

**"Petrokimia Gresik Ready For Planting Season"  
AGRICULTURE MINISTER SYL MEET WITH  
PETROKIMIA GRESIK DISTRIBUTOR**

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Starting the planting season in October 2020 - March 2021 (Ocmar), the official distributor of subsidized fertilizer for Petrokimia Gresik, at East Indonesia, joined a *gathering* and listened to direct directions from the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia, Syahrul Yasin Limpo (SYL) in Makassar, Tuesday (20/10).

President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Dwi Satriyo Annurogo stated that as an Agroindustry Solution company and member of the Pupuk Indonesia holding, Petrokimia Gresik always supports the government and is ready to collaborate with various parties in an effort to make the planting season successful, one of which is through this meeting, which is part of the program. **"Petrokimia Gresik Ready for Planting Season"**.

"This is the government's effort to gather information related to problems in the field so that solutions can be found immediately, as well as explore the potential in Eastern Indonesia that can be developed to maintain national food security," said Dwi Satriyo.

Based on data from Perum BULOG, the food independence in Eastern Indonesia needs to be improved if it measured in terms of commodities or rice production. Especially now that many people's consumption there has shifted from sago to rice.

For this reason, the Ministry of Agriculture tried to grow food crop production centers in several areas of Eastern Indonesia, including rice with the "Gogo" variety. So far, the supply of rice has been imported from East Java.

"Eastern Indonesia must get extra control when it enters the second planting season in 2020, especially since this planting season takes place amid the Covid-19 outbreak," said Dwi Satriyo.

Regarding the planting season, the Minister of Agriculture SYL explained that fertilizer is a basic need in presenting national food security and realizing better agriculture, especially in amid the Covid-19 outbreak. Meanwhile, fertilizer producers such as Petrokimia Gresik and its distribution network are critical elements of this success.

For this reason, he advised fertilizer producers and distributors to complete the responsibility of distributing subsidized fertilizers properly, especially since the President of the Republic of Indonesia has increased the allocation of subsidized fertilizers at the beginning of Ocmar's planting season, worth to Rp 3.14 trillion or around 1 million tonnes.

"We have to complete this mandate well, so that this additional subsidized fertilizer can be distributed according to the target," he said.

Meanwhile, the General Director for Infrastructure and Facilities of the Ministry of Agriculture, Sarwo Edhy, added that the redemption of subsidized fertilizers for farmers who have not received a farmer card at the beginning of the Ocmar planting season until the end of this year can still be done manually. He explained that the use of the Farmer Card, which should have started on September 1, 2020, was suspended until December 31, 2020.

"For farmers who already have the Farmer Card, the use will be continued, while those who cannot do it manually," he said.

Sarwo Edhy revealed that in 2020 the number of farmers registered in the e-DPGN (Definitive Plan for Group Needs) was 13.9 million. Only 6.2 million cards have been printed for the farmers, and only 6.2 million cards have been filled in and distributed to farmers. Meanwhile, only 1.4 million cards have been used effectively.

"This requires performance extraordinary to be able to immediately complete the this program," he explained.

### **Distributed Subsidized Fertilizer in Accordance with the Assignment**

Dwi Satriyo revealed that per Tuesday (20/10) the national stock of Petrokimia Gresik subsidized fertilizer was 613,760 tons, exceeding the minimum government requirement (172,822 tons). The stock consists of Urea Fertilizer. 61,019 tons, ZA 63,301 tons, SP-36 110,744 tons, Phonska 294,040 tons, and Petroganik 84,655 tons.

"The obligation of Petrokimia Gresik is to provide and supply distribute subsidized fertilizers according to the government's assignment to maintain national food security," said Dwi Satriyo.

To ensure distribution to the regions, Petrokimia Gresik has 77 Regional Sales Staff (RSS) spread across various regions in Indonesia. They regularly coordinate with the Agriculture Office, Field Extension Officers, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Supervision Commission, farmer groups, and local authorities.

"In its distribution, the company adheres to the 6 right principles, namely Right Price, Right Place, Right Amount, Right Quality, Right Type, and Right Time," he explained.

Apart from the obligation to provide subsidized fertilizers, he continued, Petrokimia Gresik is also preparing a stock of non-subsidized fertilizers. This step is a solution for farmers whose fertilizer needs are not allocated in the subsidy scheme.

"Not only fertilizers, we are also ready to assist farmers in pest control and consultation on agricultural issues so that the supervision is complete," he said.

Currently Petrokimia Gresik has 15 soil test car service units operating in eight provinces to serve farmers to find out the condition of their agricultural land in each region so that they can provide recommendations for proper fertilization.

At last, Dwi Satriyo emphasized that subsidized fertilizer is an item under government supervision and must be distributed according to legal regulations. All forms of fraud, such as hoarding, reducing the amount or weight, selling above the Highest Retail Price, will be dealt with by the authorities.

"We also will not hesitate to take firm action by stopping the distribution cooperation if the dealer or distributor is proven to have committed fraud," said Dwi Satriyo.

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