

Itafos Provides Update on Itafos Conda Operations During COVID-19 Pandemic and Plant Turnaround

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TORONTO, July 10, 2020 - [Itafos](#) (TSX-V: IFOS) (the "Company") provided today an update regarding [Itafos](#) Conda's operations during the COVID-19 pandemic and plant turnaround plans for 2020.

[Itafos](#) Conda has been deemed an essential business as part of the fertilizer and agriculture sector and therefore has not been forced to shut down operations on account of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company has implemented risk mitigation measures at [Itafos](#) Conda to address potential impacts to its employees, contractors and operations. To date, there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst employees and one confirmed case amongst contractors at [Itafos](#) Conda. The confirmed contractor case of COVID-19 was an isolated incident and the contractor is quarantined offsite.

As a part of its risk mitigation measures during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company has decided to conduct a reduced scope plant turnaround at [Itafos](#) Conda during 2020. The reduced scope plant turnaround would primarily rely upon [Itafos](#) Conda's employees and local contractors whereas a full scope plant turnaround would necessitate bringing to site hundreds of contractors and specialists, many of whom originate from areas of the US that have been experiencing significant spikes in confirmed cases of COVID-19.

"Our team at [Itafos](#) Conda continues to demonstrate a safety-first approach to operational excellence. Our risk mitigation measures, including the reduced scope plant turnaround, are intended to ensure that [Itafos](#) Conda can continue to safely deliver quality phosphate products to our customers while doing our part to minimize the spread of COVID-19," said Tim Vedder, General Manager of [Itafos](#) Conda.

[Itafos](#) Conda is expecting to temporarily shut down its operations for approximately 10 days during July 2020 in order to complete the reduced scope plant turnaround. The reduced scope plant turnaround will be focused on inspection, testing and preventative maintenance of critical equipment. [Itafos](#) Conda expects to complete the remaining scope of activities associated with a full scope turnaround, including cleaning the phosphate rock reactor, during 2021.

About Itafos

The Company is a pure play phosphate and specialty fertilizer platform with an attractive portfolio of strategic businesses and projects located in key fertilizer markets, including North America, South America and Africa.

The Company's businesses and projects are as follows:

- [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 ammonium polyphosphate (APP) located in Idaho, US;

- [Itafos](#) Arraias; a vertically integrated phosphate mine and fertilizer business with production and sales capacity of approximately 500kt per year of single superphosphate (SSP), SSP with micronutrients (SSP+) 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 Par , Brazil;
- [Itafos](#) Mantaro; a phosphate mine project located in Junin, Peru; and
- [Itafos](#) Arax?; 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 at www.itafos.com.

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