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Dear OPAL Community,

It's hard to believe how quickly time flies, and here we are, already halfway through the year. As we navigate through the ever-changing landscape of our industry, I want to take a moment to reflect on our collective achievements from the past month, recognize the challenges we've overcome, and set our sights on the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

On the human capital development front, we started the month with the official induction of the HSE Apprenticeship Program. This program is designed for diploma and bachelor's degree graduates. It will be delivered by the Knowledge Grid Academy over a period of 18 months. Upon successful completion of the program requirements, trainees will be employed directly, opening an exciting opportunity for their future careers. Also, in collaboration with Apave Gulf LLC, we organized the official induction for the third batch of the "Non-Destructive Test Inspector" training for employment program. This program will be delivered by the National Training Institute, spans a period of 6 months. Upon successful completion of the program requirements, the trainees will be employed directly, providing them with valuable skills and opening doors to promising career opportunities.

Another significant milestone occurred on Monday, June 5, 2023, when OPAL signed a Collaboration Agreement with ICONEX LLC. This partnership is aimed at organizing the International Occupational Health Summit 2024 (IOHS 2024). The summit, scheduled to take place from February 5th to 7th, 2024 in Muscat, the Sultanate of Oman, aims to raise awareness, discuss challenges, and exchange knowledge surrounding Occupational Health at the workplace. It will bring together field experts from Oman, GCC, and international industries and organizations, fostering invaluable discussions and insights.

On Health, Safety and Environment front, OPAL organized the first Industry Worker Welfare Working Group Workshop which brought together representatives from the Ministry of Labor and operating companies to develop worker welfare

## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

standards and establish criteria for determining minimum mandatory requirements related to workers. These standards aim to always ensure the well-being of workers, underscoring our commitment to their overall welfare.

In further pursuit of worker welfare standards, on 5th June, OPAL organized the 9th Leadership Safety Forum hosted by Daleel Petroleum, under the patronage of the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Energy and Minerals. This forum focused on discussing Worker Welfare Initiatives within the industry, addressing challenges, and sharing best practices to create a safe working environment for workers in the energy sector. The event emphasized the importance of physical health, well-being, and mental health as core values. Additionally, the forum witnessed the endorsement of the OPAL Road Safety Strategy 2023-2030 and the signing of the 2nd edition of the Lifting Operations Management Standard.

On 7th June, OPAL conducted an HSE Workshop at the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), to strengthen the cooperation and collaboration between OPAL members and CAA in alignment with the agreed MoU.

Furthermore, on June 13, OPAL, in collaboration with Oman LNG, organized the OPAL Knowledge Exchange Forum (OKEF) with the theme of "Learning from Incidents". This forum aimed to share valuable lessons learned from incidents that occurred within our industry in 2022. The discussions focused on understanding the root causes of the incidents, failure of the barriers, and discussing preventive measures to avoid similar occurrences in the future. By fostering an environment of open communication and shared knowledge, we continuously strive to enhance safety and operational excellence within our industry.

On 18th June, OPAL, in cooperation with the Environmental Authority and Subject Matters Experts, presented options for the execution of the Green Alliance Initiative to the Green Alliance Initiative Steering Committee. The steering committee decided that OPAL is best suited to execute the initiative on behalf of the Environmental Authority and in partnering with the Operators.

Last month also witnessed the signing of several agreements. The first agreement was with the Global Safety Training Institute to implement the OPAL program for the In-Vehicle Monitoring System (IVMS). This program is designed to provide comprehensive guidance on IVMS technology, enhancing understanding of its importance, applications, and benefits within the sector, and ultimately improving all aspects of road safety.

The second agreement was a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Bureau Veritas Middle East (BVME). This agreement sets a significant milestone in enhancing the quality and safety of camp standards within the industry. BVME will conduct camp auditing services in accordance with OPAL's Camp Standard, ensuring compliance with all applicable requirements where complied camps will

receive OPAL Camp Compliance Certificates.

