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CEO Message



Dear Valued OPAL Members,

As we embark on a new year, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) continues to drive excellence, safety, and sustainability within the energy and minerals sector. January has been a remarkable month, filled with impactful initiatives and strategic collaborations that reaffirm our role as the nation's leading association.

Empowering Oman's Workforce: Training and Skill Development

Our Continuous Professional Development (CPD) workshop series commenced with sessions hosted by Petroleum Development Oman (PDO), Knowledge Grid Academy, Safety Cooperation Services (SCS), and the National Training Institute (NTI). These workshops aimed at enhancing trainers' competencies in delivering OPAL Unified HSE Passport (UHSEP) Level 2 programs, reinforcing technical knowledge and best practices in health and safety.

Advancing Health, Safety, and Environmental (HSE) Standards

A key milestone this month was the adoption of the OPAL Himaya HSE Digital Platform by Worley Oman Engineering L.L.C. This move highlights the industry's commitment to leveraging technology for enhanced safety performance.

We also organized the 15th edition of the Senior Leadership Safety Forum, hosted by bp Oman under the patronage of H.E. Eng. Salim bin Nasser Al Afi, Minister of Energy and Minerals. The forum focused on best practices for managing Dropped Objects and Red Zone safety, fostering industry-wide improvements in HSE performance.

Our working groups met to review the DROPS Management Standard and the second edition of the Camp Standard, further demonstrating OPAL's commitment to strengthening worker welfare and safety governance.

Strategic Engagements and Industry Recognition

One of the highlights of the month was the celebration of the 10th edition of the OPAL Awards for Best Practices. Under the patronage of H.E. Eng. Salim bin Nasser Al Afi, the event recognized 45 outstanding projects across seven categories, marking a decade of industry excellence and innovation.

OPAL also had the privilege of hosting H.E. Dr. Laila bint Ahmed Al Najjar, Minister of Social Development. The visit provided an opportunity to showcase our contributions to national training, employment, and human capital development initiatives.

At an international level, OPAL participated in Intersec 2025 in Dubai, engaging in discussions on mental health, wellbeing, and occupational safety alongside esteemed industry experts.

Driving Sustainability and Innovation

OPAL, in collaboration with the Environmental Authority, held a strategic meeting to align efforts on the Green Alliance Initiative. This partnership aims to drive sustainable practices, enhance environmental stewardship, and accelerate progress toward Net Zero goals.

Additionally, our first Operators' Health, Safety, and Environment Managers Committee (OSHEMCO) meeting of 2025, hosted by bp Oman, laid the foundation for enhancing HSE performance throughout the year.

Looking Ahead

As we progress into 2025, OPAL remains committed to fostering industry growth, driving operational excellence, and positioning Oman's energy sector as a leader in safety, sustainability, and workforce development.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our members, partners, and stakeholders for their unwavering support and collaboration. Together, we will continue to build a future defined by innovation, resilience, and excellence.

Warm regards,

Eng. Mohammed Al Naabi

Chief Executive Officer

Oman Energy Association (OPAL)



Thursday, 2 January 2025, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized a Continuous Professional Development (CPD) workshop series hosted by Petroleum Development Oman (PDO). The workshop aimed to enhance the competency of trainers in delivering OPAL Unified HSE Passport (UHSEP) Level 2 programs. These workshops focus on strengthening technical knowledge and practical skills while adhering to OPAL's Unified HSE Passport (UHSEP) standards. This initiative underscores OPAL's dedication to promoting safety excellence and fostering the growth of the energy sector.



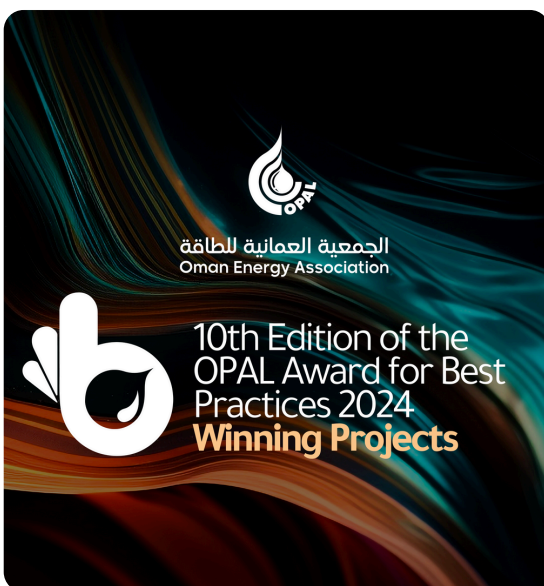
Thursday, 9 January 2025, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) announces that Worley Oman Engineering L.L.C has adopted the OPAL Himaya HSE Digital platform. Worley Oman Engineering L.L.C's subscription represents a significant endorsement of OPAL's advanced HSE systems and underscores their commitment to embracing technological innovations for enhanced HSE practices.



