

KRIBHCO AND OCP TO DEVELOP A LARGE SCALE NPK FERTILIZER PLANT IN KRISHNAPATNAM, INDIA

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Kribhco and OCP are pleased to announce that they are entering into a 50:50 joint venture to develop a large-scale greenfield NPK fertilizer plant in Krishnapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India.

This Fertilizer plant will require an initial investment of approximately \$230M and will have an annual production capacity of 1.2 Million MT of NPK fertilizers. The project also includes the development of logistical infrastructure in the region.

In the spirit of the Honourable Prime Minister of India's call to "Make in India", the JV shall provide quality indigenous NPK fertilizers to Indian farmers by leveraging Kribhco's deep knowledge of market and farmer requirements, as well as OCP's world-class industrial capabilities and expertise. Fertilizers are one of 25 core sectors identified for the "Make in India" campaign by Govt. of India.

Commenting on the announcement, OCP's Chairman and CEO Mostafa Terrab said "OCP has always been, and remains fully committed to contribute to India's agricultural development. We believe large scale local investments designed to respond to farmer's specific needs are the key ingredient to successful agricultural ecosystem development. As one of the major cooperatives in India, Kribhco is an excellent partner to develop a farmer-oriented agricultural input joint-venture. This partnership is designed to be truly a win-win project for all the stakeholders involved but foremost for India's agriculture and particularly for Indian farmers."

Kribhco Chairman, Dr. Chandra Pal Singh said "Proposed JV is a unique example of global cooperation between two leading organizations joining hands for making available phosphate based fertilizer products to Indian farmers by channelizing their respective strengths. Farmers of the country shall benefit with continued supply of various NPK grade products based on best quality phosphate in the world". While speaking on the occasion, MD Kribhco Sh. N. Sambasiva Rao emphasized that NPK grade of fertilizer are very important for balance fertilization of soil and nutrition to the crop according to its requirement. He further added that the proposed project will unlock the hidden value of the soil and crop of farmers and will add to their all round prosperity.

The KRIBHCO-OCP joint-venture is expected to be the first step in a broader strategic cooperation between both groups that could include Kribhco's investment in a phosphoric acid unit in Morocco.

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