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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Dear Members,

I hope you all had a good Eid Al-Fitr holiday and an enjoyable break with your family and friends. The month of Ramadan was a productive month despite the shorter working hours as we prepared for various exciting & upcoming events. One of these events is the 'Global HSE Event' which will take place between the 16th and 19th of May at the Oman Conference and Exhibition Centre.

Oman will host the eighth edition this year where HSE professionals from around the world will gather here, in Muscat, to share their experience and knowledge about HSE practices. The event will be under the patronage of H.E. Said bin Hamood Al Maawali, the Minister of Transport, Communication, and Information Technology – accompanied by governments representatives, sponsors, exhibitors and many executives from our member companies. Thus, we strongly recommend you to attend the event, an exciting opportunity not to be missed.

Furthermore, I am delighted to highlight that last month we announced the birth of 'OPAL HSE Passport'. We are now proud to witness the HSE passports' implementation in the sector. Such passports will help in harmonizing the HSE training and enhancing the training quality of trainees and save their time as well.

On the job creation fronts, last month alone we were able to create more than 300 job opportunities in collaborations with number of our member companies. Allow me here to render a big thanks to Halliburton and Weatherford for many of those job opportunities. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind our members to take the advantage of OPAL TFE programs which are fully funded by Ministry of Labor in addition to hiring job seekers through wages support program.

Before I conclude, I would also like to say that I am extremely happy with the level of trust that OPAL has built among its members. Such trust can be seen in the consistent increase in the number of newly joined members and the numerous initiatives OPAL carried with government authorities and the sector. We pray for a sustained and fruitful partnership that will indeed enhance Oman's position in the global market.

Sincerely,
Abdul Rahman Al Yahyai
OPAL CEO

MEMBER NEWS

GREEN HYDROGEN SUMMIT TO INCLUDE FUTURE ENERGY LEADERS PROGRAMME



Birba Energy, the organiser of the Green Hydrogen Summit Oman 2022 'Global Conference & Exhibition', has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Intisar al Busaidy, an Omani Phd researcher in Petroleum Engineering, to conduct the 'Future Energy Leaders Programme' as part of the summit.

GHSO 2022 Summit and Exhibition will take place at Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre (OCEC) from December 5 - 7, 2022. The Future Energy Leaders Programme aims to encourage research and development in the clean energy sector, particularly green hydrogen. It is targeted at students enrolled in science and engineering colleges from around the world.

Presented by young Omani energy professionals, the programme will provide an opportunity for students to showcase their research findings at the event. Participating students will be assured space within the exhibition area to showcase their research findings. Three teams with the best abstracts will also get a chance to present their findings at the summit.



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DOUGLAS OHI CONDUCTED THE FIRST AID TRAINING



First Batch of "First Aid training" created by Douglas OHI was conducted by Civil Defence/ROP on 28th Feb 2022 at Ghala Head Office to improve the employee's knowledge about First Aid.

Objective of course is to give participants necessary skills, knowledge and expertise that will enable them for using First Aid items. Through introduction attendees are getting to know and understand how to use the items in order to help injured people.

After successful completion employees were given Certificate of attendance from Senior management. Douglas OHI have also Issued QR code embedded Training Passport & Certificates to the employees attended these trainings. Douglas OHI will continue to enhance skills of employees and aim towards achieving Douglas OHI Sustainable Goals.



MEMBER NEWS

PDO BUILDS SUSTAINABILITY WITH GE'S ADVANCED ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



GE Digital announced that Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) has purchased its Advanced Energy Management System (AEMS).

The AEMS software is designed to enable PDO to plan, control, and optimise renewable power generation to help keep its oil production plants operating reliably and

efficiently, GE Digital said in a press statement.

PDO delivers the majority of Oman's crude oil production and natural gas supply. The company runs its own electric network – a microgrid – to serve their business. A microgrid is a local controllable grid which can run autonomously from the main grid. By using a microgrid, PDO can be more resilient, potentially lower costs, and run more efficiently. Conversely, when connected to Oman's main grid, PDO can supply power back to the country.

PDO strives to operate in an environmentally responsible and sustainable fashion. To be a more sustainable business, PDO has launched a Lean program to streamline operations, cut waste, eradicate inefficiency, and avoid duplication of activities.

