"**

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Petrokimia Gresik is an Agroindustry Solution company and the member of Pupuk Indonesia holding company together with the Deputy Regent of Konawe, Gusli Topan Basara, held the first horticultural planting of chilies and tomatoes in Wowaporesa Village, Anggotoa Sub-district, Konawe Regency, Southeast Sulawesi Province, Thursday (24/9). This first planting was a symbol of the formation of "Petro Nitrate Village" in that area.

President Director of Petrokimia Gresik Dwi Satriyo Annurogo explained that this cooperation was a collaboration between the local government and Petrokimia Gresik as a fertilizer producer to support increased the agriculture productivity, especially the horticultural crop subsector in order to maintain national food security amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

"For Petrokimia Gresik, Petro Nitrate Village in Konawe Regency is a manifestation of the company's commitment as an AgroIndustry Solution for Sustainable Agriculture in supporting the efforts of both central and regional governments to maintain food stability," said Dwi Satriyo.

For this reason, Dwi Satriyo appreciates the care of the Konawe Regency Government in the world of agriculture as well as its trust to Petrokimia Gresik in an effort to increase agricultural products in Konawe Regency.

"Petrokimia Gresik is ready to work together with *stakeholders* in an effort to increase agricultural productivity in order to maintain food security amid the Covid-19 outbreak," he said.

He further explained that Konawe Regency has great potential and plays an active role in maintaining national food self-sufficiency. For this reason, agricultural production activities during this pandemic must be further boosted, considering that people desperately need healthy food as a basic need to increase body immunity in an effort to combat the spread of Covid-19.

This collaboration was realized in a tomato and chili demonstration plot in Wowaporesa Village, which is one of the Horticultural Centers in Konawe Regency. Petrokimia Gresik's support in this cooperation is through a scheme demonstration plot using NPK Petro Nitrate products, where tomato and chili plants each use Petroganik (2,000 kg/ha), NPK Petro Nitrate (800 kg/ha), and ZA (200 kg/ha).

"This is a real effort from Petrokimia Gresik as an Agroindustry Solution, by presenting good quality products to increase agricultural productivity while maintaining agricultural sustainability," said Dwi Satryo.

He hopes that the fertilization of Petrokimia Gresik recommendation can be duplicated by other farmers in Konawe to maintain national food security. In addition, Petrokimia Gresik products are expected to be an option to increase agricultural productivity for the welfare of farmers.

NPK Petro Nitrate is an NPK fertilizer with 16-16-16 formulations. This fertilizer can be applied to food crops and horticulture. NPK Petro Nitrate has been tested on various plants in various regions, and has proven successful in increasing the quantity and quality of harvest for various types of plants in different locations. This trial was carried out independently or in collaboration with independent parties, especially the Agricultural Technology Research Center in various provinces.

Lastly, this activity is carried out by still paying attention to the protocol for preventing the transmission of Covid-19 by implementing physical distancing, using masks, and always washing hands.

"This is Petrokimia Gresik's commitment to support the government in breaking the chain of Covid-19 spread so that activities in the upstream agricultural sector remain safe and national food security is maintained," concluded Dwi Satriyo.

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