



CEO Message



Dear Valued OPAL Members,

December marked a strong and purposeful conclusion to the year for OPAL, reflecting continued momentum in workforce development, local content advancement, safety excellence, technological progress, and strategic collaboration across Oman's energy sector.

The month commenced with a series of impactful workforce development initiatives aimed at strengthening national capabilities and enhancing employment opportunities for Omanis. In collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and leading industry partners, OPAL organized multiple official inductions for specialized training programs, including the Assistant Trainer Program, Mechanical Technician Program, Instrumentation Technician Program, and the Explosion Proof Equipment Inspector Program. These initiatives delivered in partnership with accredited training institutes and operators under programs such as Emdad and Is'ham underscore OPAL's commitment to developing a skilled, future-ready national workforce and ensuring direct employment pathways upon successful program completion.

Sustainability and innovation featured prominently throughout the month. OPAL participated as an industry partner in the Green Hydrogen Summit Oman 2025, reinforcing the Sultanate's transition from strategic planning to implementation within the green hydrogen sector. The summit highlighted investment opportunities, technological advancements, and Oman's growing role as a regional hub for low-carbon and sustainable energy solutions, all aligned with Oman Vision 2040.

In line with its mandate to promote advanced technologies and international best practices, an OPAL delegation conducted a technical visit to leading manufacturers in China to review the latest developments in electric and hybrid mobile crane technologies. The visit provided valuable insights into clean lifting solutions that support emissions reduction, enhanced safety, operational efficiency, and the development of advanced technical skills among Omani professionals.

Quality, Health, Safety, Environment, and Security (QHSE) remained a core focus. OPAL participated in the Annual Daleel & Contractor QHSE Workshop 2025, reaffirming its support for operator-led initiatives that safeguard people, protect the environment, and promote operational excellence. OPAL also took part in a joint field emergency exercise with the Civil Defence and Ambulance Authority and Oman Oil Marketing Company, contributing to the enhancement of national emergency preparedness, coordination, and response capabilities. Additionally, OPAL convened meetings with the Camp Standard Working Group and Defensive Driving Managers to review implementation challenges, share best practices, and strengthen worker welfare, road safety, and governance standards across the sector.

December also carried significant national importance with the celebration of the Centenary of Oil and Gas Exploration in Oman, organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals. The event highlighted a century of achievement, innovation, and contribution to national development, while also looking ahead through initiatives that support a sustainable and diversified energy future.

Strategic collaboration and governance were further reinforced through the signing of Service Level Agreements with licensed and accredited audit firms under the Local Content Certificate Program, supporting transparency, data verification, and economic sustainability. The Board of Directors of OPAL also held its fourth meeting of the year, reviewing the 2025 business plan performance and full-year financial results, while approving strategic directions through the proposed 2026-2028 business plan.

Engagement with future generations remained a priority, evidenced by OPAL's participation in the Akhdhar campaign to promote green economy awareness among students and career guidance specialists across multiple governorates. OPAL also extends its sincere congratulations to Grade 11 and Grade 12 students in vocational and technical education pathways on the successful completion of their first-semester examinations, wishing them continued success and growth.

As we close the year, OPAL looks back with pride on the collective achievements of 2025 and the strong partnerships that made them possible. Looking ahead to 2026, we remain firmly committed to strengthening local content, advancing workforce development, promoting safety and sustainability, and supporting innovation across Oman's energy sector.

On behalf of OPAL, I would like to extend our warmest wishes to our members and partners for a prosperous, safe, and successful New Year 2026. We look forward to continuing our collaboration as we work together to create lasting value and drive sustainable growth for the Sultanate of Oman.

Warm regards,
Eng. Mohammed Al Naabi
Chief Executive Officer
Oman Energy Association (OPAL)



Monday, 1 December 2025 — The Oman Energy Association (OPAL), in collaboration with the Technical & Administration Training Institute (TATI), organized the official induction for the “Assistant Trainer Program,” funded by the Ministry of Labor. The program aims to enhance employment opportunities for four Omani job seekers holding bachelor’s degrees in engineering and health & safety. The program will be delivered by the Technical & Administration Training Institute (TATI) over a period of 12 months, and the trainees will be employed directly upon successfully completing all program requirements.



Monday, 1 December 2025 - the Oman Energy Association (OPAL), in collaboration with PDO’s “Emdad Team,” Occidental Oman (OXY) under the Is’ham program, Gulfar Engineering & Contracting, Oman Chlorine, and Oman Gulf, organized the official induction for the “Mechanical Technician Program,” funded by the Ministry of Labor. The program aims to enhance employment opportunities for 11 Omani job seekers holding diploma degrees in mechanical engineering. The program will be delivered by the Technical & Administrative Training Institute over a period of 18 months, and the trainees will be employed directly upon successfully completing all program requirements.



The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) participated as an industry Partner in the Green Hydrogen Summit Oman (GHSSO 2025), held from 30 November to 4 December 2025 at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre in Muscat under the patronage of the Ministry of Energy and Minerals. This took place alongside the launch of the summit’s fourth edition, inaugurated by H.E. Eng. Salim bin Nasser Al Aufi, Minister of Energy and Minerals, with the participation of government officials, representatives from various ministries, and a distinguished group of experts and partners in the energy and low-carbon hydrogen sectors. This reflects Oman’s transition from planning to implementation and reinforces its position as a regional hub for green hydrogen. The summit featured a review of developments in the green hydrogen sector, investment opportunities, and innovative technologies that support Oman’s role in shaping the future of sustainable energy.



Wednesday, 3 December 2025 - In alignment with Oman Energy Association (OPAL)’s mandate to strengthen industry standards and promote the adoption of advanced technologies within Oman’s energy sector, an OPAL delegation conducted a technical visit to SANY, XCMG, and Zoomlion in China to review the latest developments in electric and hybrid mobile crane technologies and evaluate their potential application within Oman. The visit highlighted significant advancements in electric and hybrid mobile crane technologies, including high-capacity battery systems, intelligent control platforms, and clean lifting solution innovations that directly support Oman’s national sustainability objectives and the ambitions of Oman Vision 2040. The introduction of electric mobile cranes into Oman offers strategic advantages, including: Reduced emissions and enhanced safety at worksites, Increased efficiency in oil, gas, and green hydrogen infrastructure projects, Expanded opportunities to develop advanced technical skills among Omani professionals. OPAL remains dedicated to driving technological excellence, strengthening industry partnerships, and supporting a safer, cleaner, and future-ready energy landscape for the Sultanate of Oman.