"Our goal is to meet our electricity needs and support a stable grid. To do that, we needed an effective system management that allows us to be proactive," said Zahir al Busaidi, infrastructure power systems department manager at PDO.

"The addition of GE Digital's software will support the efficient management of our microgrid to keep our business operating and assist in the preparation for challenges and opportunities with renewables in the future," he added.

GE Digital's AEMS is designed to integrate with electric utility functions, such as plant and field management, asset and maintenance management, IT internal services, security services, substation automation systems, HVDC line control, power plant control systems, and other EMS interchanges.

"The global economic landscape will change rapidly in the next ten years and it is critical to incorporate renewable energy sources into all grids," said Jim Walsh, general manager of GE Digital's grid software business.

He added, "Industrial companies like Petroleum Development Oman are utilizing contemporary digital tools to deliver a reliable, more sustainable microgrid to support their core operations."

AL ATHNAIN CELEBRATES 30th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Al Athnain Co, a catering stalwart in the Sultanate of Oman celebrated its 30th anniversary at a special event on Thursday. Started in 1991 as a small company with a skeleton staff and infrastructure, the wholly owned Omani company currently is one of the leading providers of catering and support services mainly to industries and institutions. According to Mohammed bin Hamed bin Salim al Ruzaiqi, Chairman of Al Athnain, the first Omani company in the catering field, has its services presently all over the Sultanate of Oman mainly catering to the oil and gas sector. "We ensure the best possible practices in the industry with focus on high standards of hygiene and safety while providing our services. We try to give highly delicious food in accordance with the needs of employees of the companies who hail from different parts of the world", said Al Ru-



zaiqi. Through trained and motivated professionals Al Athnain Company extends its support to organizations and institutions engaged in the development of the nation and society. The company, which has 1,500 employees from different countries, has over 300 Omani nationals who are working both in offices and in the catering section. The success of the company, said Al Ruzaiqi, results from the dedicated and combined efforts of its employees, who are the real assets. "It's the employees who have made the dream come true for the company by encountering all the challenges. The 30 year anniversary celebrations are dedicated

to them", he said.

Al Athnain Co. recently successfully completed PDO mega project YKP with total of 7,000 workers at peak time, recently total of 55 projects in Oil & Gas sector serving more than 2 million meals per month.



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MEMBER NEWS

TEAM DEVELOPMENT AS BUILDING BLOCK OF QUALITY CULTURE IN HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEMS

Social capital formation and human capital formation with certain attributes could significantly contribute to the successful transition from hierarchical to learning organizations. This is specifically observable in the knowledge societies and economies. The gradual shift toward strategic based, proactive behavioral patterns and operations could be facilitated by the existence of multiple and multifaceted components (e.g. teams) that interact with each other and have an adaptive logic that is based on compound feedback system, making them responsive to change. The adaptation is influenced by a group or organization that has appropriate mechanisms and structures for knowledge management (Aktharsha and Anisa, 2011). Knowledge management in its turn balances out the progress of learning and sustains the continued change of individual learning (Aktharsha and Anisa, 2011). Ultimately, knowledge management enhances collaboration in return facilitating the sharing of best practices (Aktharsha and Anisa, 2011). Universities that conceptualize the need of facilitating organizational learning and organizing institutional teaching in ways to make the formation a continuous process with the development of the understanding that it is a lifelong endeavor are necessitated to revisit knowledge management practices, particularly the ones that deal with the pedagogical fundamentals that support teaching, learning, and assessment (TLA) methodologies. This is predicated by the veracity that the sustained and planned effort of learning more effective might be facilitated through a collaborative mode. Thus, making organizational and team learning makes the part and parcel of curriculum, and extra-curricular activities should lead to sustained individual learning, as well as organizational change.

From the perspective of organizational change, universities face a daunting task of gradually building the components of quality assurance that would lead to the formation of quality culture as part of institutional strategy. Most of the universities have committed themselves to developing such models. However, the approaches vary greatly with most of them typologically taking the macro path that requires the establishment of accreditation mechanisms, institutionalizing the requirements of the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG Guidelines). Certain institutions prefer highlighting the importance of educational program quality enhancement and the



