

# Newsletter

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## Mediterranean Oil Industry Group for Oil Response



#### A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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For several years, MOIG has fully honored its commitments by providing a significant technical and financial contribution to organize many different kinds of activities in cooperation with its members and partners. In 2013, MOIG organized in cooperation with REMPEC the workshop on Regional Response Capacity and Co-ordination for Major Oil Spill in the Mediterranean Sea (MEDEXPOL 2013). The event took place in Athens, Greece 10-12 December 2013 and was conducted to continue the implementation of MGICAP.

The workshop was a complete success and gathered more than one hundred participants from Oil Industry, government representatives and Response Companies across seventeen Mediterranean coastal states. I was extremely delighted by the massive participation from MOIG members. This is a true sign of their strong commitment and interest to actively participate in MOIG activities. Furthermore, MOIG remains readily available to provide technical and financial support towards the MGICAP recommendations.

The year 2014 shall be marked with the consolidation of cooperation between MOIG members, governments and partners. In this regard, I would like to underline two very important appointments taking place.



The first appointment being the Oil Spill Response Exercise, this will be a joint exercise conducted between Thyna Petroleum Services (TPS, Tunisia) and International Environmental Marine Services (IEMS, Egypt) taking place at Cercina field, Tunisia, June 2014. I would personally like to thank TPS for agreeing to the MOIG request to hold the exercise at Cercina field and IEMS for their hospitality by providing technical and operational support to TPS through the MOIG. The aim of this exercise is to enhance cooperation, interaction and information exchange between members. This will build a foundation that we hope will continue to strengthen in coming years.

The second point, I would like to underline is the workshop on "Oil Preparedness and Response Partners" planned to be held in Cyprus during October 2014. This event shall not only consolidate progress made but further develop relationship between both members and partners. During this workshop, MOIG will deliver both a new strategic plan and objectives, this will outline MOIG's continued effort to provide effective support in the Mediterranean region.

I also believe that the next workshop will be a good opportunity for understanding the needs and expectations of all relevant parties, it's now the time for us all to identify and analyze the existing problems and how we as the MOIG can realistically help reduce and or resolve them. After all, MOIG is a network of oil spill response experts who are willing and capable of enabling the group to achieve its objectives. As will as we are looking forward to strengthen our relationship and cooperation with the relevant organization like IPIECA, REMPEC, IMO, UNEP and others. We have a solid and united organization with clearly defined roles and we are certain that every role brings its own contribution to not only MOIG but also the Mediterranean region as a whole.

#### **MOIG OBJECTIVES**

To enhance preparedness and response to oil spill incidents in the Mediterranean region by acting as a regional forum for information exchange an discussion on oil spill matters and by making best use of industry resources of equipment and expertise for education and training.

To promote regional cooperation within the industry and between governments and industry by creating a regional network of industry oil spill response coordinators in all Mediterranean countries.

### Drills & Exercises (Oil Spill Response Exercise 2014)



Not wanting to go on, however the TPS exercise is a clear example of cooperation between MOIG members and coordination through the MOIG Secretariat in Tunisia and shall consolidate and develop relationship and information exchange between MOIG members.

Meeting between Houcine Mejri and Eng. Khaled Tohamy at IEMS

#### **Thyna Petroleum Services (TPS)**

TPS is a joint venture company between ETAP and OMV and currently has operations at five offshore and onshore sites in Tunisia. The company (TPS) is taking part in this exercise in order to continue enhancing its strategy of preparedness in case of an oil incident.

#### International Environment Marine and Services (IEMS)

**During March 17**<sup>th</sup> **2014**, a meeting was held at the IEMS offices in Cairo between an IEMS team and the MOIG Director. This meeting was devoted entirely to the planning and preparation of the upcoming Oil Spill Response exercise. Both parties agreed on the exercise date, exercise flyer, scenario, logistical arrangements and the agenda of the exercise. It was also agreed to create an Exercise Steering Committee (ESC) that shall consists of several MOIG members and will contribute to the exercise development.



