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## International credit rating agency S&P reaffirmed Industries Qatar's credit rating

- *S&P reaffirmed IQ's credit rating at 'A+' with a 'stable' outlook*

**Doha, Qatar; 7 June 2021:** Industries Qatar ("IQ" or "the Group"; QE Ticker: IQCD), one of the region's industrial giants with holdings in petrochemicals, fertilizers and steel producers, announced today that international credit rating agency, Standard & Poor's Financial Services (S&P), has reaffirmed IQ's credit ratings at 'A+' with a 'stable' outlook.

The reaffirmation of credit rating was based on S&P's annual review of IQ's current and future financial and operational performance, and financial position, where consideration was given to several factors including, IQ's robust liquidity profile, strong competitive market position, prudent financial policy, product and end-market diversity, along with greater integration with the Parent entity (Qatar Petroleum).

In a report published by S&P on 7 June 2021, the rating agency cited that "IQ's prudent financial policy and strong cash flow support very strong credit metrics".

S&P considered the business risk to be 'satisfactory' with 'minimal' financial risk. This underscores IQ's superior profitability margins and robust operating cash flows benefiting from competitively priced feedstock, efficient assets, higher capacity utilization and synergies among Group companies.

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### About Industries Qatar (IQ)

Industries Qatar Q.P.S.C. was incorporated as a Qatari joint stock company on April 19, 2003. The business operations of the company comprise the direct holding of shares in the following subsidiary and joint venture companies: (i) Qatar Steel Company Q.P.S.C. ("QS"), a wholly-owned subsidiary, engaged in the manufacture and sale of steel billets and reinforcing bars; (ii) Qatar Petrochemical Company Limited QSC ("QAPCO"), a joint venture owned 80% by IQ, engaged in the production of ethylene, low-density polyethylene ("LDPE"), linear low-density polyethylene ("LLDPE") and sulphur; (iii) Qatar Fertiliser Company SAQ ("QAFCO"), a subsidiary 100% owned by IQ, engaged in the manufacture of ammonia and urea; and (iv) Qatar Fuel Additives Company Limited QSC ("QAFAC"), a joint venture owned 50% by IQ, engaged in the production of methanol and methyl-tertiary-butyl-ether ("MTBE").

The operations of the subsidiary and joint ventures remain independently managed by their respective management teams.

For more information about the earnings announcement, email [iq@qp.com.qa](mailto:iq@qp.com.qa) or visit [www.iq.com.qa](http://www.iq.com.qa).