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targeting of learning outcomes. However, they take the perspective of holistic qualifications that are measurable and comparable. In none of the cases, pedagogical approaches to the behavioral change as the axis of the transformation of the organizational culture and the enhancement of quality is considered a viable and important alternative to institutional macro and micro reform attempts and concepts. Nevertheless, there is ample evidence that teams have proven to have a positive correlation with the quality and in many educational organizations they have been used as basic units of curriculum delivery (Sallis, 2002). It is remarkable that teams have been embedded in the curriculum, but this has not been considered to be a useful tool to prompt institutional change via learned behavioral patterns that lead to higher order thinking skills development and knowledge management. Moreover, the research conducted up to this moment has not considered linking pedagogical practices in regard to team learning with the transformations at institutional level. In order for an organization to embed a large number of overlapping teams and to ensure adaptive, thus, well functioning operations (Sallis, 2002), the human resources management system of organization will have to incorporate team based learning practices that are infused as early as secondary education and become a strong part of the curriculum at tertiary level. Since it does not occur on its own and has to be revealed, it is then subject to methodological fine-tuning. As Philip Crosby (1979) has said, "being part of a team is not a natural human function; it is learned." This entails that team members will have to learn to work together (Sallis, 2002). In order for that to happen, teams, like people, need mentoring and as social learning theorists suggest scaffolding if they are to be able to manage the knowledge and to collaborate extensively (Sallis, 2002). Therefore, the pedagogy of team learning becomes instrumental to the process of team formation, development and enhanced individual learning, leading to strategic planning at institutional level based on gradual behavioral pattern management via team formation through the development of effective learning methodologies.

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GALFAR WINS RO75MN CONTRACT FOR YITI SUSTAINABLE CITY PROJECT



The first construction contract for the Sustainable City – Yiti project has been awarded by developers to Galfar Engineering and Contracting Company. The sultanate’s largest contracting company will build central plaza and commercial, residential and office buildings at the Sustainable City – Yiti.

The Sustainable City – Yiti project is being developed by Sustainable Development & Investment Company, which is a joint venture between Oman Tourism Development Company (Omran Group) and Diamond Developers, a leading developer of sustainable communities.

‘We are pleased to inform our esteemed shareholders that Sustainable Development & Investment Company has awarded Galfar a contract for the construction of plaza, commercial, residential and office buildings at Sustainable City – Yiti project,’ Galfar said in a filing to the Muscat Stock Exchange.

The value of this tender is approximately RO75mn with an execution period of 26 months, Galfar noted.

‘This project will further strengthen Galfar’s order book and enhance its marketing share in integrated tourism projects in Oman. We take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Sustainable Development & Investment Company for the confidence vested on Galfar through award of this project,’ Galfar said.

Omran Group recently celebrated the launch of the Sustainable City – Yiti in partnership with Diamond Developers.

With an investment value of nearly US\$1bn, the fully-integrated, urban, mixed-use master project reflects Omran Group’s goals towards driving the social and economic development through sustainable tourism projects that attract foreign direct investment in line with Oman Vision 2040 and the National Tourism Strategy.

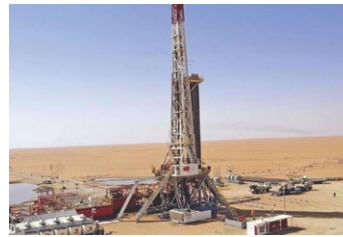
Spread over an area of 1mn sqm, the Sustainable City – Yiti – will be developed within the Phase 1 of the Yiti Integrated Tourism Development Masterplan.

Slated for completion by 2025, the project will feature 1,657 eco-friendly and energy-efficient residential units including 300 villas. Designed for comfort, practicality, and contemporary style, the spacious three and four bedroom villas will also offer significant savings on utility bills.

The Sustainable City – Yiti is the first project in Oman that meets the global green practices and is in adherence to the highest sustainability standards.

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MAHA ENERGY TO DRILL SIX OIL WELLS IN OMAN’S BLOCK 70



Maha Energy, a Swedish international upstream oil and gas company, is planning to drill a minimum six exploration wells in Oman’s onshore Block 70. The company has awarded the drilling contract to Global Business Services (GBS) in Oman for the well drilling campaign.

Oman’s Ministry of Energy and Minerals awarded the exploration and development rights for the concession Block 70 to Maha Energy in October 2020.

Maha Energy has signed a letter of award with GBS in Muscat for the drilling of a minimum of six wells on Block 70, according to a statement issued by the company.