Wednesday, 3 December 2025 - The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) participated in the Annual Daleel & Contractor QHSSE Workshop 2025, organized by Daleel Petroleum. The workshop addressed a topic of critical importance to the energy sector, as strong contractor QHSSE performance is essential for safeguarding personnel, protecting the environment, and ensuring operational excellence. OPAL’s involvement reflects its commitment to supporting operator-led initiatives and collaborating closely with energy companies, including Daleel Petroleum, to advance shared QHSSE objectives. OPAL continues to work alongside industry stakeholders to contribute meaningfully to collective efforts aimed at further strengthening QHSSE standards across Oman’s energy sector.



The Ministry of Energy and Minerals, in cooperation with the Oman Energy Association (OPAL), celebrated the centenary of oil and gas exploration in the Sultanate of Oman, under the patronage of His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tariq Al Said, Deputy Minister of the Council of Ministers for Defense Affairs. The event (100 Years of Energy... Legacy and Impact), represented a national journey through a century of innovation, commitment, and progress in the sector. The celebration included an exhibition that highlighted the sector’s development from early exploration stages to major production phases and modern technologies. Historical documents showcasing important aspects of our national heritage were also on display. The event did not only focus on the past; it also featured the launch of a commemorative postage stamp that embodies the role of the energy sector in building a modern and sustainable economy. A century of progress and ambition tells the story of an enduring legacy.



Wednesday, 10 December 2025 – The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) held a meeting with the Camp Standard Working Group in the energy sector, attended by representatives from the Ministry of Energy and Minerals and various operating companies. The session focused on reviewing the implementation and governance of the Camp Standard, with the aim of improving worker welfare and strengthening health and safety standards within Oman's energy sector.



The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) participated in a joint field emergency exercise conducted in collaboration with the Civil Defence and Ambulance Authority in North Al Batinah and Oman Oil Marketing Company. The exercise aimed to assess and enhance the effectiveness of the National Emergency Response Plan as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen preparedness and readiness across all sectors. The field exercise tested coordination mechanisms among the concerned entities to ensure a rapid and effective response, contributing to the protection of individuals and vital facilities, while also improving crisis and emergency management capabilities across different sectors. This participation reflects OPAL's commitment to supporting national partnerships and unifying efforts to achieve the highest standards of safety and institutional readiness across all sectors.



The Oman Energy Association (OPAL), in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the Authority for Public Services Regulation, participated in the "Akhdhar" campaign by presenting a forward-looking vision of the green economy to students and career guidance specialists in the governorates of South Al Sharqiyah, Al Dhahirah, Dhofar, and North Al Batinah. The initiative aims to introduce participants to green jobs, the renewable energy sector, and support national workforce development efforts. The campaign targets training 2,200 participants from various governorates across the Sultanate, including 1,100 career guidance specialists and 1,100 students from grades 9–11, enhancing their understanding of emerging career opportunities in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and natural resource management. The initiative also seeks to build educational and student awareness of future job trends, link academic specializations to labor market needs, and promote a culture of sustainability aligned with Oman Vision 2040. It aims to prepare a generation capable of advancing the green economy and supporting sustainable development in the Sultanate.



Thursday, 18 December 2025 - The Board of Directors of the Oman Energy Association (OPAL) held its fourth meeting of the year. During the meeting, the Board reviewed OPAL's 2025 Business Plan performance and achievements, including an assessment of progress made during the third and fourth quarters. The meeting also covered a review of the OPAL's full-year financial performance, consideration of the proposed three-year business plan for the period 2026–2028, and discussions on current market challenges, as part of OPAL's ongoing efforts to enhance operational efficiency and advance its strategic objectives in serving the energy sector.



Monday, 22 December 2025 – The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) held a coordination meeting with Defensive Driving Managers to discuss key challenges related to the implementation of the Defensive Driving Program. The meeting provided a platform to exchange insights, share best practices, and explore practical solutions that support the continued enhancement of the program. The discussions focused on strengthening the role of OPAL-certified Defensive Driving Managers in driving continuous improvement initiatives, enhancing training effectiveness, and supporting the delivery of high safety standards across the sector. This initiative comes as part of OPAL's ongoing efforts to promote a strong road safety culture, advance excellence in defensive driving practices, and support the sustainable development of the energy sector in the Sultanate of Oman.



Monday, 22 December 2025 - As part of the Local Content Certificate Program, the Oman Energy Association (OPAL), in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals (MEM), and Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority (PTLCA), has signed Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with several audit firms Licensed & Accredited by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) as official partners in the program. This initiative forms part of the ongoing efforts to verify the data submitted by companies applying for the Local Content Certificate. These agreements aim to define the roles, responsibilities, and legal framework of the participating audit firms, including carrying out independent assurance, verification, and active participation in evaluation processes, in line with the highest standards of transparency and quality. This milestone aligns with Oman Vision 2040 and supports the national objectives of enhancing local content and promoting economic sustainability in the Sultanate of Oman.



Sunday, 28 December 2025 - The Oman Energy Association (OPAL), in collaboration with the PDO-Emdad team, Shafer United Trading and Contracting Company, Masood John Brown Energy Services, Special Technical Services, and Galfar Engineering and Contracting, organized the official induction of the "Explosion Proof Equipment Inspector" program, funded by the Ministry of Labor. The program targets 15 Omani job seekers holding bachelor's and diploma degrees in Electrical Engineering, Electronics, and Mechatronics. The program will be delivered by Rukn Al-Yaqeen International Skills Development for a period of 8 months, and the trainees will be employed directly upon the successful completion of the program.



Sunday, 28 December 2025 - The Oman Energy Association (OPAL), in collaboration with the PDO - Emdad Team and Arabian Industries Projects, organized the official induction of the Instrumentation Technician Program, funded by the Ministry of Labor. The program targets 24 Omani job seekers holding a Diploma in engineering. The program will be delivered by the Takatuf Petrofac Oman Institute for Skills Development over a period of 12 months, with trainees to be employed directly upon successful completion of the program.



Monday, 29 December 2025 - The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) held a meeting with specialists from various departments of the Environment Authority, as part of efforts to strengthen cooperation and exchange expertise between both parties. The visit aimed to review OPAL's experience in digital platforms, as well as areas related to HSE inspection, auditing, and performance reporting. These discussions support the enhancement of best practices and the development of the environmental management system, contributing to the achievement of sustainable operations across the sector.



