

# Newsletter

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### **Mediterranean Oil Industry Group**

#### MOIG MISSION STATEMENT

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

#### MOIG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MOIG is managed by an executive committee elected from the members by the General Assembly. The MOIG Management Committee Members are Mr Mahmoud Camour, Chairman, NOC-Lybia, Mr Abdelkrim Lamssafri, Vice-Chairman, SAMIR-Maroc, Mr Yassine Mestiri, Member, ETAP-Tunisia and Mr Malek Kallel, Member, SEREPT-Tunisia. The MOIG Secretariat and the register of members and Technical Partners are maintained by Mr Houcine Mejri, Director, seconded by ETAP.

#### **BENEFITS OF MOIG MEMBERSHIP**

- 1. Sharing information and best practices.
- 2. Sharing information and contacts with industry, governments of the region and other experts in the event of an incident.
- 3. Joint regional training and exercises.
- 4. Enhancing oil and gas industry credibility and reputation in the region.

#### **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 and houcine.mejri@moig.org.tn or visit the MOIG Website on www.moig.org

TUNISIA SHOWCASES RESPONSE CAPABILITIES AT A JOINT TIER2 OIL SPILL RESPONSE EXERCISE IN ZARZIS TERMINAL

**May 26-28**, A Tier 2 Oil Spill Response exercise was jointly organized by MOIG, MARETAP, ETAP, ECUMED, OMMP, ONPC, PA RESOURCES and SSCT on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in Zarzis Terminal in conjunction with the MOIG Regional Oil Spill Conference held at the Eden Star Hotel in Zarzis City in Tunisia.



The exercise comprised a management exercise at MARETAP Port Operations Control Centre and a full scale oil spill response equipment deployment. Over 143 personnel from various companies and agencies participated in the table top and Terminal exercise.



The exercise scenario involved a simulated break/rupture in the bulk oil hose during loading/discharging operations in the Zarzis Terminal. The resultant spill (worst case scenario) according to flow rate, hose dimensions, product data and time to shut down was 70 m<sup>3</sup> of Crude Oil.

In accordance to the MARETAP Oil Spill Response Plan, the initial response was mounted utilizing oil spill response equipment and trained teams that are located at the Zarzis terminal. Additional equipment and personnel was requested and provided from the surrounding companies ECUMED&OMMP and the local authorities.









MARETAP Boom Deployment

OMMP Fast Tank assembling

**ECUMED Boom Deployment** 

Assistance from ONPC



International Marine and Environmental Services-Egypt provided technical assistance on the development and management of the exercise. A series of visits were made to participants and an exercise steering committee was created to ensure the appointment of the exercise Director, Coordinator, support of participating companies management, adequate exercise scope, realistic and measurable objectives, realistic scenario and evaluation criteria.



The Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) outlined the Mediterranean project MEDESS-4MS (Mediterranean Decision Support System for Marine Safety). REMPEC provided real-time information about the oil slick positioning and explained the interface with oil spill models which are capable of forecasting the movement of the pollution, thus providing tailored products to oil spill crisis management users.

The spill response teams deployed equipment in two formations according to environmental data (Wind, current, tide, visibility etc.) within the Zarzis Terminal. In addition the Civil Protection Society provided firefighting units, ambulances, support vessels and rapid intervention water craft.



Exercise Day: Group Photo

About 78 delegates from Tunisia and the Mediterranean Region observed the action packed oil spill exercise and 65 personnel from various companies operating in Zarzis Terminal and ONPC team took part in this exercise. The event concluded with a lessons learned session on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at the Eden Star Hotel in Zarzis City. The outcome document exercise shall be posted on the MOIG Website soon.

#### FORTHCOMING MOIG REGIONAL WORKSHOP, 17-19 NOVEMBER 2015, ADANA -TURKEY



**May 27**- A meeting was held at Eden Star Hotel in Zarzis City in Tunisia between the MOIG Management Committee Members and Mr David Cook, the Vice president of NRC International. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the outline of the workshop. It was mutually agreed that the workshop will be entitled "National and Regional Oil Spill Response Capability and Cooperation" and held over 17-19 November 2015.

Mr David Cook underlined that the workshop third day will be dedicated to the visit of NRC Tier 2 Oil Spill Response Base at the BOTAS International Ltd. Marine oil loading in Ceyhan. The attendees will be able to tour the Oil Spill Response Base and observe a number of static and interactive demonstrations showing numerous different types of oil spill resources and other more specialised equipment such as bespokes, vehicles, boats, numerous different oil skimming systems, oil boom types, wildlife response/rehabilitation systems, temporary/portable road bridge systems and oil storage and separation units.

