

**PETROKIMIA GRESIK EXPANDS COOPERATION OF
AGRO SOLUTION WITH PTPN X**

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Petrokimia Gresik is Agroindustry Solutions company and member of [Pupuk Indonesia](#) holding expand its Agro Solution cooperation with the Sugar Factory PT Perkebunan Nusantara (PTPN) X. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing on cooperation was held in Surabaya, East Java, Thursday (20/4) at the head office of PTPN X.

President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Dwi Satriyo Annurogo explained that through this collaboration, Petrokimia Gresik seeks to encourage increased productivity of sugarcane plants in East Java, considering that currently East Java is the main support for national sugarcane as a raw material for sugar.

"Domestic sugarcane productivity is currently not sufficient for the national sugar demand due to raw material constraints. This cooperation is one of the efforts to solve this problem," said Dwi Satriyo.

A number of obstacles faced by farmers, continued Dwi Satriyo, make it difficult for sugarcane to compete with main staple food commodities such as rice and corn. Even though during the Covid-19 pandemic, sugarcane cultivation must still run in order to provide raw materials for the sugar industry which is a basic and strategic need for the community.

Dwi Satriyo added, the classic problems of sugarcane cultivation include low productivity, limited assistance to farmers, limited subsidized fertilizers, expensive non-subsidized fertilizer prices, difficulty in accessing financial institutions, and the selling price of crops that tends to fall, and farmers have not been protected. from the risk of crop failure.

"Agro Solution can be the answer to increase agricultural productivity in order to maintain food sovereignty as well as boost the welfare of farmers," he said.

Meanwhile, the Director of PTPN X, Aris Toharisman welcomed this Agro Solution collaboration. He revealed that the main complaint raised by sugarcane farmers at this time was the difficulty in obtaining subsidized fertilizers due to the limited allocation of subsidized fertilizers available. With the Agro Solution program, farmers can meet the shortage of fertilizer needs by using non-subsidized fertilizers whose supply and quality are guaranteed by Petrokimia Gresik.

"With the implementation of the Agro Solution program, it is hoped that sugar factories will obtain quality raw materials so that the quality of the products produced can be better," said Aris.

PTPN X also expressed its gratitude to Petrokimia Gresik for helping to solve the problems faced by the sugar factory and this is a manifestation of SOEs synergy.

For the initial stage, the Agro Solution program will be run in the Gempolkrep area in Mojokerto Regency with a target land area of 8,000 ha to 10,000 ha. For funding the program, Petrokimia Gresik has also collaborated with the Surabaya Regional Office BRI

Bank as a financial institution that is ready to assist and support the capital of the Agro Solution program through the “KUR Tani” scheme and other banking products.

In this program Petrokimia Gresik is tasked with providing quality fertilizers, control of Pests and Plant Diseases through its subsidiary, PT Petrosida Gresik, cultivation control, as well as extension services by Soil Testing Car officers so that farmers can obtain fertilization recommendations according to conditions soil and crop requirements.

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