Thursday, 9 January 2025, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized a Continuous Professional Development (CPD) workshop series hosted by Knowledge Grid Academy. The workshop aimed to enhance the competency of trainers in delivering OPAL Unified HSE Passport (UHSEP) Level 2 programs. These workshops focus on strengthening technical knowledge and practical skills while adhering to OPAL's Unified HSE Passport (UHSEP) standards. This initiative underscores OPAL's dedication to promoting safety excellence and fostering the growth of the energy sector.



Tuesday, 14 January 2025, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized the Third workshop in its series of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) workshops for Defensive Driving Trainers, hosted by National Training Institute (NTI). The workshop focused on enhancing the efficiency of OPAL-certified defensive driving trainers. The CPD workshop series aims to develop knowledge and practical skills in delivering a clear approach to OPAL updated defensive driving program, with an emphasis on strategic and operational improvements in training methods. This initiative is part of OPAL's efforts to promote a culture of excellence in defensive driving and support the growth and development of the sector.



Wednesday, 15 January 2025, under the patronage of H.E. Eng. Salim Bin Nasser Al Aufi, Minister of Energy and Minerals, and in the presence of a distinguished gathering of Their Excellencies, senior leaders, CEOs, and OPAL members, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) celebrated the 10th edition of the OPAL. This year's edition featured exceptional participation, with over 200 projects submitted, and honored 45 outstanding projects across seven main categories: Omanization, Health and Safety, Environmental Preservation and Emission Reduction, Energy Transition, Operational Excellence, Omani Products and Services, and Research and Development. The BPA is one of the pioneering initiatives in the energy sector, highlighting OPAL's role as a platform for recognizing innovation and excellence. It also aims to promote best professional practices that contribute to the growth and sustainability of the sector to achieve a brighter energy future for the Sultanate of Oman.

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10th Edition of the OPAL Award for Best Practices 2024 Winning Projects

Category: Health and Safety

Operating Companies	ARA Petroleum	ARA Integrated QHSSE Digital AI Solution (Mfano)
	Oman LNG	Success Story – Oman LNG Zero DROPS Prevention Journey
	Oxy Oman	360 vehicle inspection
	OQEP	V-trainerR - Virtual Reality Road Safety Training Program integrated with 6D Of Graded Road Simulator
Large Contractors	SLB OMAN	SLB's Digital Transformation
	Gulf Energy SAOC	HSE microlearning awareness movies
Local Community Contractors	Seeh ALSarya Engineering LLC	Enhancing HSE Performance in SAS North Oman Operations
Small and Medium Enterprise	Global Enterprises Fleet Management Systems & Technologies LLC	Innovative technologies, solutions and training, for road safety and safe driving

Category: Environment & Net Zero Emission

Operating Companies	Petroleum Development Oman	Well Intervention quick wins in the journey towards Net Zero Emission
	Oxy Oman	Waste 2 Wealth
Large Contractors	SLB OMAN	Innovative Modular CO2 Injection System for Sustainable Carbon Management: Achieving Zero Emissions
	Baker Hughes	Plastic Boxes Recycling Project
	Special Oilfield Services Co. LLC	Reducing Carbon footprint and intensity in oil production wells

Category: Omani Products & Services

Operating Companies	OQ	Successful story of OQ roto molding products
Large Contractors	ChampionX Middle East Services LLC	Continuous Rod (ProRad) Manufacturing Plant in Salalah, Oman.
	Arabian Industries Projects	Maintenance intergraded contract
Local Community Contractors	Apex Advanced Engineering	Molded Guide Manufacturing Facility in Nizwa
Small and Medium Enterprise	Vision Advanced Petroleum Solution	Manufacturing of gaslift valves in Oman

Category: Research and Development

Operating Companies	Daleel Petroleum LLC	Development of Viscous Tertiary Um Radhuma Oil Reservoir in Block 5 of North Oman.
	OQEP	Decoding Reservoir Intricacies: Solving Tortuosity Challenges for Optimized Fluid Flow in Highly Heterogeneous Formations
	Petroleum Development Oman	Wells Around Formation Issues - WAFI
Small and Medium Enterprise	The Natinal Detergent Company S.A.O.G	Quadra Guard Pro: Multifunctional Chemical Innovation for Water and Oil & Gas Industries

