



Sheikh Muhammad Afzal, Sindh Minister for Environment with Asad Umar, President & CEO, ECPL and other delegates at the 2nd National HSE Seminar.

### **Engro reinforces commitment for improved HSE Management**

**KARACHI, October 01, 2009:** Engro Chemical Pakistan Limited (ECPL) organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Seminar at a local hotel. Officiated by Sindh Minister for Environment and Alternate Energy, Sheikh Muhammad Afzal, the seminar had representatives from both regulatory and corporate organizations from across Pakistan including such institutions as National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), DuPont, Lead Pakistan, Fauji Fertilizer Company, Attock Refinery Limited and many others. The day's activities provided valuable discourse on topics including Process Safety Management, Operational Excellence, Climate Change Mitigation, Renewable Energy Sources, Construction Safety Management, Disaster Management, amongst many others.



On completion of the days' activities, the Minister stated, "This seminar has highlighted the need for public-private co-action to frame workable policies to prevent in-house pollution and implement safety measures in manufacturing concerns for the ultimate goal of sustainable development coupled with quality production."

With recent years having witnessed tremendous improvement in the perceived relation between health, safety & environment and industrial production, the minister added that an urgent action plan, involving all stakeholders, was needed to improve, protect, rehabilitate and conserve our natural environment. The Minister appreciated Engro Chemical's efforts in organizing the seminar for the second consecutive year, adding that Engro had established itself as a role model for other organizations for the implementation of HSE standards.

On this occasion, Asad Umar, President and CEO, ECPL emphasized that profits could not be sustained without due consideration for people or the planet. The positive response to this seminar over the last two years had reinforced the commitment of both the government and industry to utilize mutual expertise and outreach to promote social well being and improve the bottom line by building alliances and mutually beneficial partnerships.

He added, "Engro is at the forefront of an industry that is highly prone to risk and uncertainties, and we are acutely aware of the need to manage health, safety and environment (HSE) in achieving continued and sustained growth. I am honored that Engro has taken the lead in highlighting the significance of HSE through these seminars, which we hope can provide the learning to improve HSE management across Pakistan's industry."

Earlier, in his welcome speech, Khalid Siraj Subhani, Senior Vice President, ECPL had shared International Labor Organization (ILO) statistics revealing that as many as 5,000 people die every day as a result of work-related accidents or illnesses. Though Pakistan is 153<sup>rd</sup> amongst global polluters, it is at the 11<sup>th</sup> worst hit area of world.

Adding that industrialization in the region was gaining momentum in all fields, he said, "It is imperative not to forget the role of health, safety & environment in achieving continued and sustained growth. Engro Chemical has maintained a proud record of human safety, health and environmental standards and we are honored to share our experience with organizations trying to improve their own HSE standards."