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Looking into KIPIC's Progress Through 2023

In 2023, KIPIC has witnessed an abundance of significant activities, events, and achievements, reflecting its unwavering commitment to fostering innovation and “Making More Possible”.

In a remarkable display of progress, Al Zour Refinery achieved a significant milestone this year by operating at its maximum capacity. This momentous achievement, accomplished with utmost proficiency and adherence to safety protocols, propelled KIPIC towards the realisation of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's (KPC) strategic objective of reaching the refinery's processing capacity of 615 thousand barrels per day.

Al Zour Refinery has proven its capacity to fulfil the demands of international markets by producing environmentally sustainable products in compliance with conservation regulations, exporting the products to worldwide markets, and receiving oil tankers.

In terms of digital transformation, the company has undergone an extensive and systematic process, implementing significant initiatives in this domain, as it has achieved the top position among oil sector companies and the second position among all ministries, government agencies, and private and local organisations in the cybersecurity index.

In a separate context, KIPIC plays a significant role in implementing essential procedures and measures to prevent accidents or damages. This is achieved through the company's dedicated health, safety, and environment teams, which prioritise environmental protection and workplace safety.

As the company wraps up its seventh year, we can proudly look back on an exceptional year in every aspect. Thanks to the determination and collective efforts of our teams, KIPIC accomplished significant milestones in completing its strategic projects, and it is worth noting that these achievements were attained with standing challenges, as overcoming difficulties is often the first step towards success.

Let us explore together the latest issue of the KIPIC News, where we will highlight the significant achievements and successes accomplished throughout the year.

Concluding a Year of Progress and Success

As the year comes to an end, the CEO: “You have Showcased the Mastery and Capabilities that Define Us As a Unified Organisation”

Following a year marked by notable accomplishments and triumphs, the CEO, Mr. Waleed Khaled Al Bader, addressed a word of gratitude towards all employees working in KIPIC, acknowledging their exceptional dedication and valuable contributions throughout the preceding 12 months in recognition of their embodiment of the company’s core belief of “Making More Possible.”

In his statement, he stated: “The year 2023 proved to be yet another prosperous period for Kuwait Integrated Petroleum Industries Company (KIPIC), as we fortified our company by impeccably executing the operation of Al Zour Refinery’s units, ensuring both fulfilment and safety.”

“Upon the successful execution of our operation, I am pleased to announce that we have achieved the pinnacle of our refining capacity at the refinery, with an impressive output of 615 thousand barrels per day of Kuwaiti oil for export. As we approach the end of the year, we are proud to export our sustainably sourced Al Zour Refinery products to over 20 global destinations. Furthermore, we are committed to supporting the Ministry of Electricity and Water and renewable energy in Kuwait by producing fuel oil with an ultra-low sulphur content, not exceeding 1%, which is essential for the generation of electricity. Our remarkable achievements persist as we successfully oversee the seamless operation of not only the fourth permanent crude oil line but also the permanent liquefied gas line, which impeccably connects to the Mina Al Ahmadi refinery. These accomplishments have been made possible through our exceptional coordination with both the Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) and the Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC), Al Bader added.

Addressing the company’s employees, he stated: “You have consistently showcased the mastery and formidable capabilities that our company possesses, for we are a team driven by ambition, constantly striving for lofty objectives, and comprised of individuals endowed with exceptional talent, tirelessly exerting themselves to accomplish those objectives. The significance of our present endeavours has reached unprecedented heights, as we have emerged as a formidable force in the international energy arenas that our esteemed clientele relies upon as a prominent provider of clean energy”.

Al Bader’s statement culminated with an optimistic outlook for the year 2024, as the company eagerly anticipates an ample year ahead, marked by the relentless pursuit of strategic initiatives and the inherent opportunities and challenges they bring forth.



Remarkable Achievements

March

Operating Second-Phase Units at Al Zour Refinery

We have witnessed success in commissioning the second phase of Al Zour Refinery in March 2023, marking the refinery as one of the State of Kuwait's crucial strategic national projects, and as a result of this achievement, the capacity of the refinery has been effectively doubled, increasing from 205 thousand barrels per day to 410 thousand barrels per day.

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Remarkable Achievements

July

The Third and Final Crude Distillation Unit at Al Zour Refinery is Operated

Further success has been achieved with the successful operation of crude oil distillation unit No. 21 at Al Zour Refinery. This unit marks the completion of the third and final crude oil distillation unit in the refinery, and its successful operation represents a significant milestone as it paves the way for the refinery's third and final phase to operate at full capacity.

