

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Azomures celebrates, on December 1 2020, 58 years since the company was founded.**

"Nitrogen fertilizer plant" was the name under which current Azomures company was established on December 1, 1962. The foundations of one of the most modern chemical platforms were then laid, which soon became one of the largest fertilizer exporters in Romania. At the same time, Romanian farmers have successfully used Azomures fertilizers, and stocks for local agriculture were available before 1990. The technological platform was developed during several stages, one of the most important being between 1975 - 1985, added by turns various functionalities and production plants, activity being continuously, except for some periods of time immediately after 1990.

Today, at European level, Azomures is one of the most important industrial platforms in the fertilizer sector for agriculture due to an extensive modernization program carried out between 2012 and 2016, immediately after the plant became the property of the Swiss Group, Ameropa. New strategy of the Ameropa group also aimed at supplying the Romanian market with a bigger quantity of the total production level, so that, today, approximately 70% of Azomures fertilizers are used by local farms. At Azomureș we produce annually 1.6 million tons of fertilizers for agriculture.

Investments in technology had a positive impact on the environment also. At this time, the facilities operate in accordance with European regulations, which guarantee a low impact on the environment. Investments in environmental protection are a priority and will be included in the future, in the Green Deal of the European Commission.

Today, Azomures platform provides over 2400 direct jobs, but at the same time represents a very complex field of economic development by supporting other fields of activity such as transport, maintenance and spare parts services, fertilizer distribution, end users - farmers. An important aspect for the national economy is the added value to the main raw material, methane gas, a local natural resource doubled in value after being introduced into the industrial circuit. Another particularly important aspect is the role that Azomures has in ensuring food security in Romania, fertilizers being an indispensable component for a modern, sustainable and competitive agriculture.

Company's future plans include the development of new products, based on the continuous modernization of industrial production processes. In the coming years, Ameropa Group undertook to invest significant amounts in Azomures activity, being at the same time an active partner of the local community of Targu Mures.

On the occasion of 58th anniversary of our existence, we thank all those who worked o in Azomures over time and to those who are our colleagues today, we wish strength for further work.

Harri Kiiski

CEO