

**"PREPARING FOR PLANTING SEASON"  
DIRECTORS OF PETROKIMIA GRESIK INSPECT  
SUBSIDIZED FERTILIZER WAREHOUSE**

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For the smooth distribution of subsidized fertilizers according to government assignments, Petrokimia Gresik which is an Agroindustry Solutions company and also a member of the holding company Pupuk Indonesia, was holding a roadshow "Preparing for the Planting Season" with official distributors in various regions in Indonesia.

President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Dwi Satriyo Annurogo, explained that this activity was a form of the company's commitment in ensuring the availability of subsidized fertilizers according to the government's allocation or assignment to support the planting season on October 2020 – March 2021 (Ocmar) .

To that end, he and other two Petrokimia Gresik directors (Operation and Production Director, also Finance and General Affair Director) routinely meet with distributors as well as directly inspect subsidized fertilizer warehouses.

This activity has been carried out since October 2020 in Yogyakarta, East Java (Bojonegoro, Madiun, Probolinggo, Pasuruan), Central Java (Boyolali, Surakarta, Sukoharjo, Klaten, Semarang, Solo, and Pekalongan), and most recently in West Southeast Nusa (NTB- Nusa Tenggara Barat, East Lombok), and will continue to other areas in the country during the planting season on October 2020 - March 2021.

"The availability of fertilizers is a very vital factor during the planting season, moreover increasing agricultural productivity is not only maintaining food security but also as an effort to restore the national economy due to the Covid-19 outbreak," Dwi Satriyo said during his visit at the buffer warehouse of East Lombok Regency, Wednesday. (18/11).

Nationally, Dwi Satriyo continued that the government has increased the allocation of subsidized fertilizer by 951 thousand tons, or from 7.9 million tons to 8.8 million tons. Meanwhile, Petrokimia Gresik assignments increased by 258.832 tons, up from 4.7 million tons to 4.9 million tons.

"This addition is vital for maintaining national food security by increasing agricultural productivity amid the Covid-19 outbreak," he said.

Therefore, Dwi Satriyo appealed to distributors to continue making redemption of subsidized fertilizers to be distributed to official kiosks spread across NTB (West Southeast Nusa).

"We and the distributors are committed to and guarantee that subsidized fertilizers will always be available in all buffer warehouses in accordance with applicable regulations, and will be distributed according to the allocation from the government," he said.

Furthermore, Dwi Satriyo asked all distributors to boost the distribution of subsidized fertilizers in NTB. Until today, the realization of subsidized fertilizer distribution in NTB has reached 82.161 tons or 87% of the total allocation of 94.105 tons. So that the remaining allocation remains 13% or 11.944 tons. While facing the planting season, the total stock of subsidized fertilizer prepared for NTB is 13.909 tons.

"Petrokimia Gresik together with distributors unite strong determination, solid cooperation, and positive synergy to maximize the distribution of subsidized fertilizers in NTB," he said.

He also appealed to the Regional Sales Staff (RSS) and Regional Sales Officer (RSO) at Petrokimia Gresik, to be more active in collaborating with Kiosk, Farmers' Groups, Provincial and Regency Agriculture Officers to maximize the distribution of subsidized fertilizers in NTB.

"Provide education about the subsidized fertilizer redemption mechanism, especially during the relaxation periods of using the "Tani Card", so there is no confusion, both at the farmer and kiosk level," he said.

Furthermore, Dwi Satriyo confirmed that Petrokimia Gresik will also provide non-subsidized fertilizer at the fostered stalls. NPK Phonska Plus, Petro Ningrat, SP-36, ZA, and Petro Nitrat fertilizers can be alternative options that can be given to farmers to further increase land productivity.

In addition, Petrokimia Gresik also urges farmers to join farmer groups and compile the Electronic Group Definitive Needs Plan (E-RDCK). Because this is a mandatory requirement for farmers to get subsidized fertilizer at official kiosks.

As for the efficient use of subsidized fertilizers, Petrokimia Gresik urges farmers to apply a balanced fertilization pattern, namely Petroganik (500 kg/ha), NPK Phonska (300 kg/ha), and Urea (200 kg/ha).

"The goal is that farmers do not over-fertilize, so that the allocation from the government can be used optimally," Dwi Satriyo concluded.

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