

Joint Press Release

Aramco to become majority shareholder in Petro Rabigh, an integrated refining and petrochemical complex in Saudi Arabia

- *Aramco to acquire additional Petro Rabigh shares from Sumitomo Chemical*
- *Companies agree mechanism to improve Petro Rabigh's financial position and facilitate turnaround strategy*

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia, August 7, 2024 – Aramco, one of the world's leading integrated energy and chemicals companies, has signed a definitive agreement to acquire an additional stake of approximately 22.5% in Rabigh Refining and Petrochemical Co. ("Petro Rabigh"), the refining and petrochemical complex located on the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's west coast, from Sumitomo Chemical for \$702 million.

Aramco and Tokyo-headquartered Sumitomo Chemical currently each own 37.5% of shares in Petro Rabigh, which was listed on the Saudi Exchange in 2008. Upon completion of the transaction, which is priced at SAR7 per share, Aramco will become Petro Rabigh's largest shareholder with an equity stake of approximately 60%, while Sumitomo Chemical will retain an equity stake of 15%. The transaction, which is subject to customary closing conditions including regulatory approvals and other third-party approvals, is part of a package of financial measures intended to reinforce Petro Rabigh's financial position.

Under the terms of the share sale and purchase agreement, all proceeds received by Sumitomo Chemical from the sale will be injected into Petro Rabigh, through a mechanism to be agreed with Petro Rabigh. Aramco will also provide additional funds to Petro Rabigh, via a mechanism also to be agreed, matching the \$702m from Sumitomo Chemical to improve Petro Rabigh's financial position and support Petro Rabigh's future strategy, bringing the aggregate injection amount to US\$1.4 billion.

In addition, Aramco and Sumitomo Chemical have agreed to a phased waiver of shareholder loans of \$750m each, which will result in a \$1.5bn direct reduction in Petro Rabigh's liabilities.

These measures are expected to improve Petro Rabigh's balance sheet and cash liquidity as part of a remedial plan that Aramco and Sumitomo Chemical intend to explore with Petro Rabigh, which also includes initiatives to upgrade the refinery with the aim of helping improve the profitability of the business. The agreement also aligns with Aramco's downstream expansion and Sumitomo Chemical's move away from commodity chemicals toward specialty chemicals.

Hussain A. Al Qahtani, Aramco Senior Vice President of Fuels, said: "Aramco continues to identify opportunities to strengthen its downstream value chain, secure placement of its upstream crude oil with affiliated refineries, and convert more of its hydrocarbons into high-value materials. By increasing our shareholding, we expect to achieve even closer integration with Petro Rabigh and facilitate its turnaround strategy. We look forward to building on our existing relationship with Petro Rabigh, in alignment with our strategic goals."

Seiji Takeuchi, Sumitomo Chemical Senior Managing Executive Officer, said: "Amid the evolving business landscape in both the refining and petrochemical sectors, Aramco and Sumitomo Chemical have considered options to find an appropriate turnaround strategy for Petro Rabigh and identify an appropriate framework to facilitate Petro Rabigh's future plans. We believe this transaction, which aligns with the strategic directions Aramco and Sumitomo Chemical are respectively pursuing, will significantly enhance Petro Rabigh's financial position."

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