The letter of award is binding and precedes a drilling contract which is expected to be finalized in the near future. The drilling rig, GBS-1 (formerly OGI-4) is a 1,000hp super single top drive rig, built in 2010 and is currently located in Muscat, Maha Energy said in the statement.

‘The rig will be prepared for the campaign and expected mobilization is in June 2022. The drilling program will consist of two appraisal wells followed by four horizontal pilot production wells on the Mafraq structure,’ the statement said.

Maha Energy was successful in securing Block 70, which contains the Mafraq heavy oil discovery, in a 2019-2020 bid round in Oman.

The Mafraq structure is a delineated heavy oil field that was extensively tested by Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) in 1988 and 1991.

SOHAR PORT APPOINTS EMILE HOOGSTEDEN AS NEW CEO



The board of directors of Sohar Port and Freezone (SOHAR) announced the appointment of Emile Hoogsteden as the new chief executive officer of Sohar Port, a joint venture of the Port of Rotterdam Authority and Asyad Group. Hoogsteden succeeds Mark Geilenkirchen effective from July 1, 2022, bringing a solid track record of building and managing robust business strategies in the global logistics industry. His stellar background will continue to pave the way for more growth opportunities for the port and tenants at SOHAR, a press release said. Under this new leadership, SOHAR will continue to be one of the fastest-growing port and free-

zone complexes in the world. To date, the company has attracted close to US\$30bn in investments by serving diverse industries including metals, raw materials, and plastics to name a few.

As a future-ready port capable of welcoming the world’s largest container vessels, SOHAR will take a leading role in achieving the national economic priorities within the Oman 2040 Vision.

As one of the fastest-growing ports in the world, SOHAR Port and Freezone continues to leverage on its strategic location and enhance its services, positioning itself as a key logistics hub within the region and across the world. A powerful combination of the expertise of the Port of Rotterdam and the government of Oman, represented by Asyad, it is earmarked as one of the sultanate’s mega-projects, home to logistics, petrochemicals and metal clusters, as well as the region’s first dedicated agro-terminal.





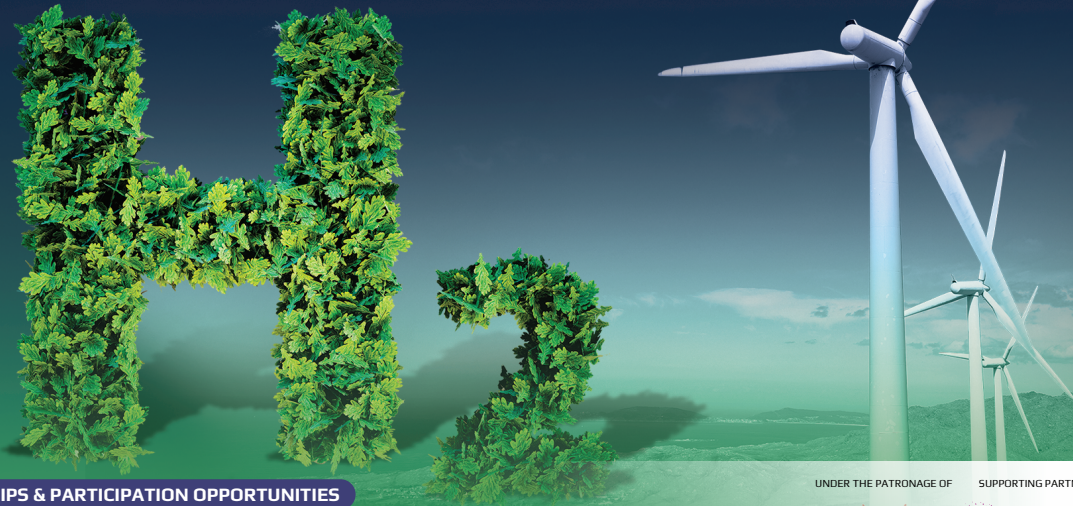
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GREEN ENERGY OMAN SELECTS WORLEY TO SUPPORT 25GW MEGA PROJECT



Worley – a global provider of professional project and asset services in the energy, chemicals, and resources sectors – has been contracted by Green Energy Oman (GEO), an international consortium, to support its proposed 25GW green fuels mega project in Oman.

According to a press statement issued by the company, Worley is providing concept feasibility study services to develop and challenge GEO's defined green hydrogen energy project. The project includes optimizing around 25GW of wind and solar generation, transforming this renewable energy through electrolysis into green hydrogen, as well as the production, storage, and export of green ammonia.

