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# MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



**Dear Valued OPAL Members.** 

As I embark on my journey as CEO of OPAL, I am thrilled to lead such a dynamic and innovative organization. The dedication and passion I have witnessed from our team is truly inspiring, and I am honored to be a part of this exciting chapter. Together, we will continue to set new standards in the energy sector and drive meaningful change.

Let's dive into August's highlights: **Enhanced Road Safety:** 

On August 4th, we launched the Defensive Driving Standard Body Health-Check project in collaboration with RTITB Limited, a significant step towards elevating our road safety training practices and aligning them with the Road Safety Strategy 2023-2030.

Digital HSE Solutions: On August 6th, we proudly welcomed Minerals Development Oman (MDO) as the first mining sector company to join our OPAL Himaya HSE digital platform, underscoring our dedication to innovative safety solutions and our growing reputation as a leader in the field.

Talent Development: On August 18th, we initiated the HSE Apprenticeship Program with Gulf Petrochemical Service & Trading, Velosi, and National Drilling & Services. This 18-month training course, funded by the Ministry of Labor, aims to provide 36 Omani graduates with enhanced employment opportunities.

Quality Assurance: On August 22nd, we hosted a representative from the Scottish Qualifications Authority to ensure the highest quality standards for our Oman Vocational Diploma in Health, Safety, and Environmental Practices. This commitment to excellence is a cornerstone of our mission.

Environmental Sustainability: On August 27th, OPAL signed a cooperation agreement with the Environment Authority for the "Green Alliance" initiative,

a bold step towards a more sustainable future. By planting 10 million trees and supporting the private sector's path to net-zero emissions by 2050, we are demonstrating our leadership in environmental stewardship.

Road Safety Awareness: On August 28th, we organized a workshop in collaboration with the Traffic Safety Institute, focused on enhancing road safety awareness among energy sector employees. This initiative reinforced our commitment to promoting responsible driving practices and reducing accidents within our industry.

Educational Partnerships: On August 29th, we signed an MoU with Mitsui E&P Middle East B.V and the Ministry of Education to provide training and computers to 600 students. This investment in education will help to develop the next generation of engineers and innovators.

The road ahead is brimming with opportunities, and I'm truly energized by what we can achieve together. Our collective drive and shared vision will undoubtedly lead to groundbreaking achievements, taking our association to even greater heights.

Warm regards,

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









### **OPAL NEWS**



Tuesday, August 6, 2024, Oman Energy Association (OPAL), organized the official induction of the upskilling program funded by Oman Liquefied Natural Gas LLC. The program aims to enhance the skillsets in occupational health and safety, underscores commitment to developing the local workforce, enhancing the labor market and contributing to create a safer working environment aligning with national occupational standards of OLNG subcontractors. The program will be deliverd by National Training



Tuesday, August 6, 2024, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) is pleased to announce that Minerals Development Oman (MDO) has joined the OPAL Himaya HSE digital platform as the first company from the mining sector. MDO's subscription demonstrates a substantial endorsement of OPAL's advanced HSE systems and emphasizes its dedication to pioneering technological advancements that improve HSE practices within the mining industry.



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Sunday, August 18, 2024, Oman Energy Association (OPAL), in collaboration with Gulf Petrochemical Service & Trading, Velosi and National Drilling & Services company, organized the official induction of "HSE Apprenticeship Program", funded by the Ministry of Labor. The program aims to enhance employment opportunities for 36 Omani graduates with diploma and bachelor's degrees. The program will be delivered by National Training Institute (NTI) and Technical & Administration Training Institute (TATI) for a period of 18 months. Trainees will be employed directly after successfully completing the requirements of the program.



Thursday, August 22, 2024, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) hosted a representative from the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) to collaborate on overseeing the quality of implementation of the "Oman Vocational Diploma in Health, Safety, and Environmental Practices." This program is approved by the Ministry of Higher Education, Research, and Innovation and aligns with the National Occupational Standards (NOSs). During the visit, a review was conducted of the accredited training centers and trainers to ensure the highest standards of quality in the execution of the program.



