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Waste Management success helps protect Brunei’s Environment

Hydrocarbon Processing Asset (HP) has achieved great success with its Solid Waste Management programmes, and is encouraging other asset units to adopt its best practices.

In early 2002, HP began to implement a Solid Waste Management programme as part of Brunei Shell Petroleum’s (BSP’s) commitment to protect the environment. Waste is defined as substances or objects which no longer have a commercial value. As part of the HP programme, PPA has successfully managed to reduce waste production by re-using disposed materials such as concrete from houses demolitions/refurbishments, recycling waste paper, etc. This approach to solid waste management reflects the spirit of ISO 14001, which is grounded in continuous improvement.

This successful HP programme has established a best practice in solid waste management which can now be followed by other asset teams to help BSP achieve its 10% year-on-year reduction target.

Healthy Lifestyle Programme

Haji Zainal leads Chess Federation to triumph at Mount Kinabalu

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AS you know, people issues are one of my three top priorities in BSP, together with safety and performance. In this message, I would like to continue to focus on the feedback that I have obtained on people issues from my regular programme of staff engagements. At the same time, I would also like to continue to share with you the latest improvements and progress we have made in this area.

Before I do that, I would like to share with you the very good news regarding our recent performance, and, as always, highlight safety, which is our top priority.

Performance - I am delighted to confirm that BSP’s March oil production of 229,000 bpd is our highest monthly average in 25 years. It represents a 15% increase on the 2005 average and is the result of the hard work by staff to bring onstream the new Champion West wells, and deliver the Business Improvements Priorities (BIPs) in key areas such as drilling and reducing unscheduled down-time. We can take great pride in this achievement. At the same time, let us not rest on our laurels - let us all continue to do more so that we can exceed the targets we have set for ourselves.

Safety - It is good to see that all departments are stepping up efforts on improving Q1 safety performance by following our three key principles: Compliance (stick to the rules and procedures no matter what), Intervention (when you see something unsafe stop it from happening) and Attitude (show care for everyone so that there are no accidents). I am currently working closely with my direct reports to ensure that everyone takes personal accountability for safety on ‘their watch’. Safety is not something that can be addressed from time to time - it must be our top priority every single day, and embedded in all our activities both in and outside of work.

People Issues - We have now had the first two of our monthly face-to-face MD Dialogue Sessions where staff informally share their views on what is going on within the organisation, current concerns and overall sentiments. I’ve also been continuing my extensive programme of offshore and operational site visits to take the time to listen carefully to staff concerns, and gather ideas for improvement from as many people as possible.

I really value these engagements and the feedback and contributions from staff. The sessions are very frank, covering many issues and deepening my understanding of staff priorities. They will continue to be an important part of our broader communications to staff that also includes: staff cascades, web messages, Salam Salam, April 2006

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Listening to and Addressing People Issues

increase in specialist treatment subsidy for non-EBAS staff, and a car loan subsid-

sity for Bruneian staff, amongst others. This is a very positive result with which we are all pleased and is to be followed by a Phase 2 EVP later in the year.

We have made significant progress in many areas and will continue to work hard to deliver further improvements in 2006. I, along with my colleagues in the SLT, are furthering our engagements with staff, both in formal sessions and informally, so that we keep listening, and continue to work with staff to address issues close to people’s hearts. Listening to, and addressing staff concerns, is critical to our success.

I would like to close by stressing the great progress we have made in so many areas and, in particular on people issues, and also remind everyone that improving our safety performance is critical. I look forward to seeing many more of you in the forthcoming MD Dialogue Sessions and site visits, and as always, welcome your feedback at any time.
UNDERGROUND power cables are currently being installed to replace overhead power lines from BSP’s Seria Intake Stations to the Badas Water Pumping Station, to significantly improve safety and reliability.

Power is currently supplied by two Government-owned 33kV Overhead Transmission Lines feeding from BSP’s Seria Main Intake Station. Despite regular upgrading and repairs, the reliability of these lines has been reduced over the past 20 years through exposure to bush fires, lightning strikes, flooding and the obsolescence of some parts. In addition, the risk to the public in the event of a high-voltage line fall is considered high.

