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## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Dear Valued OPAL Members,

As we embrace the new month, I want to take a moment to highlight the significant activities and achievements that have shaped our journey throughout September. Your dedication and collaboration are the backbone of our success, and together, we continue to lead the way in the energy sector.

Let's dive into September's highlights:

### Safety and Security Symposium:

On September 2nd, OPAL participated in the Third Safety and Security Symposium in Dhofar Governorate. We delivered a presentation on international HSE standards, emphasizing their relevance to occupational health and safety.

### Webinar on Social Protection:

On the same day, we organized a virtual webinar in collaboration with the Social Protection Fund. This session provided crucial insights into social insurance programs, helping to raise awareness about benefits and entitlements.

### Launch of HSE Practitioner Program:

On September 3rd, we signed an agreement with Abraj Energy Services to initiate the

HSE Practitioner Program. This initiative will train 32 job seekers at InfiTech Abraj's Training Center, preparing them for direct employment.

### Partnership for AI Conference:

Also on September 3rd, we entered a Memorandum of Understanding with SAS Media to support the Oman Artificial Intelligence Conference, set for October 14-15. This collaboration aims to enhance AI utilization in the energy sector.

### Sponsorship of Oman Science Festival:

On September 8th, OPAL signed a strategic sponsorship agreement with the Ministry of Education for the Oman Science Festival 2024, reinforcing our commitment to STEM education and community engagement.

### Collaboration with Royal Oman Police:

On September 10th, we met with representatives from the Oil & Gas Installation Security Police Directorate to enhance security measures in the energy sector, ensuring the protection of our vital assets.

### EMSSU 2030 Strategy Approval:

On September 18th, the Energy and Minerals Sector Skills Unit Governing Board approved the EMSSU's 2030 Strategy, charting a clear course for skills development in the sector.

### Training-for-Employment Program with PDO:

On September 22nd, during the inauguration of the "Majd" program, we signed an agreement with Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) to implement a training-for-employment initiative under the EMDAD initiative, aimed at boosting In-Country Value (ICV).

### Expansion of the Ruwad Program:

On September 22nd, we also signed the third edition of the "Ruwad" program with BP Oman, focusing on skill enhancement for graduates in the oil and gas sector.

### Senior Leaders Safety Forum:

On September 23rd, OPAL hosted the 14th Senior Leaders Safety Forum, where we addressed decarbonization initiatives and introduced the "Energy Sector Worker Welfare Standard" and "OPAL Emergency Response Standard."

### Insights from IAA Transportation 2024:

On September 20th, we visited the International Automobile Exhibition in Hanover, Germany, to explore advancements in truck safety and zero-emission vehicles, aligning with our commitment to sustainability.

### On-the-Job Training Agreement with Halliburton:

On September 24th, we signed an agreement with Halliburton to provide on-the-job training for 50 job seekers, enhancing their practical skills and employment prospects.

### CCUS Workshop:

On September 25th, we hosted a workshop on Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS) with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, highlighting the technology's role in advancing Oman's sustainability goals.

### Knowledge Exchange Forum:

On September 25th, under the patronage of H.E. Eng. Naif Al Abri, we organized a forum on "Leadership in Safety," emphasizing the importance of HSE leadership in reducing incidents.

### In-Country Value Achievements Ceremony:

On September 26th, we participated as an official partner in the ceremony honoring companies featured in the Second Edition of the In-Country Value Achievements Book, showcasing our support for sustainable growth.

As we move forward, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. Your commitment to our collective vision will undoubtedly drive us toward new heights of achievement in the energy sector.

Warm regards,

**Mohammed Al Naabi**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Oman Energy Association (OPAL)

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Monday, 2nd September 2024, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) participated in the Third Safety and Security Symposium, organized by the Safety and Security Institution in Dhofar Governorate under the patronage of the Undersecretary of Ministry for Higher Education. During the event, OPAL delivered a presentation on international HSE standards, focusing on their application to occupational health and safety in the context of safety and security.



Monday, September 2, 2024, In collaboration with the Social Protection Fund, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized a virtual webinar on the social protection system. The webinar focused on providing a detailed explanation of social insurance programs, including entitlements to leaves and pensions, with the aim of raising awareness about the importance and mechanisms of the social protection system. The webinar was led by experts from the Social Protection Fund.



Tuesday, September 3, 2024, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) signed an agreement with Abraj Energy Services to launch the HSE Practitioner Program. This program is designed to equip and train 32 job seekers at InfiTech Abraj's Training Center, enabling them to be directly employed by various companies upon successfully completing the program requirements.



Tuesday, September 3, 2024, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with SAS Media to become the strategic partner for the Oman Artificial Intelligence Conference. This partnership aims to support and promote the conference, which is scheduled to take place from October 14 to 15, 2024. Through this partnership, OPAL seeks to enhance the use of artificial intelligence in the energy sector and increase efficiency and sustainability in energy across the Sultanate.



