

Media Release
Abu Dhabi | 30 September 2014

Borealis supports aims and activities of the Emirates National Schools and Emirates Foundation with AED 3 million

Borealis, a leading provider of innovative solutions in the fields of polyolefins, base chemicals and fertilizers, has announced it will present AED 2 million to support the educational process at the Emirates National Schools and another AED 1 million to the Emirates Foundation. These amounts have been made possible by the Borealis Social Fund, which since 2008 has dedicated itself to actively contributing to the welfare and enhancement of the communities in which the company operates.

The Borealis Social Fund and ENS

The Emirates National Schools (ENS) is in its eleventh year of existence, offering educational programmes from kindergarten through to grade 12. Over 6,200 students are currently enrolled at the three separate campuses, Mohammed Bin Zayed City, Al Ain City and Abu Dhabi City.

This most recent Borealis initiative has been praised by H.E. Ahmed Mohammed Al Hamiri, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Presidential Affairs and Chairman of the Emirates National Schools, who has expressed his appreciation that Borealis continues to support the goal of helping develop students with finely honed intercultural awareness and skills in order to produce responsible citizens of their own societies and the world community.

“At ENS, our principle aim is to motivate students to reach for excellence, and to stimulate a love of science,” explains Dr Kenneth Vedra, Director General of the Emirates National Schools. “I would like to express my sincere thanks to Borealis and the Borealis Social Fund for reaffirming their commitment to knowledge and learning. This initiative will help us further develop our educational programmes in science and engineering, in particular.”

Supporting The Emirates Foundation

Emirates Foundation was established by the government of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in 2005 as an integrated national initiative that seeks to invest in UAE youth. The Foundation’s strategy uses the model venture philanthropy with a view to impacting the lives of young people in the UAE positively and permanently to improve the welfare of youth of the UAE. For the Foundation to do so it works in three key focus areas: social inclusion; community engagement; and leadership and empowerment. It will seek to identify, educate and inform the public about challenges facing UAE youth while developing

sustainable, enterprise-based solutions to social issues and motivating young Emiratis to volunteer, participate and give back to society.

“We are grateful for the generous support we are receiving from Borealis,” says Clare Woodcraft-Scott, Chief Executive Officer of The Emirates Foundation. “This donation will help us further develop our programmes in order to reach more youth to impact their lives positively and permanently by empowering them to become productive citizens that contribute to building their nation.”

“We at Borealis would like to highlight our commitment to give something back in the locations where we operate, and the Borealis Social Fund is the ideal vehicle with which to do so,” says Borealis Chief Executive Mark Garrett. “We understand the need of a well-educated society, so continuing our cooperation with important national institutions like the Emirates National Schools and the Emirates Foundation will help ensure that young people will be imbued with a passion for knowledge and science but also be encouraged to be active and productive members of their communities.”

In recent years, Borealis has supported regularly via the Borealis Social Fund various charitable, humanitarian and educational organisations in the UAE, including the Emirates Foundation, the Red Crescent, the Zayed Higher Organisation for Humanitarian Care, Family Development Foundation, and other select charities.



From left to right: Mrs. Clare Woodcraft-Scott, CEO- Emirates Foundation and Mr. Mark Garrett, Chief Executive Borealis.



From left to right: Mr. Mark Garrett, Chief Executive Borealis, and Dr. Kenneth Vedra, Director General Emirates National Schools.

END

For further information please contact:

Kerstin Meckler
Director Communications, Borealis Group
Tel. +43 (0)1 22 400 389 (Vienna, Austria)
e-mail: kerstin.meckler@borealisgroup.com

Borealis is a leading provider of innovative solutions in the fields of polyolefins, base chemicals and fertilizers. This year, the company celebrates its 20th anniversary. With headquarters in Vienna, Austria, Borealis currently employs around 6,400 and operates in over 120 countries. It generated EUR 8.1 billion in sales revenue in 2013. The International Petroleum Investment Company (IPIC) of Abu Dhabi owns 64% of the company, with the remaining 36% owned by OMV, the leading energy group in the European growth belt. Borealis provides services and products to customers around the world in collaboration with Borouge, a joint venture with the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC).

Building on its proprietary Borstar® and Borlink™ technologies and 50 years of experience in polyolefins, Borealis and Borouge support key industries including infrastructure, automotive and advanced packaging.

The Borouge 3 plant expansion in Abu Dhabi will be fully operational in 2014. Borouge 3 will deliver an additional 2.5 million tonnes of capacity when fully ramped up, bringing the total Borouge capacity to 4.5 million tonnes. Borealis and Borouge will then have approximately 8 million tonnes of polyolefin capacity.

Borealis offers a wide range of base chemicals, including melamine, phenol, acetone, ethylene, propylene, butadiene and pygas, servicing a wide range of industries. Together with Borouge the two companies will produce approximately 6 million tonnes of Base Chemicals in 2014.

Borealis also creates real value for the agricultural industry with a large portfolio of fertilizers. The company distributes approximately 2.1 million tonnes per year. This volume will increase to more than 5 million tonnes by the end of 2014.

Borealis and Borouge aim to proactively benefit society by taking on real societal challenges and offering real solutions. Both companies are committed to the principles of Responsible Care®, an initiative to improve safety performance within the chemical industry, and contribute to solve the world's water and sanitation challenges through product innovation and their Water for the World™ programme.

For more information visit:

www.borealisgroup.com
www.borouge.com
www.waterfortheworld.net

Borstar is a registered trademark of the Borealis Group.

Borlink and Water for the World are trademarks of the Borealis Group.