One notable accomplishment occurred on June 11, 2023, when OPAL held a momentous meeting with the Ministry of Education. The objective of this meeting was to discuss ways to strengthen the partnership in the field of vocational and technical education. The focus was on exploring opportunities to implement engineering and industrial specializations in selected schools within the Muscat and North Al Batinah governorates. The goal is to introduce these specializations starting in the academic year 2024/2025. This initiative aims to enhance vocational and technical education opportunities, equipping students with valuable skills and knowledge for their future success in the industry.

On Monday, June 12, 2023, under the patronage of the Minister of Social Development, OPAL and the HDCD Center celebrated the graduation of a cohort of 84 graduates from persons with disabilities. These remarkable individuals underwent nine months of training, with more than fifty of them successfully joining the Labor market. This significant achievement highlights our commitment to inclusivity and empowerment, as we strive to create equal opportunities for all members of society, ensuring that no talent goes untapped.

In addition, on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, OPAL signed an agreement with Innovators Muscat Company to develop an interactive Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Electronic Platform. This platform aims to achieve a shared value of social responsibility by providing a comprehensive platform for OPAL members, partners, and stakeholders. It will serve as a hub for sharing information, collaborating on CSR initiatives, and amplifying our collective impact.

Moreover, on the same day, in collaboration with Safely Cooperation Services Institute, OPAL organized a workshop for the Safe Journey Management Program. The workshop's objective was to equip trainers with essential knowledge about the program's elements and familiarize them with the responsibilities and duties required to deliver the program effectively. This initiative underscores our unwavering commitment to promoting and ensuring road safety within the industry, prioritizing the well-being of our workforce and the wider community.

These achievements reflect the hard work, dedication, and collaboration of our entire team. I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together and look forward to even greater success in the future.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and for embodying our shared vision. Together, let us continue to drive positive change, embrace innovation, and make a long-lasting impact within our industry.

**AbdulRahman Al Yahyaei**  
OPAL CEO





Sunday, June 4, 2023, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized the official induction of the Training for Employment "HSE Apprenticeship Program" funded by the Ministry of Labour. The program targets diploma and bachelor's degree graduates and will be delivered by Knowledge Grid Academy for a period of 18 months. Trainees will be employed directly after successfully completing the requirements of the program.



Sunday, June 4, 2023, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized the first Industry Worker Welfare Working Group Workshop. The team consisted of representatives from the Ministry of Labor and operating companies. The working group is entrusted to develop the workers welfare standard and establish new criteria for determining the minimum mandatory requirements related to workers. These standards aim to ensure the well-being of workers at all times



Monday, June 5, 2023, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized the 9th Leadership Safety Forum hosted by Daleel Petroleum, under the patronage of the Undersecretary of Ministry of Energy and Minerals. The forum discussed the industry Worker Welfare Initiatives, challenges, and best practices to raise the bar on expectations to create a safe working environment for workers in the energy sector, taking physical health, wellbeing and mental health as core values. In addition, the OPAL road safety strategy endorsed and the 2nd edition of the lifting operations management standard 2nd edition was signed.



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Thursday, June 8, 2023, Omani Energy Association (OPAL) signed an agreement with the Global Safety Training Institute with the aim of implementing the OPAL program for the In-Vehicle Monitoring System (IMS). This program aims to provide comprehensive guidance on the IMS technology and enhance understanding of its importance, applications, and benefits within the sector, in order to improve all aspects of road safety.



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Sunday, June 11, 2023, the Oman Energy Association (OPAL) held a meeting with the Ministry of Education in the presence of Her Excellency the Minister and the Undersecretaries. The aim of the meeting was to discuss ways to enhance partnership in the field of vocational and technical education in the post-basic education stage. This includes the implementation of some engineering and industrial specializations starting from the academic year 2024/2025 in a number of schools in the Muscat and North Al Batinah governorates.



