

## **PIC is awarded the Responsible Care for "Product Stewardship" by "GPCA"**



PIC has partnered with its Gulf counterparts to build a productive challenge to exchange information and distribute greatest practices and achievements in the petrochemicals and chemicals industry in the Arabian Gulf region through the "GPCA" Award. The Award emphasizes the best innovations and achievements of the "Responsible Care" program for the environment with focus on "Occupational Health Safety and Security". Together with the supervision of the Technical Committee for "Responsible Care" in the Association.

The results were followed by a careful review through a specialized international team on the decision of the jury to PIC with "Responsible Care for Product Stewardship". PIC was awarded product Stewardship for its involvement in the development of loading, transport, and safe handling with ground ammonia carriers, which has effectively contributed towards the deterrence of accidents and the preservation of lives and property. The project is also effortlessly used to develop similar facilities for ammonia manufacturers in the Arabian Gulf and around the world. The official announcement was made on May 7<sup>th</sup> of 2018, and as part of the Annual Responsible Care Conference held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

In addition to obtaining the product Stewardship award, the company has also received two certificates of appreciation for the progress of the company's Environment and Resource Utilization and the Occupational Health Safety and Security projects to advanced stages and

final rounds. Furthermore, finalizing the top three projects in the rounds, the qualifiers for each category in five categories, petroleum chemicals had the share of winning and appreciation in three of them.

On this occasion, the CEO of PIC, Mr. Mohammad Al-Farhoud, expressed his great pleasure in attaining these achievements, especially in the main areas of sustainability such as environment, occupational health safety and security. He also expressed his pride and satisfaction in the efforts of the company's dedicated staff and their teamwork to strive for excellence in all fields and respects. Al-Farhoud said: "The health and safety of employees and the preservation of the environment is a responsibility that we place at the top of our priorities and provide all available resources. This responsibility increases with the expansion of the company's business locally and globally, and it would have been impossible to reach this point and achieve these results if great effort and enthusiasm was not put in."

Al Farhoud also added: "Through the company's robust and reliable international standards, we have achieved quality certification and management systems in various fields related to our activities. We have sought to partake in excellence programs to raise the performance ceiling to exceed the basic requirements, and thus promote optimal applications and innovation in the field of environment and occupational health safety and security." Al-Farhoud thanked the employees of the company for their participation in achieving this honorable achievement, which proves the level of their commitment to work cooperatively given the vision and objectives of the company.

On his behalf, DCEO of Fertilizers Mr. Mejbek Al-Shammari stated: "The application of internationally recognized standards in the field of environment, occupational health safety and security reflects the company's commitment to upholding the safety and health of our employees and the environment of our beloved country. These initiatives and participations in excellence programs go beyond commitment to infinite distinction."

Al-Shammari also pointed to the need to spread best practices and innovations among the members of the Gulf Petrochemicals and Chemicals Association. That is, to promote all of members by benefiting from the implementation of successful projects and practices and try to avoid mistakes in which others have been engaged in similar activities. Thus, we reach a level of excellence in preserving lives, property and environment, to achieve more sustainable gains and profits.

The Secretary-General of the Gulf Petrochemicals and Chemicals Association (GPCA), Dr. Abdulwahab Al-Saadoun, delivered a message to the CEO of PIC expressing his warm congratulations for its achievements and being regionally recognized as outstanding. The speech stated that this achievement should be due to the commitment of effective administrative leadership in general, and a commitment to support responsible care practices in particular. Al-Saadoun added: "We are pleased to see Petrochemical Industries Company as a role model in the region that seeks excellence in environment, occupational health safety and security. He thanked the company for its continuous support to the development of the

petrochemicals and chemicals industry in the Gulf region, and to share its outstanding practices and projects for the continuous development of the responsible care program.

GPCA is the first of its kind in the Middle East and has witnessed a steady expansion in its activities since its initiation in 2006, to direct the chemical and petrochemical industries in the Gulf States towards a new era of rewarding cooperation. The Association has achieved a new dimension by creating excellence programs to guide the sector in the region towards a renewed level of successful cooperation.

**Photo Explanation:**

- DCEO of Fertilizers, Mr. Mejbek Al Shammari receives the award during the ceremony in Dubai
- The winners of the awards of excellence in responsible care in various fields
- Mr. Mejbek Al Shammari presents the Excellence Award to the CEO Mr. Mohammad Al-Farhoud
- Award of excellence and certificates of appreciation obtained by PIC