The GEO project consortium comprises OQ – Oman's global integrated energy company, InterContinental Energy (ICE) – the leading dedicated green fuels developer, and EnerTech – a Kuwait government-backed clean energy investor and developer. The international consortium on Monday announced further progress on the development of the GEO integrated green fuels mega project. In addition to defining the project components, the study by Worley will identify opportunities to enhance in-country value (ICV) delivered from the expected 10-year project implementation period. This includes employment and development for Omani nationals and value adds through local manufacturing and supply by Omani companies across the supply chain.

The GEO project sets out to produce over 1.8mn tonnes of low-carbon green hydrogen, which can produce up to 10mn tonnes of green ammonia per annum, supporting the local economy and global market by exporting green ammonia to help other countries decarbonise.

Worley will lead work from its Muscat office with support from its Centers of Excellence in Europe, the company said in its statement. "Hydrogen has the potential to decarbonize hard-to-abate sectors. This project means Oman can use its renewable energy potential to produce green hydrogen and green ammonia for itself and for export. It also supports our purpose of delivering a more sustainable world," said Hans Dieter Hermes, vice president of clean hydrogen at Worley.

Najla Zuhair al Jamali, CEO Alternative Energy at OQ, said, "The GEO team, together with our technical specialists, are at the vanguard of mega-scale green fuels project development. The work being undertaken will place Oman at the forefront of such projects, maximising the utilisation of Oman's natural resources of wind and solar to produce green fuels, and build the country's associated industry."

MEMBERS NEWS

SOHAR ISLAMIC, MADAYN SIGN RETAIL, WHOLESALE BANKING SOLUTIONS PACT



Contributing and promoting the national agenda of diversification as well as generating in country value (ICV), Sohar Islamic - Sohar International's Islamic Banking Window has signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Madayn - the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates, to open new service centres at Madayn branches and offer a suite of retail and wholesale banking solutions. The Memorandum was signed recently at Madayn's Head Office in Knowledge Oasis Muscat, by Abdulwahid al Murshidi, Chief Islamic Banking Officer of Sohar International and Hilal bin Hamad al Hasani, Chief Executive Officer of Madayn, in the presence of executives from both the organisations.

Speaking on the sidelines of the signing ceremony, Abdulwahid al Murshidi, Chief Islamic Banking Officer of Sohar International said, "This agreement underlines our vision to be a world-leading Omani services company that helps customers, community and people to prosper and grow. It further establishes our expertise in diligently meeting the requirements of major government and non-government organisations. Therefore, we are on a path to develop a collaborative ecosystem of world-class products, services and financial advisory that are aimed at providing an enriched partners and customer experience. Such inclusive partnerships with major entities from the government sector will not only bolster our presence in the industry, but also mark our contribution to fuelling marquee national projects.

As part of the memorandum, we will support Madayn by evaluating projects and providing guidelines to highlight bankability features." As per the agreement, the Bank will provide services that fulfil Madayn's financial requirements through Wholesale Banking Solutions, including financial advisory services that evaluate projects from bankability point of view. This service will be over and above its portfolio of deposits and accounts targeting employees who are seeking Shariah-compliant products and services. Under its retail banking solutions, Sohar Islamic will also provide Madayn employees a set of finance facilities, with fully Shariah-compliant products - including auto, home and personal finance - that will make it easy and convenient for them to finance their needs. The offerings also consist of exclusive products and services that cater to the requirements of the various segments to fulfil their specific needs.

"Having established world class business cities that resonate with Oman's values, identity, and ethics, Madayn continues to play a significant role in attracting foreign investments to the country and stimulating the private sector to achieve sustainable economic and social development. The new partnership with Sohar Islamic will fuel its larger objective of providing integrated services that meet the requirements of local businesses.", said Hilal bin Hamad al Hasani.

MEMBER NEWS

HAIMO RECEIVED CHAIRMAN'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE 2021 OIL SOUTH DIRECTORATE NON-TECHNICIAN BRONZE A



Haimo Technologies & Co. LLC has received the PDO Chairman's Award for Excellence 2021 Oil South Directorate Non-Technical Bronze A. This was awarded for an Outstanding Contribution to Maximize ICV of Haimo MPFM Maintenance contract.

