



Press Release

In co-operation with GPIC, AFA Organises the Workshop on

"Ammonia Tanks Integrity Management & Inspection Challenges" Bahrain: 29-31st October 2013

GPIC played host during the period from 29 to 31st October 2013 to a workshop entitled Ammonia Tanks Integrity Management & Inspection Challenges organized by the Arab Fertilizers Association (AFA) as part of its annual programme in collaboration with PP SIMTECH Solutions Ltd of the United Kingdom. Attending the workshop were more than 120 delegates from various Arab and international fertilizer producers and service companies both in the Arab states and overseas.

The workshop opened by the inaugural session in the presence of Mr. Abdulrahman Jawahery, GPIC President who said he was pleased with holding this event in the Kingdom of Bahrain. He wished all the participants a pleasant stay in the Kingdom of Bahrain and said the workshop was yet another opportunity for interaction between the delegates at this event. Building bridges of co-operation among the participants for the exchange of expertise will certainly contribute to developing visions for applying the best practices and practical measures for the growth and success of the fertilizer industry.

In his opening address, Mr. Jawahery paid tribute to the significant role played by fertilizers in achieving food security in the world in general and the vital status enjoyed by the Arab world in providing the world with the necessary soil fertilizers including urea, as the region is now one of the key urea exporting regions in the world with a share of almost 34% of the total urea trade in the world. This share is set to grow thanks to the capacity expansion efforts in the near future.

Meanwhile, HE Dr. Shafiaq Al Ashqar, Arab Fertilizer Association Secretary General delivered a speech on behalf of AFA in which he thanked GPIC led by Mr. Abdul Rahman Jawahery, GPIC President for sparing no effort to provide support and backing to this event. He noted in particular the role played by Mr. Jawahery not only for being GPIC President and an AFA Board member but also due to his keenness to highlight the role of the Arab fertilizer industry amongst the international companies.

He also welcomed the delegates who represented Arab fertilizer companies and participants from other countries wishing them all the best in benefitting from the topics and issues tabled for discussion at the workshop.

Dr. Al Ashqar added that the workshop was one of the events organized by AFA as part of its annual agenda to educate and to enhance awareness amongst those involved in the AFA member companies. It is also an opportunity to exchange views and to keep abreast of developments in this industry to enable them to assimilate them in their respective organizations.

Delegates taking part in the workshop praised the rich and useful topics and proper organization as well as the warm hospitality enjoyed by them during their stay in the Kingdom. They expressed their sincere thanks to GPIC for kindly hosting this event.