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SPEECH BY THE MINISTER FOR LABOUR, MR. JEK YEUN THONG, ON THE OCCASION OF THE SOD REMOVAL CEREMONY OF CHEMICAL CORPORATION OF SINGAPORE LTD., JURONG, AT 4 P.M. ON SUNDAY, 9th February, 1964.

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Sulphuric acid is one of the most widely used and most important of chemical products. It has been said that the sulphuric acid plant is a starting point for a diversified inorganic chemical industry in the country. The production of sulphuric acid would give impetus to a series of other chemical production such as the manufacture of some important salts of sulphuric acid, like sodium sulphate, copper sulphate and aluminium sulphate. It is, therefore, with great pleasure that I am here today at this ceremony to mark the commencement of construction works of Chemical Corporation of Singapore Ltd.

Chemical Corporation of Singapore Ltd. is a pioneer firm. It will be one of the first plants in Singapore to manufacture sulphuric acid and aluminium sulphate. It intends to go into production by the end of this year. In its later stage of production, it proposes also to manufacture formic acid, copper sulphate and ferrous sulphate and industrial acids.

This firm has a subscribed capital of \$2 million. This plant will cater not only for the local market but also for the market overseas. Its annual output when at full production of sulphuric acid, alum and formic acid is estimated to be 20,000 tons, 15,000 tons and 5,000 tons respectively.

I wish this venture every success.

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