Commencing Operations in Oman since 2004, Haimo Technologies & Co. has been providing PDO Services for Multiphase Flowmeters. They include On-line Production Monitoring using Fixed Installation Multiphase Flow Meters and Mobile Testing Services using Multiphase Flow Meters.

In accordance with the requirements of the In-Country Value, and in the belief of the company's management in the Omanization of various jobs, we have trained a group of Omani field technical services engineers/Technician with excellent quality training plan to develop Omani engineers, through systematic cognitive theoretical training and on-site assistance from practical training, the Omani engineers were able to master the relevant techniques and skills of operation and maintenance of multi-stage flowmeters within a short period of time.

Skilled Omani Nationals have been proven successful in assuming functional and leadership tasks to provide technical support in the local market and other countries in the Middle East. They have been supporting the company's operations even in neighboring GCC countries. This has contributed to refining the skills of the Omani and creating an appropriate localization environment to enhance practical experiences to develop and advance the local economy process. Haimo Technologies & Co. LLC continues to move forward and accommodate the Omanisation requirements for local staff and push the In-Country Value strategy, especially with the recovery of the global and local economy.

MEMBER NEWS

ENDRESS+HAUSER OPEN A NEW SALES OFFICE IN OMAN



Endress+Hauser has opened a new sales office in Muscat, the capital of Oman. The Swiss specialist in measurement and automation technology is thus strengthening its global network

for sales and service in order to provide even better support to customers on the Arabian Peninsula across all industries. The office started operations in January 2022 and is headed by Haitham Al Rawahi.

Oman is the third largest country on the Arabian Peninsula. Its geographical location on the eastern tip is an

important factor in its economic development, which has been characterized by good progress and great stability in recent years. The country is considered a pioneer in the introduction of new technologies; a well-trained workforce makes the country an attractive location for companies.

Endress+Hauser has been working successfully in the Omani market for two decades, supporting customers in all major industries. With the opening of the sales office, the Swiss group of companies is now able to further expand its local offering of products, solutions and services and help customers use their installed base even more efficiently.

The new sales office is headed by Country Manager Haitham Al Rawahi. He brings 15 years of experience in oilfield operations, corporate development and sales with national and international companies, and is a graduate of the government's Etimad Senior Leadership Program for executives.

The team in Oman receives administrative support from Endress+Hauser International in Reinach, Switzerland, and Endress+Hauser Middle East, based in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

SECTOR NEWS

OMAN OFFERS FOUR NEW MINING BLOCKS IN 2022 BIDDING ROUND



53-A, 53-B, 53-C and 51-D in Oman, according to a tender announcement by the ministry. Blocks 53-A, 53-B and 53-C are located in the flat desert area known as Umm A Samim Sabkha in the interior Oman.

Block 53-A covers an area of about 3,719 sqkm, Block 53-B covers an area of about 3,823 sqkm and Block 53-C covers an area of about 5,067 sqkm, the ministry stated.

'These blocks are located in the interior Oman lying to the south of the Oman mountains piedmont, extends into the eastern part of the Rub' al Khali sand desert and its western edge follows the international border with Saudi Arabia. This area is a flat desert known as Umm A Samim area,' the Ministry of Energy and Minerals said. On the other hand, Block 51-D covers an area of about 567 sqkm. It is located in Mahoot in central Oman, a few kilometers from Shanna harbour along the coast of Oman.

As per the ministry's announcement, the tender is open to receive bids from April 10, 2022 until June 10, 2022.

As part of Oman's strategy to expand the mining sector and its contribution to the country's GDP, the Ministry of Energy and Minerals has announced a new tender offering four mining blocks for investment in the 2022 bidding round.

The Ministry of Energy and Minerals has invited international and local mining companies with experience in mining projects to participate in the forthcoming bid round for the salt (potash) and associated commodities. The Mining Bid Round 2022 is offering Blocks

