

### Sinofert Joins The Sulphur Institute

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 18, 2009 – The Sulphur Institute (TSI) announced today that Sinochem Fertilizer Co. (Sinofert) has joined the organization. Sinofert is the largest fertilizer company in China, integrating production, supply, distribution, import/export and sales of various fertilizer raw materials and finished products throughout the world's biggest agricultural market. Sinofert is one of the biggest sulphur importers and consumers in China and is devoted to promoting sulphur fertilizers.

Mr. Li Qiubing, chief operating officer, stated that he looks forward to actively participating in TSI's programs. "Sinofert is committed to deliver value to China's fertilizer industry and farmers. We recognize TSI's benefits for all the members and support the organization's work," he added.

Sinofert is the second Chinese company to become members of TSI. Ms. Catherine Randazzo, president and CEO, noted the importance of China, not only to the global market, but most importantly to the sulphur and fertilizer industries." Highlighting China's role, she remarked, "China imported a record 7.7 million tons of sulphur from January to July 2009 assuring its position as the largest importer and consumer of sulphur along with being the largest producer and consumer of phosphate fertilizers—it is also sulphur's largest market. Sinofert is well-established in these businesses and recognizes that TSI can provide value and many benefits to its members."

Founded in 1960, The Sulphur Institute is an international non-profit trade association representing companies engaged in producing, buying, selling, handling, transporting or adding value to sulphur anywhere in the world. Members are based in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North America.

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*Style Note to Editors: Sulfur is the preferred spelling in the United States, but the formal names of The Sulphur Institute Inc. are spelled with a "ph." Please take this into consideration when editing.*