

## **The Outlook for Phosphates and What it Might Mean for Sulphur**

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Change continues apace in the phosphate industry. New world-scale plants are being commissioned in North Africa and the Middle East; the EU looks to tighten regulations on product quality; China grapples with excess capacity and environmental issues; Latin American agriculture continues to expand with some much-needed investment in inputs; globally farmers look to fertilizer use efficiency and to new products to reduce waste and improve margins. Sulphur is a core raw material, not only for the production of phosphoric acid for ammoniated phosphates, NPKs and TSP, but also for SSP. Allan Pickett, Principal Consultant for Phosphates and Potash at Fertecon will review recent developments across all phosphate fertilizers and consider what they mean in terms of future demand and supply. The presentation will look at proposed developments and the likelihood that they will be implemented, and the overall scope for new projects. The overall phosphate supply forecast will then be assessed in terms of the implications for future sulphur demand looking forward to 2024.