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## OMANTEL INVESTS IN BYANAT FOR DATA ANALYTICS SOLUTIONS



Omantel has invested in byanat's Seed Funding Round to expand the provision of data analytics solutions through a software-as-a-service (SaaS) analytics platform for telecommunications operators and service providers. The funding round featured participation from 500 Global in collaboration with Sanabil Investments, an investment fund owned by the Public Investments Fund (PIF) of Saudi Arabia, and Al Jabr MENA, a startup development and innovation firm. This funding is set to expedite byanat's technology and product development and enable entry into the Saudi market. byanat is one of the tech companies that was incubat-

ed at Omantel Innovation Labs. The company aims to enhance infrastructure in the telecom, energy, and utilities sectors. Their SaaS analytics platform assists businesses in effectively scaling and maintaining connected infrastructure, by unifying communication management, device management, and data analytics. Talal al Mamari, CEO of Omantel, said, "This historic investment partnership is an eloquent endorsement of the trust global investors have in Omani startups. It also reflects Omantel's far-sighted vision towards innovation and technology. Omantel's investment in byanat is driven by our confidence in its potential to revolutionise the technology industry, not just in Oman but worldwide." "As we continue to focus on enhancing and growing our innovative services and infrastructure, we also place a high priority on empowering startups through various programs offered by Omantel Innovation Labs." Omantel Innovation Labs, Oman's innovation and entrepreneurship centre, fosters Omani tech startups and cultivates a thriving ecosystem. Their investment in byanat reaffirms their dedication to nurturing ground-breaking startups and reinforcing Oman's status as a regional leader in technology and innovation. Ahmed al Ghadani, CEO of byanat, said, "With this milestone investment, our focus at byanat is firmly set on the future. We are committed to scaling our operations, expanding our product offerings, and reaching new markets, ensuring that we remain at the forefront of our industry." As digital infrastructure becomes more complex, the demand for advanced data analytics solutions grows. With Omantel's support, byanat's innovative platform is poised to tackle these challenges and deliver value.

## GALFAR WINS MASSIVE RO280MN CONTRACT FROM PDO

Oman's leading construction and contracting firm, Galfar Engineering and Contracting Company, has been awarded a massive contract worth RO280mn by Petroleum Development Oman (PDO). Galfar shares surged nearly 8% on Sunday at the Muscat Stock Exchange following the announcement of the new contract award by the company. "We are pleased to inform our esteemed shareholders that PDO has awarded Galfar the Off-Plot Delivery Contract Qarn Alam via a letter of award that was formally accepted by both parties on May 25, 2023, and approval from PDO to disclose was confirmed on Sunday," Galfar said in a disclosure to the Muscat Stock Exchange. The company estimates the value of this call-off contract to be approximately RO280mn for an execution period of seven years. The contract also includes an additional three-year extension option worth RO120mn. "If the extension option of three years is approved and implemented, the potential associated additional contract value is estimated to be RO120mn," Galfar said. "We take this opportunity to express our appreciation to PDO for the confidence vested in Galfar through this award," the company added. According to Galfar's first-quarter 2023 financial report, for the period ended March 2023, the company continues to maintain a significant project pipeline of RO481mn supported by new project awards worth RO9.1mn. "The company expects to maintain a solid project pipeline in excess of RO500mn in the future, with a significant number of tenders under evaluation across a diverse array of sec-



tors and clients. We reasonably expect to be successful in a number of those, which will ensure stability and sustainability of our strong market position," the company said in the report. Galfar further said it continues to explore avenues to strengthen the company's financial position in a challenging and highly competitive economic environment. "As part of the company's turnaround strategy, ongoing measures to control manpower and overhead expenses and improve project execution efficiencies are poised to reduce overall cash outflow and improve the operating financial results in 2023," Galfar said. As a flagship for Oman's contracting and engineering business, Galfar said it is looking forward to building on its strength, supporting the government and local market endeavours for economic growth, and pursuing significant development and infrastructure projects across various sectors.



