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Dear ICS members,

It is my great pleasure to announce that the 2012 ICS Prize for the Chemical Green Industry will be awarded to Makhteshim-Agan Industries for their activities to minimize the impact of manufacturing processes on the environment. By investing remarkable resources the group has developed advanced processes that significantly reduced emissions of toxic industrial gases or gases contributing to the greenhouse effect and efficiently treated industrial effluents and wastewater. For example, the company developed an efficient, environmentally friendly reformer, which fully utilizes all of the SynGas components, including hydrogen, CO₂ and CO without any emissions to the environment, while offering operational flexibility, including adjustments towards the transition from naphtha to natural gas.



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With sales of over \$2.6 billion in 2011, the Makhteshim-Agan Group currently ranks seventh worldwide in the global crop protection market, for both proprietary and branded off-patent products with a global market share of over 5%. In the off-patent segment, the group ranks number one in the world offering a wide range of effective and reliable solutions that protect against destructive weeds, insects and fungi and increase crop yields by preventing yield losses. Through these activities, Makhteshim-Agan helps solve one of the greatest challenges facing the world today – a dwindling food supply.

The group operates three sites in Israel, Ramat Hovav, Beer Sheva and Ashdod, and an additional 12 factories abroad, serving farmers in 120 countries. The Company was established in Israel in 1945 and in 2011 the Group became a private company with joint ownership of China National Agrochemical Corporation (60%), a subsidiary of China National Chemical Corporation (ChemChina) and Koor Industries, part of the IDB Group.

The award ceremony will take place in the gala dinner during the 78th annual meeting of the ICS in February 12, 2013 in Tel Aviv.

Congratulations to the entire family of Makhteshim-Agan for their achievements!

Ehud Keinan