Petrobras on fertilizer plant in Paraná

Rio de Janeiro, August 14, 2023 – Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. – Petrobras informs that it is in the final phase of studies for the resumption of fertilizer production at Araucária Nitrogenados (ANSA), its subsidiary in Paraná. After finalizing the technical and economic feasibility studies, the resumption project will be submitted for approval by the company's Executive Board and Board of Directors.

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The plant has been shut down since 2020 and, after investments and adjustments to meet regulatory standards, it may resume operations in the first half of 2024.

According to CEO Jean Paul Prates, the fertilizer sector has strategic importance for Petrobras and for the country: "Brazil is a major producer of agricultural commodities, but dependent on fertilizers of foreign origin. This market has been facing many challenges worldwide. Petrobras is interested in investing in the reactivation of ANSA because of the synergy with Repar. In addition to reducing the country's dependence on the import of the product, with the operation, we will generate jobs and income ".

ANSA has the capacity to process about 1,900 tons per day of urea and 1,300 tons per day of ammonia, used in the production of agricultural fertilizers, as well as other sectors. The raw material used in the unit is asphalt residue, which can be obtained from the Presidente Getúlio Vargas Refinery (Repar), also located in the city of Araucária (PR).

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