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# CHINA'S IDREAMSKY SEEKS COLLABORATION IN OMAN'S GAMING PAYMENT INDUSTRY



iDreamSky, a China-based leading gaming and digital entertainment company, is actively exploring avenues for potential partnerships in the MENA region and collaborations in Oman's gaming industry. iDreamSky is keen to explore opportunities that will revolutionise the gaming payment landscape in Oman. While iDreamSky acknowledges the significance of forging strategic alliances to drive industry advancements, the company is engaging in serious exploratory discussions and evaluating potential synergies that may arise from various collaborations, according to a press release. By exploring opportunities in Oman, iDreamSky aims to leverage its expertise to create a seamless and secure gaming payment platform that caters to the evolving needs of the next generation of gamers. In Oman, iDreamSky has signed a partnership with leading Omani fintech firm Mamun. Through this groundbreaking collaboration, iDreamSky and Mamun aim to enhance the gaming experience, foster innovation, and support the growth of Oman's gaming ecosystem. "We are excited to begin exploring the potential collaborations and opportunities in Oman's game payment landscape with Mamun. We see lots of similar pain points that the industry and players are suffering. Our discussions with Mamun have been very productive. I am looking forward to solidifying it further with Mamun as our main local partner as we secure more infrastructure partners within Oman," said Jeff Lyndon, president and cofounder of iDreamSky.

This cutting-edge platform aims to meet the surging demand from gamers, developers, and publishers in the region. By leveraging the expertise and resources of iDreamSky and Mamun, in conjunction with strategic partnerships with leading telcom firms, this joint initiative seeks to revolutionise the gaming payment landscape in Oman. The platform will offer a comprehensive suite of secure and seamless financial services tailored specifically for the gaming industry. "In the dynamic gaming payment ecosystem, we see significant challenges that hold immense potential for growth. Our unwavering commitment lies in positioning Oman at the forefront of this vertical, and Mamun's fintech infrastructure platform technology will serve as a crucial conduit to seize these opportunities. With iDreamSky's prominent operating position in Asia and global reach of game developers, they are the perfect partner. It's essential for the sector to recognise that payments transcend mere gateways; the future entails a comprehensive financial services experience, and fintechs are poised to deliver much more than vanilla payment services," said Mohammed al Tamami, co-founder and chief commercial officer at Mamun. Commenting on the new partnership between iDreamSky and Mamun, H E Dr Ali Shidhani, Undersecretary for Communications and Information Technology at the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology, said, "We are thrilled to witness the collaboration between local Omani startup, Mamun, and renowned international game development player, iDreamsky, as they join forces to pave the way for a thriving future in game development and the digital economy in Oman. This partnership marks a significant milestone in fostering growth and innovation within the Omani gaming industry, showcasing the immense potential and opportunities that lie ahead." iDreamSky and Mamun extended their heartfelt gratitude to the Ministry of Transport, Communications, and Information Technology in Oman for their unwavering commitment to fostering the growth of the gaming industry in the country. The ministry's emphasis on developing and promoting this sector has created an environment conducive to innovation and collaboration.

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### OPAL IN-VEHICLE MONITORING SYSTEM (IVMS) APPROVAL

A verification and approval scheme aiming at providing the Energy and Minerals industry assurance of compliance with OPAL Road Safety Standard by the providers of IVMS services. The scheme involves careful and extensive evaluation of IVMS devices as well as the quality of service and capabilities of the service providers to operate in Oman's diverse conditions.





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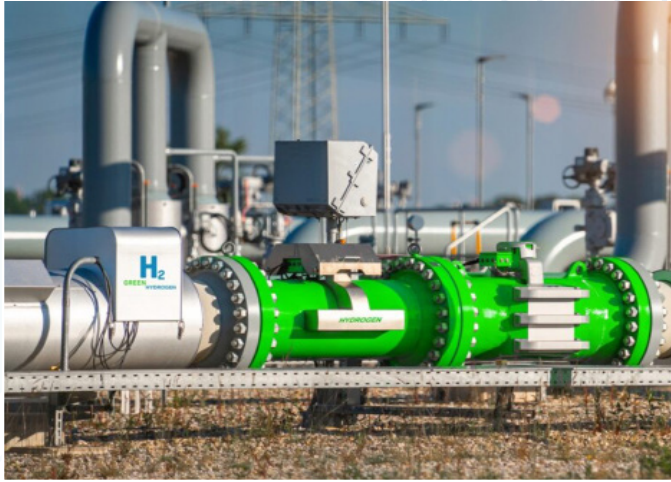
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## ENERTECH, GEO CONSORTIUM AWARDED ONE OF OMAN'S FIRST HYDROGEN BLOCKS