Category: Omanisation

Operating Companies	Daleel Petroleum LLC	Omanization Project
	Duqm Refinery and Petrochemical Industry - OQ8	OQ8 Nationalization
	Oman LNG	Success Story – OLING Business Partners Omani HSE Advisors Upskilling Program
Large Contractors	Mwasalat	Omani Bus Captains: Leading The Journey
	KCA Deutag Energy LLC & Oman KCA Deutag Drilling Co. LLC	Omanization & Adding Value to the Local Community.
Local Community Contractors	Al Haditha Energy SAOC	ERTIQA- Al Haditha Talent Development Program
	Alshawamikh Oil Services	Ghiras Program
Small and Medium Enterprise	Hi-Tech Inspection Services LLC.	Operation Inspection Services Omanization Project
	RTTB Limited LLC	RTTB Middle East Establishment

Category: Energy Transition

Operating Companies	Petroleum Development Oman	Energy Transition: EMDAD's Ex Inspectors & Protection Testing Engineers
Large Contractors	Tabreed Oman SAOC	Tabreed Oman Sustainable District Cooling Plant

Category: Operational Excellence

Operating Companies	Petroleum Development Oman	Enhancing Operational Efficiency And Energy Saving Through The Implementation Of Long Stroke Units In Nimr: Mitigating High Failure Rates For Sustainable Deployment
	Oxy Oman	Virtual Flow Meter using AI for Well Testing and Surveillance
	OQ Gas Networks SAOC	MUEEN - Digitalization of Gas Pipeline Right Of Way inspection management for Preventive maintenance (PM) and corrective maintenance (CM)
	Daleel Petroleum LLC	Reducing Beam Pump Failures with Molded Guide Rod Innovation
	BP Oman	Depleted wells strategy
		Nano Drilling Fluid Technology for Hard Rock Drilling
	Oman LNG	EcolabXcel: Innovating Laboratory through Sustainable Automation and Data Excellence
Large Contractors	Gulf Energy SAOC	Reviving Production in Deep and Depleted Gas Wells.
	Middle East Bridge LLC	Run and Set Rig-50 (PDO) for 9.7/8" CH Permanent Whipstock (9 7/8"CSG 68.9#)
Local Community Contractors	Al Sahari Oil Services SAOC	Wellhead Maintenance & Non Corrosive Pump Unit
	Byboa Haiman Trading Co.LLC	Enhanced Cutting Collection System (ECCS)
Small and Medium Enterprise	Canco Well Control	EXCEED, Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System



Sunday, 19 January 2025, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) was honored to host Her Excellency Dr. Laila bint Ahmed Al Najjar, Minister of Social Development, to gain insights into OPAL's significant contributions to the energy and minerals sector. The visit included discussions on OPAL's latest initiatives in training, employment, and human capital development. Her Excellency commended the Association's role in advancing national programs and equipping Omani youth with skills aligned with the labor market's needs.

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Tuesday, 14 January 2025, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) participated in the activities of Intersec 2025, held at the Dubai World Trade Center in the United Arab Emirates. The first session, organized by the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) under the title “Addressing mental health and wellbeing in the world of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH)” aimed to explore the challenges of mental health and wellbeing in the occupational safety and health across the Middle East, with the participation of experts from corporate, medical, and association sectors. The second session, held parallel to Intersec 2025, was organized by Noor Corporate Health Solutions in collaboration with the Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government and MediSense Clinic. Titled “How UAE Organizations Can Transform Employee Wellbeing into a Strategic Asset,” it focused on the importance of enhancing employee wellbeing as a strategic component for organizational success.



Wednesday, 15 January 2025, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized an induction session for the On-the-Job Training Program, funded by the Ministry of Labour. The program targets 50 job seekers holding Bachelor's and Diploma degrees in Engineering and Oil & Gas fields. Halliburton will oversee the implementation of the program over a 12-month period. The trainees will be employed upon successfully completing the program's requirements.



Sunday, January 19, 2025, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) held the first meeting with the working group to review the DROPS Management Standard. During the meeting, the discussions focused on improving the implementation and governance of the standard in its various aspects, with the aim of improving safety management in the sector.



Tuesday, 21 January 2025, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) held the first meeting with the working group and representative from the Ministry of Labour (MoL) to review the second edition of the Camp Standard. The discussions during the meeting focused on enhancing the implementation and governance of the standard in various aspects, aiming to improve worker welfare as well as health and safety in the sector.



Thursday, January 23, 2025, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized the last Continuous Professional Development (CPD) workshop in the series hosted by Safety Cooperation Services (SCS). The workshop aimed to enhance the competency of trainers in delivering OPAL Unified HSE Passport (UHSEP) Level 2 programs. These workshops focus on strengthening technical knowledge and practical skills while adhering to OPAL's Unified HSE Passport (UHSEP) standards. This initiative underscores OPAL's dedication to promoting safety excellence and fostering the growth of the energy sector.