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تتقدّم الجمعية العُمانية للطاقة (أوبال) بخالص التهئة لطلبة الصفين الحادي عشر والثاني عشر في التخصصات الهندسية ضمن مسارات التعليم المهني والتقني بمناسبة اختتام اختبارات الفصل الدراسي الأول للعام الأكاديمي 2025-2026.

نبارك لكم هذا الإنجاز ونسأل الله لكم التوفيق في مسيرتكم التعليمية والمهنية، ونتمنى لكم مزيدًا من النجاح والتقدم في مستقبل مليء بالفرص والإنجازات.

The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) extends its sincere congratulations to the Grade 11 and Grade 12 students in the engineering specializations within the Vocational and Technical Education pathways on the completion of their first semester examinations for the academic year 2025-2026.

We congratulate you on this achievement and wish you continued success in your educational and professional journey, with every hope for a future full of opportunities and accomplishments.



100 Years: Energy, Legacy & Impact

The Celebration Honoring the Past and Empowering the Future

This year marks a defining moment for Oman's energy sector. It has been 100 years since the signing of the Sultanate's first oil and gas exploration agreement, an event that laid the foundation for the nation's modern transformation. While Oman's history stretches back over 100,000 years of human habitation, the true transformation that shaped the country and propelled it onto the global stage began with the 1925 agreement. It was here that Oman's modern energy journey truly started, a milestone so monumental that it rightly deserved to be celebrated.

Before diving into details surrounding the celebration, it is important to give more context regarding the history of Oman's energy journey. After all, the story of 100 years is not merely a sequence of dates but a story of persistence, perseverance, determination leading to transformation and success.

As stated above, the turning point began in 1925 with late Sultan Taimur bin Faisal Al Said's signing of the first oil exploration concession. However, the reward came much later. Initial drilling attempts in 1955 tested the limits of ambition, and after years of persistence, breakthrough discoveries at the Jibal and Natih oil fields in 1962 and 1963 brought renewed hope. In 1967, Oman exported its first shipment of crude oil from Mina Al Fahal at around 5,000 barrels per day, marking its entry into global energy markets. The launch of LNG exports in 2000 positioned natural gas as a key driver of economic diversification. Today, the sector spans 58 concession areas, 16 operating companies, and more than 200 oil and gas fields, underpinned by major investments in local content and social initiatives, including 11 billion OMR over the past decade, 700 million OMR to SMEs last year, and nearly 50 million OMR dedicated to education, capacity building, and community development.

This year, to mark the anniversary of the 1925 agreement, the Ministry of Energy & Minerals, in collaboration with the Oman Energy Association (OPAL) and key strategic partners including Petroleum Development Oman, Oman Shell, Occidental Oman, and BP Oman, organized a centennial celebration. The event recognized the vital role of local and international partners who took a leap of faith, believed in Oman as a trusted energy partner, and contributed to the sector's success across exploration, production, and services. Held under the patronage of His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defense Affairs, the ceremony at the Royal Opera House Muscat underscored the strategic importance of the energy sector and its deep connection to national priorities, sovereignty, and long-term development. This centennial celebration reaffirmed the sector's foundational role in Oman's economic, social, and infrastructural growth.

- Historical artifacts, documents, infographics and rare photographs
- The celebration spanned three days, beginning with a gala dinner followed by a two-day public exhibition designed to take visitors on a journey through 100 years of energy achievements. The exhibition featured:
 - 100 images which narrate the sector's key milestones
 - A dedicated recognition showcase honoring those who have made a great contribution towards the development of Oman's sector.
 - Two parallel timelines spanning 1925–2025

This celebration looked beyond reminiscing over the past but firmly positioning Oman's energy sector toward the future. The centennial message emphasized that the sector's future is built on people. Empowering human capital through knowledge, science, technology, innovation, and strong professional networks was highlighted as the most critical enabler for leading the next phase of energy development and harnessing the full potential of Oman's diverse natural resources. The past serves not only as a record of achievement but also as a guide to empower and inspire the future.

Lastly, we extend our sincere appreciation to the OPAL Events and Media team for their unwavering commitment and collaborative spirit. Their partnership with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals and operator partners was instrumental in bringing this momentous occasion to life!

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Ceremony Celebrating 100 Years



100 Years of Energy, a legacy and an Impact





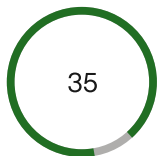
Local Content Supplier Certification in Oman Progression and Current Landscape

The energy sector has been at the forefront of Oman’s local content agenda, serving as the primary catalyst for structured frameworks that promote local investments, supplier development, and national workforce participation, local resources of goods & services utilization. Before, the local content was performed and measured independently with different measurement criteria and reporting mechanisms of the expenditures on a contract level of the organizations in the sector. Practically, depending on contract spend doesn’t give the real organization contribution to the local content, which becomes a challenge to measure the retained value through organizations.

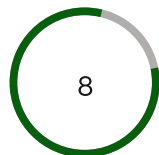
Local Content Supplier Certification means an official regulatory certificate issued by the Oman Energy Association (OPAL) ‘operating body’ which formally assesses and validates a supplier’s contribution to the national economy through in-country value creation as an organization level. The certification measures a supplier’s performance across defined local content dimensions for one financial year of the company. The certification provides a transparent, consistent, and credible basis for integrating local content performance into procurement, contracting, and long-term sector development strategies. The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) has continued to play a central and influential role as the operating body for the Local Content Supplier Certification within the energy sector. Building on its long-standing mandate to regulate and enhance industry standards, OPAL has overseen the full operational lifecycle of the certification process, implementation, assessment, and issuance of certificates.

As of today, OPAL managed to conduct 34 awareness sessions for more than 329 attendees from different stakeholders across the sector (Operators, external Auditor, and local suppliers). Furthermore, the service companies are competing rapidly to obtain and secure the LC certificate, more than 35 LC certificate requests from suppliers have been recorded and expected to hit 100 requests by the first quarter of 2026. Through structured controls, standardized evaluation methodologies, and sector-wide coordination, OPAL has officially issued the first certificate of Local Content to **Abraj Energy Services S.A.O.G.** This milestone reflects Abraj’s commitment to supporting local economic development, through the utilization of local workforce, services, and resources in alignment with Oman’s national objectives and Local Content policies. The issuance of this certificate marks an important step in strengthening local participation, enhancing in-country value, and promoting sustainable economic growth across the sectors. It also sets a strong benchmark for other organizations to follow in advancing Local Content initiatives.