Tuesday, August 27, 2024, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) and the Environment Authority signed a cooperation agreement to launch the "Green Alliance" initiative, a key step towards achieving the goals of Oman Vision 2040. This initiative will involve planting 10 million trees across the Sultanate, enhancing natural resource management, and increasing vegetation cover. It also aims to support the private sector in reaching net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 and raising environmental awareness and driving investments in afforestation and carbon credit projects.

### OPAL NEWS



Wednesday, August 28, 2024, Oman Energy Association (OPAL), in collaboration with the Traffic Safety Institute at the General Directorate of Traffic, organized a workshop as part of ongoing efforts to enhance and raise awareness of the importance of road safety among all employees in the energy sector. The Traffic Safety Institute team presented an awareness program that introduce the latest road safety measures and how to implement them, as well as the efforts of the Royal Oman Police to reduce traffic accidents. The program will also contribute on updating information related to the latest practices and knowledge of traffic laws, improving the efficiency of the sector employees, and enhancing their ability to make a positive impact on road safety.



Oman Energy Association (OPAL) has signed several agreements with six training institutes to effectively implement vocational and technical education in post-basic education (grades 11 and 12), with a focus on engineering and industrial specializations. These programs are set to be launched in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, starting from the 2024/2025 academic year, targeting 600 students from selected schools in the Muscat and North Al Batinah governorates. The participating institutes include National Training Institute, Knowledge Grid Academy, Polyglot Institute Oman, Technical & Administrative Training Institute, Takatuf Petrofac Oman, and Sohar Industrial Training Institute.



Thursday, August 29, 2024, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) signed a memorandum of understanding with Mitsui E&P Middle East B.V, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, to train and qualify students in engineering professions. The initiative includes providing computers to the students to facilitate their access to educational materials and ensure the continuity of their learning, as part of the social responsibility efforts of both parties. The program is scheduled to launch in September 2024, with 600 students benefiting in the first phase.



Thursday, August 29, 2024, Oman Energy Association (OPAL), in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Development, has concluded its specialized ISO 9001:2015 training course for the dedicated team, which began on Sunday, August 25, 2024. These course is part of OPAL's corporate social responsibility initiatives and were announced alongside the commencement of developing standards for disability services in the Sultanate of Oman. The aim of the courses is to equip the team with the necessary knowledge and skills to ensure the delivery of high-quality services and to enhance the effectiveness of monitoring within this sector.

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### OPAL AND EA SIGN GREEN ALLIANCE INITIATIVE

Oman Energy Association (OPAL) - the umbrella organisation of energy companies and service providers in the Sultanate of Omanand the Environment Authority (EA) have come together yesterday to sign the Green Alliance Initiative. This landmark agreement marks a collaborative effort between private sector companies, predominantly from the energy sector, and the EA to invest in the afforestation sector. The signing ceremony was attended by Dr Abdullah bin Ali al Amri, Chairman of the Environment Authority, and Eng Mohammed bin Hamoud al Naabi, CEO of OPAL. Dr Abdullah bin Ali al Amri stated, "Signing this initiative comes within the ongoing efforts to enhance cooperation between government agencies and private sector institutions to achieve national environmental goals in accordance with Oman Vision 2040. We are confident that this cooperation will lead to tangible positive results that contribute to protecting the environment and enhancing the sustainability of its natural resources." The Green Alliance Initiative aims to enhance the economic value of environmental resources and align with the ambitious goals of Oman Vision 2040. It focuses on establishing partnerships to protect the environment and sustain natural resources through increased vegetation cover and investment in carbon credits via afforestation projects. This initiative is also a crucial step towards supporting energy sector companies in achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. Eng. Mohammed bin Hamoud al Naabi commented, "The Green Alliance initiative represents an important step towards achieving carbon neutrality and enhancing environmental sustainability in the Sultanate of Oman. We are proud of this cooperation with the Environment Authority and are committed to making every effort to ensure the success of this initiative