The Crude Distillation Unit is considered the primary unit within the refinery, as its primary function is to separate crude oil via air distillation into various petroleum products, including naphtha, kerosene, diesel, residual oil, and liquefied fuel gas. The primary objective of Al Zour refinery is to attain self-sufficiency at a local level in the production of fuel oil that is both high in quality and low in sulphur, which is used as a means to relieve sulphur oxide emissions originating from electric power plants within the State of Kuwait.

July

“Al Zour Refinery Project 2023” Secured the Downstream Award of the Year

KIPIC was awarded the the Downstream Award of the Year for “Al Zour Refinery Project 2023” by the renowned publication “The Energy Year” magazine.

The DCEO Admin & Commercial, Mr. Abdullah Fahhad Al Ajmi, received the award shield on behalf of the CEO, Mr. Waleed Khaled Al Bader.



Remarkable Achievements



December

The Long-Awaited Moment has Arrived: Al Zour Refinery is Now Fully Operational

The Kuwait Integrated Petroleum Industries Company has achieved a significant milestone with the successful and safe completion of the operation of the third and final Al Zour Refinery units in Al Zour Complex in December 2023.

This accomplishment adds to the company's impressive track record of achievements, and its accomplishment signifies the successful realisation of one of the pivotal targets outlined in Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's strategic (KPC) plan for the year 2040, as it entails attaining the utmost refining capacity of the refinery, which stands at a notable 615 thousand barrels per day.

Remarkable Achievements



In celebration of this remarkable achievement, Mr. Waleed Khaled Al Bader, the CEO of Kuwait Integrated Petroleum Industries Company (KIPIC), stated: We dedicate this momentous national achievement to his Highness the Amir of Kuwait, and its honourable people. The successful operation of the third refinery represents the culmination of an extensive period of laborious efforts by all members of the company and holds strategic importance not only for the State of Kuwait but also for the oil sector at large, considering the significant and critical responsibility ascribed to it in moulding the trajectory of Kuwait's oil industry in the coming years.

KIPIC's CEO further stated that the third refinery was effectively and securely operated in accordance with the established plan and with the support of local Kuwaiti efforts, as the refinery will enhance its capacity to refine Kuwait Export Crude (KEC) from 410 thousand to 615 thousand barrels per day.

Remarkable Achievements

March

Sky of Al Zour is Free of Harmful Emissions

From the onset of the year up until October 2023, KIPIC provided the Ministry of Water, Electricity, and Renewable Energy with an estimated quantity of 8.8 million barrels of fuel oil based on its low sulphur content. The implementation of this measure resulted in a notable reduction in carbon emissions originating from Al Zour's South Electric Power Generation Station. Consequently, this initiative played a crucial role in the conservation of the environment and, subsequently, safeguarding public health.



October

Providing Doha Station with Fuel Oil to Generate Electricity

Kuwait Integrated Petroleum Industries Company has recently commenced the provision of low-sulphur fuel oil to the Doha West Electricity Generating Station, which is under the Ministry of Electricity, Water, and Renewable Energy. This initiative aligns with the stipulations outlined in Environmental Protection Law No. 42 of 2014 and has resulted in a reduction in the percentage of air pollutants, thereby aiding in the preservation of the environment and the preservation of public health.



Between Receiving Tankers and Exporting Shipments



March

Exporting the First Shipment of Solid Sulphur

The company successfully completed the exportation of its 1st shipment of solid sulphur from Al Zour Refinery, in which the total quantity of sulphur exported amounted to 44 thousand tonnes. The Refinery's sea island has recently welcomed the arrival of four oil tankers, a milestone that marks a significant achievement as it represents an unprecedented event of loading exports of this nature.

Between Receiving Tankers and Exporting Shipments

June

Exporting the Third Shipment of Low-Sulphur Diesel

Yet another remarkable achievement was made with the successful export of the third shipment of low-sulphur diesel from Al-Zour Refinery, a milestone that was accomplished on board the Kuwait Oil Tanker Company owned tanker “Al-Dasma.”

The shipment consisted of an impressive one hundred thousand tonnes, showcasing the successful collaboration and coordination with the International Marketing Sector in the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), a partnership that serves as a valuable opportunity for the Kuwaiti oil sector to engage with foreign markets and expand its reach.

Al-Zour Refinery has garnered a track record for its provision of a high-quality production of diesel fuel, recognised for its exceptional quality and unwavering adherence to the most restrictive worldwide ecological benchmarks. These exceptional specifications cater to the discerning demands of the global markets, elevating the country’s exports of premium petroleum products to unparalleled heights with a regal focus on securing new market shares, particularly among the nations of the European Union.