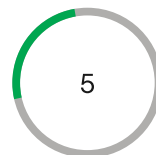
Finally, OPAL reinforces industry confidence in the certification scheme and ensures that local content objectives translate into measurable and sustainable value for Oman’s energy sector.



Supplier Request for LC Certificate



LC Verifier Inboarded



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Certificate issued

Stakeholder Attendance 329



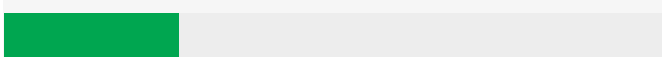
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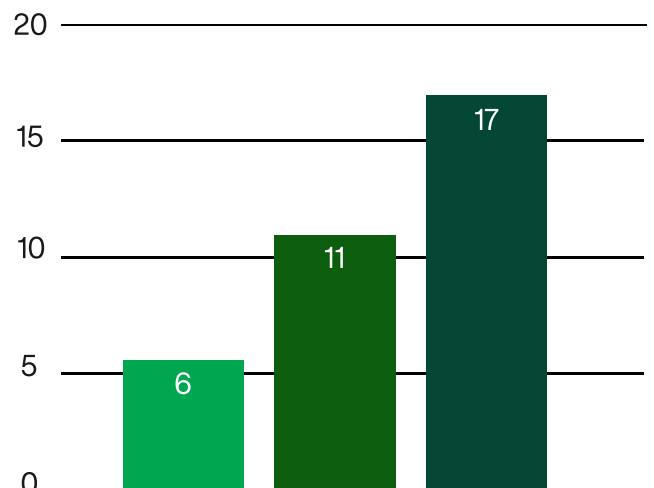
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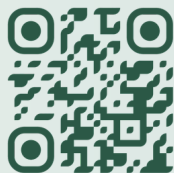
LC Certificate Progression



Local Content Supplier Certification Ceremony in Oman



Scan the QR Code to learn about Local Content Supplier Certification



Local Content Certification Initiative

Shaping the Future of Electric Mobile Cranes: Innovation Insights and Opportunities for Oman



During a recent business visit to China, we visited three of the world's largest crane manufacturers located in Xuzhou and Changsha. These companies are global leaders in heavy equipment, and their strong focus on research and development (R&D) in electric mobile cranes reflects a significant shift toward cleaner and more sustainable lifting technologies.

Research and Development at the Core of Innovation

At all three manufacturers, R&D plays a central role in driving the transition from diesel-powered cranes to electric and hybrid solutions. Their engineering teams are working on:

- Advanced battery systems with higher capacity and longer service life.
- Efficient electric motors and power electronics.
- Smart control systems and energy-management software.
- Fast-charging and hybrid operating systems.
- Improved safety standards for high-voltage equipment.

These technologies are already being tested in real operating environments, demonstrating reduced emissions, lower noise levels, and improved efficiency compared to traditional diesel cranes.

Supporting Oman Vision 2040 and Net-Zero Goals

Electric mobile cranes strongly align with the sustainability and innovation objectives of Oman Vision 2040. By reducing reliance on diesel fuel, these cranes help lower carbon emissions and improve environmental performance across major projects, supporting Oman's pathway toward net-zero emissions.

Supporting Oil, Gas, and Green Hydrogen Projects

As Oman continues to develop its oil and gas sector while investing in green hydrogen and renewable energy projects, electric mobile cranes offer a practical solution for cleaner construction and maintenance activities. These cranes can:

- Reduce emissions at oil and gas facilities and industrial sites.
- Support the construction of green hydrogen plants, electrolyzers, and related infrastructure.
- Enhance safety by minimizing fuel handling and reducing noise levels.
- Assist operators in meeting international ESG and decarbonization requirements.

This positions electric mobile cranes as an important enabler of Oman's energy transition.

Creating Training and Skill Development Opportunities

The adoption of electric mobile cranes creates presents valuable opportunities for advanced training and workforce development in Oman. Operating and maintaining these cranes requires specialized skills in:

- High-voltage electrical systems
- Battery diagnostics and lifecycle management
- Electric motor maintenance
- Digital control, monitoring, and diagnostic systems

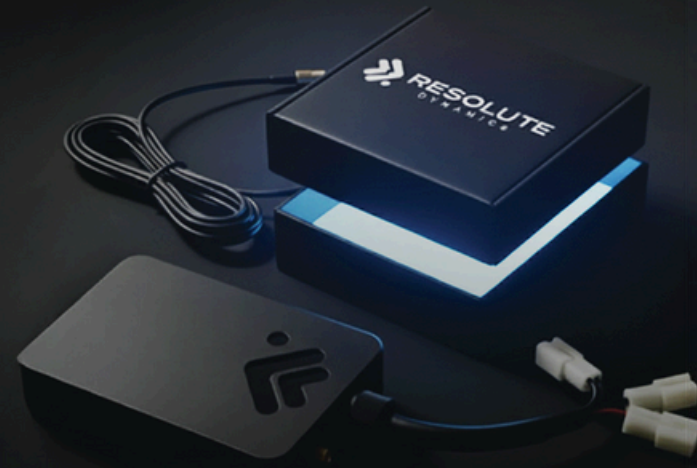
Through strategic partnerships with leading global equipment manufacturers, Oman can establish specialized training programs, technical exchange initiatives, and local service centers focused on electric heavy equipment. This approach will support the development of a highly skilled Omani workforce and align closely with the objectives of Oman Vision 2040.

Conclusion

The visit clearly demonstrated that electric mobile cranes are becoming a practical, and reliable, supported by strong R&D capabilities at leading global manufacturers. For Oman, adopting these technologies represent a strategic opportunity to reduce emissions, support the energy transition, develop local technical expertise, and align industrial growth with the goals of Oman Vision 2040.



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EDF-led consortium wins 120 MW JBB wind power project in Oman



A consortium led by EDF power solutions, Al Khadra Partners and OQ Alternative Energy (OQAE) the National Champion for Clean Energy, signed a 20-year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Nama Power and Water Procurement Company (Nama PWP) to develop the 120 MW Jaalan Bani Bu Ali (JBB) Wind Power Plant in the Sultanate of Oman.

The JBB Wind Project is located in the Ash Shariyah South Governorate, approximately 440km from the Port of Duqm and spans an area of 10.7km² of land. The wind farm will consist of 16 wind turbines, each with a power output of 7.7 MW. The project is expected to reach financial close in 2026 and connect to the grid in Q3 2027. Upon completion, JBB Wind Farm will generate renewable electricity sufficient to power over 13,500 Omani households. The project will enable to avoid more than 270,000 tonnes of CO₂ annually, contributing to Oman's climate change mitigation goals, while creating jobs and sharing expertise with the local population.