In addition to the Tier 2 base visit, NRC Turkey will arrange and conduct an on water deployment of marine response equipment, including offshore oil containment boom, skimmers, barges, purpose built oil recovery vessels and boats



several types of small craft/boats dedicated to OSR operations, plus a visit to the marine terminal operations centre and incident management centre. These visits will be coordinated by NRC Turkey with its clients BTC Turkey and BOTAS International.

MOIG and NRC will invite MOIG members, Technical Partners, BTC Turkey, BOTAS International, Ministry of Environment, TPAO, UMA, Turkish Civil Defense, International Organizations and experts. Ended, this workshop will be an ideal environment to work toward mutual objectives, through the exchange of lessons learned from the previous incidents and research around the world. It will also be a good opportunity for MOIG to demonstrate real value to the oil industry.

## AGREEMENT- MOIG JOINS ISCO AS THE MEDITERRANEAN REGIONAL OIL INDUSTRIAL PARTNER / ISCO BECOMES A MOIG TECHNICAL PARTNER



May 05- The MOIG Management Committee was pleased to announce that MOIG has joined the International Spill Control Organization (ISCO) as an Industrial Partner. Following this membership, MOIG will gain benefits of membership including access to the emergency assistance facility, receipt of ISCO Newsletters, access to Technical & Reference data on the ISCO Website and other benefits.

At the same time, MOIG has invited ISCO to join the group as a new Technical Partner. Both organizations are looking forward to develop a co-operative relationship.

ISCO's Technical Partners include CEDRE, DG Hazmat Group, International Spill Accreditation Association (ISAA), INTERTANKO, the Sea Alarm Foundation and the UK Spill Association.



#### FORMER MEMBERS REJOINED THE MOIG



March 24- In the framework of the Interspill 2015 conference in Amsterdam, a successful meeting was held in MEKE Stand, between Mr Kerem Kemerli, the General Manager of MEKE Marine and the MOIG Director, Mr Houcine Meiri. MEKE MARINE has more than 23 years' experience in Marine Services and rejoined the MOIG after a short absence of two years. The company has been very involved in MOIG activities in the past.

**MEKE** Marine the is recognized as leading environmental company in Turkey's marine and inland pollution response sectors. It offers to its clients an extensive services portfolio such as: Oil spill response at sea, land and pipeline marine debris clean-up, Oil spill response vessel and equipment production and other services. MEKE Marine operates in Tier 2 bases in Turkey and Kazakhstan.

For further information on MEKE MARINE, you can visit the company's website on www.mekemarine.com





April 10- A successful meeting was also held in MOIG office between Mr Adrian Bonnici, the AOST Group Director and Mr Mondher Arfaoui, the General Manager OSRA Tunisia and the MOIG Director, Mr Houcine Meiri. AOST Group Ltd. is celebrating 25th years from its foundation and rejoined the MOIG after a short absence of two years. The company have been very activate in MOIG in the past.

AOST provides a suite of integrated logistics solutions for the Shipping and Oil and Gas sectors, emergency and environmental preparedness and services, maritime training and a range of professional services that support many governments, ship owners, and energy companies.

The Company is a key partner in the OSRA network and operates in Tier 2 bases in Tunisia, Malta and Greece, and has various business interests around Mediterranean Region. For further information on AOST Group, you can visit the company's website on www.aost.com



#### MOIG LAUNCHED ITS NEW WEBSITE

May 26- MOIG announced the launch of the new website proving that MOIG continued its efforts on innovation and improvements to maintain an international website in keeping with enhancement technology and with a growing awareness for the information needs for its members, technical partners and visitors.

The new website is multi lingual, French, English and shortly Arabic and allows members direct interaction with MOIG secretariat and access to newsletters, Oil Spill Response resources data, Fb, Twiter, Linkedin, Location by Google Map, Drills and Exercises, Workshop and MOIG Rules and Constitution.

For more details, you can visit the MOIG website on www.moig.org



#### **MEETING WITH SAROST REPRESENTATIVES**

**April 06**- A meeting took place in MOIG office with SAROST representatives, in which it was discussed the possibility to develop relationships and collaboration as well as new projects in order to promote shared interests. SAROST is a Tunisian company providing specialized and integrated services in the field of water, energy and environment for the offshore Oil and Gas Exploration and Production.



Meeting MOIG Director-SAROST Representatives

#### MOIG PARTICIPATED TO 11th FOCAL POINTS MEETING OF REMPEC-MALTA



Opening Day: 11th Focal Points Meeting

June 15-17, The MOIG Director, Mr Houcine Mejri, participated to 11<sup>th</sup> Focal Points meeting of REMPEC held at the Corinthia Palace Hotel&Spa Attard-Malta. The main objectives of this meeting were examine to implementation of the REMPEC work program since the 10<sup>th</sup> Focal Points meeting and to discuss and approve the revised draft regional strategy for prevention of and response to marine pollution from ships as well as the proposed program of REMPEC for the biennium 2016-2017. This high level event was attended by 18 delegations from the contracting parties to Barcelona Convention and representatives from many government and non government organizations associations from the Mediterranean Region.

