

Global environment and energy elites meet in Dubai

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World energy and environment industry leaders are queuing to meet in Dubai at Offshore Arabia 2009.

This high profile World Energy and Environment event will focus on today's issues of energy and regional and global environment. Offshore Arabia 2009 convened under the patronage of H.H Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. The three days Conference and Exhibition runs from 11 to 13 January 2009 at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Center.

H.E Khamis Juma Bu-Amim Chairman Offshore Arabia 2009 and the President of the Regional Clean Sea Organization (RECSO) the organizer of Offshore Arabia extended his immense appreciation to H.H Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. The support and encouragement extended by His Highness to Exhibition and Conference Industry in Dubai and to Offshore Arabia in particular made positive impacts on the entire sector. Without His Highness support and encouragement, we would not have achieved the desired objectives and success.

'The UAE Ministry of Environment gives this significant event considerable attention and supporters it represents a regional and international gathering and creates a suitable platform for the discussion of today's issues of Energy and Environment. Ninety 90 eminent professionals and speakers will present papers that examine environment status and its relationship with oil and Gas industry present and future prospects in our region and the world. Environment being one of the three pillars of the sustainable development it is of profound importance to deliver a new concept and understanding in our region that environment is a precondition for attaining the sustainable development we seek. Environment protection means better understanding of our practices and in dealing with human activities on earth that represent almost 80% of sea pollution,' Bu - Amim said.

The Organization of Oil Producing and Exporting Counties - OPEC ,the Organization Arab Oil Producing and Exporting Countries OAPEC, Oil and Gas companies and utility operators in the region and internationally give their support to this highly significant event.

The event is the most effective regional and international energy and environment forum that provides an excellent platform to display technological advancements and discuss key issues in the energy industry and the environment. Highly knowledgeable and skilled professionals will meet in Dubai to provide a wider range of solutions and share their thoughts.

Offshore Arabia 2009 Platinum Sponsors are Kuwait Oil Company and Enpark, the Energy and Environment Park, and the Silver Sponsor is The National Shipping Company of Saudi Arabia (NSCSA).

In 1975, the Kuwait Government took over 100% of the Kuwait Oil Company, which was established in 1934. The Company activities had extended to include exploration operations, on-shore and offshore surveys, drilling of test wells, and developing of producing fields in addition to crude and natural gas exploration.

Oil was found in commercial quantities in the Burgan Field in 1938. In June 1946 His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the late Amir of Kuwait, inaugurated the export of the first crude shipment. New fields were developed and export facilities were expanded, resulting in the construction of the North and South Piers, the Sea Island, and the Single Point Mooring.

In 1980 Kuwait Petroleum Corporation was established to bring all state owned oil companies under one entity.

Super light crude oil was discovered at Sabriya in 2005. The discovery of the API 52 crude oil represents a big jump in the company's exploration abilities.

In 2006, gas was discovered in the deep Jurassic reservoirs at Rahiya, Mutriba, Um Niga and other fields. These discoveries fulfill a long Kuwaiti dream of becoming self-sufficient in gas which will be used for power generation.

Enpark is a Free Zone spanning over 8 million square feet of office, research centre, residential, educational and leisure facilities located in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Enpark is a special destination for clean energy and environmental technology companies to operate and a fully integrated knowledge community that includes programs, services, partnerships, and amenities to support the success of environment companies and their employees. Combining the unique assets of being at the heart of the international hub for the Region with the exclusive experience of a sustainable community, Enpark ambition is to offer an excellent sustainable lifestyle and build a sustainable culture.

The National Shipping Company of Saudi Arabia (NSCSA) established in 1979 is one of the biggest shipping companies in the world. It occupies a pre-eminent position among its industry peers. NSCSA is the first national carrier, has generated a strong VIP customer base at local, regional and international levels. It has vast experience gained over the years, has enabled to provide first class shipping service to the trading community and this contribution has become one of the strong bases for the national economy. During the course of its diversification, the Company's services have expanded to include transportation of general cargo, crude oil, Chemical and LPG as well as specialized ship management. Having started its operations for transporting general cargo and containers, the Company with its commendable record of accomplishment, has established the reputation of providing high standard of service to its customers at all internationally.

RECSO the Regional Clean Sea Organization (RECSO) is the environmental arm of the regions oil, gas and tanker companies. RECSO was founded in 1972, has since expanded, and became a regional player in the environment. RECSO main activities are to protect the Gulf environment from any potential pollution, as an oil industry co-operative organization functioning on the concept of 'mutual aid'.

It represents 15 oil and Gas from the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Iran, Oman, Iraq, Bahrain, and four associate members' companies namely Vela International Marine Limited, SEACOR Environmental Services Middle East (SESME), Fairdeal Marine Services LLC, and Fender & Spill Response Services LLC

RECSO is therefore involved in many activities that help increase awareness of the situation and help to seek solutions for the many problems that our region faces. One of these activities

is a conference, which we host every 2 years called 'Offshore Arabia'. This conference focuses on bringing regional and international experts and dignitaries to discuss the latest technologies, innovations made in the field of the environment and solutions available to tackle them. The conference's theme, 'Global Partners for Energy and Environment', reflects RECSO's objective.

Bu - Amim speaking to the press said, 'Energy Park Dubai sponsors this internationally accredited conference under the theme Global Energy Partners towards Sustainable Development. The conference runs for 3 days from 11 to 13 January 2009, with a visionary session where high profile speakers present eliminating scientific presentation on hot topics of environment and oil and gas industry development. In the visionary session's top leading business and industry, experts highlight the potentials and share their views in environment and the future prospects impacts of oil and gas industry.'

Bu - Amim added, 'Offshore Arabia conference and exhibition is creating opportunities and enhancing the potentials of oil and gas industry, global market and researches the planet's environment. It focuses on sharing industry knowledge, builds the momentum forward towards a secured global energy supply drive environmental awareness, and manages climate challenges.'

'Energy and environment are essential for sustainable development, therefore we remain focused and committed to energy, environment, advanced technologies, renewable and sustainable development. We will continue to encourage growth as a basis for all human betterment,' Bu Amim added.

Bu Amim said, 'The Gulf, Middle East, and North Africa are experiencing significant changes and challenges in sectors of energy and environment. Our targeted plans focus on chartering the uneasy seas with ease and bringing all concerned together as unified leaders to help attain energy and environmental security for the entire region and the world.'

Mr. Abdul Salam Madani, President of Index Holding, said:

'The preparations for organizing this highly important event is running according to schedule and we target a wide and extensive participation from corporate and organizations engaged in energy industry, environmental organizations specialized in manufacturing , processing and utility services providers.'

Al Madani Added, 120 companies and organizations are expected to participate in the Exhibition representing oil and gas industry, environmental establishments and international and regional organization , tanker and shipping industry , renewable energy and technology, ports and free zones, IT Solutions and software for oil industry and environment and many other specializations related to energy and environment.

'Offshore Arabia 2009 Exhibition and Conference will deal with major and pressing issues confronting energy and environment sectors. The tentative program of the conference incorporates major topics related to Energy Challenges, Climate Change, Sustainability, Offshore and Onshore Protections, managing Resources and the Environment, health, Safety, Security, and rescue beside Global Environment and the Role of Government,' Al Madani said.

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