EnerTech Holding Company, a Kuwaiti state-owned company specialising in clean energy investment and development, and one of the founding partners of Green Energy Oman (GEO) international consortium, has been awarded one of Oman's first hydrogen blocks by Hydrogen Oman (Hydrom). The GEO consortium, consisting of EnerTech, Oman's integrated energy company OQ, Shell Oman, InterContinental Energy (ICE), and Golden Wellspring Wealth for Trading (GWWT), secured Block Z1-04, located in the Dhofar Governate. The block is set to produce

150,000 metric tonnes per annum of green hydrogen by leveraging 4 gigawatts of renewable energy, EnerTech said in a press statement. This deal is one of three signed agreements granting the first green hydrogen blocks in the sultanate, with a combined investment value exceeding \$20bn. The projects are expected to deliver over 750,000 tonnes of green hydrogen per year, further propelling Oman's ambitious target of achieving 1mn tonnes per year of green hydrogen production by 2030. "We are thrilled to have been awarded one of Oman's first hydrogen blocks, which serves as a testament to the unwavering dedication and forward-thinking vision of the consortium. This agreement marks a critical milestone in advancing the GEO project, positioned as one of the world's foremost green fuels initiatives," Abdullah al Mutairi, vice chairman and CEO of EnerTech Holding Company, said. He said, "EnerTech firmly believes in Oman's potential to emerge as a leading producer of green hydrogen, and we acknowledge the tremendous opportunities presented by Oman as a strategic market." The agreement between Hydrom and GEO consortium members was signed in the presence of H E Eng Salim bin Nasser al Aufi, Minister of Energy and Minerals. Poised to become one of the world's largest green hydrogen plants, the GEO project has been under development since 2017 and is located in the Al Wusta governorate of central Oman. At full capacity, it will be powered by 25 gigawatts (GW) of renewable solar and wind energy, enabling the production of approximately 1.8mn tonnes of green hydrogen which can be converted into 10mn tonnes of green ammonia per year. The GEO project's alignment with Oman Vision 2040 reinforces the enhancement of the country's renewable energy expertise, substantial creation of in-country value, and generation of employment opportunities throughout its lifecycle.

### MEMBER NEWS

## OMAN LAUNCHES SECOND BIDDING ROUND FOR GREEN HYDROGEN PROJECTS

After completing the first round of auctions, which resulted in a total of five project awards worth more than \$30bn, Hydrogen Oman (Hydrom) has launched the second round of auctions for land blocks designated for green hydrogen projects in the sultanate. In Round 2, Hydrom plans to award up to three land blocks in the Dhofar region by the end of the first quarter of 2024. The auction process for Round 2 provides companies with the opportunity to submit investment proposals for the development of large-scale green hydrogen projects in some of Oman's most attractive locations. Concurrently, Hydrom will finalise negotiations with companies with whom it signed commercial term sheets in March 2023, with the goal of signing the full agreements before the end of 2023. Hydrom is a subsidiary of the state-owned Energy Development Oman (EDO). H.E Salim bin Nasser al Aufi, Minister of Energy and Minerals and chairman of Hydrom, said, "We are delighted to announce the launch of Round 2 of the public auction for green hydrogen projects. This aligns with our ambitious plans to establish Oman as one of the world's largest exporters of green hydrogen by 2030. We possess valuable natural resources and geographical features that allow us to spearhead



this promising sector and capitalize on its potential as the energy source of the future." H.E Aufi emphasised that the green hydrogen sector is one of the key enablers in achieving the strategic goals outlined in Oman Vision 2040 and the country's target of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. Eng Mazin al Lamki, CEO of EDO, said, "We are delighted with Hydrom's accomplishments during the Round 1 public auction process. We look forward to achieving yet more remarkable milestones with Round 2, and at an accelerated pace. Doing so will support EDO's vision of developing Oman's energy sector and leading Oman's sustainable energy future. Furthermore, we will continue to provide the necessary support to Hydrom to achieve its vision."