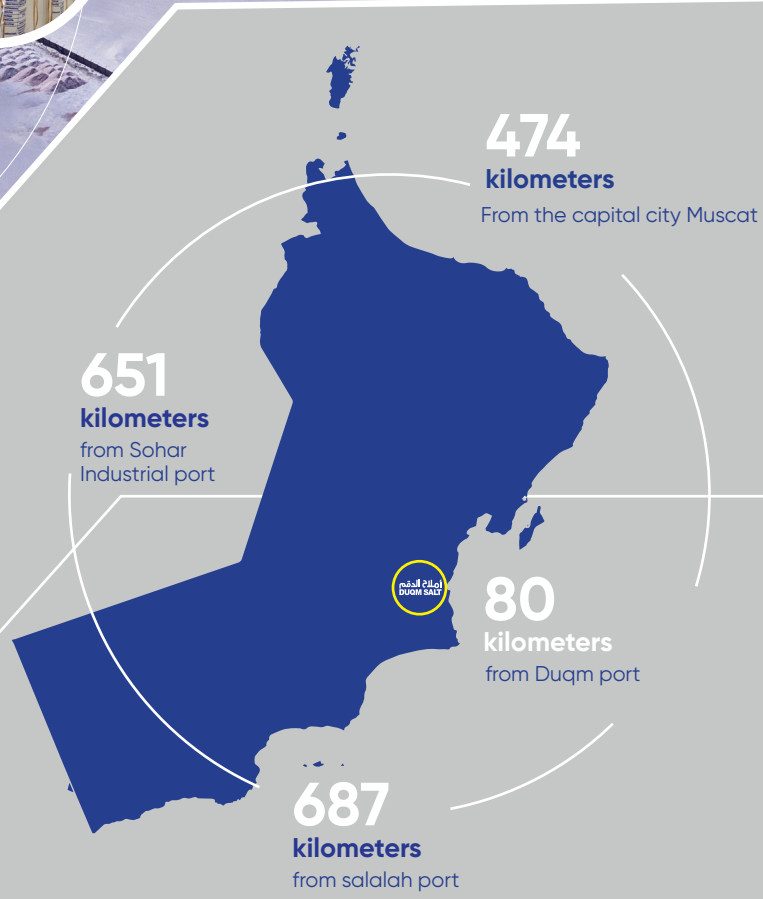


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OPAZ COMMENDS ACME FOR WINNING WORLD'S FIRST GREEN HYDROGEN CERTIFICATE FOR DUQM PROJECT



Oman's Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones (OPAZ) has commended ACME Group – a leading renewable energy firm which is setting up a green hydrogen and ammonia project in Duqm – for receiving the first-ever international certificate accredited for commercial production of green hydrogen and ammonia in the world.

ACME Group has been awarded this green certification for its green hydrogen and ammonia project in the Special Economic Zone at Duqm.

The company received this green hydrogen certification from the German Technical Services Company, TÜV Rheinland, the leading international provider of inspection services, which is one of the global agencies specialised in independent certification services in the renewable energy sector.

The evaluation process, conducted by the German inspection company for ACME's green hydrogen project in Duqm, proved that the project meets all the standards set to be globally certified. The process included reviewing the various specified production methods, transportation methods and the different hydrogen applications in the project.

'This international certification for commercial production of green hydrogen and ammonia allows the potential customers of this promising industry to ensure that the ammonia and hydrogen of these plants have been produced from renewable energy resources such

as wind and sunlight,' OPAZ said in a press statement.

Green hydrogen contains low levels of carbon emissions compared to the conventional hydrogen or fossil fuels. Accordingly, this will also contribute to encouraging such investments by signing long-term sales contracts and getting renewable energy facilities provided by various countries worldwide.

OPAZ believes that the world's first-ever certificate accredited for commercial production of green hydrogen and ammonia in Duqm will help in attracting various international companies to invest in Oman's renewable energy sector.

'It also promotes the government's efforts to boost the sultanate's position on the global map in the field of green hydrogen production and export as the first country in the world to be awarded this international certificate,' OPAZ said.

Manoj Upadhyay, chairman of ACME Group, said, "We are happy to receive the world's first green hydrogen certification from TÜV Rheinland for our commercial-scale green hydrogen and ammonia project in Duqm. This is a major milestone for our project in Duqm. The green hydrogen certification will pave the way for defining the criteria and process for the green certification."

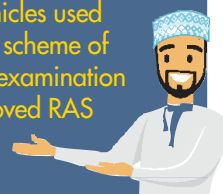
Jalal bin Abdulkarim al Lawati from OPAZ said, "ACME's certificate marks a great achievement for renewable energy sector in

Oman. This will contribute in localising this industry for which OPAZ has allocated about 200 sqkm land in Duqm. OPAZ also continues to study many other investments applications in this sector in other free zones such as Sohar, Salalah and Al Mazunah, in addition to Duqm."

