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OMANI OIL MINISTER VISITS BRUNEI SHELL PETROLEUM HEAD OFFICE

His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Al Rumhy, Minister of Oil & Gas Sultanate of Oman paid a visit to Brunei Shell Petroleum Head Office in Seria on 1 February 2012 as part of his official visit to Brunei Darussalam.

Upon arrival at the BSP Head Office, His Excellency Dr Mohamed Al Rumhy was greeted by Ken Marnoch, BSP Managing Director.

The programme started with a business overview of BSP and its significant contributions towards Brunei Darussalam's oil and gas industry. Mr Marnoch also highlighted the areas of cooperation between Brunei Shell Petroleum and its counterparts in Oman.

In the areas of cooperation, BSP also took key learnings from Petroleum Development of Oman (PDO) as a centre of excellence in implementing BSP's renewed vision and strategy last year.

Another area of cooperation that gives significant impact to BSP is the International Operational Assignment Swap Exchange. Since 2010, BSP and PDO have participated in a very successful international operational swap assignment for work exposure exchange ranging from 3 months to 4 years. This programme has allowed staff to grow and develop themselves while being exposed to challenges in very different work environments from their country of origin. Six of these exchanges have taken place so far.

In BSP's continuous drive to be at the forefront of technology, BSP has explored Water Flooding and Electrical submersible pump (ESP) operations. Large scale Water Flooding and ESP operations will be the future feature of BSP operations. Soon, in February 2012, 10 operations field technicians will commence a 9-week intensive field programme to learn Water Flood and ESP operations in Oman. The staff, including 3 female technicians, are very excited about the prospect of this learning journey and BSP believes this approach of learning from the expert will be effective in setting our staff for success in the future.

BSP also took heed from Oman in developing its Coaching Scheme Initiative (CSi), one of BSP's local business development programme specifically designed to mentor BSJV companies' registered vendors & build a strong foundation of local companies. This is an intensive 8-month programme where the company owners are coached in basic business requirements and enhancing their business management skills. For outstanding performance by local companies under this scheme, a "5-star rating" will be awarded. This programme is run together in partnership by local contractors and financial institution.

One of BSP's iconic community development programmes is the operations of the Oil and Gas Discovery Centre (OGDC). This programme followed the learning of best practices of Oman's Ras Al Jinz Scientific & Visitor Centre in Oman. Prior to the set up of OGDC in 2002, BSP visited the Ras Al Jinz Scientific & Visitor Centre to look into the types of exhibits on display and how the science centre was managed.

To date, five BSP staff on cross posting assignment in PDO under Well Engineering and Geomatics and; there are 17 Omanis who are currently working in BSP.

His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Al Rumhy's visitation programme in BSP covered the BSP Technology Corridor which housed the Production Optimisation Collaborative Centre (POCC) and Darat Optimisation Collaborative

Centre (DOCC). The establishment of DOCC was further improved based on the learnings from POCC and it is closely associated to BSP's Seria North Flank portfolio which covers the over 80-year old Seria field which is now tapping on advanced technologies, for example a combination of smart field technology and the innovative fish-hook drilling to further rejuvenate and grow the prospect.

The POCC has been dubbed as the first collaborative working environment (CWE) centre in Shell Group where it was initially set up to support the operations of BSP's first unmanned offshore smart platform, Champion West. Here, His Excellency was also briefed on BSP's strategy on well reservoir management (WRM).

The visit culminated with a special gathering session for the Omani community in BSP with His Excellency. Also present was Yang Mulia Awang Haji Azhar Haji Yahya, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Upstream) at the Energy Division of the Prime Minister's Office.

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Notes to Editors: Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd (BSP) should be referred as BSP or Brunei Shell Petroleum for abbreviation or headline purposes. Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd's activity is primarily for the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas from onshore and offshore fields. The Government of Brunei Darussalam and a company in the Royal Dutch Shell Group of Companies each owns a 50% stake in BSP.