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Additionally, a projected 3.4% real GDP growth rate will ensure steady growth in gas and refined fuel consumption. Natural gas output is expected to grow from 41.2bcm in 2022 to 42.1bcm in 2023, according to Fitch Solutions. Such forecasts indicates continuous growth for the industry, and Oman Petroleum and Energy Show 2024 will continue to mark such growth as it did for many years by highlighting trends and featuring innovative solutions for the industry.

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# OQGN, HYDROM SIGN MOU FOR GREEN HYDROGEN INFRASTRUCTURE

OQ Gas Networks (OQGN), the sole transporter of natural gas in Oman and owner of the sultanate’s gas transportation network, has signed a strategic memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Hydrogen Oman (Hydrom) to study the development of green hydrogen network infrastructure in the sultanate. This partnership establishes a strong collaboration and is the first step towards the development of an optimal, efficient, and cost-effective solution for green hydrogen transportation in Oman, OQGN said in a press statement. OQGN will leverage on its expertise and capabilities to provide shared infrastructure plans allowing green hydrogen developers to capitalise on the substantial technical and economical synergies and benefits of a shared infrastructure. OQGN, a part of Oman’s global integrated energy group OQ, is well placed to be at the center of the development of green hydrogen network initiatives. The company will help explore the best options for the development and construction of green hydrogen pipeline network infrastructure to transport green hydrogen from Hydrom’s renewables and clean hydrogen blocks to the downstream plants at the special economic zones and ports, as well as linking the network across governorates and explore potential interconnection with neighboring countries – as part of Hydrom’s master plan. Furthermore, the partnership will help to facilitate study outcomes, which will enable local company talents to develop optimal, efficient, and cost-effective solutions for green hydrogen transportation in Oman, advancing the green hydrogen economy and attracting international investments. The agreement was formalised as part of OQGN’s efforts to drive clean energy initiatives and is a direct reflection of OQGN’s deep commitment to developing clean energy infrastructure, as well as an acknowledgment of OQGN’s capabilities and expertise by key stakeholders in the hydrogen ecosystem. Mansoor Ali al Abdali, managing director of OQGN, said, “OQGN’s core focus is on clean energy infrastructure. This MoU reflects



both the importance of green hydrogen for Oman and our intention to play a leading role in green hydrogen transportation. We are delighted to be formalising our relationship with Hydrom, which has already achieved a great deal in its first year of existence.” Dr Firas Ali al Abduwani, acting managing director at Hydrom, said, “The huge potential and rich natural resources for green hydrogen in Oman can only truly be captured through the development of robust and reliable infrastructure. We are therefore delighted to be signing this MoU with OQGN. We are confident there are many other similar opportunities that we are hoping to explore with other national and international infrastructure providers, which will benefit the green hydrogen developers by providing a reliable cornerstones, supporting Hydrom’s vision of creating a green hydrogen hub in Oman.” Hydrom was established last year and is the entity orchestrating the national interest in green hydrogen, which includes operating competitive auction process for lands to be allocated for green hydrogen projects and orchestrating and master planning the Common Use Infrastructure, which includes hydrogen networks. Hydrom is fully owned subsidiary of Energy Development Oman (EDO) and is regulated by the Ministry of Energy and Minerals. OQGN is the exclusive operator of Oman’s gas transportation system. As the backbone of the country’s energy ecosystem, OQGN is a critical infrastructure player for the sultanate, and aims to champion the management and development of energy infrastructure through innovative and sustainable solutions. OQGN has 450 talents that are responsible for overseeing the smooth running of more than 4,030km of gas pipeline network.

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