On this occasion, Eng Salim bin Nasser Al Aufer, Minister of Energy and Minerals, stated: "We are pleased to mark the signing of the Jaalan Bani Bu Ali Wind Power Project agreement in the South Al Shariyah Governorate. The project represents a pioneering step within the Sultanate of Oman's efforts to strengthen the national renewable energy system, embodying our firm commitment to achieving the pillars of Oman Vision 2040 for the energy sector and the net-zero target by 2050."

Al Aufer added: "Wilayat Jaalan Bani Bu Ali was selected as the site for this vital project, which spans an area of approximately 11 million square metres and stands as one of the country's most prominent wind energy projects. The project entails an investment of around RO 50.86 million and will contribute to reducing carbon emissions by approximately 270,000 tonnes annually. This reflects the Sultanate of Oman's strategic direction towards building a modern energy system based on sustainability, enhancing the efficient use of the Sultanate of Oman's natural resources, and strengthening the contribution of national competencies in the energy sector."

He emphasized that the signed agreements—covering major industrial and free zones such as Duqm, Suhar, Salalah, Nizwa, and Sur aim to enhance local industrial value and competitiveness across Oman's governorates. He added that these efforts reflect the shared commitment of the government and the private sector to building a partnership-based economy that ensures sustainable resource use and national economic growth.

He further stated: "The signing of this project agreement reaffirms the Sultanate of Oman's determination to move forward with the transition towards a low-carbon economy and to enhance its position as a leading regional hub for renewable energy. We have set a target for renewable energy to account for 30% of electricity generation in the Sultanate of Oman by 2030—an economy capable of attracting high-quality investments and supporting sustainable development plans, delivering tangible impacts on the climate, the economy, and Omani society."

Ahmed bin Salim Al Abri, CEO of Nama Power and Water Procurement, highlighted that: "The JBB Wind Power Project represents a key milestone in the Sultanate of Oman's transition to clean energy, with an annual generation capacity of approximately 352,380 MWH."

Energy Development Oman Upgraded to Investment Grade by Fitch Ratings



Fitch Ratings has upgraded the credit rating of Energy Development Oman (EDO) to investment grade at 'BBB-', assigning a stable outlook. This action follows the agency's recent upgrade of the Sultanate of Oman's sovereign credit rating to the same level. In its report, Fitch affirmed the company's standalone credit profile at 'bbb+'. The agency based its assessment on the scale of EDO's integrated operations across the oil and gas sectors, the stability of its cash flows underpinned by long-term gas sales contracts, resilient government revenue streams, a prudent dividend policy and manageable debt levels. With this rating action, EDO becomes one of the few companies to hold investment-grade status from both Fitch and Standard & Poor's. The latter agency upgraded EDO to 'BBB-' in September 2024. This achievement underscores the company's improved financial metrics and robust financial health. The investment-grade rating is expected to broaden EDO's investor base, facilitate access to capital on more competitive terms, and support the financing of both ongoing operations and future growth initiatives. This strengthens the company's pivotal role in advancing the Sultanate of Oman's strategic energy development objectives.

Sultan bin Ali Al Maamari, Chief Financial Officer of Energy Development Oman, stated, "Achieving an investment-grade rating from two leading international agencies is a pivotal milestone. It enhances our ability to access global capital markets with competitive financing and solidifies our position as a reliable partner for investors." He added, "Fitch's upgrades for both the nation and EDO reflect a positive outlook for our financial and operational trajectory. Since its inception, EDO has been instrumental in building a resilient and commercially sustainable national energy framework. Through efficient operations, disciplined investment, and vertical integration across the value chain, we have contributed to increased production, enhanced energy security and the generation of sustained long-term economic value for the Sultanate of Oman."

Notice:

Grace Period for Rectifying Status Related to the Implementation of the License to Practice

Further to the announcement issued by the Ministry of Labor on 4 August 2025, and the announcement issued by the Oman Energy Association (OPAL) on 28 August 2025, regarding the requirement for employees in specified professions to obtain a Professional License to Practice through the Oman Energy Association, represented by the Energy and Minerals Sector Skills Unit (EMSSU), as a fundamental condition for the issuance or renewal of work permits effective 1 September 2025, and in line with the Ministry of Labor's efforts to regulate the labor market, empower national competencies, and facilitate compliance for establishments and employees in the covered professions, OPAL would like to draw attention to the following:

- A grace period has been granted to all establishments and employees in professions subject to licensing to rectify their status until **1 June 2026**.
- All establishments are urged to **complete the Professional License to Practice requirements** for existing employees and new hires within the specified grace period.
- During the grace period, **the issuance and renewal of work permits** will continue to be permitted for employees in professions requiring licensing..
- **Effective 1 June 2026, no work permit will be issued or renewed** for any covered profession unless the individual holds a valid Professional License to Practice issued by EMSSU.
- For the oil and gas sector, **funding support** is available to cover the certification costs for candidates who successfully complete the licensing requirements.

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Abraj wins RO108mn drilling rig contracts from PDO



Abraj Energy Services, Oman's leading oil and gas field services provider, has been awarded four contracts worth a total of RO108mn by Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) to supply drilling rig services in Block 6. The contracts cover the provision of four land drilling rigs for a period of six years, according to a disclosure submitted by Abraj to the Muscat Stock Exchange on Wednesday. Block 6, operated by PDO, is the sultanate's largest energy concession and one of its most strategic hydrocarbon assets.

Abraj noted that one of the rigs will be a new addition to its fleet, while the other three will be sourced from its existing assets. 'The total expected contract value is RO108mn over six years,' the company said.

Shares of Abraj Energy Services climbed 1.56% on Wednesday at the Muscat Stock Exchange. In July, Abraj announced the signing of major contracts with PDO to provide six state-of-the-art land drilling rigs for operations in Block 6. These rigs are expected to commence operations in phases from the fourth quarter of 2026.

The new agreements mark a significant expansion of Abraj's long-standing partnership with PDO and underscore the company's strong track record in delivering safe, efficient and high-quality drilling solutions.

Abraj is also accelerating its regional growth. In May, the company signed a contract with BP Oman to supply a drilling rig for Block 61. Earlier, it secured a new contract with ARA Petroleum for operations in Block 44, and it has also signed an agreement to deliver a third 3,000 HP rig for the WJO field in Kuwait, further strengthening its presence in key upstream projects across the region.