Sunday, 26 January 2025, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) and the Environmental Authority held a meeting at OPAL to discuss the Green Alliance Initiative and strategy, with focus on aligning efforts to drive sustainable practices, enhance environmental stewardship, and strengthen our shared commitment towards Net Zero goals.



Thursday, January 23, 2025, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized the 15th edition of the Senior Leadership Safety Forum, hosted by bp Oman under the patronage of H.E. Eng. Salim bin Nasser Al Aufi, Minister of Energy and Minerals. The forum focused on sharing best practices for managing Dropped Objects and Red Zone management, fostering valuable discussions on enhancing safety standards across the industry.



Monday, January 27, 2025, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized the Third workshop in its series of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) workshops for Defensive Driving Trainers, hosted by Safety Cooperation Services Institute, Nizwa (SCS). The workshop focused on enhancing the efficiency of OPAL-certified defensive driving trainers. The CPD workshop series aims to develop knowledge and practical skills in delivering a clear approach to OPAL updated defensive driving program, with an emphasis on strategic and operational improvements in training methods. This initiative is part of OPAL's efforts to promote a culture of excellence in defensive driving and support the growth and development of the sector.



Tuesday, 28 January 2025, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized its first meeting of the year with the Operators' Health, Safety and Environment Managers Committee (OSHEMCO), hosted by BP Oman. The meeting focused on strengthening the implementation of OPAL's Standards, while also discussing the 2025 plan to enhance HSE performance across the sector. This initiative underscores OPAL's continued commitment to fostering a safer and more sustainable operational environment.

**OPAL's
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A Year of Milestones: OPAL's Dedication to Serving the Nation and Industry in 2024

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2024 was a remarkable year for OPAL (Oman Energy Association), marked by significant achievements that underscored our unwavering commitment to both the nation and the energy sector. This year, we embraced the theme of Worker Welfare, reflecting our dedication to the well-being of those who power our industry. Throughout the year, OPAL led initiatives that not only addressed vital workforce needs but also brought Oman to the forefront of global conversations on occupational health and safety.

The First International Occupational Health Summit (IOHS): A Landmark Achievement

A key highlight of 2024 was the successful organization of the first-ever International Occupational Health Summit (IOHS) in the region. This event, a first for the region, set a new standard in advancing occupational health and safety on a global scale. It brought together renowned international experts, with speakers from around the world, and featured participation from the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in pre-event workshops.

The summit tackled pressing issues surrounding occupational health, providing a platform for meaningful discussions and collaborations among global stakeholders. It showcased Oman's ongoing commitment to adopting best practices in worker welfare, emphasizing the importance of ensuring the health and safety of those who drive the Nation's thriving energy sector.

The successful organization of IOHS has placed Oman at the center of regional efforts to improve occupational health, positioning OPAL as a key leader in shaping future initiatives to elevate safety standards across the industry.

Congratulations to all the winners of the 10th Edition of the OPAL Award for Best Practices.

We would also like to congratulate all the winners of the 2024 OPAL Best Practices Award. Your exceptional contributions to advancing Health and Safety, Operational Excellence, Energy Transition, Omanisation, Environment & Net Zero Emissions, Research and Development, and Omani Products & Services in the energy sector have set a benchmark for others to follow. We celebrate your achievements and look forward to continuing our collaboration to further raise industry standards.



Looking Ahead: 2025 and the ICV Focus

As we move into 2025, OPAL is proud to announce that this year's theme will focus on In-Country Value (ICV). We are excited to roll out initiatives that will strengthen Oman's local economy and enhance the capabilities of the energy sector. Stay tuned for updates as we continue to work toward our vision of fostering a sustainable and prosperous future for both our industry and our nation.

A Message of Gratitude and Well Wishes

Reflecting on the successes of 2024, OPAL extends our deepest gratitude to all our members, partners, and stakeholders who have contributed to making this year such a success. Your support and collaboration have been integral to our achievements, and we look forward to working together in 2025 to accomplish even more.

To all our members, the energy sector, and the people of Oman, we wish you a prosperous and successful year ahead. Let us continue to build on our momentum, advancing the welfare of our workforce and contributing to the ongoing growth and success of our nation.

Here's to a year of growth, innovation, and success.
Happy New Year!

Osama Al Zadjali

Communication Advisor

Oman Energy Association (OPAL)

Ministry issues policy on self-Generation and direct sale of renewable energy



Muscat - The Ministry of Energy and Minerals has introduced the "Policy for the Use of Renewable Energy for Self-Generation and Direct Sale," a key initiative aimed at advancing the liberalisation of Oman's electricity market, boosting the use of renewable energy in power generation, and regulating self-generation and direct sale activities.