and achieve its goals. We believe that this cooperation will not only protect the environment and achieve zero carbon neutrality, but will also enhance the economic value of society and create new opportunities for investment in environmental projects." By investing in the planting of wild trees, the alliance seeks to increase vegetation cover in Oman, which will not only contribute to carbon sequestration but also provide significant economic returns through carbon credits. These efforts are expected to raise community environmental awareness and encourage broader participation in environmental sustainability efforts. The Green Alliance Initiative is rooted in the national effort spearheaded by the Environment Authority to plant 10 million trees across Oman. On July 5, 2022, the EA convened a meeting with various companies to discuss the framework of the initiative, led by Dr Abdullah bin Ali al Amri. The meeting focused on how these companies, whether operating within Oman or holding local investments, could actively contribute to the initiative's success.

### **OQ POWERS OMAN WITH 89 MILLION BARRELS OF ANNUAL OIL PRODUCTION**

The Sultanate of Oman's global integrated energy group - 0Q -- showcased its pivotal role in driving national development through strategic energy production and infrastructure. From the exploration and extraction of crude oil to advanced refining and distribution, 0Q is not just meeting current energy demands but also paving the way for a sustainable future. In 2023, 0Q achieved significant production milestones, with a daily production rate of 246,000 barrels of oil equivalent, culminating in an impressive annual output of 89 million barrels. Of these, 81 million barrels were processed, underscoring OQ's robust refining capabilities. The company's total refining capacity stands at over 530,000 barrels per day, distributed among its key facilities: 198,000 bpd at the Sohar Refinery, 116,000 bpd at the Minal Al Fahal Refinery, and 230,000 bpd at the Duqm Refinery, a joint venture with 0Q8. OQ's refineries are producing a wide array of petroleum products essential for both domestic use and international markets. The production portfolio includes over 15.7 million barrels of 91 octane gasoline and 11 million barrels of 95 octane gasoline, catering to diverse consumer needs. Diesel production reached a noteworthy 32.4 million barrels, while LPG and jet fuel outputs were 7.9 million and 9.9 million barrels, respectively. These figures highlight OQ's comprehensive approach to meeting various energy demands. To support its extensive production and distri-



bution network, OQ has developed substantial fuel storage capacities totaling 216,700 cubic metes. Key storage facilities are strategically located with capacities of 19,700 cubic metres in Soar, 160,000 cubic metres in Jifnain, and 37,000 cubic metres in Raysut. This infrastructure ensures efficient supply chain management and enhances Oman's energy security. OQ's achievements reflect its commitment to innovation and leadership in the energy sector. By integrating cutting-edge technologies and sustainable practices, the company is not only enhancing operational efficiency but also contributing to Oman's long-term economic growth and environmental goals. OQ's efforts align with national objectives to diversify the economy and reduce carbon footprints, setting benchmarks for industry best practices.



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- OPAL Health Safety & Environment Management System (HSEMS)
- Joint Supplier Registration System (JSRS).











### BE'AH SIGNS DEAL FOR SECOND PHASE OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE TREATMENT PLANT IN SOHAR

Oman Environmental Services Holding Company (be'ah) has signed an agreement with Tialoc and Al Ramooz National to establish the second phase of the industrial waste treatment facility in the Sohar Freezone. The agreement was signed by Eng AbdulKareem Qasim al Balushi, Chief Operating Officer of Hazardous Waste Operations at be'ah and Christoph Engel, CEO of Tialoc Group, as part of be'ah's ongoing efforts to enhance industrial waste management infrastructure in the sultanate. The second phase of the project includes the development of an integrated facility for industrial waste treatment, encompassing hazardous waste treatment, physical and chemical processing, and facilities for the treatment of used oils and toxic waste. Additionally, storage tanks and advanced infrastructure will be provided to support operations. This project is expected to contribute to the national sustainability goals and bolster the local economy by creating new job opportunities. In a press release, Balushi emphasised the importance of this project in improving industrial waste management in Oman, noting that it represents a significant step within the sultanate's strategy to address industrial waste challenges and provide sustainable, integrated solutions. Engel expressed his sincere gratitude to be'ah for selecting and placing their trust in Tialoc's technology. He said that the teams from Tialoc and Al Ramooz are fully committed to implementing the advanced European technology and best practices that Tialoc has perfected over decades. He said, "Their objective is



