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Aramco, TotalEnergies and Saudi Investment Recycling Company (SIRC) assess the development of a sustainable aviation fuels unit

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, December 3, 2024 – On the occasion of the visit of the President of the French Republic Emmanuel Macron to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud, Saudi Minister of Energy, Aramco, TotalEnergies, and Saudi Investment Recycling Company (SIRC), the major player which collects and valorizes organic materials into sustainable products in Saudi Arabia, announced today the signing of a Joint Development and Cost Sharing Agreement (JDSCA) to assess the development of a sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) production unit in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

This collaboration will draw on the expertise of the three partners to develop a production unit of sustainable aviation fuel by converting local residues from the circular economy, such as used cooking oil and animal fats.

Amin H. Nasser, Aramco President & CEO, said “With demand for air travel forecast to grow, it’s becoming imperative to address aviation emissions through lower-carbon alternatives such as sustainable aviation fuels. This is where major global energy companies like Aramco and TotalEnergies can play a part, by collaborating to help meet this need. Addressing transport emissions requires a wide range of approaches and Aramco is pursuing a number of potential innovative solutions, as we seek opportunities to make an impact. We already have a well-established partnership with TotalEnergies and this new collaboration demonstrates our intent to explore ways to leverage our combined strengths, in this case with a view to establishing a sustainable aviation fuels plant in the Kingdom with SIRC. As Saudi Arabia’s tourism and aviation sectors expand, this could potentially benefit both domestic and international airlines.”

Patrick Pouyanné, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of TotalEnergies, said: “We are delighted to partnering with Aramco and SIRC to study the production of sustainable aviation fuels in the Kingdom. By leveraging our collective expertise, we can take a further step towards the decarbonization of air transport together. SAF is at the heart of our company’s transition strategy, as we strive to meet the aviation industry’s demand to reduce its carbon footprint. Saudi Arabia is emblematic of our multi-energy strategy aimed at supporting the energy transition of oil and gas producing countries. This SAF production project contributes to the country’s *Green Initiative* and *Vision 2030*’s objectives.”

Eng. Ziad Al-Sheha, Chief Executive Officer of SIRC, said: “In keeping with our commitment to supporting the ambitious sustainability objectives of Vision 2030 and the Saudi Green Initiative, we have a keen focus on increasing waste conversion rates into renewable resources. The new partnership with Aramco and TotalEnergies to assess the feasibility of a renewable aviation fuels plant signifies a major leap forward in our mission. We also believe it will enrich and energize our efforts to lead the development of the Kingdom’s circular economy.”

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The Saudi Investment Recycling Company (SIRC), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Public Investment Fund (PIF), was established in 2017 to lead Saudi Arabia's circular economy for a sustainable future. The company invests in the development of the local waste management sector and is striving to boost the Kingdom's capabilities to meet its objective of raising total municipal solid waste recycling operations to 81% by 2035. For more information, visit: www.sirc.sa

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