Sunday, September 8, 2024, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) signed a strategic sponsorship agreement with the Ministry of Education for the Oman Science Festival 2024. This collaboration is part of OPAL's ongoing social responsibility initiatives, reflecting our dedication to fostering meaningful community partnerships and supporting the Ministry's efforts in advancing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education to reinforce the importance of nurturing future generations through impactful and up to date.



Tuesday, September 10, 2024, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) held a meeting with the representatives of the Oil & Gas Installation Security Police Directorate of the Royal Oman Police to discuss aspects of cooperation in enhancing security measures related to the energy and minerals sector. Through this collaboration, OPAL aims to improve the security and protection of sector assets, ensuring the sustainability and resilience of Oman's energy assets. This will also contribute to strengthening the vital energy infrastructure in the Sultanate.



Wednesday, September 18, 2024, the Energy and Minerals Sector Skills Unit (EMSSU) Governing Board held its third quarterly meeting. The key highlight of the meeting was the in-depth discussion and the official approval of EMSSU's 2030 Strategy, setting a clear path for the future of skills development within the energy & minerals sector.



Friday, September 20, 2024, Oman Energy Association (OPAL), in collaboration with MAN Truck and Bus, visited the International Automobile Exhibition (IAA) Transportation 2024 in Hanover, Germany. The visit aimed to gain insights into the latest truck safety features, zero-emission vehicles, and the digitalization of logistics from MAN and other Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs). This included explorations of trucks powered by alternative fuels like hydrogen and purely electric vehicles, contributing to a future that is CO2-free. This marks a significant step toward reducing carbon footprints and protecting the environment. Advanced technologies were also employed in the transition to e-mobility, supported by a wide range of innovative digital services that could be applied to the energy sector and enhance road safety in Sultanate of Oman.



Monday, September 23, 2024, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized the 14th Senior Leaders Safety Forum in collaboration with Oman LNG, under the patronage of H.E. Eng. Salim Al Aofi, Minister of Energy and Minerals. The forum addressed decarbonization initiatives within the energy sector and the best practices to reduce carbon emissions. Additionally, the first editions of the "Energy Sector Worker Welfare Standard" and "OPAL Emergency Response Standard" were signed.



Sunday, September 22, 2024, during the inauguration ceremony of the "Majd" program for local content, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) signed an agreement with Petroleum Development Oman (PDO). This partnership aims to plan and implement a training-for-employment program under the EMDAD initiative. The strategic partnership is designed to equip the national workforce with essential skills, create new jobs, and enhance In-Country Value (ICV).



Sunday, September 22, 2024, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) and BP Oman signed the third edition of the "Ruwad" program with several companies in the oil and gas sector. The program targets bachelor's degree and diploma holders in both technical and non-technical fields, aiming primarily to empower participants, enhance their skills, and provide them with the necessary knowledge for success in the job market. Graduates will receive training at Seven Seas, Nafath Renewable Energy, Abraj Energy Services, Baker Hughes, and KCA Deutag in engineering, renewable energy, supply chain management, HSE, and other fields.



Tuesday, September 24, 2024, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) and Halliburton signed an On-the-Job Training agreement targeting 50 job seekers with diplomas and bachelor's degrees. Funded by the Ministry of Labor, this program aims to train and qualify participants, providing them with practical skills and experience to enhance their employment opportunities. This collaboration represents a significant step toward investing in the national workforce, with graduates being employed upon successfully completing the program requirements.



Wednesday, September 25, 2024, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) had the privilege of hosting H.E. the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, at the Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS) workshop, organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals. The workshop provided participants with valuable insights into CCUS technologies. Key discussions focused on the policy framework supporting CCUS, transportation solutions for CO2, and the economic implications of implementing these technologies. The workshop emphasized CCUS as a critical tool in advancing Oman's long-term sustainability goals and facilitating the transition to cleaner energy.



Wednesday, September 25, 2024, under the patronage of H.E. Eng. Naif Al Abri, President of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized the Knowledge Exchange Forum titled "Leadership in Safety", in collaboration with CC Energy Development. This forum emphasized the vital role of safety leadership in reducing HSE incidents and potential consequences. Key topics included fostering a strong HSE culture, implementing proactive safety measures, maximizing learning from incidents, and sharing best practices to enhance workplace safety and protect workers.



Thursday, September 26, 2024, under the patronage of H.E. Dr. Said Mohammed Al Saqri, Minister of Economy, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) participated as an official partner in the ceremony honoring the companies participating in the Second Edition of the In-Country Value Achievements Book. The ICV book aims to highlight the performance and outstanding achievements of omani companies in implementing ICV standards, in line with Oman Vision 2040. This collaboration reflects our commitment to supporting these initiatives to enhance sustainable and comprehensive growth in the energy and minerals sector, as well as other economic sectors in the Sultanate of Oman.

