

BAHRAIN

LNG terminal contract to be awarded in November

The contract to build the 400MMcf/d LNG terminal near Khalifa Bin Salman Port in Bahrain is expected to be signed in November 2015. The facility will be a combination of a floating LNG storage unit and an onshore re-gasification plant. As Bahrain is dependent on gas imports the new terminal will be ready to receive LNG by 2018.

<http://www.albawaba.com/business/bahrain-plans-400m-floating-gas-terminal-757194>

EGYPT

Subsea 7 to supply equipment for East Nile Delta offshore development

Subsea 7 S.A. has been awarded a contract by Pharaonic Petroleum Company S.A.E. to supply subsea equipment for phase 3 of the East Nile Delta project offshore Egypt. Work scope includes engineering, procurement, fabrication and installation of rigid spools, and installation of pipeline, umbilical and subsea structures for two wells. Installation of the equipment is expected to start before the end of 2015.

<http://www.subsea7.com/content/dam/subsea7/Company%20News/2015/SUBC%20END%20F2.pdf>

IRAN

Iran to announce output rise at next OPEC meeting

Iran will officially announce its plans to rise crude oil output by 500,000bpd at the upcoming OPEC meeting on 4th December. The Iranian Minister of Petroleum Bijan Zangeneh said that the country is prepared to increase output after sanctions have been lifted. By end of Q1 2016 Iran could add up to one million barrels of crude to its daily production.

<http://www.shana.ir/en/newsagency/249207/Iran-to-Announce-500k-bpd-Output-Rise-at-Next-OPEC-Meeting>

IRAQ

GE to supply eight gas turbines for Bismayah power plant

GE has been awarded a contract to supply gas turbines for the Bismayah power plant near Baghdad. Under the contract the company will supply eight 9F.03 gas turbines which will power the 3GW plant. The independent power project is being developed by Mass Global Investment Company in two 1,500MW phases. The main EPC contract to build the power plant has been awarded to ENKA.

<http://www.constructionweekonline.com/article-35834-iraq-gas-plant-to-use-general-electric-turbines/>

Oil production from Faihaa-1 well has started

Kuwait Energy has announced that oil production from the Faihaa-1 well in Block 9 has commenced. The well is currently producing 5,000bpd on a 32/64 inch choke after the discovery has been made in December 2014. The well is operated by a consortium comprising Kuwait Energy as the operator, Dragon Oil and the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation.

http://www.yourprojectnews.com/commencement+of+oil+production+from+faihaa-1+well+in+block+9,+iraq_122755.html

MOROCCO

Circle Oil hits gas at Sebou Permit

Circle Oil has announced that gas has been discovered at the Caid El Gaddari-13 (CGD-13) exploration well at the onshore Sebou Permit. The well was drilled to a target depth of 2,857 feet and flowed at a rate of 4.45MMcf/d through a 28/64 inch choke. CGD-13 was the last of Circle Oil's 2014/15 ten well drilling campaign in Morocco.

http://www.rigzone.com/news/oil_gas/a/141312/Circle_Oil_Gas_Discovery_at_CGD13_Onshore_Morocco

OMAN

Preferred bidders emerge for Liwa Plastics Complex

Oman Oil Refineries and Petroleum Industries Company (Orpic) has announced Tecnimont, a joint venture consisting of GS Engineering & Construction Corporation and Mitsui & Company and PunjLloyd as the preferred bidders for three of four packages for the Liwa Plastics Complex. The preferred bidder for the steam cracker has yet to be announced. Signing of the four EPC contracts is expected by the end of 2015.

<http://www.timesofoman.com/article/69963/Business/Orpic-names-preferred-bidders-for-Liwa-Plastics-Industries-Complex>

Indian JV to build bitumen plant

McNally Bharat Engineering Company together with EMC group have been awarded a contract to build a bitumen plant at the Sohar industrial port. The project is estimated at \$315 million and ties in with the Sohar Refinery Improvement Project (SRIP). Work is expected to be completed within two years.

https://www.zawya.com/story/Indian_JV_wins_USD315m_Sohar_bitumen_contract-ZAWYA20151016054416/

Nine contractors prequalified for Duqm Liquids Terminal

Nine international contractors have been prequalified to bid for the construction of the Bulk Liquid Berths Terminal at the Port of Duqm. The winning contractor will be responsible for the detailed design (based on owner-provided front-end engineering design), dredging, reclamation, and jetty works for the \$1 billion project. Completion of the terminal is planned in advance of the scheduled refinery start-up in early 2019.

https://www.tankterminals.com/news_detail.php?id=3417



QATAR

Siemens to deliver equipment for Facility D

Siemens has won a major contract to supply power generation equipment for the Facility D power and water project in Qatar. Under the contract the company will supply six SGT5-4000F gas turbines, four SST5-4000 steam turbines and ten SGen5-1200A-series generators. Additionally Siemens will provide technical support for the project's field erection and commissioning phases. The facility will have a capacity of 2.5GW and up to 136 million imperial gallons of drinking water per day. Commissioning is expected to commence in 2017.