to develop the plant in alignment with the specific needs and emerging trends of the Sohar Freezone, and to extend its benefits throughout Oman. This project aspires to set a benchmark for integrated industrial waste treatment in the GCC region, harmonising cutting-edge technology, industrial design aesthetics with eco-friendliness." This initiative is designed to eliminate pollution, reduce emissions, and carbon footprints, and contribute significantly to the Sustainable Environment Goals of Oman Vision 2040. The first phase of the industrial waste treatment facility in Sohar has been operational for several years and includes specialised industrial facilities, a solid waste storage facility, and a laboratory accredited by the Gulf Accreditation Center, making it the only one of its kind in Oman.

### **OQGN'S NEW 208KM GAS** PIPELINE TO BOOST DHOFAR **NETWORK CAPACITY BY 60%**

OQ Gas Networks (OQGN), the exclusive operator of Oman's Natural Gas Transmission Network, announced on Tuesday that it is set to inaugurate the Saib Project - a new 208km gas pipeline in the Dhofar Governorate - on August 26. This strategic growth project, with an investment of R076mn, aims to increase the gas network's capacity in Dhofar Governorate, addressing the growing demand for natural gas due to population growth, urban development, and economic expansion. As a result, the gas network's capacity in Dhofar Governorate will increase by 60%, from 10mn to 16mn cubic meters per day, according to a press statement issued by OQGN. The inauguration ceremony will be held under the patronage of H H Sayyid Marwan bin Turki al Said, Governor of Dhofar, along with government officials, community leaders, the OQGN Board of Directors, key stakeholders, and contractors. The Saib Project consists of two loops: Loop 1-32km at Hubara in the wilayat of Haima, and Loop 2—175km from Harweel to the Raysut station in Salalah, with a total of 208km of 32-inch pipeline alongside the existing 24-inch pipeline. In the first half of 2024, OQGN's network length increased by 177km following the commissioning of the South Grid Project – a loop line intended to increase capacity in the southern region of the sultanate, according to information provided in OQGN's Q2 2024 financial report. The total length of the company's gas pipeline network across Oman currently stands at 4,223km. This extensive network supplies gas to power plants, water desalination plants, cement



and aluminum factories, fertiliser and methanol plants, refineries, steel and cement factories, oil companies, and more. As per its latest financial report, OQGN transported 21.2bn cubic meters of gas during the first half of 2024, up from 19.4bn cubic meters in the corresponding period of 2023. The company also achieved a record high gas delivery of 131mn standard cubic meters per day in June 2024. OQGN holds a natural monopoly over critical gas transportation infrastructure in Oman as the exclusive owner and operator of the Natural Gas Transmission Network. OQGN aims to lead the management and development of the Natural Gas Transmission Network through innovative and sustainable solutions. The company prioritises maintaining high standards of operation and maintenance, which is reflected in OQGN's operational track record, having delivered 99.99% gas availability over the last 10 years and recorded no gas supply interruptions in 2023.

