

NEXTCHEM (MAIRE) ANNOUNCES TWO AWARDS IN CHINA BASED ON ITS PROPRIETARY NX STAMI™ NITRATES AND NX STAMI™ UREA TECHNOLOGIES, ADVANCING THE FERTILIZER INDUSTRY

- **NEXTCHEM will leverage its mono-pressure nitric acid technology providing the license and the process design package (PDP) for a new plant in China**
- **NX STAMI™ Urea technology has also been selected for the revamping of an existing nitrogen fertilizer complex in Northern China**

Milan, 13 January 2026 – MAIRE (MAIRE.MI) announces that **NEXTCHEM**, through its nitrogen technology licensor **Stamicarbon**, has been awarded two contracts in China, leveraging its proprietary technology portfolio and reinforcing its commitment to delivering practical, efficiency-driven solutions to meet the evolving needs of the fertilizer industry.

NEXTCHEM will provide the license and the PDP for a new nitric acid plant in China. The project entails the application of Stamicarbon's state-of-the-art mono-pressure technology, part of **NX STAMI™ Nitrates** series, which uses oxygen instead of air as feed for the process, enabling high energy recovery and low operational costs. This award builds on the Group's long-standing expertise in nitrogen technologies and reflects its commitment to industrializing efficient, low-emission solutions for the agricultural supply chains. With approximately 80% of global nitric acid production dedicated to fertilizer applications, efficient and low-emission nitric acid processes are critical to the global production of sustainable fertilizers.

Moreover, NEXTCHEM has also signed a new contract to provide the license and the PDP, as well as technical assistance services for the revamping of a nitrogen fertilizer complex in Northern China. The project is aimed at upgrading an existing urea plant based on the proprietary **NX STAMI™ Urea** technology, allowing significant reductions in steam consumption and improving energy efficiency, while optimizing both CAPEX and OPEX.

Fabio Fritelli, Managing Director of NEXTCHEM, commented: "These two awards in China underscore NEXTCHEM's ability to combine proprietary cutting-edge technologies with tangible efficiency gains for our clients. This is a clear testament to NEXTCHEM's strategy aimed at accelerating a more sustainable and competitive fertilizer value chain while strengthening its long-term presence in key markets."

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