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OCI Fertilizer Group Adds Ammonium Sulphate to its Fertilizer Product Portfolio

Orascom Construction Industries (OCI) announced today the signing of a toll-manufacturing agreement by the OCI Fertilizer Group with the Egyptian Financial and Industrial Corporation (EFIC) for the production of ammonium sulphate using ammonia sourced from and exclusively marketed by OCI in the international export market.

Under the terms of the agreement, OCI will supply up to 78 thousand tons of ammonia annually which will be processed to produce up to 300 thousand tons of ammonium sulphate per year, to be distributed and sold exclusively by the OCI Fertilizer Group. The key inputs for ammonium sulphate are anhydrous ammonia and sulphuric acid which will be supplied by each respective party at prevailing market prices.

Orascom Construction Industries Chief Executive Officer, Nassef Sawiris commented, "Given current market prices, this agreement enables OCI to capture significantly higher returns on its ammonia sales. The arrangement allows OCI to maximize its returns through tapping into available premiums on derivative products. OCI shall continue to widen its fertilizer product base through various expansion and diversification initiatives."

About OCI Fertilizer Group

The OCI Fertilizer Group has plants based in Egypt capable of producing a total of 2.0 million tons of nitrogen-based fertilizers annually. The Group also has an investment in a facility in Nigeria. In 2010 our fertilizer complex in Algeria in partnership with state-owned Sonatrach will begin production with a total capacity of 0.8 million tons of ammonia and 1.2 million tons of urea. With production from Algeria and the upgrade of our production facilities in Egypt, the OCI Fertilizer Group will achieve an annual production capacity of 4.65 million tons of nitrogen-based fertilizers.

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