# **DID YOU KNOW?**

# QUALITY AND ACCREDITATION

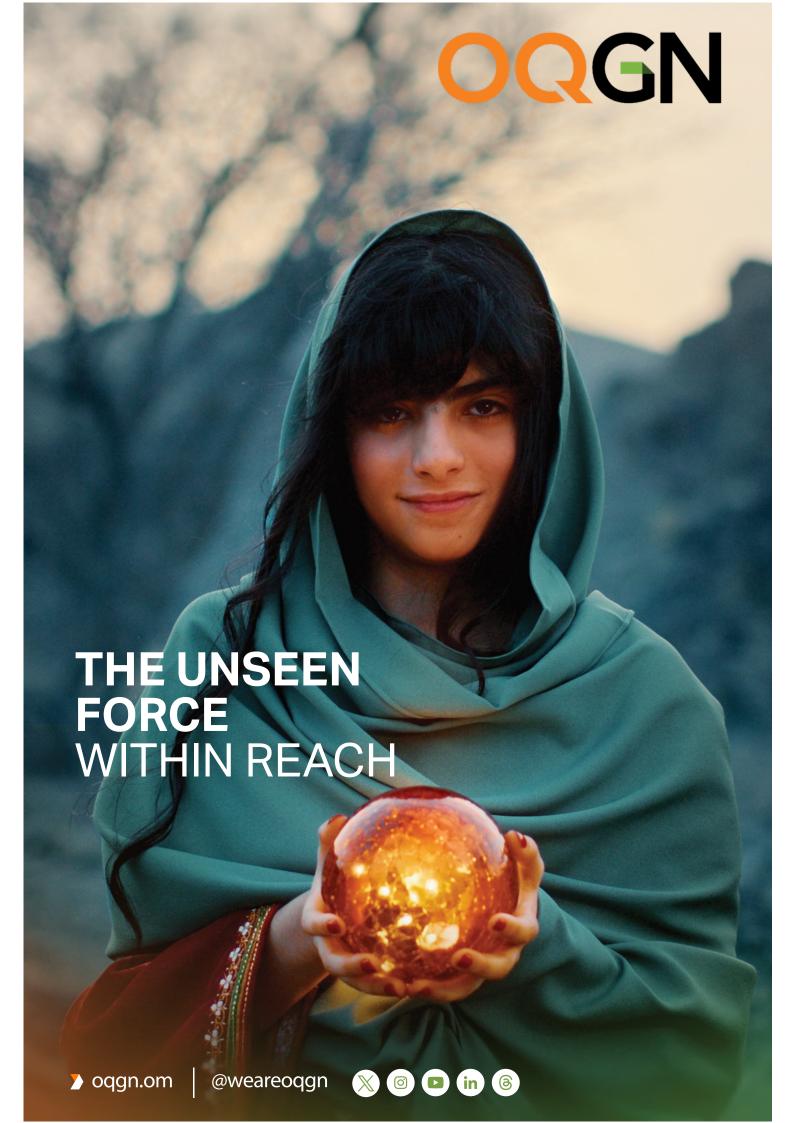
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### **IGC LAUNCHES INAUGURAL NATURAL GAS SPOT SALE IN OMAN**

Integrated Gas Company SAOC (IGC) is thrilled to announce the launch of its first spot sale of natural gas in Oman, marking a significant milestone in the country's energy sector. Under this pioneering agreement, IGC will supply 15,000 SM3/D of natural gas to Octal SAOC FC, a leading global PET packaging company with operations in Oman. Dr Muslam Qatan, Chairman of the Board of Directors at IGC, expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership: "This strategic partnership underscores IGC's commitment to bolstering Oman's economic diversification and aligns seamlessly with Oman Vision 2040." By enhancing the Sultanate of Oman's prominence in the global energy markets, this deal boosts IGC's revenue streams through positive price realisation. It also signifies mutually beneficial partnerships with industries, supporting overall economic growth and sustainability. This inaugural agreement solidifies IGC's bold presence and role in the sector, setting a strong foundation to deliver on its mandates. "We are proud to launch our first-ever spot sale of natural gas in Oman" said Abdul Rahman al Yahyaei, CEO of IGC. "This agreement with Octal is a testament to IGC's ability to meet short-term demands for natural gas and contributes to sustainable eco-



nomic development. It reflects our dedication to advancing the goals of Oman Vision 2040 by fostering a diversified and robust economy." IGC is committed to its mission of expanding its energy market presence, driving economic diversification, and promoting long-term prosperity for Oman. The company's strategic initiatives, supported by the IGC Board of Directors, are designed to significantly enhance the country's revenue streams while pursuing national objectives related to industrialisation and contributing to a sustainable future.

