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ABOUT OOCEP

Oman Oil Company Exploration & Production LLC (OOCEP) is an upstream oil & gas company based in the Sultanate of Oman.

OOCEP is a subsidiary of Oman Oil Company S.A.O.C (OOC) with a primary focus on upstream investments as part of OOC’s strategy of pursuing local and international energy related investments.

OOCEP’s activities combine the management of investments in non-operated upstream assets in Oman and abroad with operatorship of upstream and service/midstream businesses in Oman.

The aim of such investments is to draw upon Oman’s experience in the oil & gas industry to achieve strong operational results and financial returns, pursue opportunities that will contribute to meeting the future energy needs of the Sultanate and provide a platform for the professional development of the Omani workforce.
Since its inception in 2009, Oman Oil Company Exploration & Production LLC (OOCEP) has adopted specific Corporate Social Responsibility principles which set out OOCEP’s beliefs, values and behaviors that govern the way we conduct our business and describe the way in which we deliver on our commitments to stakeholders and communities. This requires OOCEP to establish and maintain effective relationships with interested and affected stakeholders, listen to and engage with communities in the area of our operations and avoid or minimise the negative impacts of our activities.

The company also focuses on creating and delivering opportunities that maximise benefits to society through enhancing skills and knowledge. We work to ensure neighbouring communities benefit from our presence in particular and in the country as a whole. I am pleased to share with you the projects and initiatives which OOCEP is supporting to fulfil its commitments.

Salim Al Sibani
Chief Executive
At OOCEP, we believe our responsibilities go beyond business functions to include our social obligations – to our people, our host community and to the Nation. Our Corporate Social Responsibility principles describe the way in which our social commitments are determined and define the beliefs, values and policies that govern the way our business is conducted.

This brochure specifies the steps taken by OOCEP to integrate institutional development with the progress made in meeting our social, communal and environmental obligations.

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Our Social Strategy

- Establish and maintain effective relationships with interested and affected stakeholders.
- Listen to and engage with communities in the areas where we operate.
- Create and deliver opportunities that maximise benefits to society through enhancing skills and knowledge.
- Ensure that the community benefits from our presence without interfering with Government community services.

The Five Pillars of Progress

- Health, Safety and Environment.
- Education and Training.
- Community Development.
- Development of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises.
- Sponsorships.

The Categories and the Criteria

- Sustainable: Provides long-term impact in upgrading the targeted category and helps sustain a positive relationship with the community.
- Inclusive: Benefits a large number of people and focuses on a wide/variable segment of people.
- Authorised: Approved or officially supported by a committee and/or official party such as the Ministry of Social Development, local council or local committee.
- Transparent: Announced openly in a public forum.
- Uplifting: Develops individual/area/community/country facilities and/or skills.
- Productive: Generates realistic, tangible benefits.
- Achievable: Able to be accomplished in the time period established.
- Scheduled: Included in the CSR plan.
- Aligned: Ties to OOCEP business objectives.
HEALTH,
SAFETY &
ENVIRONMENT (HSE)

Traffic Safety Initiatives
To support the Block 42 community OOCEP, in coordination with the Bidiya Local Traffic Committee, sponsored several traffic safety activities in Bidiya and across Oman. These included:
• Traffic Convoys across 6 Wilayats on traffic awareness with seminars and courses targeting all age groups and genders.
• Workshops covering basic car maintenance for ladies.
• Awareness meetings with taxi drivers to emphasize the importance of checking their vehicles to ensure the safety of tires, lights and signals, as well as passenger safety.
• Youth work camps to maintain and restore speed breakers and pedestrian crossings at Bidiya.
• Sponsorship of Traffic Safety Awareness Week, Bukha Royal Oman Police (ROP) – Musandam.
• Traffic Safety Awareness Week – Bidiya.

HSE Sessions for Educational Institutes
• Open session on safe driving practices with Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) students
• Industrial safety awareness session for students at Ibri Vocational Training Centre.

Coral enhancements in Musandam
In 2012, OOCEP, in consultation with experts at SQU and the Ministry of Environment & Climate Affairs (MECA), developed a strategy for environmental mitigation on the existing coral habitat at its Musandam Gas Plant (MGP) location. This was to offset the impact of reclamation works, pipeline trenching and construction activities. The objective was to facilitate the development of new coral communities outside of their existing boundaries in the bay as a means of off-site conservation and rehabilitation. As per the strategy agreed on, in 2013, and endorsed by MECA, OOCEP has implemented the 5-point strategy given below:
• Construction of an artificial coral habitat.
• Creation of a ‘mixed coral garden’ within the bay facing the MGP site.
• Translocation of coral colonies.
• Monitoring of artificial coral habitat.
• Capacity building – The monitoring phase of the strategy will include scholarships to two SQU Master of Science students who will work on monitoring methods for coral reef communities.
OOCEP supported several events at Sultan Qaboos University with the objective of enhancing the students’ communication & personal skills.

Cooperation with Sultan Qaboos University
OOCEP supported several events at Sultan Qaboos University with the objective of enhancing students’ communication & personal skills and preparing them to face real-life situations.

The main events were:
• Fifth Engineering Student Gathering, which was a forum designed to encourage students to innovate and think outside the box and create solutions to current problems facing the engineering industry.
• Technical Leadership Workshop on Work Conditions.
• A competition to design and create Sumo robots.