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## OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION TO FLOAT UP TO 25% STAKE IN IPO

OQ Exploration and Production (OQEP), Oman’s largest pure-play oil and gas exploration and production company, and a wholly government-owned upstream operator, announced on Monday its intention to proceed with an initial public offering (IPO) and list its ordinary shares on the Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX). The offering will provide investors with exposure to one of the top three oil and gas producers in Oman and one of the largest holders of oil and gas reserves in the country. OQEP, the exploration and production arm of OQ Group, has experienced significant growth, expanding its average daily production nearly 14-fold from its inception in 2009 through 2023. Its portfolio includes successful several joint venture partnerships. OQ, the selling shareholder, plans to sell up to 25% of the total issued share capital of OQEP. Following the offering, a minimum of 75% of the shareholding will remain with OQ. The subscription period for the IPO is expected to commence this month, pending the required approval from the Financial Securities Authority (FSA). OQEP shares are expected to be listed on the MSX in October. HSBC, Natixis, OIB, and Sohar International have been appointed as joint global coordinators. Sohar International has also been appointed as the issue manager. In a press statement, Ashraf Hamed al Mamari, Group CEO of OQ, said, “Today marks a significant milestone in our journey toward enhancing the value of OQ’s portfolio through strategic divestments. The intention to float OQEP reflects our commitment to unlocking new opportu-



nities for growth, both for the company and for Oman. Together with our ultimate shareholders at the Oman Investment Authority, we continue to broaden the reach of OQ companies, offering an attractive and robust investment case to the global market. OQEP, with its leading position in maximising Oman’s natural resources, underscores our focus on sustainable development and local value creation. By empowering local communities and supporting small and medium-sized enterprises, we not only maximise local value but also contribute to the long-term economic stability of Oman.” OQEP Chief Executive Officer Ahmed al Azkawi said, “We are pleased to announce OQEP’s intention to float on the MSX. This milestone represents the culmination of years of hard work. Our core values of operational excellence and sustainability have enabled us to build the company we are now taking public. OQEP is a reliable partner to 13 reputable international companies due to our significant growth trajectory, robust portfolio of assets, and record-breaking production, which has increased nearly 14-fold since our inception.”

## OMANI FUEL MARKETING FIRM INKS AGREEMENT IN KSA

Al Maha Petroleum Products Marketing Company SAG, a publicly traded fuel marketing company in the Sultanate of Oman, has announced a significant milestone in its international expansion. On September 10, 2024, the company signed a 20-year franchise agreement with Scope Fuel Company in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This agreement authorizes Scope Fuel Company to use the Al Maha Petroleum brand and trademark to manage and operate fuel filling stations across Saudi Arabia. The partnership is expected to enhance Al Maha Petroleum’s sales and profit margins significantly, it said in a filing to the Financial Services Authority (FSA) on Wednesday. Al Maha Petroleum Products Marketing Company SAG, a publicly traded fuel marketing company in the Sultanate of Oman, has announced a significant milestone in its international expansion. On September 10, 2024, the company signed a 20-year franchise agreement with Scope Fuel Company in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This agreement authorizes Scope Fuel Company to use the Al Maha Petroleum brand and trademark to manage and operate fuel filling stations across Saudi Arabia. The partnership is expected to enhance Al Maha Petroleum’s sales and profit margins significantly, it said in a filing to the Financial Services Authority (FSA) on Wednesday. Significantly, Al Maha is the second Omani fuel marketing company to

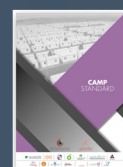


expand its footprint beyond Oman’s borders. Oman Oil Marketing Company (OOMCO), another publicly traded company, recently announced the launch five new service stations in Saudi Arabia, including its first location in Al Riyadh, increasing its total to 35 stations in the country. OOMCO’s presence in Tanzania remains stable with 12 service stations. Affirming its commitment to environmental sustainability, OOMCO is actively rolling out Vapour Recovery Units (VRs) at its fuel stations in Oman. These units capture petrol vapour released during unloading and refueling, directing it back into underground storage tanks to reduce emissions. To date, 25 stations have been equipped with VRUs, leading to a reduction of 952 tonnes in emissions during H1 2024.

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## OMAN'S GAS PIPELINE OPERATOR HITS NEW SUPPLY RECORD

OQ Gas Networks (OQGN), the exclusive operator of Oman's gas transportation system, has reported a new record in gas delivery, which hit an all-time high of 131 million standard cubic metres/day (mmscmd) during the month of June 2024. The announcement came in a report of the publicly traded company's financial performance for the first half of 2024. OQGN - a subsidiary of state-owned integrated energy group OQ - listed on the Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) last October following a record-breaking public subscription. The uptick in gas supply underscores increased growth in demand for natural gas to support the energy needs of a burgeoning economy fuelled by intensifying industrial and petrochemicals activities, the surging needs of residential air-conditioning amid a particularly severe summer, and general organic growth. It also comes amid an expansion of OQGN's gas transportation system following the commissioning of the South Grid project in August this year, aimed at boosting gas supply to Dhofar Governorate. Dubbed the 'Saib Project', it added 177km of pipeline capacity from Harweel to Raysut Station in Salalah, helping boost the capacity of the South Grid to 16 mmscmd, up from 10 mmscmd - an increase of 60 per cent. Following the addition of the pipeline, the total length of OQGN's national gas transportation system climbed to 4,223 kilometres, up from 4031 kilometres previously. Furthermore, gas transported by OQGN across its national network climbed to a total of 21.2 billion cubic meters (bc) in the first half of 2024, up from 19.4 bcm during the corresponding half of 2023. "The company financial performance for the first half of 2024 exceeded the business plan. Beside financials, the operational results have also been exceptional, especially with the commencement of Price Control 3 (2024-2027) supported by the operational growth and excellence," OQGN stated in its financial report for H1 2024. However,



