

# Itafos Receives an Advance in the Amount of US\$16,842,100

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TORONTO, Feb. 27, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Itafos](#) (TSX VENTURE:IFOS) (&ldquo;Itafos&rdquo;) announced today it has received an advance (the &ldquo;Advance&rdquo;) in the amount of US\$16,842,100 from CL Fertilizers Holding LLC (formerly known as Zaff LLC) (&ldquo;CLF&rdquo;). The Advance, together with advances previously received by [Itafos](#) from CLF, are evidenced by an unsecured promissory note issued by [Itafos](#) in favor of CLF in the principal amount of US\$33,299,902 (the &ldquo;CLF Promissory Note&rdquo;).

The CLF Promissory Note is pre-payable, in whole or in part, at any time, contemplates an interest rate of 15% per year and matures on March 30, 2018. The proceeds of the Advance, together with available cash, are expected to be used primarily to complete the acquisition of all the issued and outstanding shares of [GB Minerals Ltd.](#) pursuant to the previously announced plan of arrangement under the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia), for the [Itafos](#) Arraias Phosphate Operations and the [Itafos](#) Conda Phosphate Operations and the implementation of business development initiatives including acquisitions and general corporate purposes.

CLF is a &ldquo;related party&rdquo; to [Itafos](#) under Multilateral Instrument 61-101 *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* (&ldquo;MI 61-101&rdquo;) by virtue of its shareholding being in excess of 10% of [Itafos](#)&rsquo; issued and outstanding share capital. Accordingly, unsecured promissory notes issued by [Itafos](#) to CLF constitute &ldquo;related party transactions&rdquo; under MI 61-101. The unsecured promissory notes issued by [Itafos](#) to CLF are exempt from (i) the formal valuation requirements under Section 5.4 of MI 61-101 pursuant to Subsection 5.5(b) of MI 61-101; and (ii) the minority approval requirements under Section 5.6 of MI 61-101 pursuant to either Subsection 5.7(1)(a) or Subsection 5.7(1)(f) of MI 61-101.

## About Itafos

[Itafos](#) is an integrated producer of phosphate fertilizers with an attractive portfolio of long-term strategic assets. [Itafos](#) is managed by an experienced and diverse team with extensive commercial, financial, legal and technical expertise. [Itafos](#) owns the Conda Phosphate Operations, which produces approximately 540,000 tons per year of mono-ammonium phosphate, super phosphoric acid, merchant grade phosphoric acid and specialty products located in Idaho, United States and the Arraias Phosphate Operations which produces approximately 500,000 tons per year of single super phosphate located in central Brazil. [Itafos](#)&rsquo; development portfolio includes a number of additional projects in Brazil, including the Santana Project, a high-grade phosphate mine project located in Pará State and the Araxá Project, a high-grade rare earth elements, niobium and phosphate mine project located in Minas Gerais State. In addition, [Itafos](#) owns the Paris Hills Project, a high-grade phosphate mine project located in Idaho, United States, the Mantaro Project, a high-grade phosphate mine project located in Junin, Peru and an approximate 31.3% interest in [GB Minerals Ltd.](#) which owns the Farim Project, a high-grade phosphate mine project located in Farim, Guinea Bissau.

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