



Emami Agrotech hosts Union Minister Nitin Gadkari at its Haldia Plant

Haldia/ Kolkata, 24th June, 2015: **Emami Agrotech Limited** (formerly Emami Biotech Ltd) , the bio-diesel and edible oil arm of the diversified Rs 10,000 cr **Emami Group of Companies** and the **largest manufacturer of bio-diesel** in **Eastern India** hosted the visit of **Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Shipping, Government of India** at the Company's Haldia facility today.

Shri Gadkari was accompanied by Shri Aditya V Agarwal and Shri Manish Goenka, Directors, Emami Group, on a tour of the bio-diesel facility with an installed capacity of 300 tonnes per day followed by a ceremonial "*sapling planting*" programme within the precincts of the EAL Haldia Unit.

India has a bio-diesel capacity of around 1.2 MnT (Million Tonnes) / year. However, due to lack of awareness, the current operating capacity is only a meagre 0.1 MnT per year. Bio-diesel is both environment-friendly and cost effective which is why the Union Government is supporting its increased usage. Recently, the government has allowed private manufacturers of bio-diesel to sell the fuel directly to consumers which is expected to remove the bottlenecks to a large extent for the manufacturers like Emami Agrotech.

"We are privileged to have Shri Gadkari amidst us. Bio-diesel is emerging as the alternative fuel with the benefits of a cleaner environment which accrues on account of its lower carbon emission. Witnessing this potential, this facility was set up at a cost of Rs 150 crore in 2008. Now, with support from the Union Government for bio-diesel, we are planning to up our ante with advanced R&D to maximize the manufacturing to its optimal level. With the continued support from the Central Government, we hope for increased adoption of bio-diesel in ports, transport sector and railways. It is also a cost effective and greener alternative for the farmers of India who will get highly benefitted with the increased use of bio-diesel in this country" said **Mr. Aditya V. Agarwal, Director, Emami Group**.

Earlier on the same day, Shri Gadkari visited the Haldia Port and inaugurated the bio-diesel dispensing machine to be used in any Indian Port for the first time for powering locomotives, port-based vehicles, various heavy-engineering machines and generators with bio diesel that would be supplied by Emami Agrotech Limited.

Shri Manish Goenka, Director, Emami Group, said "With Emami Agrotech supplying bio-diesel to the Haldia port, we are hopeful that it would generate interest amongst allied quarters also for bulk orders. Currently there is a growing international demand for bio-diesel as well and we supply to Europe, Singapore and China."

Emami Agrotech Limited set up a state-of-the-art multi-feed Biodiesel plant at Haldia in technical collaboration with Desmet Ballestra, an Italian major. The plant manufactures biodiesel conforming to EN and BIS standards. It has daily production capacity of 300 tonnes of biodiesel presently. The plant is



well connected with Haldia Port and state highways for easy transportation to international and domestic market.

About Emami Agrotech Ltd (Formerly Emami Biotech Ltd):

Set up in 2006, **Emami Agrotech Limited (Formerly Emami Biotech Ltd)** is the Rs 4500 cr edible oil & bio-diesel Company of the Rs 10,000 cr Emami Group of Companies based in Kolkata, India. **Emami Agrotech Ltd. (Formerly Emami Biotech Ltd), the only bio-diesel manufacturer in Eastern India, is the largest exporter of biodiesel to Europe from India.** It is also the largest edible oil refinery in the Eastern India & 3rd largest in the country. Launched in 2010, Emami Healthy & Tasty, one of the most premium and popular names in the industry of edible oil is manufactured and marketed by Emami Agrotech Ltd (Formerly Emami Biotech Ltd). The Company has a daily edible oil refining capacity of 3,600 tonnes per day across its two locations at Haldia in West Bengal and Krishnapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. Planning to set up a 2,000 tonnes per day refinery on West Coast.

Emami Group is a diversified business conglomerate with over 20,000 employees. The Group is also present in sectors such as **FMCG – Emami Limited**, the flagship company of the Group & one of the leading FMCG companies in the country; **Newsprint - Emami Paper Mills**; India's largest newsprint manufacturer; **Writing Instrument - CRI Tips**, world's 4th largest ball point tip manufacturer; **Realty - Emami Realty**, a leading real estate company; **Healthcare - AMRI Hospitals**, Eastern India's largest chain of hospitals; **Retail –Frank Ross and Starmark**, largest pharmacy chain & leisure stores in the East and **Contemporary Art - Emami Chisel Art**. The Group plans to set up a 4 MTPA **cement plant** in Chhattisgarh with two split grinding units in West Bengal and Odisha of 1.5 MTPA each at a total investment of around Rs.3000 cr. Please visit www.emamibiotech.com for more information.

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