

Itafos Provides Update on Itafos Farim Engineering and Construction, Announces Termination of EPCM Agreement With Lycopodium

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TORONTO, Jan. 24, 2020 - [Itafos](#) (TSX VENTURE: IFOS) (the "Company") today provided an update on the engineering and construction of [Itafos](#) Farim and announced the termination of the engineering, procurement and construction management ("EPCM") agreement with Lycopodium Minerals Canada Limited (Toronto, Canada) ("Lycopodium").

In July 2019, the Company announced an EPCM agreement with Lycopodium for services related to the development of [Itafos](#) Farim's mine, which is expected to produce 1.3Mt per year of phosphate rock, and services related to the on land portion of [Itafos](#) Farim's port, which is expected to load [Itafos](#) Farim's mine production for global export. The EPCM agreement with Lycopodium contemplated two phases; phase one considered preparation of a definitive cost estimate and schedule and phase two considered additional detailed engineering, equipment procurement and construction. Given the revised project financing timeline of expected lender approval during the first half of 2020, [Itafos](#) Farim suspended the EPCM agreement following completion of phase one and did not provide notice to proceed for phase two. As a result, the EPCM agreement was terminated on January 17, 2020.

"The EPCM agreement with Lycopodium was structured in two phases to provide flexibility with respect to timing and not commit the Company ahead of project financing. We will look to enter into a new agreement to cover the expected phase two activities of detailed engineering, equipment procurement and construction that aligns the timing of and capital expenditures associated with such activities with the project financing timeline of [Itafos](#) Farim," said Dr. Mhamed Ibnabdeljalil, CEO of the Company.

Also in July 2019, the Company provided an update on the engineering, procurement and construction administration agreement with W.F Baird and Associates Ltd. (Madison, USA) ("Baird") for services related to the development of the marine portion of [Itafos](#) Farim's port. To date, Baird has completed approximately 90% of its detailed design work. Following an extensive process, the Company has selected Stefanutti Stocks Coastal (Cape Town, South Africa), a division of Stefanutti Stocks (Pty) Ltd ("Stefanutti"), as contractor for the marine portion of [Itafos](#) Farim's port. Baird is expected to manage Stefanutti for construction of the marine portion of [Itafos](#) Farim's port with mobilization and construction expected to commence following completion of project financing.

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 single superphosphate ("SSP"), SSP with micronutrients ("SSP+"), premium PK compounds and approximately 40kt per year of excess sulfuric acid located in Tocantins, Brazil;

- [Itafos](#) Farim – a high-grade phosphate mine project located in Farim, Guinea-Bissau;
- [Itafos](#) Paris Hills – a high-grade phosphate mine project located in Idaho, US;
- [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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