### ASYAD LINE EXPANDS FAR EAST **EXPRESS SERVICE**

Asyad Line, Oman's dedicated container service linking the Arabian Peninsula with the Indian subcontinent, is expanding its reach in Asia with a significant enhancement of its Far East Express (FEX) service. Starting in August 2024, the upgraded pendulum service will offer fortnightly sailings, connecting key ports in China, India, and the GCC region, according to a press statement. This expansion by Asyad Line not only enhances Oman's connectivity to key markets but also reinforces its role as a vital transshipment hub for cargo. Asyad Line's enhanced Far East Express service, with its increased frequency and capacity, offers a compelling proposition for businesses seeking efficient, dependable, and reliable shipping solutions between China, India, and the GCC. The fortnightly sailings and direct connections to key ports in these regions, particularly with a focus on Sohar Port, make it an attractive option for companies prioritising seamless trade flows and reduced transit times. This strategic move by Asyad Line, a part of Asyad Group, serves a dual purpose. Firstly, it caters to the growing demand for regular and dependable shipping services along this vital trade route, making it easier for businesses to access these key markets. Secondly, it positions Oman as a regional hub and platform for investors, showcasing the country's strategic location and business-friendly environment. Highlighting Asyad's commitment to enhancing Oman's contribution to global trade, Dr Ibrahim al Nadhairi, CEO of Asyad Shipping and Drydock, said, "Asyad Line's enhanced Far East Express service is a testament to our unwavering commitment to connecting key markets and fostering seamless trade flows. This strategic expansion not only strengthens our presence in Asia but also reinforces Oman's position as a vital logistics hub in the region. We are confident that this enhanced service will unlock new opportunities for businesses and contribute to the economic growth of Oman and our partners." In addition to optimising routes through this step, Asyad's commitment to environmental responsibility is evident in its modern fleet, which adheres to stringent international standards for emissions control and energy efficiency. The group continuously invests in upgrading its vessels and implementing eco-friendly practices to minimize the environmental impact of its operations.







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# OQGN CELEBRATES INAUGURATION OF RO 76 MILLION 'SAIB' PROJECT

0Q Gas Networks SAG (0QGN), the exclusive operator of Oman's natural gas transmission network, celebrated yesterday the inauguration of RO 76 million "Saib" Project, an additional gas pipeline in Dhofar Governorate with a length of 208 kilometres. The inauguration ceremony was held under the auspices of HH Sayyid Marwan bin Turki al Said, Governor of Dhofar, along with government officials, community leaders, OQGN Board of Directors and key stakeholders and contractors. Saib Project aligns with OQGN's strategic goals to expand the gas network's capacity in response to rising population, urban development, and economic growth. With the inauguration of the project, the capacity of the gas network will increase by 60% from 10 million cubic metres per day to 16 million cubic metres per day. The project consists of two loops, the first loop with a length of 32 km at Hubara, in the wilayat of Haima, and the second loop with a length of 176 km from Harweel to Raysut station in Salalah with a total of 208 km of 32-inch pipeline alongside the existing 24 inch pipeline. The project scope includes the extension of 6 block valve stations along with 3 new launching and receiving stations. A total of 16,978 pipes (each with a 32 inch diameter and 12.5 m length) were transported to the work sites crossing mountainous terrains within Governorate of Dhofar and Al Wusta. Eng Mansoor bin Ali al Abdali, CEO of OQGN, said: "The inauguration of the Saib project in Dhofar Governorate is a significant milestone in our company's projects records. It addresses the increasing demand for gas in the region and underscores our commitment to supporting local communities and fostering economic development in line with Oman Vision 2040. Completing the Saib project represents a major advancement in strengthening the natural gas infrastructure in the Sultanate of Oman. This strategic expansion not only meets the growing energy needs of Dhofar Governorate but also highlights our dedication to sustainable growth and our determination to lead the transition to clean energy in



