

**PETROKIMIA GRESIK
PREPARE FOUR TIMES MORE STOCKS OF FERTILIZER IN SOUTH SULAWESI**

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Welcoming the planting season in the middle of 2020, Petrokimia Gresik is Agroindustry Solutions Company and holding member of Pupuk Indonesia is preparing the subsidized fertilizer stock as much as 33.521 tons for South Sulawesi Province, or four times more than the minimum provisions from government (8.765 tons).

Corporate Secretary of Petrokimia Gresik, Yusuf Wibisono stated that these stock are consist of ZA fertilizer 2.686 tons, SP-36 3.482 tons, NPK Phonska 26.513 tons, and Organic fertilizer Petroganik 840 tons. While for Urea fertilizer is supplied by PT Pupuk Kaltim.

"Especially for Maros District, the available stock is 28.532 tons, it is exceed from the government's minimum provisions, which is 240 tons," said Yusuf in Gresik.

Those stock consists of ZA fertilizer 1.685 tons, SP-36 1.614 tons, NPK Phonska 24.853 tons and organic fertilizer Petroganik 380 tons.

Yusuf also explained that the company was distributing subsidized fertilizer in accordance with the allocation from Agriculture Minister Regulation Number 1 of 2020 concerning Allocation and Highest Retail Price of Subsidized Fertilizer for Fiscal Year 2020 which is published on January 2, 2020.

In that regulation, the allocation of national subsidized fertilizer which must be distributed by Pupuk Indonesia Holding is 7,9 million tons. Form those amount, Petrokimia Gresik distributing 4,1 million tons.

Whereas farmers who are entitled to subsidized fertilizer are farmers who work on land with no more than 2 hectares, also joining into Farmer Groups and arranging a Definitive Plan for Group Needs.

For the distribution, Company is guiding on Trade Minister Regulation No.15/2013 about Procurement and Distribution of Subsidized Fertilizer for Agriculture Sector.

"One of the regulation in Trade Minister Regulation is the subsidized fertilizer stock must available to fulfill the farmers allocation until the next two weeks," explained Yusuf.

"However as an anticipation of a high demand possibility, Petrokimia Gresik provides subsidized fertilizer stock three up to four times. We ensure that the distribution of subsidized fertilizer goes smoothly according to the allocation that is set by the government," said Yusuf.

Yusuf also explained that in distribution, Petrokimia Gresik is holding on 6 Right Principles, those are Right Place, Right Price, Right Amount, Right Quality, Right Type, and Right Time.

This distribution was escorted by 77 Regional Sales Staff and 157 assistants of Petrokimia Gresik all around Indonesia. They were routine to do coordination with Agriculture Office, Field Extension Officers, farmer groups, and security local forces. The government also

supervises through the Fertilizer and Pesticide Supervision Commission which found in all regions, both at the provincial and district levels.

"At this time, Petrokimia Gresik is supported with distribution facility in the form of 323 warehouses with total capacity reach 1.2 million tons, 676 distributors, and 28 thousand official stalls," explained Yusuf.

In addition of responsibility to provide subsidized fertilizer, Petrokimia Gresik also providing commercial fertilizer stock (non-subsidized). This is a solution for farmers who their fertilizer needs is not allocated in subsidized scheme.

"Because the allocation of subsidized fertilizers is very limited, we also provide commercial fertilizer, so that farmers' fertilizer needs can still be met," Yusuf added.

Regarding fertilizing, Petrokimia Gresik urges farmers to follow the recommendation of balanced fertilization 5:3:2. Where for one hectare is enough to be given 500kg of Petroganik organic fertilizer, 300kg of NPK Phonska or Phonska Plus fertilizer, and 200kg of urea fertilizer.

Balance fertilization is a solution from Petrokimia Gresik for the use of fertilizers that tend to be excessive by farmers. So the limited allocation of subsidized fertilizer can be more effective and efficient, with maximum yield or productivity.

"We highly recommend balance fertilization because it has been proven to be able to increase yields by one to two tons per hectare," he said.

Finally, Petrokimia Gresik appealed to distributors and related parties to increase synergy in the interests of farmers and the smooth distribution of subsidized fertilizer.

Yusuf reminded that his party did not hesitate to take firm action against the distributors of subsidized fertilizer who committed fraud. Because subsidized fertilizer is an item under supervision and all forms of fraud will be faced with the authorities.

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