The decision to replace the overhead cables with underground cables was made in 2003, following discussions between the Government (DES) and BSP management. The electrical engineering group SEN/4 prepared the specifications for the 33kV underground cables to withstand the adverse conditions in the Badas area. This is the first time BSP has used such specifications for an Onshore Electrical Transmission System.

The main features of the cables are shown in the diagram below:

A composite cable made up of optical fibre and wire is also laid along side the main underground power cable to provide a communications link between Badas and Seria Main Intake Station for protection, control, monitoring and information gathering.

In 2005, a contract for the installation of Badas underground cable was awarded to the successful online bidder, Zainal H.M. Daud contractor (ZD). A “doa selamat” ceremony was held at BSP Seria Main Intake Station on 21 December 2005. The guest of honour was Hydrocarbon Processing Manager, Haji Md Jaafar Haji Bakar who reminded everyone that safety comes first at all times and that everyone must exercise their “DUTY TO STOP” unsafe acts or conditions.

Further improvement projects are scheduled to maximise the availability, reliability and safety of the Onshore Electrical Distribution Network. BSP’s electrical engineering team (SEN/4), together with PPA, also annually revise the rolling Onshore Electrical Master Plan for electrical expansions and upgrades to support the electrical load increases projected for the next 10 years.
BSP leaders and staff are participating in a simplification drive which is freeing up their time to focus on actions that improve business performance and support delivery against 2006 scorecard targets. Early results include reducing management information reporting to SLT by a third, and reducing the time senior managers spend in meetings by a fifth.

Simplification is a powerful weapon which is being used in BSP to cut through the unnecessary business and process complexity to free up talent at all levels. This simplification drive was introduced in Q3 2005 as one of BSP’s eight Business Improvements Priorities (BIPs). Four key action areas were identified for the programme: clarifying accountabilities, reducing meetings, reducing complex and high volume reporting requirements and ensuring that business processes were ‘fit-for-purpose’.

Co-ordinator of the simplification drive, Jabine van der Meijs said, “We’ve had a great response. Each of the key areas is being strongly supported by staff who recognise that simplification will help them free up their own time to focus on the things that matter in BSP.”

“Simplification also helps to alleviate some of our overall resourcing requirements, which is one of our most important challenges in BSP,” she said.

Phase 1 delivery of the simplification programme has achieved positive results:

♦ An accountability review based on the EP Activity Model has been introduced for senior leaders in the company. This is, for example, enabling more focused decision-making, and clarifying requirements for conference and meeting attendance and stakeholder engagements.

♦ The Senior Leadership Team (SLT), BSP Leadership Team (BSP LT) and Asset Director / Technical Director Leadership Team (AD/TD LT) meetings have been reviewed and streamlined. This has resulted in a one fifth reduction of senior management time being locked up in these meetings. The meetings are also more focused, with clear and aligned agendas, focused on the strategic decision-making required to deliver our Business Plan. The same drive for meeting effectiveness is now being rolled out in each unit for leadership and departmental team meetings.

♦ A standard corporate action log is now in place, allowing for faster and more effective roll-up of action items throughout the company.

♦ The volume of Management Information Reporting (MIR) to BSP LT has been reduced by a third. This has achieved significant time savings for the staff involved in preparing reports, as well as for the recipients of these reports. It has also improved the quality of the reporting.

♦ Corporate reporting has also been streamlined alongside the new MIR, allowing for more efficient and transparent reporting to stakeholders.

♦ More than eight key corporate processes have been simplified. These include:

⇒ The Business Plan process and the Detailed Budget Exercise have been combined into one activity. This is currently in progress and will free up a tremendous amount of time for line, finance and management staff in the second part of the year.
⇒ 360 degree feedback has changed from being a mandatory appraisal process to being a strongly encouraged development process taking place throughout the year. The change was made following feedback from staff on this issue.
⇒ Decision Review Board (DRB) Processes 1-3 are being reviewed and simplified. This will reduce the number of people required at review stages, particularly for smaller projects.
⇒ Low value contracts and invoicing are also being simplified.

