

Itafos Announces Idling of Itafos Arraias

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TORONTO, Nov. 21, 2019 - [Itafos](#) (TSX VENTURE: IFOS) (the "Company") announced today its decision to idle [Itafos](#) Arraias and to suspend the previously announced repurpose plan at [Itafos](#) Arraias. The decision comes as part of a disciplined approach to capital allocation considering the continued downward pressure on global fertilizer prices.

"While we have demonstrated the viability of the repurpose plan at [Itafos](#) Arraias, including producing and commercializing new premium products, market prices have continued to decline and have currently reached unsustainable levels. As a result of these external factors, we have decided to idle [Itafos](#) Arraias to manage the cycle, while we evaluate strategic options for the business," said Dr. Mhamed Ibnabdeljalil, interim CEO of [Itafos](#).

During 2019, the Company implemented the repurpose plan at [Itafos](#) Arraias in order to optimize [Itafos](#) Arraias' finished fertilizer production with a multi-product portfolio of higher grade single superphosphate ("SSP"), SSP with micronutrients ("SSP+") and premium PK compounds. The repurpose plan at [Itafos](#) Arraias was intended to enhance [Itafos](#) Arraias' competitive positioning and profitability while reducing its operational and environmental risk profile. To enable the repurpose plan, [Itafos](#) Arraias has been purchasing, receiving and processing higher grade phosphate rock from third parties during 2019, including entering into a multi-year phosphate rock supply agreement to purchase higher grade phosphate rock from the OCP Group. In addition, the Company has advanced other aspects of the repurpose plan, including production and sales of higher grade SSP and SSP+ and premium PK compounds, implementation of an efficient logistics process related to third party phosphate rock, reorganization of the site and commissioning of equipment. Also in connection with advancing implementation of the repurpose plan, during Q2 2019, the Company idled [Itafos](#) Arraias' existing mines, tailings dam and the beneficiation plant. Notwithstanding the idling of [Itafos](#) Arraias, [Itafos](#) Arraias has and will continue to maintain all licenses and permits in good standing and compliance with existing regulations.

About Itafos

The Company 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.

The Company owns, operates and is developing the following businesses and projects:

- [Itafos](#) Conda – a vertically integrated phosphate mine and fertilizer business with production and sales capacity of approximately 550kt per year of monoammonium phosphate ("MAP"), MAP with micronutrients ("MAP+"), superphosphoric acid ("SPA"), merchant grade phosphoric acid ("MGA") and specialty products including ammonium polyphosphate ("APP") located in Idaho, US;
- [Itafos](#) Arraias – a phosphate fertilizer business with production and sales capacity of approximately 500kt per year of SSP, SSP+ and premium PK compounds and approximately 40kt per year of excess sulfuric acid located in Tocantins, Brazil;
- [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.

For more information, or to join the Company's mailing list to receive notification of future news releases, please visit the Company's website, www.Itafos.com.

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