revenue dipped 4.9 per cent to RO 80.8 million during the first half of this year, down from RO 85 million a year earlier. Total expenditure was up 2.3 per cent to RO 53.1 million, up from RO 51.9 million in H1 2023. Profit slumped 16.3 per cent to RO 27.7 million, down from RO 31.3 million in H1 2023. Commenting on the financial results, the company stated: "OQGN's financial results showed a slight decrease of RO 0.7 million in revenue mainly due to lower construction revenue. Net profits increased by RO 3.5 million compared to the same period in 2023 primarily due to increase in WACC (weighted average cost of capital) following commencement of Price Control 3. The variance in comparison to 2023 is attributable to one-off events resulting in reimbursement of PC2 (price control) opex allowance of RO 5.3 million in 2024, financial gains of RO 8.8 million from the termination of a hedge in 2023 and RO 5.4 million from the waiver of interest on a shareholder loan in 2023." Furthermore, in support of its sustainability goals - centring on the achievement of Net Zero by 2050-OQGN announced the start of implementation of its decarbonization strategy. This encompasses initiatives related to the use of mobile recompression, flare recovery and the adoption of an Energy Management System, it added.

## PDO DRIVES OMANI GROWTH WITH LOCAL CONTENT INITIATIVES

Petroleum Development Oman (PDO), the biggest producer of hydrocarbons in the Sultanate of Oman, continues to play a pivotal role in the nation's economic growth through its robust local content initiatives. The company's ongoing commitment to empowering Omani talent and supporting local businesses has translated into significant socio-economic benefits for Oman. PDO's efforts to enhance In-Country Value (ICV) are reflected in its creation of 2,000 jobs annually across its contractor base. These jobs are critical to supporting the growth of Oman's workforce, contributing to PO's broader goal of ensuring sustainable economic development. In a post, the company has invested a substantial \$420 million in value through realised opportunities that have now reached the operational stage, providing long-term economic benefits to Omanis. These initiatives have directly resulted in the creation of 3,200 jobs for Omani nationals, further bolstering local employment. In a bid to empower small and medium enterprises (SMEs), PDO has also achieved 18% SME spending as part of its local procurement strategy. By setting aside 18 ring-fenced scopes of work specifically for local businesses, PDO has ensured that homegrown enterprises have access to opportunities that enable them to grow, innovate, and contribute to the national economy. PO's emphasis on local retention of value is evident in the staggering \$2.4 billion retained within Oman, reinforcing the company's dedication to sustainable development. The company has maintained a high Omanisation rate of 91%, underscoring its long-term commitment to building local capacity across its operations. These achievements highlight PO's strategic alignment with Oman Vision 2040, which focuses on economic diversification, job creation, and local empowerment. PO's local content efforts are not only essential to the energy sector but are also crucial in supporting the broader Omani



economy through job creation, skill development, and SME empowerment. As PDO continues to invest in its people and local businesses, the company is positioning itself as a cornerstone of Oman's economic future, ensuring that its success translates into prosperity for the nation.



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## MOODY'S UPGRADES OMANTEL RATING TO BA1 FROM BA2

Moody's Ratings has upgraded Omantel's long-term corporate family rating to Ba1 from Ba2, the probability of default rating to Ba1-PD from Ba2-PD, and the Baseline Credit Assessment (BCA) to ba2 from ba3. Moody's said that its rating action reflects Omantel's stable financial performance amid structurally intensified competition since 2022, strong credit metrics that are more commensurate with the ba2 BCA, and improved liquidity. 'The rating action also incorporates the company's track record of prudent financial policy and calculated development strategy, as well as efforts to keep leverage under control. At the same time, the stable outlook reflects our expectations that material improvements in the company's standalone credit quality are unlikely over the next two years,' Moody's said. Moody's noted that Omantel's rating is also supported by its prudent development strategy and financial policy. 'This is demonstrated by the strategic focus on sustaining leading market positions in core segments, measured capital spending, a cautious approach to M&A, stable dividend payments, and efforts to maintain leverage under control.' The rating agency highlighted that Omantel's liquidity has improved. 'We forecast that Omantel's cash balance of RO34mn as of June 2024 and operating cash flow of RO260mn through the end of 2025 will be sufficient to cover



capital spending of RO160mn, dividends of RO41mn, and debt repayment of RO52mn over the same period. The liquidity is also supported by very modest debt maturities until 2028 when the outstanding \$689mn bond is due, followed by the \$500mn sukuk due in 2031,' the rating agency said. However, Moody's pointed out that intense competition in the Omani telecommunications market continues to impact Omantel's business. Moody's said, 'The entrance of Oman Future Telecommunications Company under the Vodafone brand has broken the duopoly of Omantel and Ooredoo as integrated operators. As a result, the Omani telecom market has become one of the most challenging within the GCC region. This has led to flat connectivity revenue for Omantel and a slight decline in its subscriber base.'