Between Receiving Tankers and Exporting Shipments

July

Arrival of Tanker No. 100

The 100th shipment of low-sulphur diesel oil has been successfully exported to global markets by KIPIC, an accomplishment that was achieved through a closely coordinated effort with the International Marketing Sector at the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) and through all sea ports of Al Zour Complex.

The Sea Island successfully received its 100th ship to load an estimated 117 thousand barrels of low-sulfur diesel oil on board of the Kuwait Oil Tanker Company's tanker "Al Soor 2". This achievement signifies a major milestone for the refinery, as it marks a cumulative total of over 6 million tonnes of petroleum products exported within a span of eight months by Al Zour Refinery and its facilities, an achievement that serves as a testament to the refinery's capability to consistently provide global markets with premium petroleum products.



October

Celebrating the arrival of the 200th LNG tanker

KIPIC has also celebrated the arrival of the 200th LNG tanker at the LNGI facilities, a milestone that was reached around two years after the facilities became operational, representing a notable accomplishment and a significant advancement in the company's pursuit of expanding possibilities.



Between Receiving Tankers and Exporting Shipments



September

Exporting the First and Largest Shipment of Advanced Diesel Fuel

KIPIC has successfully conducted the exportation of its first shipment of advanced diesel fuel which fully adheres to the latest specifications and standards to various European markets.

The shipment represents the most substantial export ever made from Kuwait to Europe. Consequently, the company has made notable strides in providing international markets with superior-grade petroleum products, thereby enhancing its capacity to explore new avenues as a prominent and dependable participant in the global energy market.

The shipment marked a significant milestone in Al Zour Refinery's history, representing an unparalleled accomplishment amidst numerous operational obstacles and within an exceptionally short timeframe. This remarkable feat is a testament to the immense dedication and hard work exhibited by the entire workforce of Al Zour Refinery as they diligently pursued the strategic objectives set forth by the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), thereby upholding its esteemed position as a global leader in the energy markets.

Continuing Successes and Unrestricted Ambition

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Opening of Al Zour Refinery Laboratories... “One of the largest laboratories in the Middle East”

KIPIC has successfully inaugurated Al Zour Oil Complex Laboratories, which stands as one of the largest laboratories in the Middle East, a significant milestone that marks a noteworthy accomplishment in the pursuit of operational excellence.

The distinguishing features of these laboratories include their expansive area and ability to analyse a wide range of petroleum products. Additionally, the utilisation of advanced technological devices and high-precision equipment further enhances their distinction, which makes these laboratories serve as a notable structure that the company offers to the Kuwaiti oil sector, with the aim of propelling it towards unprecedented achievements.

Continuing Successes and Unrestricted Ambition

Achieving a New Record for Safe Man Hours

KIPIC has achieved a remarkable milestone by setting a new record of over 60 million Safe Man Hours without any accidents, loss of life, or physical injuries, in addition to the company reaching one million Safe Man Hours in the permanent Liquid Natural Gas Import facility (LNGI), achievements that demonstrate the company's strong dedication to maintaining the highest standards of health, safety, and environmental practices.

KIPIC is keen to encourage all its employees and contractors to adhere to health, safety, and environmental requirements by organising incentive programmes under the supervision of the CEO to enhance this commitment and providing specialised training programmes to technically equip employees in accordance with work requirements in order to enhance their skills and reduce work accidents.

Excellence in Digital Transformation: New Initiatives and Outstanding Performance

In the framework of digital transformation, we have demonstrated exceptional performance in the State of Kuwait, as we have achieved the top position among oil sector companies and secured the second position among all ministries, government bodies, and private organisations in the local cybersecurity index based on the recently published report by the Audit Bureau, which assesses the preparedness of state institutions in handling attacks related to cybersecurity.

The foregoing outcome represents KIPIC's dedication to safeguarding its data against cyber threats. Both KIPIC and the Information Technology Group have made extensive and ongoing efforts to enhance the sustainability of the cybersecurity system and improve its products through measures that have been taken to proactively address any potential threats that could impact the company's operations. As a result, KIPIC has achieved significant progress in becoming a leading entity in the local market and has also become a role model both domestically and internationally, exemplifying its slogan of "Making More Possible."



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Continuing Successes and Unrestricted Ambition



Launching of KIPIC Business Excellence Programme

Aligning with its vision and unwavering commitment to attain leadership, the company has initiated the “KIPIC” Business Excellence Programme, that aims to facilitate ongoing enhancements in activities and systems that will optimise organisational performance and assist the company in maintaining a prominent position in terms of business excellence. This will be achieved by prioritising a set of principles including leadership, strategic planning, innovation, process management, customer satisfaction, and quality.