In its Q3 2025 financial report, Abraj stated that all six new PDO rigs and the additional 3,000 HP rig for the WJO project are progressing on schedule, while Abraj rig 305 has completed CAT-IV and has been successfully mobilised to the BP field.

Natural Gas Production in Oman Exceeds 47.5 Billion Cubic Meters



The international trading arm of Oman's integrated energy group OQ – expects its trading volumes to exceed 60 million tonnes in 2025, up from 55 million tonnes in 2024, highlighting its expanding role in maximising the value of Omani energy resources and its growing presence as a global commodity trader. State-owned OQT trades a broad range of products, including crude oil, refined products, petrochemicals, fertilisers and carbon, with Oman LNG volumes set to join the portfolio from January 2026, CEO Wail al Jamali said.

"We have a sizeable crude offtake from the Ministry of Energy and Minerals and supply Oman's share of the OQ8 (Duqm) refinery's feedstock requirements. Beyond physical trading, we are also active in derivatives and paper products, both for hedging and expressing market views," Al Jamali explained in an interview with The Energy Year. He also highlighted OQT's growing global footprint: "We facilitate exports through our international network, ensuring OQ's products reach optimal destinations while supporting feedstock and blend requirements for OQ's plants. Our offices span Muscat, Dubai, Singapore, Shanghai, Rotterdam, London and Houston. Through our affiliate Hass Petroleum—a medium-tier African retailer in which OQT acquired a 40% stake in 2017—we operate across nine East African countries. Approximately 50% of our portfolio is non-Omani, with third-party volumes sourced from countries including Nigeria, Singapore and the UAE."

According to Al Jamali, a key part of OQT's mandate is to act as a market intelligence and optimisation partner to OQ, and advise on production, product specifications and investment planning using real-time market insights. Its commercial optimisation team works closely with OQ to bridge trading and asset planning, enhance plant performance, and exceed short-term tactical targets to capture better margins. While Oman remains central to OQT's core activities, growth opportunities are increasingly international. The company has adopted a "diversify, expand and partner" strategy to broaden its portfolio and global footprint, with third-party trading now accounting for roughly half of total volumes. "Our aim is to trade products as global books, spanning Houston, London and Singapore. We are also implementing an internal energy transition plan aligned with market developments to remain agile in a rapidly evolving energy landscape," Al Jamali added.

OQGN acquires gas pipeline in Block 61 for RO40mn



OQ Gas Networks (OQGN), the sole operator of Oman's natural gas transportation network, has signed an agreement to acquire a gas transportation pipeline in Block 61, which hosts the Khazzan and Ghazeer gas fields, for nearly RO40mn. The company signed an Asset Transfer Agreement with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals and the Ministry of Finance to acquire the 36-inch gas transportation pipeline of Block 61 (Ghazeer Phase-2) for RO39.991mn, OQGN said in a disclosure submitted to the Muscat Stock Exchange on Tuesday.

The new pipeline will be added to OQGN's Regulated Asset Base (RAB), the company said. 'This acquisition will add 65 kilometres to OQGN's gas network. It will strengthen the consolidation of national gas transportation assets and support the company's strategic ambition to lead the development of energy infrastructure in the sultanate,' the company added.

OQGN holds a natural monopoly over critical gas transportation infrastructure in Oman as the exclusive owner and operator of the natural gas transmission network (NGTN). The company aims to champion the management and development of the NGTN through innovative and sustainable solutions.

OQGN currently manages more than 4,000km of pipeline infrastructure across Oman, supplying gas to a wide range of industries, including power generation, water desalination, cement and aluminium production, fertiliser manufacturing, and petrochemical plants.

Masirah Oil-parent raises \$25mn for Block 50 drilling campaign offshore Oman

Based Rex International Holding has announced that its subsidiary, Jasmine Energy Limited, has successfully raised \$25mn through senior secured bonds with a three-year tenor to support a drilling campaign in Oman's offshore Block 50. The offshore Block 50 concession is a key asset of Rex International Holding and is operated by its subsidiary Masirah Oil Limited. The approximately 17,000sqkm offshore block is located in the Gulf of Masirah, east of Oman.

Proceeds from the bond issuance will be used to fund a three-well drilling campaign in 2026 and for general corporate purposes by Masirah Oil, an indirect 87.5% subsidiary of Jasmine Energy Limited, Rex International Holding said in a statement on its website.

Per Lind, interim Chief Executive Officer of Rex International Holding, said, "The successful completion of the bond issue is timely and will allow us to proceed with our planned drilling campaign, which aims to drill new producer wells to increase oil flow rates in the Yumna Field in Block 50, Oman. The campaign is targeted to start in the first quarter of 2026. We are pleased to have received strong support from bondholders, given our track record of increasing reserves volumes in the mature Yumna Field."

"With strengthened income from oil production from the new producer wells, we will continue our efforts to extend the lifetime of the field, in line with our commitment to creating long-term value for our stakeholders," he added.

The company said the settlement of the bonds is expected to take place on December 12, 2025. The bonds will carry a coupon of 14%. Closing and drawdown are subject to certain conditions and approvals.

Rex International Holding is a multinational oil exploration and production company listed on the Mainboard of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited. The group has interests in exploration and production licences in Norway, Germany, Oman and Benin, and holds operatorship for assets in Oman, Benin and Germany.

Its subsidiary Masirah Oil holds a 100% interest in Block 50 in Oman. First oil was achieved in Block 50 in February 2020, and approval of the Field Development Plan for the Yumna Field, along with the Declaration of Commerciality (DOC), was obtained in July 2020. The DOC enables Masirah Oil to fully develop the Yumna Field while continuing to explore the remainder of Block 50.



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Oman's clean energy share reaches nearly 10% in 2025



Renewable energy accounted for 9.46 per cent of electricity transmitted by Oman's national grid in 2025, marking a significant milestone in the Sultanate of Oman's energy transition and placing the country on a trajectory that will require renewable capacity to more than triple over the next five years to meet the 30 per cent target by 2030.

According to Oman Electricity Transmission Company (OETC) — the sole owner and operator of the national grid — grid-connected renewable sources generated around 4.26 terawatt-hours (TWh) of electricity during 2025, representing 9.46 per cent of total output for the year.

Reaffirming its role in enabling the national energy transition, OETC said it is strengthening the integration of clean and renewable energy into the grid to support growth ambitions, innovation and long-term sustainability, while reinforcing national objectives to expand renewable power flows across the Sultanate of Oman's extensive transmission network.

