

Itafos Announces Appointment of Interim Chief Executive Officer

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TORONTO, May 16, 2019 - [Itafos](#) (TSX VENTURE: IFOS) (the "Company") a leader in phosphate fertilizers and specialty products, has appointed Mhamed Ibnabdeljalil as interim Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately. Dr. Ibnabdeljalil currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Company and will continue in that role. Dr. Ibnabdeljalil succeeds Brian Zatarain who is stepping down from his role as Chief Executive Officer to pursue other interests.

Dr. Ibnabdeljalil has a track record in leading multi-billion-dollar sales, marketing, raw material procurement, logistics, complex deal structuring and negotiation, and emerging markets M&A efforts across emerging and developed markets. Previously, he served as the Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer of OCP Group S.A., a leader in the global phosphate industry. There, Dr. Ibnabdeljalil played an integral role in the corporate and strategic restructuring of OCP, reshaping its role in the phosphate fertilizer sector as a global leader. Dr. Ibnabdeljalil has served as a director on more than a dozen boards of fertilizer companies in Europe, India, Middle East and Americas.

"We are pleased that a leader of Dr. Ibnabdeljalil's caliber and experience has agreed to lead the Company on an interim basis," said Brent de Jong, Chairman of the [Itafos](#) Board of Directors. "With more than two decades of experience, Dr. Ibnabdeljalil has a deep understanding of the phosphate fertilizer industry and the opportunities ahead of the Company. Our knowledgeable Board will continue to lend its expertise to Dr. Ibnabdeljalil and the organization while we identify our next CEO and will ensure a smooth transition." Mr. de Jong added, "On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Mr. Zatarain for his service and contributions to the Company."

Dr. Ibnabdeljalil said, "I look forward to continuing my work with the Board and the management team to drive growth and shareholder value."

[Itafos](#)'s Governance and Compensation committee will continue its work and seek to conclude the appointment process of the permanent CEO as soon as practicable, while ensuring that the process is thorough and deliberate.

About Itafos

[Itafos](#) is a vertically integrated phosphate fertilizers and specialty products company with an attractive portfolio of long-term strategic businesses and projects 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 approximately 550kt per year of monoammonium phosphate ("MAP"), superphosphoric acid ("SPA"), merchant grade phosphoric acid ("MGA") and specialty products including ammonium polyphosphate ("APP") located in Idaho, US and [Itafos](#) Arraias, a vertically integrated phosphate fertilizer business with production and sales capacity of approximately 500kt per year of single superphosphate ("SSP"), SSP with micronutrients ("SSP+") and other products and approximately 40kt per year of excess sulfuric acid located in Tocantins, Brazil. [Itafos](#) owns and is developing [Itafos](#) Paris Hills, a high-grade phosphate mine project located in Idaho, US, [Itafos](#) Farim, a high-grade phosphate mine project located in Farim, Guinea-Bissau, [Itafos](#) Santana, a vertically integrated high-grade phosphate mine and fertilizer plant project located in Pará, Brazil, [Itafos](#) Mantaro, a large phosphate mine project located in Junin, Peru, and [Itafos](#) Araxá, a vertically integrated rare earth elements and niobium mine and extraction plant project located in Minas Gerais, Brazil.

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