The programme also aims to improve overall performance and productivity, generate additional value for stakeholders, and realise the company’s vision of excellence.

The company has also successfully acquired several quality certificates and international accreditations, specifically those aligned with ISO standards, demonstrating the company’s commitment to delivering services of exceptional quality by adhering to the highest international benchmarks, inline with company’s continuous efforts to attain its strategic objectives by providing its customers with highest quality of oil products.

Continuing Successes and Unrestricted Ambition



KIPIC Youth Advisory Board

The KIPIC Youth Advisory Board has been restructured under the leadership of Mr. Ali Al Ajmi, DCEO of Al Zour Operations. This decision was made in recognition of Al Ajmi's exceptional contributions in empowering the youth and fostering opportunities that encourage them to take on future paths.

The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) is a programme implemented by KIPIC to effectively gather input and leverage the dynamic enthusiasm of the Kuwaiti younger generation, to empower them to emerge as leaders in various domains while adhering to all global benchmarks and standards.



Continuing Successes and Unrestricted Ambition

Inauguration of KIPIC's New Head Office

In 2023, the dream project of establishing a permanent headquarters for KIPIC in the city of Al Ahmadi, which is considered the capital of the Kuwaiti oil industry, was realised.

The construction journey took a lot of effort within an unprecedented record time, which began with the signing of the contract to build the new headquarters in May 2022, followed by the launch of the construction journey in June 2022. Integrated Petroleum celebrated the full transition of employees in September 2023.

Unlike the previous rented offices, the new admin headquarters has many advantages. It has considered the creation of a comfortable working environment that encourages giving and creativity, and the provision of essential facilities such as multi-purpose meeting rooms, a crisis management centre, an innovation room, a mothers' room, a cafeteria for employees, attractively designed dining halls, sufficient parking spaces, and additional office space with high capacity for any future increase in the company's employees.

Signing Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding

Signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Honeywell

KIPIC signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the renowned American industrial software leader, Honeywell. This strategic collaboration aims to harness Honeywell's vast experience in deploying advanced technologies by leveraging their industry-leading solutions in order to enhance operational efficiency, optimise processes, and drive innovation within Al-Zour Complex.

In an arrangement aimed at boosting performance and operational capabilities, this memorandum is set to make a significant impact on the company's three projects, as it is expected to align the company's interests with the long-term plans of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's (KPC) 2040 strategy for refining and petrochemical manufacturing activity.

The memorandum also calls for promoting the development of the human element in the company through the implementation of a modern training programme that aims to enhance the technical training competencies of employees within the company.



A Partnership Between KIPIC and the American International University

KIPIC has recently entered into a partnership with the American International University of Kuwait with the shared objective of fostering the growth and development of Kuwait's current and future workforce.

The memorandum offered the implementation of training programmes for KIPIC employees in the primary fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Additionally, the initiative encompassed the provision of training opportunities for students from the American International University at KIPIC, along with a collaborative research programme that was established between the company and the university, aimed at enhancing the knowledge base and enhancing the development of innovative market strategies.

Signing Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding



Memorandum of Understanding for Marine Services with Kuwait Oil Company

KIPIC and Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) have signed a five-year memorandum of understanding to strengthen their collaboration in maritime services. Under this agreement, KOC will provide KIPIC with 21 different services related to the maritime field.

Addressing Challenges: The Power of Determination and Persistence

Restarting the Refinery's Production Units after a Sudden Interruption in Gas Supplies

KIPIC has successfully resumed production at Al-Zour Refinery after experiencing a sudden interruption in fuel gas supplies in November, which was caused by a defect in one of the main valves of the Kuwait Oil Company (KOC), resulting in almost a complete halt in production operations at the refinery.

The technical teams efficiently addressed the technical defect and successfully restarted the units in a remarkably swift manner. Initially, it was anticipated that the restart process would take around ten days to restore the production capacity of 410 thousand barrels per day of crude oil. However, due to the measures taken by the technical teams, the units were restarted much faster than expected, and the emergency stop did not have any impact on the refinery's supplies of low-sulphur fuel for power plants or the petroleum products intended for export.

Controlling a Limited Fire in the ARDS Unit No. 12

The company successfully managed to contain a small fire that occurred in the Atmospheric Residue Desulphurization Unit (ARDS) No. 12 at Al-Zour Refinery. Fortunately, there were no casualties, as the company's firefighting teams promptly responded to the incident and followed the emergency plan in place.





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