

Chandra Asri Group to Build CA-EDC Plant, Creating 3,250 New Jobs

Jakarta, March 19, 2025 – PT Chandra Asri Pacific Tbk (Chandra Asri Group) is currently constructing a world-class Chlor Alkali – Ethylene Dichloride (CA-EDC) Plant in Cilegon, Banten. This plant is expected to generate 3,000 job opportunities during its construction phase and 250 workers more once it becomes operational.

This IDR 15 trillion project will be managed by the company's subsidiary, PT Chandra Asri Alkali (CAA), with completion targeted for 2027. The Indonesian government has designated the CA-EDC Plant as a National Strategic Project (PSN), and it is expected to significantly contribute to sustainable economic growth.

Chandra Asri Group President Director & CEO, Erwin Ciputra, stated, “Our investment in the CA-EDC Plant is backed by 32 years of experience as the backbone of the national petrochemical industry. We are committed to continuously creating value for all stakeholders and generating economic impact for Indonesia through our industry leadership.”

In line with the Company's commitment as a Growth Partner, the construction of the CA-EDC Plant, Chandra Asri Group supports the Government's *Asta Cita* goals, particularly in job creation and industrial downstream development, while also contributing to Indonesia's targeted of 8% economic growth.

The CA-EDC Plant will have a production capacity of 400,000 tons per year for solid caustic soda, or 827,000 tons in liquid form, as well as 500,000 tons per year of Ethylene Dichloride (EDC). With this plant's presence, Indonesia's reliance on Chlor Alkali imports will be reduced by up to IDR 4.9 trillion per year, while all EDC produced will be exported, potentially increasing the country's foreign exchange earnings by up to IDR 5 trillion per year.

As a raw material for other industries, the CA-EDC Plant's products have strong forward linkages and generate a significant multiplier effect for downstream industries. This not only contributes to job creation in the downstream sector but also supporting the availability of raw materials for domestic downstream industries.

Chlor Alkali, or caustic soda, is essential for industrial water treatment, soap & detergent production, and alumina processing. It is also used in nickel refining, helping Indonesia strengthen its position in the global electric vehicle value chain. Ethylene Dichloride (EDC) is a chemical with growing regional demand, as it serves as key raw material for producing Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC), an essential component in the construction industry.

Meanwhile, caustic soda also plays a crucial role in the pulp and paper industry, supporting the production of high-quality products. In pulp production, bleaching, and de-inking processes, caustic soda helps break down lignin, remove impurities, and enhance paper quality.



To bring this project to fruition, Chandra Asri Group has allocated a capital expenditure of USD 350-400 million, or approximately IDR 5.5-6.3 trillion, for 2025. This investment is part of the company's long-term organic growth strategy to strengthen the national chemical industry supply chain.

"We believe that through strong collaboration with various stakeholders, Chandra Asri Group can continue to make a positive contribution to Indonesia's economy and drive more sustainable growth in the national industry," concluded **Erwin**.

About Chandra Asri Group

Chandra Asri Group is a leading provider of energy, chemical, and infrastructure solutions in Southeast Asia, supplying products and services to various manufacturing industries in both domestic and international markets. With 32 years of history and over 2,200 dedicated staff, it leverages state-of-the-art technologies and strategically located facilities in Indonesia's petrochemical and industrial hubs, Cilegon and Serang. Chandra Asri Group operates the only Naphtha Cracker in Indonesia, producing Olefins (Ethylene, Propylene), Polyolefins (Polyethylene, Polypropylene), PyGas, and Mixed C4. It is also the sole domestic producer of Styrene Monomer, Ethylene, Butadiene, MTBE, and Butene-1, with a world-scale Chlor Alkali Ethylene Dichloride plant in development. The company's chemical business is supported by core infrastructure assets, including energy, electricity, water, jetty, and tank farm facilities. For more information, visit www.chandraasri.com.

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