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Al Hassan Engineering celebrates 32m accident-free man-hours

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MUSCAT Al Hassan Engineering Company (AHEC) has achieved a unique milestone of completing 32 million man-hours without lost-time injury since 2007.

This and several other milestones in 2009 were celebrated by the company at a function held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel on Tuesday.

The function was attended by a number of dignitaries including HE Mohammed Abdullah Al Mahrouqi, Chairman, Public Authority for Electricity and Water (PAEW), HE Pan Weifang, Chinese Ambassador to the Sultanate, several directors and managers of PDO, representatives from leading design and consultancy companies, members of Board of Directors (BoD) and a number of senior staff from the AHEC.

In his welcome address, Hassan Bin Ali Salman, AHEC chairman, highlighted the company's achievements since its inception in 1982.

The AHEC has grown into an organisation of 4,500 employees with one of the highest percentage of Omani nationals. Over the past three decades, the AHEC has completed almost 100 small/ medium/ large sized contracts in the key industrial areas of oil and gas, petrochemicals, power, water and wastewater for leading Omani organisations such as PDO, ORPC, Haya



Hassan Bin Ali Salman, Chairman of Al Hassan Engineering Company, with HE Mohammed Abdullah Al Mahrouqi, Chairman — Public Authority for Electricity and Water (PAEW), and other dignitaries at the event on Tuesday. (Right) Hassan Bin Ali Salman addresses the gathering.



A section of the gathering at the event.

Water as well as International contractors such as GS E&C, SNC Lavalin, Stone and Webster and so on.

Presenting a brief outline of the unique milestones of the AHEC, Peter Hall, CEO, said: "In 2009, the AHEC worked 12.3 million man-hours and drove 14.6 million kilometre without any LTI. This feat is achieved for second year in succession."

"We are celebrating 32 million accident-free man-hours for various contracts. And these include the Sohar Aromatics Project for GS E&C (10.2 mil-

lion LTI free man-hours) – Oman's first Aromatics Project, 1000 MW Sohar aluminium captive power project for Alstom (6.6 million LTI free man-hours) – the largest power plant in Oman, Salalah methanol project (6.5 million LTI free man-hours), Nimr-C full field water injection project for PDO (2.7 million LTI free man-hours)," he said.

Last year was a particularly good year for the AHEC in terms of various milestones.

The AHEC was the only Omani company to be nominated among the top

four finalists by an independent panel in the "Contractor of the Year" award category, announced by 'Construction Week', Dubai, for its ability to safely deliver projects on time and within budget.

In the oil, gas and petrochemicals sector, the AHEC was selected by Petrofac E&C to execute the construction contract for PDO's phase II expansion of Kawther gas-field depletion-compression project.

For the Korean company, GS Engineering & Construction, the AHEC com-

pleted two major civil, mechanical and pipework contracts, one at Sohar on the Sohar aromatics plant and the second at Salalah on a methanol plant.

In the beginning of 2009, the AHEC secured a multi-million dollar contract for the Burhan West and Harmal pipeline project. This contract on EPC basis was completed four months ahead of schedule in January 2010. What makes this achievement even more significant is the fact that this is the first PDO project to include a 33kv overhead line using concrete poles.

As far as power sector is concerned, the AHEC has a record in the field of power generation, having installed approximately 40 per cent of the total generating capacity of Oman.

"Working with the French EPC contractor Alstom, the AHEC completed the 1000MW gas turbine based combined cycle power plant for Sohar aluminium, the largest power plant in Oman. In the second half of 2009, we were awarded the Amal power plant project from PDO on EPC basis. This is the first time that any Omani company will be undertaking a power plant project on EPC basis," he said.

In 2009, the AHEC made its entry into the regional international market, securing an order from Siemens to undertake civil works associated with a new Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (Dewa) 400/132kv substation in Dubai.