“The results are very positive, but this is just the first phase in a long journey,” Jabine said.

“Phase 2, we are looking into further embedding meeting effectiveness, simplification of PR/PO approval authorities, the yearly staff appraisal process and the simplification of Competence Based Development (CBD) panels, contract management processes, and a focus to reduce email overload and many more.”

“With your help, we can really make a big difference for staff across BSP and our overall performance.”

The Darat leadership team has achieved up to 70% efficiency gains through their meeting effectiveness drive. The meetings have an improved focus on strategic issues, are fully aligned with the AD/TD agenda, and result in clear action items.
A NEW software package consisting of Virtual Pipeline Manager (VPM - online) and Field Data Generator (FDG/Engineering Workstation - offline) models have been rolled out to enhance the BSP Sales Gas Network Operations Management System. The aim is to provide advanced online monitoring and forecasting for multiphase flow networks and ancillary process trains.

The BSP Sales Gas Pipeline Networks have, in the past experienced difficulties in managing liquids in its gas pipeline network, resulting in deferment and loss of production uptime. In addition, the operations of several pipelines in the BSP sales gas network have also shifted in recent years from High High Pressure (HHP) to High Pressure (HP) conditions. Some pipelines that have operated as dry-gas lines are now operating as wet gas lines. Hence, a fit-for-purpose VPM/FDG gas and liquids pipeline operations management system was proposed to alleviate these issues and improve operational cycles.

The outstanding feature of the VPM system is that it provides real-time pipeline information. This includes monitoring for single-phase and multiphase production operations, via the provision of continuous twenty four hour online monitoring providing production recommendations and information on current as well as forecasted operational conditions.

A total of about sixteen (16) BSP Sales Gas Network (present and future) lines as shown below, have been modeled, within the VPM/FDG system.

Key features of the newly installed BSP VPM system include:

- Continuously monitoring total liquid content of pipeline
- Simulated pigging activity
- Production ramp-up and ramp-down management
- Track gas composition
- Pipeline linepack management
- Full integration with SCADA/PI system

The formal launching of the VPM took place on 10 April 2006

Haji Salleh Bostaman Haji Zainal Abidin launched the BSP VPM model. The aim is to enhance the BSP Sales Gas Network Operations Management System. The installed system has the necessary information and controls in place to operate and maintain the BSP Sales Gas Pipeline Network efficiently. BSP operators are now able to predict slugging in pipelines in real time, and are in a better position to proactively manage it. Furthermore, the rolled out modules will in the long term become a “One-Stop-Shop” for future BSP Engineering and Operational activities regarding the BSP Sales Gas Pipeline Network Management.

“Enterprise First” principles were applied to this project when BSP and BLNG management, (within GIC) gave approval to form the BSP-BLNG Integrated Project Team to implement and deliver the short, medium and long-term opportunities with regards to the BSP Sales Gas Pipeline Network Operations Management System.

The BSP-BLNG Integrated Project team was led by Omar Kamel Jumat (PEN/2) as Project Manager; supported by a Project Engineer Paul Emmanuel (PEN/24) Technical Lead Engineer, Swapan K. Saha (SEN/332) from BSP and Dico Engel, BLNG-TPE repre-
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sentiment BLNG respectively. Operational support was from Md Yussof Jaberi (PCC/3) and Juswani Ahmad-Jawawi (IRT/122). The BSP VPM System Custodian is PCC.

The BSP VPM was successfully executed and completed within the approved budget ahead of schedule in December 2005. Asset Director, Haji Salleh Bostaman Haji Zainal Abidin formally launch the BSP VPM model on 10 April 2006. The ‘Super thin VPM Clients’ installed at Ampa-9, Fairley-4, Champion-7 and BLNG were also launched on the same date via video link.

