



Engineer Mohammad Adel Al Mouzi, Chairman of the Holding Company for Chemical Industries, delivered the speech on the behalf of His Excellency Dr. Mahmoud Mohi Al Din stating:

We would like to welcome all the attendants of such an International Conference held in Arab Republic of Egypt and organized annually by AFA in Cairo, reflecting the steady development witnessed by Arab fertilizer industry based on major pillars, important of which the availability of industry outputs on the Arab level integrally vis-à-vis many regions in the world. It is worth mentioning, in this regard, the existence of huge reserves of natural gas, phosphate rocks, potassium chloride and sulphur chloride together with the specialized expertise in all the industry fields. In addition, the Arab region is located in the middle of fertilizer consumption markets of Europe, Asia, Africa and America, as the Arab region possesses 70% of phosphate rocks international reserves and 30% of natural gas international reserves besides exporting about 90% of fertilizer production, therefore occupying a special status among the international production.

On Egypt level, fertilizer industry has witnessed a remarkable development during the last decade. In detail, after the concentration of fertilizer

production in three nitrogenous fertilizer companies and two phosphate fertilizer companies, five new companies were established during the last period, thus enabling Egypt to shift from being a fertilizer importing country to an exporting one. It is notable that Egypt current share reaches 30% of Arab region urea production besides exporting 60% of its production.

The world witnesses now more development in fertilizer industry, significant factors of which are the rehabilitation of nitrogenous fertilizers' factories in Talkha City, located in Egypt Delta area, and the access to natural gas, for the first time by the end of the last year, in south Upper Egypt in Delta Sugar and Kima projects. It is noteworthy that Kima Company factories will go through a development phase. These factories were established in 1950s and are still depending on hydro-electrical analysis technology, which is an old and costly technology. Development to these factories will be carried out via establishing a new factory using natural gas hence saving a huge amount of electrical energy estimated by 150 Mega Watt/ Hour, which is already required for cities electrical industrial networks and household consumption.

We are looking forward to reach positive results out of your Conference, in the fields of technological cooperation, economy and environment preservation. We also wish to achieve more progress in such an industry on the international level, in a world burdened by great population growth and consequently a steady increase in food needs.

We express our thanks to AFA secretariat and members for the distinguished efforts exerted in organizing such a gathering.