## OMAN'S NAMA PWP SHORTLISTS 12 COMPANIES FOR 5 WIND PROJECTS WORTH RO500MN

Nama Power and Water Procurement Company (PWP), the exclusive procurer of power and water capacity in Oman, announced the list of qualified companies for the development of five large-scale wind energy projects worth around RO500mn. These wind energy projects, located across key governorates in the sultanate, represent a significant milestone in Oman's journey toward achieving its renewable energy goals and transitioning to a low-carbon future. The proposed wind independent power projects (IPPs) will contribute to the sultanate's broader strategy to generate 30% of its energy needs from renewable sources by 2030. Three of the proposed wind IPPs will be connected to the Main Interconnection System (MIS), and two projects will be connected to the Dhofar Power System (DPS). In the Main Interconnection System, the Jalan Bani Bu Ali Wind IPP will be located at Jalan Bani Bu Ali in South Sharqiyah Governorate. The commercial operation for this project is targeted for Q1 2027, with a capacity of 91-105 MW. The Duqm Wind IPP will be situated at Ras Madrasah in Duqm, aiming for commercial operation in Q4 2027, with an expected capacity in the range of 234-270 MW. The Mahoot Wind I IPP will be developed in Mahoot in Al Wusta Governorate for commercial operation in Q4 2027, with a capacity of 342-400 MW. In the Dhofar Power System, the Dhofar Wind II IPP will be adjacent to the existing Dhofar Wind I IPP in Shaleem and Al Hallaniyat Islands in Dhofar Governorate, with a capacity of 114-132 MW and targeted to be operational in Q2 2027. The Sadah Wind IPP will be developed at a site in Sadah in Dhofar Governorate, with a capacity of 81-99 MW, aiming for commercial operation in Q4 2027. Nama PWP reported a strong response to the tenders for these five wind energy projects. A total of 16 Statements of Qualification were submitted for the Jalan Bani Bu Ali Wind IPP, 15 for the Dhofar II Wind IPP, 15 for the Duqm and Sadah Wind IPPs, and 15 for the Mahoot I Wind IPP. Following a comprehensive and rigorous evaluation process, 12 companies were qualified for each of the five projects. The shortlisted companies are: ACWA Power, Sembcorp, Sumitomo, TotalEnergies, Masdar, Al Fanar, EDF Renouvelables, Elecnor, Goldwind, GED, Marafiq, Hero Asia Investment, and ITOCHU. Nama PWP noted that the high level of participation by international



companies highlights the growing interest and confidence in Oman's renewable energy sector and the transparency of the procurement process facilitated by Nama PWP. Ahmed bin Salim al Abri, Acting CEO of Nama PWP, said, "The announcement of these wind projects is a pivotal moment for Oman's energy sector. These projects are not only critical in our mission to reduce greenhouse gas emissions but also play a fundamental role in advancing our national goals for renewable energy generation. By harnessing the sultanate's vast wind resources, we are making significant strides toward a clean energy future, ensuring energy security, and contributing to our national net-zero target." He added, "These renewable energy projects proposed by the company this year have witnessed significant interest from both international and local developers. This reflects the confidence of international developers and financiers in investing in Oman, as well as the success of Nama PWP's experience in procuring and developing renewable energy projects. We reaffirm our commitment to achieving the targets of Oman Vision 2040 and ensuring a structured transition toward net zero by 2050." Nama PWP has been at the forefront of Oman's clean energy transformation, having successfully launched multiple solar and wind energy projects to complement the country's energy mix. By enabling private sector participation through a transparent and competitive procurement process, Nama PWP is ensuring the efficient development of renewable energy infrastructure that meets international standards.



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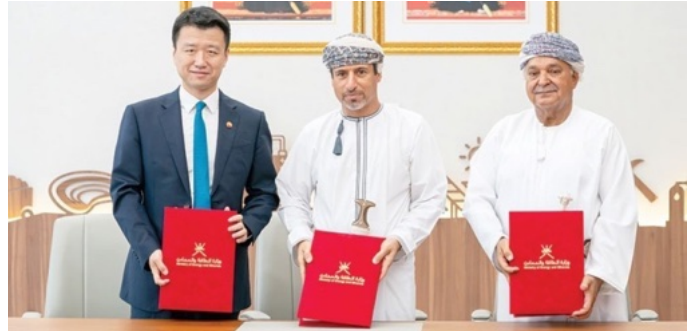