TYPICAL BSP ONLINE VPM MODEL OVERVIEW SCREEN

In a nutshell, the BSP Real-Time virtual management software package consists of the following:

a) One (1) On-line VPM Server License for OCC Server
b) One (1) On-line VPM Server License for “cold” standby Server
c) Three (3) concurrent on-Line VPM workstation (2 full-time users and 1 on-demand user)
d) Five (5) Concurrent on-line ‘Super thin: VPM workstation clients (configured with 3 to 4 ‘view only’ screens, e.g. pig tracking screen, liquid holdup, production status, etc)
e) Three (3) Off-Line FDGTM System server/Workstation Licenses

Haji Salleh Bostaman presents the VPM and FDG software license to Mohd Yusof Jaberi (PCC/3), on behalf of PCC. PCC is the custodian of this system.
Her Royal Highness closes PRYNSA 8

The 8th Princess Rashidah Young Nature Scientist Award (PRYNSA) came to a close on 13 April 2006 at the International Convention Center in Berakas. Organised by the Forestry Department and sponsored by BSP, PRYNSA is the most prestigious science award in the country. Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa’adatul Bolkiah graced the awards ceremony accompanied by Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bulqiah.

Five schools were selected from a pool of 23 to partake in PRYNSA 8. Coming in first place as the overall winner was Sayyidina Hassan Secondary School. Second place went to Sultan Hassan Secondary School, while Sultan Muhammad Jamalul Alam Secondary School came in third. Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa’adatul Bolkiah presented prizes to the winning teams.

11th INFORAMA to promote ICT

The 11th INFORAMA programme, held in partnership with BSP, was officially launched on 30 March 2006 and took place at Sayyidina Hassan Secondary School in the Brunei-Muara district.

Carrying the theme “ICT for Innovation, Competence & Triumphs”, this year’s INFORAMA competition aims to create awareness amongst the community on the importance and significance of Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) for everyday application. Present as the guest of honour at the event was BSP’s Head of Oil Trading, Shabudin Haji Musa. In his speech, Shabudin said, “INFORAMA will further students’ knowledge in ICT. It will also help increase the quality of their work through guidance, efficiency, heightened skills and a high caliber of teamwork in completing tasks.”

The launching of INFORAMA 2006 also saw a Level Two competition with 32 schools competing in website creation, multimedia and internet activities. Participants, Kenneth Chong Ga Min and Md Asyraf Anuar, both 14 year old students in Form 2 from Perdana Wazir Secondary School, Kuala Belait said that they enjoyed being part of the competition and found it to be challenging and fun. Put to the task of creating a website about modern and classic cars, they both made use of the internet and multimedia to complete their assignment.

Contract signed with 14 new trainees

FOURTEEN new trainees signed on for BSP’s Operations Technician Training Scheme development programme on 10 April 2006.

Under the contract, trainees will undergo an initial programme consisting of a 21 month period based in the BSP Learning and Development Centre (LDC), during which time, they will be expected to spend time on offshore platforms and onshore to learn the basic requirements necessary for their development.

The programme is divided into three phases of learning. Phase one lasting 20 weeks, covers company induction, mandatory HSE training, team building and the fundamentals of the oil and gas business. Phase two, lasting 50 weeks, aims to develop the production operations competence and phase three, lasting 14 weeks, will cover development in instrumentation competence.

Haji Latip Kassim briefed the newly inducted trainees about the need for potential and achieving success through it.

14th eXplomaths brings mathematics to life

The 14th eXplomaths for secondary schools was launched at Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajah Rashidah Sa’adatul Bolkiah Secondary School in Lumut on 15 April 2006.

With the theme of “Bringing Mathematics to Life”, this year’s eXplomaths programme hopes to expose students to a wide variety of mathematical activities to help them connect Mathematics to other subjects and thus making Mathematics more meaningful to students.

Present as guest of honour at the launching ceremony was Head of Campaign Operations Services, Haji Aji Haji Hitam from BSP. Haji said that he was proud to see students putting the programme into good use and realising their potential and achieving success through it.