This event was a good opportunity to undertake fruitful discussions with many key persons from delegations, CEDRE, OSRL, IOPC Funds, IMO paving the way to develop relationships and allowing for exchanging information and experiences and sharing best practices on oil spill prevention, preparedness and response in the Mediterranean Region.

#### MOIG VISITED THE AOST BASE IN MALTA

**June 18**- Following a visit to MOIG office in Tunisia by the AOST team on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2015, the MOIG Director was invited by AOST Group for reciprocal visit to Malta on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The main purpose of this visit was to discuss ways and means for future cooperation between MOIG and AOST Group.

During this visit, MOIG Director and Mr Adrien Bonnici, AOST Group Director discussed the main activities of AOST Group in Tunisia and the Mediterranean Region. In addition, a tour of the Base located just 500 meters away the port of Valletta, was conducted. The visit was also intended to see the Company's Oil Spill Response Capability in Malta. The MOIG Director was shown around the Training area, Oil Spill Response wash down area for decontamination and the warehouse, where Oil Spill Response equipment including support boat have been seen.



This visit offered to MOIG Director the opportunity to undertake fruitful discussions with both Mr Sandro Sammut, OSRA Malta Operations Director and Mr Adrien Bonnici on Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in the Mediterranean Region. This will pave the way to further strengthen cooperation

between the two institutions.

### LEAP FORWARD -TUNISIAN OIL SPILL COORDINATION CENTERS IN LINE WITH THE INTERNATIONALLY RECONIZED TIERED PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE SYSTEM



**May 28**- Given the recent international media attention to oil spill disasters it is clear that the public's perception of a risk of an oil spill from the offshore oil and gas industry is ramping up globally, whilst at the same time there are calls for the industry to do more.

The tourism and fishery industry together with the public and those industries that can be affected from an oil spill are clear beneficiaries of a coordinated oil spill preparedness and response system. The Geographical position of Tunisia means that the Tunisian coast from north to south is long and vulnerable. ETAP continue to take their environmental obligations seriously and has engaged with the relevant stakeholders of Tunisia to find a balanced solution towards enhanced environmental protection and social concerns.

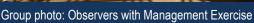
A Senior ETAP Management team made a visit to Egypt during July 2014 to see the Oil Spill Coordination center of EEAA at Sharm El Sheikh, managed by International Environmental Marine Services. This unique organizational relationship between the public and private sector ensures that areas of responsibility and the availability of resources are clearly defined. The cooperation between public and private specialized companies shall ensure that Tunisia's overall preparedness resources are available at any given time. Mr Yassine Mestiri – ETAP Central Production Manager.

ETAP board have agreed to establish a network of dedicated, specialist oil spill response coordination centers with both equipment and personnel ready to respond in the event of a spill, the current Tier 1 stockpiles of the oil and gas operators shall continue to be in place to safeguard against any operational spill, whilst the Tier 2 coordination centers shall focus on the cascading of resources locally, nationally and internationally. The first oil spill coordination center shall be at Skhira Terminal operated by TRAPSA. The establishment of the oil spill coordination centers with complete integration of industry clearly demonstrates that ETAP and the joint venture partners such as TRAPSA can enhance the use of existing resources and infrastructures whilst providing a sustainable viable solution for the protection of the delicate marine and coastal zones of Tunisia.

#### MOIG PARTICIPATED TO ASHTART MAJOR EMERGENCY EXERCISE, GULF OF GABES-TUNISIA

**July 02**- The MOIG Director, Mr Houcine Mejri, was invited by SEREPT, MOIG member, to participate in the Offshore Major Emergency Exercise held on Ashtart Oilfield in the Gulf of Gabes in Tunisia, as observer. The Exercise scenario involved a simulated uncontrolled disconnection of the FSO and drifting toward platforms. The exercise lasted 60 minutes where Offshore Emergency Management Team and Onshore Crisis Management Team are activated.







Evacuation: PFC Muster point

The exercise lasted 60 minutes and comprised a Management Exercise at the PFC Control Room, Ifrikia II Control Room and Sfax Base Crisis Room.

Eight persons from SEREPT, ETAP, OMV and MOIG were located in the Platform Control Room, Platform Muster Points, FSO Control Room and Onshore Crisis Room to observe the response of SEREPT organization in such circumstances. The exercise concluded with a debriefing meeting.