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# OMAN BOOSTS OIL AND GAS PROSPECTS WITH NEW EXPLORATION PACT

Mazoon Petrogas, a subsidiary of Petrogas E&P (PG), the Exploration and Production arm of the Mohammed Al Barwani Group, along with its partner CNPC, has signed an agreement with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals for the exploration and production of oil and gas within the concession area Block 15. The agreement was signed by Eng Salim al Afi, Minister of Energy and Minerals, and Dr Mohammed al Barwani, Chairman and Founder of MB Group, along with Zhang Yu, Vice President of CNODC. Through this new agreement, Petrogas aims to continue its successful collaboration with the government, demonstrating its commitment to the local economy and community. Leveraging 25 years of experience and the unique talents of both Omani and international experts in the field of oil and gas, and supported by world-class infrastructure, Petrogas, through its joint venture Daleel petroleum as the operator, will explore Block 15 for potential Oil and Gas reserves. If successful, it will swiftly execute fit for purpose development plans to ensure efficient operations, optimising production and resource recovery. The agreement also includes the continuation of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) through Petrogas's ongoing partnership with CNPC, a major Chinese oil and gas player. This marks a significant milestone following previous successes in Block 5, operated by Petrogas and CNPC's joint venture, Daleel Petroleum. Petrogas has over the years achieved many successes in Egypt, the Netherlands, and the UK. It has also delivered exceptional value on behalf of Petroleum Development Oman in the Rima Small Satellite Fields, where Petrogas succeeded in consistently increasing production and reserve additions. Commenting on the agreement, Salim al Afi, the Minister



of Energy and Minerals, said: "This new agreement represents a significant investment in Oman, driving economic growth, job creation, and the delivery of FDI through Petrogas' partners in this project. It aligns with our aims to empower local energy providers and reinforce their critical role in advancing Oman's economic prosperity." Usama al Barwani, Vice Chairman MB group and Managing Director of Petrogas E&P, stated: "We deeply value the trust placed in us by the Omani government and cherish our long-standing partnership with CNPC. This new agreement underscores our commitment to exploring further opportunities in Oman. We aspire to continue contributing significantly to the growth of Oman's energy sector through safe and efficient operations, as well as the positive impact we have on the local communities in which we operate." Kingsuk Sen, CEO of Petrogas E&P, added: "We are thrilled with this award and remain steadfast in our commitment to swiftly deploy latest technology and innovative approaches, to unlock the block's resource potential. We are grateful to the government for their continued trust and support. With a proven track record of safe and efficient operations, along with significant investments in Oman that have consistently enhanced production and reserves, we remain committed to driving further value-added growth"

# GREEN HYDROGEN READINESS LAB LAUNCHES 26 KEY INITIATIVES

Hydrom, in collaboration with the Oman Vision 2040 unit and the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, successfully concluded the two-week Ecosystem Readiness Lab, outlining a total of 26 initiatives designed to deliver Oman's 2030 green hydrogen production targets. The multi-sector initiatives, covering five key focus areas – Permits, Contractors, Workforce Development, Logistics, and Local Content – are set to be submitted for approval following final review from the overseeing steering committee in few weeks. Once approved, the initiatives will play an instrumental role in propelling Oman's strategic objectives, driving increased private sector investment, fostering entrepreneurial innovation, and enhancing the national ecosystem's readiness for green hydrogen projects. In a press release, Ahmed Ibrahim al Abri, Planning and Regulatory Manager at Hydrom, said, "The outcomes of the Ecosystem Readiness Lab are a major milestone in our journey to build a robust and sustainable green hydrogen ecosystem in Oman. Through the alignment of our public and private sectors, we are setting the stage for long-term success." The first workstream, focusing on the construction and engineering sector, has outlined a six initiatives aimed at enhancing the readiness and capacity of local firms to engage in large-scale green hydrogen projects. These include developing a comprehensive tender information package, facilitating partnerships between local and international contractors within targeted supply chains, and launching a marketing campaign positioning Oman as a global leader in green hydrogen. Additionally, a platform will be created to connect developers with local contractors. The second workstream addressed the current and future needs of skilled labour, focusing on programmes to upskill the national workforce for green hydrogen projects. Among the eight proposed initiatives were efforts to align with labour market analysis in the clean energy sectors, establish skill incubators for flexible and seasonal workers, and develop dedicated labour housing communities. The third workstream reviewed the current regulatory framework, particularly in relation to permits, in an effort to simplify procedures to enable faster project execution. A



central initiative proposed was the 'single permit' system, designed to streamline the approval process through a one-stop-shop model, ensuring smoother and more efficient operations for green hydrogen projects. The fourth workstream examined the logistical requirements necessary to support green hydrogen production and export, focusing on the infrastructure and operational needs of Oman's ports, transportation networks, and supply chains. The three proposed initiatives included conducting a comprehensive logistics study that covers key roads, ports, and related facilities, assigning Asyad Group the responsibility for developing and managing the integrated logistics system for the hydrogen sector, and establishing a monitoring platform to coordinate and regulate the smooth flow of supply chains for hydrogen projects. The fifth workstream, focused on local content, sought to identify ways to enhance the participation of local businesses throughout the green hydrogen value chain, while promoting innovation and stimulating investment in the alternative energy sector. Eight key initiatives were proposed including the development of an enabling package for industries and services involved in green hydrogen projects, along with incentive programmes for public services linked to the sector. The workstream also put forward the creation of a dedicated financing mechanism to support hydrogen-related industries, the establishment of an economic cluster for hydrogen-based industries, and the founding of the National Green Hydrogen Center for research, development, testing, and capacity building. The implementation of the 26 initiatives will secure Oman's position as a leader in green hydrogen production and export, reaffirming the nation's deep commitment to sustainability and innovation. By advancing these efforts, Oman is on track to meet its 2030 green hydrogen targets, driving domestic growth and solidifying its role in the global clean energy transition.