He remarked, “Through this programme, students are able to gain high caliber mathematical knowledge and potentially become the future for BSP and the nation, whether it be in the field of Engineering, Finance, Commerce, Auditing and so on”. During the ceremony, students from both Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajah Rashidah Sa’adatul Bolkiah Secondary School and Muhammad Alam Primary School gave Mathematics themed musical and drama performances to entertain the guests and students in attendance.

A prize presentation was then later held for the winners of the “Maths Craft” competition for primary schools in Kuala Belait.

Haji Aji Haji Hitam presents a prize to student. eXplomaths is an annual activity, which aims to promote the use of mathematical concepts among students.
LIKE many developed and some developing countries, Brunei is seeing an increase in the prevalence of “Lifestyle Diseases” such as hypertension, diabetes mellitus and coronary artery disease. The common denominator in these diseases is people being overweight or obese.

Of about 1500 employees screened in 2003/4, an alarming 56% were either overweight or obese (figure 1). This was based on Body Mass Index (BMI), one of the measures for determining if an individual is overweight for his or her height. BMI is derived by dividing your weight in kilogrammes by the square of your height in metres. An ideal BMI is between 20 to 25 kg per metre squared. Recently, however, studies have shown that Asians tend to tolerate being overweight less well than other ethnic groups, and therefore a stricter BMI standard has been adopted for Asians. Based on this, the current ideal BMI for Asians is between 18-23 kg per metre squared (Table 1).

For these reasons, in July 2005, Grahaeme Henderson, Managing Director of BSP, launched a company-wide healthy lifestyle programme (HLP). The essential element of this programme is the formation of departmental HLP committees to organise regular activities to improve the health and fitness of all employees. All these activities are to be monitored and overseen by the BSP leadership team. At the launch, all employees were given a pedometer as well as a Panaga Health Centre booklet entitled “Your guide to healthy living”.

The 2005 HLP activities were recently reviewed and submissions were received from HD, Darat assets, HP, FAC, SBS, SCM, SCO, SEN and TSW. Most departments organised a kick-off event which included a launch ceremony and a fun-run. A fantastic variety of weekly as well as monthly activities were also introduced, including runs, jogs, forest walks, hikes, badminton, football, netball, volleyball, line dancing, aerobics, yoga and even salsa and tai-chi. The activities were well attended and, when scheduled on weekends, included family members. Many departments gave milestone prizes and awards, and also organised a closing activity such as a sports day. Participants generally enjoyed the activities and found them a good way to keep fit as well as to build camaraderie and cohesion amongst colleagues. These activities are set to continue this year and beyond with added initiatives such as food calorie-labeling in BSP canteens, as well as the launch of a weight-management programme by Panaga Health Centre targeted at employees with a BMI of over 30 kg/m². BSP has committed to supporting HLP through an annual budget, as well as providing staff with time off from work to participate as appropriate.

Although health is everyone’s individual and personal responsibility, the BSP leadership feels that the Company can play a big role in encouraging individuals to adopt and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Ultimately, a healthy employee is good for business.
THE implementation of the Champion water injection extension project is now underway. The project supports BSP’s objective to safeguard current oil production and increase oil reserves.

The project is currently the largest integrated brown-field project in BSP’s offshore East asset with an estimated total project cost of $200 million. The project team has engaged stakeholders throughout the project development since 2005. Project execution will be ongoing throughout 2006 and 2007, with the first water injection planned for September 2006.

The project consists of two parts, Champion Southeast Phase 2 and Champion Block 13 Phase 2. Champion Southeast (CPSE) Phase 2 and Champion Block 13 (Block 13) Phase 2 are extensions of the water injection to the southeast of Champion and they will provide early pressure support by maximising the usage of existing facilities and the spare water injection capacity on the CPWA-7 platform once fully commissioned.

The two parts of the project combined target an incremental annual oil rate of 6000 bpd. The project will help safeguard current oil production, increase oil reserves and maximise learning from the large Champion Waterflood Project. It directly supports BSP’s strategy to maximise recovery from existing assets, and is fully endorsed by the Petroleum Unit.

