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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **IQ CLARIFICATION REGARDING QAFCO EXPANSION PROJECTS**

**DOHA, QATAR** - Industries Qatar ("IQ" or "the group"; QE: IQCD), one of the region's industrial giants with interests in the production of a wide range of petrochemical, fertiliser and steel products, issued a brief press release to the Qatar Exchange clarifying that the group's fertiliser joint venture, Qatar Fertiliser Company, is unaware of the projects referred to in certain sections of the media as "contributing projects for the proposed chemicals and petrochemicals production boost" in the State of Qatar.

The group reiterates its disclosure policy whereby the Qatar Exchange will be informed of any confirmed projects by an official announcement.

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## GENERAL NOTES

Industries Qatar's accounting year follows the calendar year. No adjustment has been made for leap years. Where applicable, all values refer to Industries Qatar's share. Values expressed in QR billions and percentages have been rounded to 1 decimal point. All other values have been rounded to the nearest whole number. Values expressed in US \$'s have been translated at the rate of US \$1 = QR3.64.

## DEFINITIONS

**Adjusted Free Cash Flow:** Cash Flow From Operations - Total CAPEX - Dividends • **CAGR:** 5-Year *Compound Annual Growth Rate* (from 2010 actuals)  
• **Cash Realisation Ratio:** Cash Flow From Operations / Net Profit x 100 • **Debt to Equity:** (Current Debt + Long-Term Debt) / Equity x 100 •  
**Dividend Yield:** Total Cash Dividend / Closing Market Capitalisation x 100 • **DRI:** *Direct Reduced Iron* • **EBITDA:** *Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation* calculated as (Net Profit + Interest Expense + Depreciation + Amortisation - QR1.2bn government grant received in 2009) • **EPS:** *Earnings per Share* (Net Profit / Number of Ordinary Shares outstanding at the year end) • **Free Cash Flow:** Cash Flow From Operations - Total CAPEX • **HBI:** *Hot Briquetted Iron* • **Interest Cover:** (Earnings before Interest Expense + Tax) / Interest Expense • **LDPE:** *Low Density Poly Ethylene* • **LLDPE:** *Linear Low Density Poly Ethylene* • **mmBTU:** *Million British Thermal Units* • **MT / PA:** *Metric Tons Per Annum* • **MTBE:** *Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether* • **Net Debt:** Current Debt + Long-Term Debt - Cash & Cash Equivalents • **Payout Ratio:** Total Cash Dividend / Net Profit x 100 •  
**P/E:** *Price to Earnings* (Closing market capitalisation / Net Profit) • **RCF:** Funds From Operations - Dividends • **ROA:** *Return On Assets* [EBITDA / (Total Assets - CWIP - PUD) x 100] • **ROCE:** *Return On Capital Employed* [Net Profit before Interest & Tax / (Total Assets - Current Liabilities) x 100] •  
**ROE:** *Return On Equity* (Net Profit / Shareholders' Equity x 100) • **Utilisation:** Production Volume / Rated Capacity x 100 [For new facilities, measure includes first full operational quarter only]

## ABOUT IQ

Industries Qatar QSC was incorporated as a Qatari joint stock company on April 19, 2003. The business operations of the company comprise the direct holding of shares in the following subsidiary and joint venture companies: (i) Qatar Steel Company QSC ("QS"), a wholly-owned subsidiary, engaged in the manufacture and sale of steel billets and reinforcing bars; (ii) Qatar Petrochemical Company Limited QSC ("QAPCO"), a joint venture owned 80% by IQ, engaged in the production of ethylene, low-density polyethylene ("LDPE"), linear low-density polyethylene ("LLDPE") and sulphur; (iii) Qatar Fertiliser Company SAQ ("QAFCO"), a joint venture owned 75% by IQ, engaged in the manufacture of ammonia and urea; and (iv) Qatar Fuel Additives Company Limited QSC ("QAFAC"), a joint venture owned 50% by IQ, is engaged in the production of methanol and methyl-tertiary-butyl-ether ("MTBE").

The operations of the subsidiary and joint ventures remain independently managed by their respective management teams.