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**Abdulrahman Ali Issa Al Kindi**  
**HSE Manager**  
**United Engineering Services (UES)**

**UES recently received an award from OXY for your exemplary use of the Himaya digital HSE platform. Could you share more about this recognition and how it aligns with your commitment to health and safety excellence?**

We are deeply honored to be recognized by OXY for our pioneering use of the Himaya digital HSE platform. This award is a powerful testament to our unwavering commitment to setting the highest

benchmarks in health, safety, and environmental excellence. Being the first among OXY's contractors to adopt this platform reflects our forward-thinking approach and dedication to driving safety innovation.

I had the privilege of visiting the Mukhaizna field and participating in the monthly HSE Contractors meeting, where I was able to demonstrate the valuable benefits of Himaya. The overwhelmingly positive response from all contractors further validated our belief that embracing cutting-edge technology is essential to staying ahead in the realm of safety management. This recognition reinforces UES's role as a leader in creating a safer, more efficient working environment, and we remain fully committed to continuously raising the bar in health and safety standards.

**How was the training process for you and your team in adopting the Himaya system?**

The training process for the Himaya system was highly effective. The trainers were both knowledgeable and professional, and the flexibility in scheduling sessions allowed us to ensure all employees were thoroughly trained. The platform itself is easy to access and user-friendly, making the transition seamless. During the training, we were even able to customize certain aspects of the system to better fit our organizational needs. We also took advantage of online training to reach remote employees, including our well-testing teams stationed at the Masirah Oil Ltd oilfield platform. Overall, the process has been smooth and valuable.

**Given UES's success with the Himaya platform, what advice would you offer to other companies in the industry considering adopting a digital HSE system?**

The Himaya digital HSE platform is truly transformative for organizations looking to elevate their health and safety management practices. Not only is it user-friendly, but it has also drastically reduced our paperwork, making it easier to track and close actions in a timely and efficient manner. The platform equips managers with a robust tool to measure HSE performance using clear KPIs, which has been invaluable to our operations.

What truly sets Himaya apart is its built-in machine learning and AI capabilities, which provide predictive insights and smarter decision-making. These advanced features enable us to proactively identify potential risks before they escalate, ensuring that safety management is always one step ahead.

Himaya is more than just a system, it is a true leadership tool. It empowers organizations to take control of their health and safety management, adopting a data-driven, forward-thinking approach that positions them as leaders in the industry. Developed by OPAL, it also ensures a unified, standardized approach across organizations, facilitating alignment in safety practices.

Moreover, it's cost-effective compared to other solutions on the market. I strongly encourage organizations to adopt Himaya, not only to improve HSE performance but to embrace a tool that will help them lead the way in health and safety excellence.

## DID YOU KNOW? PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

### OPAL STAR (STANDARD FOR TRAINING APPROVAL AND RECOGNITION)

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## DEME PROGRESSES CERTIFICATION PILOT AT HYPORT DUQM PROJECT IN OMAN

Belgian-based offshore energy and marine infrastructure group DEME Concessions says it is advancing a key pilot aimed at securing the certification of green molecules from a green hydrogen and ammonia project, branded as Hyport Duqm, planned at the Special Economic Zone in Dugm on Oman's southeast coast. The partnership of energy major BP (49 per cent), DEME Concessions (25.5 per cent) and OQ Group of the Sultanate of Oman (25.5 per cent) is currently in the early stages of developing Hyport Duqm - part of an array of giga-scale hydrogen schemes that seek to position Oman as a regional hub for green molecule production and export. "DEME's Hyport Energy continues to advance, positioning itself to be amongst the first in the world to produce green molecules from renewable energy. During the first half of 2024, the HYPORT Dugm project in Oman has embarked on a certification pilot project in accordance with EU regulation," DEME stated in newly published results of the group's performance during the first half of 2024. In July, DEME and OQ announced a strategic partnership with BP, one of the world's leading international energy companies. "In this partnership BP becomes an equity partner and operator of the Hyport Duqm project, acquiring a 49 per cent stake while OQ and DEME each retain a 25.5 per cent share," the Belgian-headquartered group noted. The certification pilot follows the successful completion of



a precertification study carried out on behalf of Hyport Duqm by HINICIO, a leading consultancy firm focused on sustainable energy, industry, and transportation. It paves the way for green ammonia output from Hyport Dugm to be certified as 'Renewable Fuels of Non-Biological Origin' (RFNBO) - a key criterion that ensures that its green molecules qualify for import into the EU and clients, while at the same time, are guaranteed to have been sustainably produced. In the first phase, Hyport Duqm is targeting 500 MW of electrolyzer capacity to produce 60,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of green hydrogen alongside 300,000 tpa of green ammonia. At full capacity, output is projected to rise to 1 million tpa of green ammonia and 180,000 tp of green hydrogen, powered by 1.5 gigawatts of electrolyzer capacity. Starting with a commercial-scale demonstration project in Phase 1, Hyport Duqm is envisioned to evolve into a 'Green Hydrogen Hub & Economy' over future phases, according to DEME.