This policy is part of Oman's vision to promote sustainable development, attract investment in clean energy, and support the growth of the renewable energy sector, while ensuring a balance between the interests of investors and consumers.

Self-Generation Policy

The policy governs the process of self-generating electricity from renewable sources to meet consumer demand. Licences must be obtained from the Public Services Regulation Authority (PSRA), although small-scale projects below a certain capacity are exempt from direct coordination with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals. To ensure equilibrium between self-production and national grid requirements, an annual cap on electricity production through self-generation will be established in collaboration with the PSRA.

Direct Sale Policy

This aspect of the policy regulates the direct sale of electricity generated from renewable sources by qualified producers to eligible consumers, bypassing the Oman Power and Water Procurement Company. Such transactions must adhere to the regulatory framework issued by the PSRA, with an annual cap on production eligible for direct sale set in coordination with relevant authorities.

Electricity Transmission Policy

Under the policy, electricity generated for direct sale may be transmitted through the national grid, which is managed by licensed transmission and distribution companies, in compliance with guidelines issued by the PSRA. The energy produced must meet annual ratios determined in consultation with relevant authorities to ensure the expansion of renewable energy usage. Eligible consumers are required to cover the costs of electricity transmission and pay tariffs as determined by the PSRA, ensuring the national grid's stability and efficiency.

His Excellency Mohsen bin Hamad Al-Hadhrami, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, described the new policy as a significant step forward in the development of Oman's energy sector. He highlighted its role in enabling innovative and sustainable use of renewable energy, supporting infrastructure development, and creating a favourable investment environment that balances economic and environmental priorities.

He further noted that the policy aligns with Oman's energy and net-zero goals, targeting 90% to 100% of electricity production from renewable sources by 2050. It aims to enhance energy efficiency, diversify energy sources, and reduce carbon emissions, thereby contributing to the country's long-term sustainability.

His Excellency emphasised the collaborative approach between the government, private sector, and citizens in advancing renewable energy production, underlining the importance of this sector in achieving Oman's environmental and economic aspirations.

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Testimony



Driving the Digital Safety Transformation

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1. How would you compare Himaya to other HSE tools or systems you have used in the past?

Himaya stands out for its user-friendly interface and advanced analytics capabilities, particularly through its AI-powered “Himaya Insights.” This innovative feature enables seamless HSE data management by streamlining fact-finding and accelerating decision-making. With a simple click, users can access critical insights, transforming complex data into actionable information.

For instance, Himaya Insights can instantly provide an employee’s training compliance status, identify trends in similar incidents, highlight the most common observations, and more. Additionally, its predictive analytics capabilities allow organizations to forecast potential risks, helping them stay ahead of potential issues.

By leveraging these capabilities, Himaya Insights shifts HSE management from a reactive to a proactive approach. This empowers organizations to enhance safety, reduce risks, and drive continuous improvement in their operations.

2. If you were to recommend Himaya to a similar organization, what aspects would you emphasize?

I would emphasize that Himaya is built with user-friendliness and flexibility at its core, making it easily adaptable to the unique needs of any business. Its seamless customization ensures that the platform aligns perfectly with specific organizational requirements.

Himaya’s straightforward implementation process is a standout feature, complemented by unlimited user licenses. This eliminates concerns about additional costs as the company scales, making it a cost-effective solution. Moreover, the package includes unlimited training and support, ensuring smooth deployment and rapid adoption by all team members.

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Ultimately, a system’s effectiveness hinges on its usability, and the Himaya team goes above and beyond to deliver exceptional support, ensuring organizations derive maximum value from the platform.

3. What specific Himaya features do you find most useful for daily operations?

The incident investigation and safety alert module is one of the most valuable features, facilitating quick and accurate reporting and investigation of incidents. The process of creating safety alerts is streamlined with pre-set LSR breach images and standardized fields, ensuring consistency and comprehensive record-keeping.

Himaya Insights further enhances this module’s utility by analyzing and providing actionable insights into similar incidents across the organization. This capability simplifies the assignment of corrective actions and provides additional insights, such as the frequency rates of specific business units, which support more effective safety management.

Testimony by:

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Position: QHSE Manager

Company: XOM LLC

with the available incentives offered by Oman.

Oman LNG delivers first LNG cargo to Shell under new contracts



Muscat – Oman LNG on Tuesday announced the successful loading of its first liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargo to Shell under its new long-term agreements, marking a significant milestone in the company's strategy to expand its global market reach and reinforce Oman's position as a leading LNG supplier.

The ceremonial event took place at Oman LNG's state-of-the-art facility in Sur, under the auspices of H E Eng Salim al Aufi, Minister of Energy and Minerals, alongside senior officials from Oman LNG and Shell.