the near future" Over the past 10 years, OQGN has maintained an impressive gas availability rate of 99.9%, with no interruptions in supply. It has successfully transported approximately 40 billion cubic meters of natural gas and operates around 4,031 kilometres of gas pipelines throughout the Sultanate of Oman. Along with this project, OQGN has actively supported its In-Country Value (ICV) initiatives by investing RO 11.5 million in local materials and services for project implementation. The project also engaged the local community, employing more than 380 Omanis during its execution. Additionally, it focused on developing national talent to meet the highest international standards, providing comprehensive training for employees in critical areas such as health, safety, and the environment, among other fields. Driven by the company's values of promoting HE corporate practices, the project has accomplished more than 3 million manhours without Lost Time Injury (LTI). OQGN acts as a key link connecting gas producers with gas consumers working in key sectors for raw material production or electricity generation, such as LNG, power generation, water desalination, oil and gas, industrial and commercial plants (petrochemical plants, fertilizer plants, aluminum plants and steel plants).

# DHL OMAN: LEADING THE CHARGE IN SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS

Since its establishment in 2000, DHL Global Forwarding Oman has grown into a logistics giant with a robust presence across the sultanate, boasting five offices dedicated to delivering excellence in logistics. Today, DHL Oman is not just about moving goods; it's about moving towards a sustainable future. DHL Oman's latest milestone is the opening of its future-ready office in Qurum, a testament to the company's incredible commitment to sustainability. Roy Scaria, Country Manager, DHL Global Forwarding Oman, said, "Our core focus is now on Sustainable Logistics. We feel it is our responsibility as a leading logistics provider to bring our customers and suppliers together to facilitate the action our planet so urgently needs. Collaboration is key to driving positive change, aligning with Oman's Sustainable Future initiative and the goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050." Innovative solutions for a greener tomorrow The solution to making supply chains greener is not less globalisation but more collaboration and innovation. DHL is pioneering this approach in the sultanate by prioritising cleaner, greener logistics. DHL is making significant strides in sustainability with initiatives such as distributing paper pens and locally-made clay bottles to employees, reflecting the company's commitment to a greener future in Oman. Through the Paperless Forwarding Program, DHL has significantly reduced paper consumption by digitalising documents and invoices, enhancing efficiency while minimising environmental impact. Ongoing

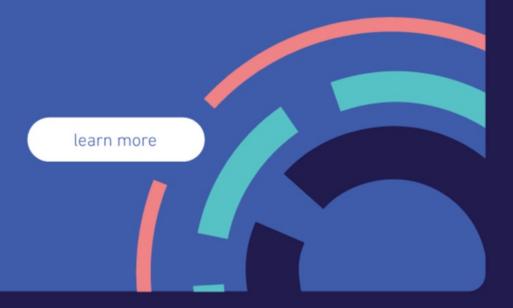


projects include transitioning facilities to solar energy and upgrading fleets to electric vehicles, reducing reliance on traditional energy sources and lowering emissions. Furthermore, the MyDHLi platform now offers real-time data on carbon emissions associated with each operation, empowering customers to make informed decisions and opt for low-carbon alternatives. The LCL (Less than Container Load) services with zero carbon emissions have also been enthusiastically embraced by customers.





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# OMAN HOSTS GCC PETROLEUM MEDIA FORUM IN SALALAH

The 5th GCC Petroleum Media Forum – an event that brings together senior officials and media persons from around the region under one roof to discuss various issues facing the oil and gas sector began in Salalah in southern Oman's green landscape on Wednesday. The two-day forum, hosted by Oman's Ministry of Energy and Minerals, in collaboration with the GCC Secretariat General, aims to bolster the media's role in addressing energy issues, particularly in the oil and gas sector of the region. Under the patronage of H E Mohsin bin Hamad al Hadhrami, Undersecretary in the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, the event has brought together media professionals, petroleum industry officials and experts from across the GCC countries. The primary goal of the forum is to enhance communication and cooperation between media personnel and energy sector experts and address challenges related to oil and gas. The forum also seeks to update media professionals of the latest sector developments and confront rumors related to oil and gas issues. In addition, the forum also provided a platform to discuss energy related issues, exchange experiences, and contribute to developing the skills of media professionals in this field. In his opening address, H E Hadhrami highlighted the significance of the forum. "Hosting this event in Oman underscores the strong cooperation among GCC countries and aims to improve communication and understanding in the oil and gas sector. This forum aims to highlight the sector's importance and facilitate the exchange of ideas and experiences between media and industry experts," he said. "We are aware of the challenges faced by the energy sector. We should strive to provide accurate and objective information to the local and international audience," he added. Dr Mohammed Falah al Rashidi, Director of the Energy Department at the GCC Secretariat General, emphasised the media's role in guiding public opinion and countering misinfor-