Meeting between Houcine Mejri and Ahmad Sheta in the EEAA control room

#### **MOIG Promotion**

**Between 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014**, several meetings were held in Cairo-Egypt between the MOIG Director and various Oil and Gas industry personnel such as the CEO of EGPC, EEAA and IEMS, Chairmen of GANOPE and IEMS, Vice Chairmen of EGAS and GANOPE and the HSE Manager of Shell Egypt in order to promote MOIG. We are highly pleased at the outcome of these meetings. Not only were we able to re-affirm the MOIG commitments, continue building an inclusive industry network in the Mediterranean region but we received great response from all people mentioned. We would like to thank the IEMS Chairman and CEO for their support to MOIG and facilitating all meetings.

On the other hand, a meeting was held between the MOIG Director and the EEAA Disasters Management Director and provided a good opportunity to see functioning of the EEAA control room. Both parties have undertaken fruitful discussions on oil spill preparedness and response in Mediterranean Sea and the strengthen of cooperation on information exchange.

#### New and Formers members joined MOIG in 2014

MOIG is very delighted to welcome the new members MARETAP and SNDP. MARETAP is the joint venture company between ETAP and ECUMED that operates in Ezzaoui Concession, Tunisia and specialized in Exploration and Production. SNDP is the National Company of Petroleum Distribution that operates throughout Tunisian territory and specialized in distribution, storage and the transport of petroleum products. We would like to thank both Thyna Petroleum Services (TPS) and British Gas Tunisia (BGT) for their confidence and loyalty by agreeing to re-join MOIG.

#### **MOIG Membership Fees in 2014**

To-date we have seven official (Fully paid up) members of the MOIG: We are looking forward to receiving outstanding contributions from the remaining MOIG members. Please contact the MOIG secretariat should you need any additional letter and invoice to be sent to you.

#### **Conference Calls**

**11 March 2014**, a conference call was held between the MOIG Director and TPS HSE Manager in order to discuss the broad lines of the Oil Spill Response exercise planned to be held in Cercina field-Kerkennah Island-Tunisia. Both parties agreed and finalized the exercise date, scenario, objectives, flyer, programme and all logistical arrangements required for the exercise.

**26 March 2014**, a conference call was held between MOIG Director and Management Committee Members in order to discuss several issues: the MOIG Financial statement, 2014 programme, outcome of Cairo-Egypt visits and the upcoming Oil Spill Response Exercise.

#### Forthcoming MOIG Workshop



The MOIG Management Committee has decided to hold the forthcoming MOIG Workshop "Oil Preparedness and Response Partners" at Nicosia-Cyprus over 16-17 October 2014. Cyprus is now being viewed as booming economic zone consists of 12 plots and several companies i.e ENI&KOGAS and TOTAL have conducted geological studies indicating vast quantities of oil and gas. Currently there is approximately 60 billion barrels of activity offshore in nearby countries such as Lebanon, Syria and Egypt on the Eastern Mediterranean side. It is expected that offshore activity is going to increase tremendously in the very near future.

This workshop will be an ideal environment for industrial groups, government and non government organizations, manufacturers, industry responders, and other stakeholders to work together toward mutual objectives, through the exchange of ideas and lessons learned from previous incidents and research around the world. It will also be a good opportunity for MOIG to demonstrate real value to the industry. In particular, the North African experience.

We look forward to your active participation!

#### **Congratulations & Thanks**

It's with great pleasure that we congratulate Mr. Paddy Rodgers on becoming the chairman of ITOPF, Mr. Francisco Javier Gutierrez Garcia from REPSOL, who is now the nominated Emergency Response Coordinator and Mr. Henrik Jensen from DESMI Ro-Clean on becoming the Sales and Project Manager. Congratulations to all!

We would like to thank Ms. Hanne Sorensen's from ITOPF, Ms. Maria Amelia Suarez Gutierrez from REPSOL and Mr. Andy Nash from DESMI Ro-Clean for their continued support and efforts towards the MOIG over the past, we wish them great success in their new positions.

#### Become a Member Of MOIG

MOIG welcomes any new members from oil companies and is also open to companies and associations that work with the oil Industry in preventing and responding to Oil Spills in the Mediterranean region. For further information and membership contact the MOIG Secretariat at info.moig@planet.tn or visit the MOIG Website on www.moig.org