Summer Program for Bidiya Schools
More than 1000 students, ranging from less than 6 years old to the 10th grade participated in the 22-day summer program.

The program covered memorizing and reciting the Holy Koran, studying the Prophet’s biography (PBUH), the History of Oman and instructions on moral values and behaviors. In addition, the program covered skills development in various subjects including poetry, theater, sports, fine art, photography and organizing events & exhibitions.

Other Education Initiatives
• Edutainment trips to Muscat & Salalah for school students from Musandam.
• Short training courses in communication skills for locals in Bukha, Musandam.
• Series of presentations for school students in Musandam on the Oil and Gas industry.
• Supplied IT equipment for handicapped students at schools in Musandam.
• Sponsored the second induction Quality Management System Forum at Musandam.
• Supported the development of student’s educational projects at Sahel Al Khamil, Bidiya. The projects included road safety, enhancement of the exhibition hall and playground and the replacement and addition of signboards.

Sponsorship for Bachelor Degrees in Engineering
In 2011 OOCEP, in collaboration with the Ministry of Higher Education, launched a scholarship scheme for Bachelor of Science Degrees in Engineering, mainly for students from families under the Social Security Scheme.

The scheme offers 10 scholarships per year for students from the Governorate of Musandam and the Wilayats of Ibra and Hima. The students are selected for this scholarship by the Higher Education Admission Centre.
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Ministry of Social Development and OOCEP

To support the members of low-income families and those under the Social Security Scheme, OOCEP signed a MOU with the Ministry of Social Development in 2011. This MOU outlines areas in which both parties can work together to support:

- Entrepreneurship schemes.
- Omani Women’s Association activities.
- Special childcare projects.
- Scholarships for students.
- Special awareness programs to improve the quality of family life.

Development of Social Indicators Database

Social indicators play a vital role in forming development policies. With this in mind, the Ministry of Social Development, with the support of OOCEP, started to review the available social indicators database in 2012. The project will upgrade the existing social indicators database into a more friendly and scientific form. In addition, this project includes training the Ministry’s staff in identification, collection and analysis of the data.

Sports initiatives

Sponsorship of Under 14 Children’s Football Team

Since 2011, OOCEP has been supporting the Under-14 football Team to play at the Muscat Football Community League (MCFL) yearly competition.

Partnership with Oman Malaysia Golf Society

The popularity of golf as a social game has picked up a dramatic pace in Oman. In its quest to expand its corporate social participation and to promote better relations between the people of the two countries, OOCEP has supported this Society since 2010.

Community Development Projects in Musandam targeting families under Social Security Scheme

- OOCEP has constructed 6 villas that will be handed over to the landowners once the project is completed.
- Refurbishment of 14 houses.
- Provided furniture to families at Ghumda Village.
- Provided various electrical equipment to the Omani Women’s Association in Bukha.

Infrastructure Projects in Musandam

- Upgraded Ghumda & Al Jerry fishing harbours.
- Upgraded Bukha Club Hall.
- Interlock paving in Ghumda Village.
- Constructed road in Ghumda Village.
To achieve a sustainable approach to community involvement, OOCEP invites host communities to participate in the bidding process for the supply of products and/or services. Furthermore, one of the company’s strategic objectives is to develop small & medium business opportunities from within the local community whilst benefiting our local projects. These processes and procedures are driven by the Supply Chain and In Country Value divisions of OOCEP. In addition to establishing 3 small projects in Musandam, Muscat, and Bidiyah, OOCEP has:

- Provided an opportunity for a job seeker in Bukha with a contract to transport MGP personnel after completion of his HSE clearance.
- Funded a tent at Khasab Port for Zaree, the tourist project for a lady’s group in Khasab. Its easy accessibility led to increased tourist footfall at the Zaree tent.
- Funded 5 livelihood projects (poultry farming) in Musandam Governorate.
- Sponsored workshops on Entrepreneurship and SME development.
- Sponsored establishment of a traditional furniture market for Omani Women’s Association in Bukha, Musandam.
- Coordinated with the Directorate General of Agriculture in Ibri in supporting Mohammed Al Safthi, a low-income individual, to construct a greenhouse for growing vegetables that he can sell to augment his earnings.
- Assisted Yausia Al Majrafi, a physically challenged individual with low employment prospects, to set up a Blacksmith and Welding Workshop, with the support of the Ministry of Social Development. OOCEP also helped Fasil Al Siabi establish a General Services Provider Company. Working closely with both, the company provided intensive HSE courses that enabled them to provide services to OOCEP. This, in turn, created a need for additional staff and led to the recruitment of Omanis by both the SMEs.
**SPONSORSHIPS**

- 2nd Cultural Week, jointly with Gulf Disabled Day & MOSD.
- Sponsorship of Environment Day – Musandam.
- Teachers’ Day celebrations.
- Ramadan fasting tent – Musandam.
- Junior’s soccer team – Musandam.
- National Day celebration – Musandam.
- UGAS Conference & Exhibition – Muscat.
- Fasting tent – Musandam.
- Nursing Day – Musandam.
- Mass wedding – Musandam.
Businesses cannot be successful when the society around them fails.