mation. "The oil and gas sector plays a crucial role amidst global energy challenges and rapid developments. It is vital for enhancing energy security, sustainable development, and transitioning to renewable energy sources." Dr Amer bin Nasser al Matani, CEO of the Oman LNG Development Foundation, addressed the need to reduce carbon emissions, protect the environment, and advance social responsibility programmess. He highlighted Oman's initiatives in clean energy, including leveraging solar and wind resources and promoting green hydrogen projects. "Technological advancements in the energy sector are crucial for our progress," he added. The first day of the forum featured discussion sessions and workshops focused on developing media professionals' skills in the energy field, and highlighting energy transformations and the importance of global energy security. The forum also addressed issues such as environmental and social sustainability in the energy sector and media's role in tackling future challenges

# OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS 5.9% AS US RECESSION FEARS MOUNT

Oman crude price sharply dropped by 5.9% on Monday to their lowest level since January 2024, as fears of a recession in the US overshadowed concerns that escalating tensions in the Middle East could affect oil supplies. The October delivery price of Oman crude oil contract, which is traded at the Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME), closed at \$74.55 per barrel on Monday, marking a sharp fall of \$4.65 compared to Friday's closing price of \$79.20 per barrel, the DME data showed. The DME data indicated that the average price of Oman crude for August delivery has stabilised at \$82.50 per barrel, which is \$1.39 per barrel lower than July delivery price. After a major drop on Friday, oil prices continued to fall on Monday, with both global benchmarks Brent and WTI dropping to their lowest levels since January. The collapse in oil prices, which started on Friday, was driven by fresh US recession fears due to a weak July payrolls report. On Monday afternoon, WTI had fallen by over 2.38% to \$71.77 per barrel and Brent had dropped by 2.08% to \$75.21 per barrel. Both benchmarks fell more than 3% on Friday, posting their fourth straight weekly declines in their biggest stretch since November. Monday's drop in oil prices marks the third consecutive day of decline, driven by investor concerns that the United States may be heading toward a recession, which has negatively affected the outlook for crude demand. Concerns over the US economy reverberated around the world on Monday, with Asian stocks tumbling and Japan's Nikkei posting its largest-ever decline.



Analysts believe that demand concerns from China have been weighing on oil prices for quite some time, and fears of a recession in the US will only add to the downward pressure on oil prices. The US economy added 114,000 jobs in July, significantly below market estimates of 176,000, according to figures released by the US Labor Department on Friday. Data fuelled worries that the US central bank could have been too late to ease its monetary policy, pushing the US economy into a recession. Oil also came under pressure from a decision by the OPEC+ group of producers to stick to its plan to phase out voluntary output cuts from October, which means that supplies will rise later this year, analyst say.



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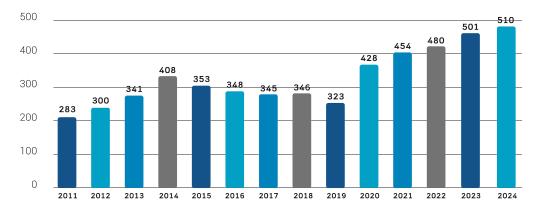






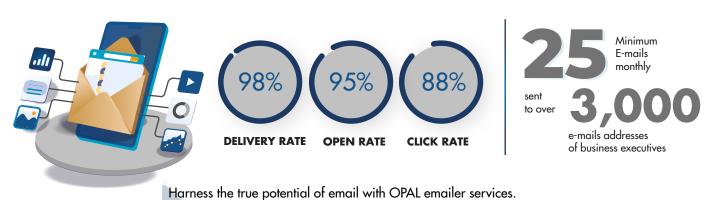


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