This landmark shipment signifies the beginning of a new chapter, aligning with Oman Vision 2040 and Oman LNG's strategic goals to strengthen partnerships and secure sustainable growth.

H.E. Aufi, in his remarks, emphasised the importance of this milestone, saying, "Today's shipment is not merely a delivery but a testament to Oman's commitment to energy security, global collaboration, and sustainable economic growth. It also reflects the strong partnership between Oman LNG and Shell, built on mutual trust and a shared vision."

Oman LNG's CEO, Hamad al Naamany, highlighted the significance of this shipment, saying, "We are embarking on a 10-year concession extension with market leaders in LNG and energy. Our growth is aligned with Oman's vision and adapted to the evolving global energy market demands. Our partnership with Shell continues to thrive, contributing to Oman's economic diversification goals."

Shell, as the largest offtaker under these new agreements, plays a pivotal role in Oman LNG's strategic plans for sustained growth and market expansion.

The ceremonial loading was further graced by the presence of Shell's management, underscoring the importance of this partnership and their commitment to the long-term collaboration between the two organisations.

As Oman LNG looks ahead, the company remains dedicated to delivering reliable and sustainable energy solutions to global markets while creating value for Oman and its stakeholders.

Gas Production in Oman Increases by 4.8pc

Muscat - Gas production (including imports and local production) in Oman increased by 4.8% to reach 51,831.2 MNCM at the end of November 2024 compared to 49,444 MNCM until the end of November 2023.

Further, natural gas consumption increased by 77.1% in power generation plants, whereas consumption in industrial projects, industrial areas and oil fields decreased by 8.2%, 4.5%, and 10.9%, respectively, at the end of November 2024.





Oman's Oil Exports Surpass 282 Million Barrels Until End of Nov 2024

Muscat - The Sultanate of Oman's oil exports recorded a decrease of 0.4% at the end of November 2024 to reach 282,192,100 barrels compared to the exports reported during corresponding period in 2023 when it was 283,413,300 barrels, according to the data issued by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI).

The NCSI statistics showed that the production of oil in the Sultanate of Oman fell by 5.1% at the end of November 2024 to reach 332,693,800 barrels compared to 350,538,100 barrels during the corresponding period in 2023.

Crude oil production decreased by 6.5% while the production of condensates remained stable at the end of November 2024 compared to the corresponding period in 2023.

Average oil price increased by 0.1% to reach USD 81.8 per barrel at the end of November 2024, compared to USD 81.6 per barrel at the end of November 2023.

Average daily production decreased by 5.4% at the end of November 2024. As far as exports are concerned, Oman's oil exports to China recorded an increase by 1.5% to reach 264,456,600 barrels at the end of November 2024 compared to 260,636,600 barrels in the same period of 2023.

Oil exports to India increased by 10.6% and that of South Korea increased as well by 51.7%.

Over 8.5 billion Omani riyals added value from private institutions

Muscat - The total added value of private institutions actively operating in the Sultanate of Oman during the third quarter of 2024 amounted to approximately RO 8.511 billion, according to preliminary statistics issued by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI).

The contribution of actively operating institutions to the GDP at current prices during the third quarter of 2024 reached about 82 per cent, compared to 81.4 per cent in the third quarter of 2023.

The added value of large enterprises by the end of the third quarter of this year amounted to RO 6.279 billion, representing 60.5 per cent, an increase of 4.3 per cent compared to the same quarter of the previous year. Meanwhile, the added value of medium-sized enterprises reached RO 665.8 million, representing 6.4 per cent, with an increase of 3 per cent. The added value of small enterprises amounted to RO 716 million, representing 6.9 per cent, with an increase of 3.2 per cent.

The total added value of micro-enterprises stood at RO 851.100 million, representing 8.2 per cent, with an increase of 3.9 per cent.

It is worth noting that the number of employees in private institutions actively operating in the Sultanate of Oman increased by 0.6 per cent by the end of the third quarter of this year, reaching 1,804,547 employees, compared to 1,792,932 employees by the end of the third quarter of 2023. Additionally, the number of institutions reached 260,780 in the third quarter of 2024, marking a growth of 12.1 per cent compared to the same period in 2023.-



Record-breaking sales propel OQ Base Industries to new heights



Salalah - OQ Base Industries (OQBI) has reached a historic milestone, recording its highest-ever sales figures.

The company announced unprecedented sales volumes, with methanol reaching 1.207 million metric tonnes, ammonia at 331.252 thousand metric tonnes, and LPG at 360.015 thousand metric tonnes.

This remarkable achievement underscores OQBI's strong operational performance and solidifies its position as a leader in the global energy sector.

Eng. Khalid Al Asmi, CEO of OQBI, commended the team's collective efforts, stating: "This milestone is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team. It reflects the strength of our operations and the unwavering commitment of our employees to achieve excellence."