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OPAL Roadworthiness Assurance Standard Inspection Centre (RASIC) Approval

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January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
OMAN ROAD SAFETY AND THE O&G INDUSTRY WORKSHOP 11 th -12 th January 2022	OILFIELD SERVICE COMPANIES (OSC) CEO'S FORUM 8 th February 2022 LEVEL 4 AWARD FOR THE INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE OF ASSESSMENT PROCESSES & PRACTICES 8 th -10 th February 2022 LEVEL 3 AWARD IN ASSESSING VOCATIONALLY RELATED ACHIEVEMENT 20 th February - 2 nd March 2022	OPAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 21 st March 2022 OPAL MAGAZINE To be announced OPAL'S SENIOR LEADERS QUARTERLY SAFETY FORUM (4th EDITION) 14 th March 2022 SSU SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT (SMES) RECOGNITION EVENT To be announced ROAD SAFETY PROVIDERS FORUM To be announced	Incident Sharing and Statistics FORUM 6 th April 2022 INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT FORUM To be announced LIFTING EQUIPMENT INSPECTION CENTRE WORKSHOP 15 th April 2022 OPAL STAR TRAINING PROVIDERS COMMITTEE MEETING 1 st April 2022 OIL AND GAS ICV STEERING COMMITTEE Last Thursday of the month	GLOBAL HSE SULTANATE OF OMAN 16 th - 19 th May 2022 SSU STAKEHOLDER'S ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS / FORUMS 17 th May 2022 MEMBERS ENGAGEMENT FORUM To be announced OPAL STAR TRAINING PROVIDERS COMMITTEE MEETING 1 st June 2022	OPAL MAGAZINE To be announced OPAL'S SENIOR LEADERS QUARTERLY SAFETY FORUM (5th EDITION) 13 th June 2022 MEMBERS ENGAGEMENT FORUM To be announced OPAL STAR TRAINING PROVIDERS COMMITTEE MEETING 1 st June 2022	Incident Sharing and Statistics FORUM 6 th July 2022 MEMBERS ENGAGEMENT FORUM To be announced ROAD SAFETY PROVIDERS FORUM To be announced	INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT FORUM To be announced OIL AND GAS ICV STEERING COMMITTEE Last Thursday of the month	OPAL'S SENIOR LEADERS QUARTERLY SAFETY FORUM (6th EDITION) 12 th September 2022 OPAL MAGAZINE To be announced MEMBERS ENGAGEMENT FORUM To be announced TRAINING PROVIDERS COMMITTEE MEETING 1 st September 2022	SSU STAKEHOLDER'S ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS / FORUMS 18 th October 2022 MEMBERS ENGAGEMENT FORUM To be announced OILFIELD SERVICE COMPANIES (OSC) FORUM To be announced TRAFFIC SAFETY OMAN CONFERENCE 18 th - 20 th October 2022 ROAD SAFETY PROVIDERS FORUM To be announced	OPAL'S SENIOR LEADERS QUARTERLY SAFETY FORUM (7th EDITION) 13 th - 24 th November 2022 MEMBERS ENGAGEMENT FORUM To be announced	GREEN HYDROGEN SUMMIT OMAN 5 th - 7 th December 2022 OPAL MAGAZINE To be announced OPAL'S SENIOR LEADERS QUARTERLY SAFETY FORUM (7th EDITION) 4 th January 2023 INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT FORUM To be announced OPAL STAR TRAINING PROVIDERS COMMITTEE MEETING 1 st December 2022 OIL AND GAS ICV STEERING COMMITTEE Last Thursday of the month

EVENT OCCURS EVERY MONTH: **NEWSLETTER** every 7th of the month

SECTOR EVENTS

13th - 17th March 2022

27th - 29th March 2022

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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Public Holiday	DATES
Prophet's Ascension	Likely 28 th Feb. - 1 st March 2022
Ramadhan	Likely 2 nd April - 2 th May 2022
Eid al-Fitr	Likely 2 nd - 3 rd May 2022
Eid al-Adha	Likely 9 th - 13 th July 2022
Muharram - Islamic New Year	Likely 9 th August 2022
The Prophet's Birthday	Likely 7 th - 8 th October 2022
Oman National Day	18 th - 19 th November 2022

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