The first drilling activities on Champion Drilling Platform 26 (CPDP26) are executed with the West Setia and commenced in April 2006. The remaining wells will be drilled in 2007.

The contract for the main pipeline and umbilical installation was awarded to SKS Wood Group on 9 March 2006. As part of the pipeline installation, eight kilometres of concrete coated pipes were transported on land from Muara to Telisai in April 2006.

At the same time, a seabed survey along the pipeline routes will be starting to support the detailed design for the pipeline installation. Pipeline laying and topside construction work will be executed in Q3 2006.

To maintain the integrity of the existing flow lines, the project will install two centrally located chemical injection skids and umbilicals to the well jackets in Q3 2007.

Project leader, Gerald Sommerauer said, “Although this project is not considered to be large, it is very complex due to many small activities on existing ageing facilities and many interfaces between new drilling, pipeline and umbilical installation, topside facility installation and ongoing production and maintenance activities. The activities are being extended over two years using different drilling rigs.”

“Our project team has taken all possible measures to make the project a success, and to pave the way for the implementation of larger projects in Brunei Darussalam in the future,” he said.
BRUNEI LNG Sdn Bhd (BLNG) demonstrated its ongoing commitment to develop young citizens and concern for the environment through its support of the fourth Borneo Global Issues Conference (BGIC).

This annual conference, which was held recently at the International Convention Centre, involved almost 200 young secondary school students from around the region who debated on real issues of value and produced resolutions in a model United Nations simulation.

The guest of honour at the opening ceremony was Dato Paduka Haji Hamdillah Haji Abd Wahab, the Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources. Dato Paduka Haji Hamdillah stressed the importance of active involvement from the youths in understanding different cultures and peoples in the global community.

Meanwhile, Fred Smeenk, Managing Director of BLNG in his keynote address emphasised, “BLNG’s continuous support to the BGIC aims to promote internationalism among young people today particularly the young citizens of Brunei Darussalam and the young world citizens in general which deserve BLNG’s steadfast support and full recognition.”

The Conference witnessed a General Assembly, Committees, General Secretaries, Floor Secretaries and Delegates. Delegates were assigned to countries and committees, which they studied and researched. They tackled current world issues as their country’s representative, in their respected committees.

The four committees involved were Political Committee, Environment Committee, Human Rights Committee and the Economic and Social Committee. The topics debated included Iran’s Nuclear Programme, UN Reform, Internet Abuse, the yearly burning of the Kalimantan Rainforests and Problems facing today’s youth. Members of the public were also invited to visit to observe the debating and voting sessions of this conference. 

Fred Smeenk presents a prize to one of the participating students

A CEREMONY was held at BLNG on 15 March to recognise the exemplary performance accomplished by five Oilfield Police Security Officers (OPSO).

The Officer in Command Police District (OCPD) of Kuala Belait, Pg Kamaluddin Pg Setia Raja Pg Hj Jaya and BLNG Managing Director, Fred Smeenk attended the event along with key personnel from the Belait District Police as well as personnel from BLNG.

In his welcoming remarks, Fred Smeenk commended the positive efforts made by the OPSO personnel in safeguarding the BLNG plant.

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Recognitions such as this are in line with the company’s Social Performance plan and is one of the activities that demonstrate BLNG’s recognition to its stakeholders.

Haji Yussof Haji Mohd Taufik, BLNG Special Adviser to Health, Safety Environment and Quality highlighted that the OPSO personnel, as BLNG’s closest stakeholder, have shown positive professionalism in handling security matters. Among them were the intervention attempts to bring out BLNG assets without proper authorisation, carrying out proactive security measures in close cooperation with BLNG’s security division, actively reporting on illegal fishing cases, enforcing security checks at the main entrance of the plant as well as demonstrating discipline and teamwork spirit within the OPSO and BLNG personnel.

It is hoped that through this kind of recognition, it will motivate other OPSO personnel in delivering high quality security services and will act as one of the ways to enhance BLNG’s relationship with the OPSO personnel and the Royal Brunei Police Force.

Police Security Officers receive certificates for exemplary performance

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