## OMAN MALLS, CORPORATES OPT FOR SOLAR LEASE OPTIONS TO GO GREEN

An innovative solar PV leasing and operating solution is behind a flurry of solar installations adorning the rooftops and carports of a number of leading shopping malls and other corporate establishments in the Sultanate of Oman. Under the lease and operate model, the customer is spared the significant upfront cost of investing in solar PV panels, modules and other hardware necessary to be installed before being able to benefit from relatively competitive-priced solar-powered renewable electricity. Instead, a vendor with the financial wherewithal and operating knowhow will bear the capital cost of the installation, and also maintain and operate the system against a long-term contract. In turn, the customer pays a monthly fee, which may roughly compare with its previous energy bills based on subsidy-free, cost-reflective tariffs currently applied by electricity authorities for large commercial entities. One such vendor that is making inroads into Oman's small-scale captive PV sector based on the lease-and-operate model is Yellow Door Energy, a Dubai-based company with a presence spanning the Middle East and Africa. "An Agreement for Equipment Lease and Operations is a long-term contract with a performance guarantee on your solar plant. There is no capital expense. You pay a monthly solar bill once the solar plant starts generating electricity," the company explained. In Oman, the company has agreements to install and operate captive solar PV systems for five malls of Majid Al Futtaim (MAF). They include Mall of Oman, with a 2.4 MWp capacity system, City Centre Muscat (3.7 MWp), City Centre Qurum (2.7 MWp), City Centre Sur (626 kWp) and City Centre Suhar (3.1 MWp). In half-yearly results announced recently, Yellow Door En-



ergy revealed that it has successfully commissioned a total of 14 solar power plants across the UAE, Bahrain and Oman, adding 20 megawatts-peak (MWp) to its portfolio. "Additionally, Yellow Door Energy acquired five operating projects in Oman with a total capacity of 3.5 MWp, further solidifying its leadership position in the region," it noted. According to the company, over 240 MW of projects are in various stages of operation, construction and planned in the Middle East. These initiatives, featuring over 46,000 solar panels, will be developed through solar leases or power purchase agreements (PPAs), it said. Also during the first half of this year, Yellow Door Energy raised \$28 million in debt financing, which will be utilized to provide solar leases and renewable energy solutions to commercial and industrial businesses. "This latest funding builds on the company's successful \$400 million in equity raised in 2022, which supports the ongoing development of sustainable energy projects across the Middle East and Africa," it added.

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## ■ About Himaya

Himaya is a digital HSE platform developed by OPAL. It was designed to support companies in maintaining and effectively monitoring their HSE performance and to help streamline strategic decisions. Offered on a subscription basis, Himaya caters to companies without existing digital HSE systems and those seeking a more cost-effective solution. Priced competitively, Himaya aims to elevate industry standards and strengthen the HSE culture in Oman.

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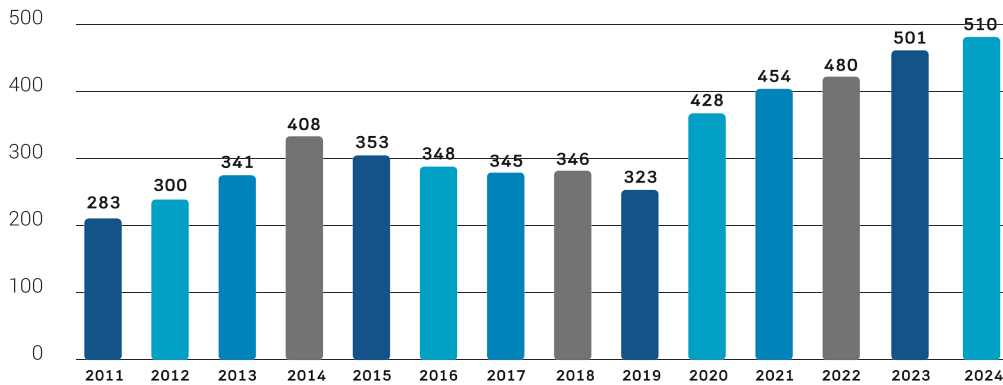


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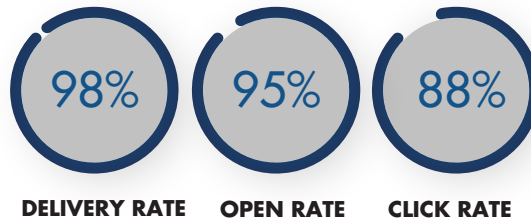
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