Renewable electricity currently supplied to the grid comes from four projects: Dhofar Wind I (50 MW), Ibri II Solar (500 MW), Manah I Solar (500 MW) and Manah II Solar (500 MW). Together, these assets provide approximately 1,550 MW of installed renewable capacity.

Looking ahead, Oman has a substantial pipeline of solar and wind projects under development and planning, totalling around 7,300 MW. When added to existing capacity, this pipeline is expected to lift total renewable capacity to approximately 8.8 GW by around 2030, broadly aligning with the target of renewables accounting for around 30 per cent of total generation capacity by that date.

Projects currently under implementation include the 500 MW Ibri III Solar PV project in Al Dhahirah Governorate, the 125 MW Dhofar II Wind Farm in Dhofar Governorate, and the 120 MW Jaalan Bani Bu Ali Wind IPP in Al Sharqiyah South Governorate. Once operational by 2027, these projects will add a further 745 MW of renewable capacity to the grid.

In parallel, a new tranche of wind projects is under tender and expected to be awarded in the coming months. These include the Duqm Wind IPP (approximately 234–270 MW), Mahoot Wind I IPP (around 342–400 MW) and Sadah Wind IPP (around 81–99 MW). Together with a series of mid- to large-scale solar PV projects planned for delivery in 2029 and 2030, including schemes of up to 3,000 MW, this build-out is set to push Oman's renewable capacity comfortably beyond the 30 per cent milestone by the end of the decade.

Study maps job potential of Oman's clean economy



Oman's clean economy—spanning renewables, green hydrogen, fuels and other low-carbon technologies—represents not just an environmental and technological transition, but a structural economic opportunity with the potential to drive job creation, industrial diversification and long-term skills development.

This is the central finding of a new report by Muscat-based think tank The Majan Council for Foresight, Strategic Affairs, and Energy, titled 'Building Workforce Readiness: The Oman Clean Energy Labour Outlook'. The study was commissioned by the Oman Energy Association (OPAL) and funded by the Ministry of Energy and Minerals and the Ministry of Labour.

The analysis covers six major segments of the clean economy, including hydrogen production and infrastructure; solar and wind power development; building energy efficiency solutions; low-carbon steel, aluminium and cement production; electrolyser manufacturing; and the manufacture of solar PV modules and wind turbines across the clean technology value chain.

Positioned as a baseline for policymakers, educators and investors, the report finds that while the clean economy will not resolve Oman's employment challenges on its own, it can serve as a strategic pillar for long-term job creation, skills development and industrial diversification—provided it is supported by clear policy frameworks, predictable project sequencing and close coordination across education, investment and regulatory institutions. It highlights the need for rapid adaptation of vocational training, targeted certifications rather than new academic degrees, better alignment of existing skills—particularly in IT, engineering and business—and policy choices that balance profitability with employment and Omanisation objectives. Reflecting on the findings, lead authors Abdulrahman Baboraik and Dawud Ansari caution that the clean economy's employment potential is "more moderate than sometimes anticipated."

"Clean energy, in particular, is capital intensive and creates relatively fewer long-term jobs than labour-intensive sectors," they noted. "A large share of employment is concentrated in construction and installation phases, where Omanisation remains low and is likely to stay limited without targeted intervention. Operational roles—while more suitable for long-term localisation—are fewer in number and require specific skill sets." Even so, the report stresses that a modest number of high-quality, skilled jobs can have a catalytic impact if strategically embedded within broader industrial development and workforce planning. Translating opportunity into employment, however, will not happen automatically.

Oman's clean energy share reaches nearly 10% in 2025



The Sultanate of Oman's production of natural gas—including domestic production and imports—witnessed a growth of 0.8 percent, reaching 47.5026 billion cubic meters by the end of October 2025, compared to 47.1055 billion cubic meters during the same period in 2024. Data issued by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI) showed that the production of associated gas rose by 10.9 percent by the end of October 2025, reaching 10.5995 billion cubic meters, compared to 9.5558 billion cubic meters in the corresponding period of 2024.

Moreover, the production of non-associated gas (with imports) declined by 1.7 percent, reaching 36.9031 billion cubic meters by the end of October 2025, compared to 37.5497 billion cubic meters by the end of October 2024. Regarding consumption, the consumption of natural gas in industrial projects decreased by 3.5 percent, reaching 23.2352 billion cubic meters by the end of October 2025, compared to 24.0815 billion cubic meters for the corresponding period in 2024. Gas usage in power generation plants rose by 1.6 percent by the end of October 2025, reaching 13.1255 billion cubic meters, compared to 12.9224 billion cubic meters during the same period in 2024.

The data also showed that gas consumption in oil fields (including industrial areas, Oman Mining Company, and Oman Cement) grew by 10.3 percent, reaching 10.9074 billion cubic meters by the end of October 2025, compared to 9.8933 billion cubic meters in the corresponding period of 2024.

Finally, gas used in industrial areas (including gas consumption at Sultan Qaboos University and the Ministry of Defence) recorded a growth of 12.6 percent, reaching 234.5 million cubic meters by the end of October 2025, compared to 208.3 million cubic meters during the same period in 2024.

Oil Rises Amid Strong US Economic Growth



Oil prices witnessed slight gains today, extending the advances made in the previous session, supported by strong economic growth in the United States and concerns over potential supply disruptions from Venezuela and Russia.

Brent crude futures rose by four cents, or 0.06 percent, to \$62.42 per barrel, while US West Texas Intermediate crude increased by three cents, or 0.05 percent, to \$58.41 per barrel.

Oil prices climbed by more than two percent on Monday, with Brent crude posting its largest daily gain in two months, while West Texas Intermediate recorded its biggest rise since 14 November 2025. Oil prices also rose by more than 0.5 percent Tuesday.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis at the US Department of Commerce said in its preliminary estimates of gross domestic product for the third quarter of the year, released yesterday, that the US economy grew at a faster pace than expected, driven by strong consumer spending.

Omani Oil Exports Exceed 256 Million Barrels



The Sultanate of Oman's oil exports recorded a slight increase of 0.1 percent by the end of October 2025, reaching 256,557,800 barrels, compared to 256,318,800 barrels during the same period in 2024.

Preliminary statistics released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI) indicated that the average oil price decreased by 13.1 percent, reaching 71.7 US dollars per barrel by the end of October 2025, compared to 82.6 US dollars per barrel during the same period in 2024.