In his turn, Eng. Ihsan Al Jandal, COO of OQBI, highlighted the strategic vision and operational efficiency that contributed to this success, saying: "Achieving record-breaking sales is the direct result of aligning our strategy with flawless execution.

This performance strengthens our market competitiveness and demonstrates the resilience of our operations in a dynamic industry."

OQBI's products have been supplied to diverse international markets, including Asia, Europe, the Americas, and the Middle East. These regions benefit from OQBI's high-quality methanol, ammonia, and LPG, which are critical for applications ranging from energy and chemicals to agriculture and transportation.

This achievement coincides with OQBI's transformation into a publicly listed company, marking the beginning of a new era of growth and transparency. Market analysts regard the company's listing as a gateway to greater opportunities, enhanced shareholder value, and strengthened corporate governance.

OQBI's record-breaking performance sets a new benchmark for the company and reinforces Salalah's position as a vital global hub for energy production. This accomplishment reflects the company's commitment to innovation, resilience, and operational excellence.

Oman Participates in "Future of Mining Conference" in Riyadh



Riyadh, 14 Jan (ONA) --- Represented by the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, the Sultanate of Oman today participated in the "Future of Mining Conference" in Riyadh.

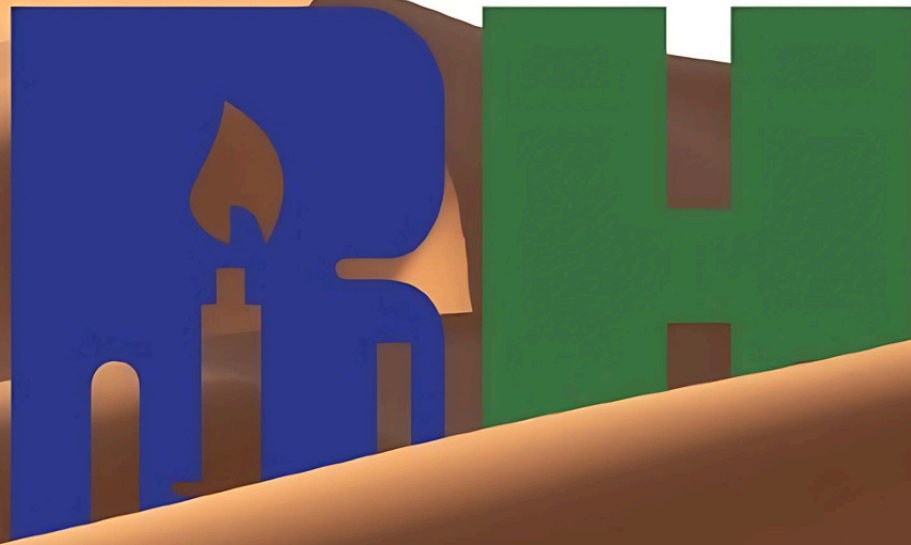
The conference constitutes an international platform that brings together governments, international companies, research institutions and experts in the mining sector. It offers an opportunity to review the latest technological developments and investment potentials.

The Sultanate of Oman's delegation was headed by Mohsin Hamad Al Hadhrami, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Energy and Minerals.

Al Hadhrami said that Oman's participation in the conference aimed to build relations with countries around the world, with the objective of developing the minerals sector as a fundamental pillar for achieving economic diversification and enhancing sustainable development.

"Through its participation in the conference, the Sultanate of Oman seeks to attract global investments, adopt the latest innovative technologies, empower national cadres and encourage relevant converting industries to maximize in-country added value (ICV)," said Al Hadhrami.

It is worth noting that the Ministry of Energy and Minerals has allocated many concession areas for investment through competition. The mining agreements were signed with local and international companies to explore 21 concession areas for the purpose of prospecting raw materials. The total expected investments from these areas are estimated to be about RO 37 million.



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Omani-Qatari Business Forum Explores Joint Investment Opportunities



Muscat - The Omani-Qatari Business Forum, held here today, explored opportunities of joint investments between the Sultanate of Oman and the State of Qatar in the fields of infrastructure, logistics, energy and converting industries.

The forum also reviewed means of developing partnerships that serve local and regional markets and support sustainable economic growth.

This forum is held within the framework of the state visit of Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar to the Sultanate of Oman.

Qais Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion said in his speech that Qatari investments in Oman witnessed a noticeable growth and reached approximately RO 2 billion. Most of these investments are focused on sectors of energy, tourism, transport and logistics. Meanwhile, Omani investments in Qatar contributed in several fields, namely services and logistics.

