

Itafos Reports Q3 2018 Financial Results and Operational Highlights

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TORONTO, Nov. 15, 2018 - [Itafos](#) (TSX VENTURE: IFOS) (the "Company") reported today its Q3 2018 financial results and operational highlights. The Financial Statements and Management Discussion and Analysis for the quarter ended September 30, 2018 are available under the Company's profile at [www.sedar.com](#) and under the Investors & Financial Statements page of the Company's website, [www.itafos.com](#). All dollar values are in US Dollars.

"Our Q3 2018 results were anchored by the continued solid operational and commercial performance at [Itafos](#) Conda and strengthening phosphate fertilizer prices. [Itafos](#) Conda generated Adjusted EBITDA of \$12.9 million in Q3 2018 and has generated \$45.9 million since we acquired the business on January 12, 2018. Despite having achieved commercial production in Q3 2018, [Itafos](#) Arraias experienced operational challenges resulting in lower than optimal levels of capacity utilization. As is typical in the ramp-up of new phosphate fertilizer production, we continue to focus on improving [Itafos](#) Arraias' operations with particular focus on improving mass yield, P₂O₅ recovery and overall product quality. Finally, we remain focused on advancing our key development initiatives, including extending the mine life of [Itafos](#) Conda and developing our near-term pipeline, which includes [Itafos](#) Paris Hills, [Itafos](#) Husky 1/North Dry Ridge and [Itafos](#) Farim," said Brian Zatarain, CEO of [Itafos](#).

With [Itafos](#) Arraias having achieved commercial production and contributing to revenues in Q3 2018, the Company generated total revenues of \$76.3 million in Q3 2018, up from \$67.2 million in Q2 2018, and \$0.0 million in Q3 2017. Q3 2018 net income was \$(9.1) million (\$(0.06) per fully-diluted share), compared to \$1.4 million in Q2 2018 (\$0.01 per fully-diluted share) and \$(9.0) million in Q3 2017 (\$(0.11) per fully-diluted share). Adjusted EBITDA was \$5.4 million in Q3 2018 versus \$6.1 million in Q2 2018 and (\$6.1 million) in Q3 2017.

Q3 2018 Highlights

- [Itafos](#) Conda sales included: (i) 64,335 t monoammonium phosphate ("MAP") at \$448/t average price, (ii) 28,793 t superphosphoric acid ("SPA") at \$927/t average price, (iii) 281 t merchant grade phosphoric acid ("MGA") at \$936/t average price and (iv) 5,988 t ammonium polyphosphate ("APP") at \$429/t average price.
- [Itafos](#) Arraias sales included: (i) 89,695 t single superphosphate ("SSP") at \$161/t average price and (ii) 24,142 t sulfuric acid at \$144/t average price.
- On July 3, 2018, [Itafos](#) Arraias achieved commercial production as it completed 30 consecutive days of sustainable production at 75% capacity utilization.
- Despite having achieved commercial production, [Itafos](#) Arraias experienced operational challenges resulting in lower than optimal levels of capacity utilization. The Company has developed and is implementing an efficiency improvement plan (the "Efficiency Improvement Plan") at [Itafos](#) Arraias, which is intended to address the technical issues underlying such operational challenges.

Q3 2018 Segment Summary

[Itafos](#) Conda

The Company acquired [Itafos](#) Conda on January 12, 2018. Q3 2018 revenues were \$58.3 million, down 13% from \$67.2 million in Q2 2018 and compared to \$0.0 million in Q3 2017. Revenues declined quarter-over-quarter primarily driven by \$7.2 million in SPA shipments that had not yet been received by customers as at quarter end, which will be recognized in future periods. Operating income was \$11.2 million in Q3 2018, down from \$14.7 million in Q2 2018, owing to lower revenues and resulting lower gross margins; Q3 2017 operating income was \$0.0 million. Adjusted EBITDA was \$12.9 million in Q3 2018, compared to \$17.3 million in Q2 2018 and \$0.0 million in Q3 2017.

[Itafos](#) Arraias

[Itafos](#) Arraias achieved commercial production on July 3, 2018. Q3 2018 revenues were \$18.0 million versus \$0.0 million in each of Q2 2018 and Q3 2017. Operating income was \$(8.5) million in Q3 2018, compared to \$(1.5) million in Q2 2018 and \$(2.6) million in Q3 2017. Adjusted EBITDA was \$(4.7) million in Q3 2018, compared to \$(1.5) million in Q2 2018 and \$(4.0) million in Q3 2017.

Corporate

Corporate SG&A was \$2.1 million in Q3 2018, down from \$5.9 million in Q2 2018, which included \$3.0 million of advisory fees related to the [Itafos](#) Conda acquisition, and slightly above \$2.0 million in Q3 2017.

Liquidity

Cash at September 30, 2018 was \$27.2 million, down from \$63.7 million at December 31, 2017. Current debt was \$0.3 million and long-term debt rose to \$157.9 million as compared to \$25.5 million, and \$0.0 million, respectively, at December 31, 2017. The increased debt is due to the closing of the \$165.0 million secured term credit facility in June 2018. The net proceeds of the credit facility are being used to fund working capital and other cash requirements of [Itafos](#) Conda and [Itafos](#) Arraias, as well as continued implementation of the Company's business development initiatives.

Outlook

Currently, the Company is executing its strategy by focusing on the following:

- Extending [Itafos](#) Conda's current mine life through finalizing permitting of [Itafos](#) Paris Hills and [Itafos](#) Husky 1/North Dry Ridge and pursuing other alternatives;
- Integrating and optimizing [Itafos](#) Conda;
- Implementing the Efficiency Improvement Plan to improve [Itafos](#) Arraias's mass yield, P₂O₅ recovery and overall product quality; and
- Finalizing permitting, pursuing off-take alternatives, selecting key project contractors and securing project financing for [Itafos](#) Farim.

Additional details are available under the Company's profile at www.sedar.com and on the Company's website, www.itafos.com.

About Itafos

[Itafos](#) is a vertically integrated phosphate based fertilizers and specialty products company with an attractive portfolio of long-term strategic businesses located in key fertilizer markets worldwide. [Itafos](#) is managed by an experienced and diverse team with extensive operations, commercial and financial expertise. [Itafos](#) owns and operates [Itafos](#) Conda, a vertically integrated phosphate fertilizer business with production and sales capacity of 550,000 t per year of monoammonium phosphate, superphosphoric acid, merchant grade phosphoric acid and specialty products including ammonium polyphosphate located in Idaho, U.S. and [Itafos](#) Arraias, a vertically integrated phosphate fertilizer business with production and sales capacity of approximately 500,000 t per year of single superphosphate located in Tocantins, Brazil. [Itafos](#) owns and is developing [Itafos](#) Paris Hills, a high-grade phosphate mine project located in Idaho, U.S., [Itafos](#) Farim, a high-grade phosphate mine project located in Farim, Guinea Bissau, [Itafos](#) Santana, a vertically integrated high-grade phosphate fertilizer project located in Pará, Brazil, [Itafos](#) Araxá, a phosphate and rare earth oxide mine project located in Minas Gerais, Brazil and [Itafos](#) Mantaro, a high-grade phosphate mine project located in Junin, Peru.

For more information, please visit the Company's website, www.itafos.com.

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