

Itafos Provides Update on Itafos Conda Plant Turnaround, Announces Sulfuric Acid Supply Disruption

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TORONTO, Aug. 20, 2020 - [Itafos](#) (TSX-V: IFOS) (the "Company") provided today an update on [Itafos](#) Conda's previously announced reduced scope plant turnaround and announced a disruption in sulfuric acid supply to [Itafos](#) Conda from Rio Tinto's Kennecott mine.

The Company previously announced its decision to conduct a reduced scope plant turnaround at [Itafos](#) Conda during July 2020 as part of its risk mitigation measures during the COVID-19 pandemic. The reduced scope plant turnaround focused on inspection, testing and preventative maintenance of critical equipment. [Itafos](#) Conda completed the reduced scope plant turnaround with no environmental releases or reportable injuries.

The Company further announced today that [Itafos](#) Conda has been experiencing a significant disruption in sulfuric acid supply from Rio Tinto's Kennecott mine. [Itafos](#) Conda fulfills approximately 40% of its sulfuric acid requirements from volumes produced internally and approximately 60% from a combination of volumes received from Rio Tinto's Kennecott mine under a long-term supply agreement and volumes procured from other third party producers. On August 18, 2020, Rio Tinto announced that its Kennecott mine in Utah has experienced delays to the restart of the smelter. According to the announcement, such delays to the restart of the smelter are due to unexpected issues that appeared following planned maintenance. Rio Tinto further announced that they are working closely with their customers to limit any disruptions and expect to have the smelter fully operational in two months.

The Company has been and will continue working to mitigate potential adverse effects of the disruption in sulfuric acid supply to [Itafos](#) Conda from Rio Tinto's Kennecott mine. In addition, the Company is evaluating the overall expected impact of such sulfuric acid supply disruption and expects to provide an update on its guidance for 2020 in parallel with reporting its Q2 2020 financial results and operational highlights.

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) 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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