On his turn, Sheikh Faisal bin Thani Al Thani, Minister of Commerce and Industry of the State of Qatar pointed out that the forum constitutes an important milestone in the march of boosting economic relations. It is also considered a platform to explore cooperation opportunities and to develop strategic partnerships that serve the two countries' aspirations.

The Qatari minister added that the forum aims to augment cooperation in vital sectors such as converting industries, logistic services, tourism and food security.

He also called forth businesspeople and investors from both countries to benefit from the promising opportunities offered in Oman and Qatar.

Further, Faisal Abdullah Al Rowas, Chairman of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) said that the forum introduces businesspeople and investors from Qatar with the available incentives offered by Oman.







OCCI, he added, as the official representative of the private sector is conducting B2B meetings between different investors and businesspeople in order to forge agreements and business partnerships with their Qatari counterparts.

The Omani-Qatari Business Forum included 3 discussion panels which covered a range of topics, such as industrial integration, logistics, sustainable tourism and hospitality and the digital economy.

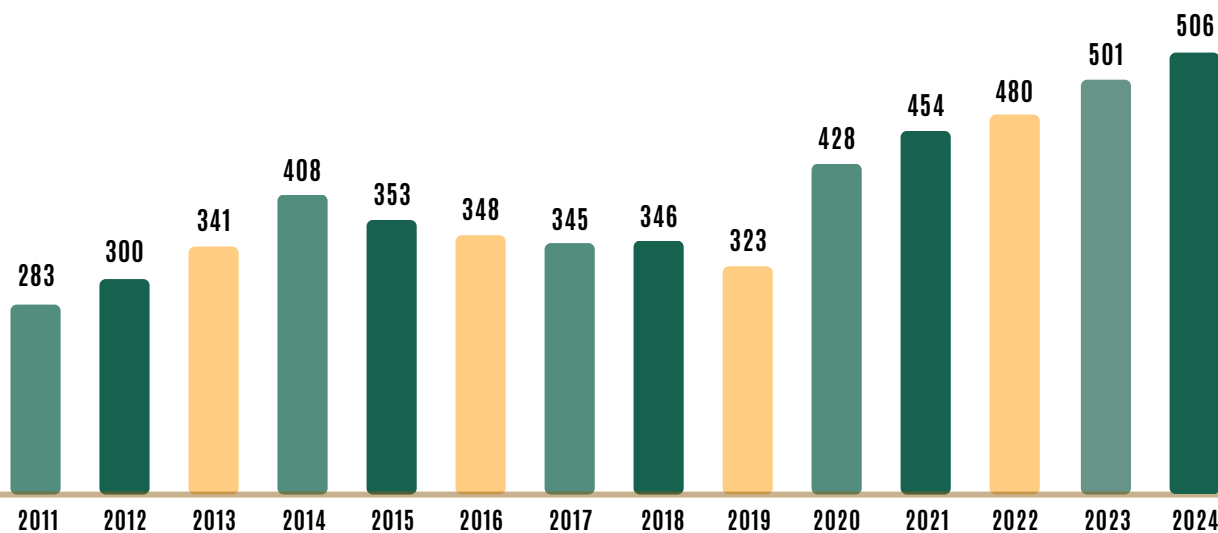


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JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
 2024 Best Practices Award (15 Jan)	EMSSU SMEs Appreciation Ceremony (5th Feb)	EMSSU Awareness Sessions (TBC Quarterly)	Worker Welfare & Mental Wellbeing Forum (22nd April)	 Oman Sustainability Week (11-15th May)	EMSSU Awareness Sessions (TBC)
Senior Leaders Safety Forum 15th Edition (23rd Jan)		Annual General Meeting Online (27th Mar)	Summer Heat Stress Management (30th Apr online)	 OMAN PETROLEUM & ENERGY SHOW (12-14th May)	Road Safety Forum (June 4th)
			Himaya Digital Platform Event (TBC)	PDO Internship Program (TBC)	Quarterly Senior Leaders Safety Forums (TBC)
			Quarterly Senior Leaders Safety Forums (TBC)	Global HSE Forum Bahrain (19-22nd May)	INTI & OPAL Collaboration (16/18th June)
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
		Quarterly Senior Leaders Safety Forums (TBC)	Digitalization & AI Forum (1st Oct)	BP Ruwad Graduation Ceremony (TBC)	EMSSU Awareness Sessions (TBC)
		EMSSU Awareness Sessions (TBC Quarterly)		Learning from Incidents & Best Practices DROPS (5th Nov)	 2025 Best Practices Award (TBC)
		TFE Graduation Ceremony (TBC)			Quarterly Senior Leaders Safety Forums (TBC)
		Learning from Incidents & Best Practices Forum (17th Sep)			2nd Mining Safety Leadership Forum (3rd Dec)

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