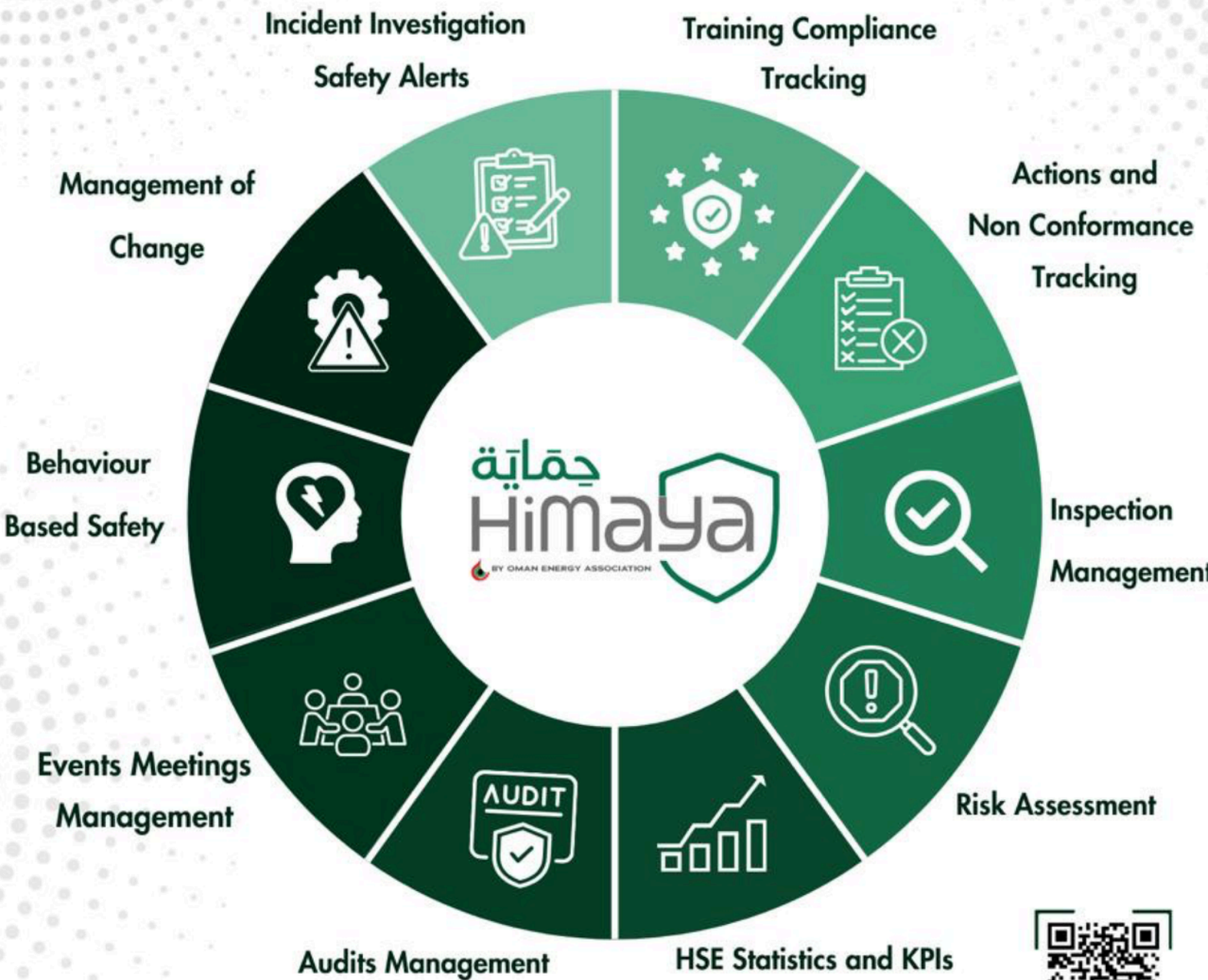
In contrast, the average daily oil production increased by 0.4 percent, reaching 997,400 barrels per day by the end of last October, compared to 993,900 barrels per day during the same period last year. The total production of the Sultanate of Oman's oil reached 303,240,400 barrels by the end of October 2025, compared to 303,149,600 barrels during the same period in 2024.

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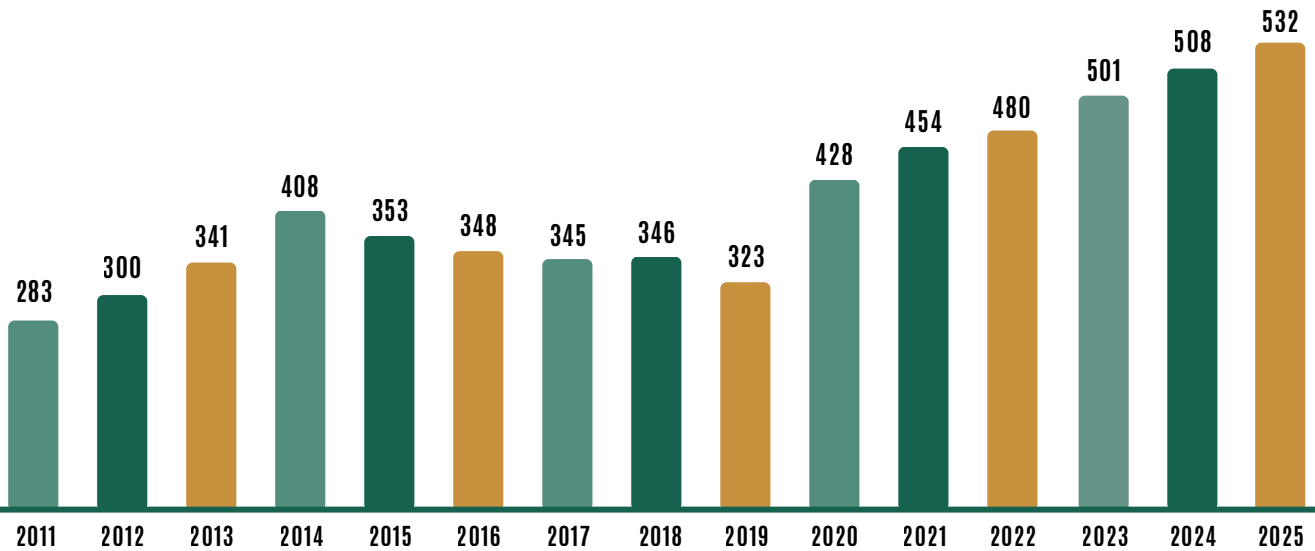


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