[http://www.siemens.com/press/en/pressrelease/?press=/en/pressrelease/2015/power-gas/pr2015100043pgen.htm&content\[\]=PG](http://www.siemens.com/press/en/pressrelease/?press=/en/pressrelease/2015/power-gas/pr2015100043pgen.htm&content[]=PG)

RasGas awards contracts for Helium 3 plant

RasGas has awarded contracts for its Helium 3 plant to Air Products and Chiyoda AlMana. Air Products has been awarded the sales and purchase agreement (SPA) as well as the technology license to supply the helium licensor package equipment for the new plant while Chiyoda AlMana has won the EPC agreement. The plant will produce up to 11.3 MMcm/y of liquid helium and is due for completion in early 2018.

<http://www.oilreviewmiddleeast.com/gas/rasgas-awards-two-contracts-for-helium-3-plant-in-qatar>

SAUDI ARABIA

Aramco considers new refining complex in Yanbu

Saudi Aramco is considering to build a new refining and petrochemical complex next to the existing Yanbu refinery according to industry sources. The new 400,000bpd facility would require an investment of \$20 billion. If the project goes ahead it would be completed in 2023.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/10/11/us-aramco-refinery-idUSKCN0S50WL20151011>

UAE

Shah gas field reaches full capacity

The Shah sour gas development located south-west of Abu Dhabi has reached full production capacity. Commissioning started in early 2015 and the field is now producing one billion cubic feet of sour gas per day. The development has been extremely challenging as the gas in the Shah field contains 23 per cent hydrogen sulphide which has to be separated before the gas can be utilised. The project that is carried out by Al-Hosn Gas, a joint venture of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (Adnoc) and Occidental Petroleum (Oxy), has seen several major EPC contracts estimated at a total of \$10 billion. The field is expected to contribute to the UAE's gas production for over 30 years.

https://www.zawya.com/story/Abu_Dhabis_Shah_Gas_project_reaches_full_capacity-GN_06102015_071026/

DEWA announces preferred bidder for coal power plant

Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) has announced a consortium of ACWA Power and Harbin Electric International as the preferred bidder for the Hassyan coal power plant. The consortium submitted a bid at a Levelized Cost of Electricity of 4.501 USD cents/kWh. Phase I of the ultra-supercritical clean coal power plant will have a capacity of 1,200MW and will be an important part of the UAE's plans to diversify the energy mix.

https://www.zawya.com/story/ACWA_Power_consortium_bags_clean_coal_power_plant_project_in_UAE-ZAWYA20151019034436/

INDIA

ABB wins \$23 million transformers order

ABB has been awarded a contract by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (POWERGRID) to supply transformers in order to strengthen the Indian power grid. Under the contract ABB will design, manufacture, test, transport, erect and commission 14 units of 765kV ultrahigh voltage power transformers for substations in the northern Indian states of Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. The contract is worth a total of \$23 million.

<http://www.abb.com/cawp/seitp202/f36e24b887fe2d62c1257edd0026fb9f.aspx>

Gamesa to supply 50 wind turbines for Dhar wind farm

Gamesa has been awarded a contract to supply 50 units of its G97-2.0MW class S wind turbines for the Dhar wind farm. The onshore wind farm will have a total output of 100MW and is located in the state of Madhya Pradesh. The project which is being developed by Hero Future Energies is expected to become operational in March 2016.

<http://cleantechnica.com/2015/10/23/gamesa-signs-100-mw-contract-india/>

ONGC to increase exploration activities in 2016

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) plans to intensify its exploration activities in 2016. The company is expected to increase its upstream budget by 10 per cent but also to take advantage of the current oil price situation. Rig rates are currently down by 30-40 per cent while other exploration service rates are down by 40-50 per cent as service companies aim to secure new contracts at reduced rates. Currently ONGC is securing rigs at low rates in order to intensify exploration which is essential for the company's long-term growth.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/ONGC-to-intensify-exploration-activities-secures-more-rigs/articleshow/49561664.cms>