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PDO Deputy Managing Director highlights importance of Enhanced Oil Recovery Potential at Oil & Gas West Asia conference

Petroleum Development Oman's Deputy Managing Director Dr. Abdulla al Lamki has stressed the enormous potential of enhanced oil recovery (EOR) technologies for the Sultanate of Oman. Speaking today at the Oil and Gas West Asia (OGWA) conference being held in Muscat, Dr al Lamki said that: "Oman has billions of barrels of oil that need EOR processes to enable production and sustain energy supply for the future. Oman is now undertaking thermal, chemical and miscible gas injection projects towards the goal of enhancing recovery."

Dr al Lamki stressed that the application of EOR technology brought with it major challenges for PDO and other companies. "Enhanced oil recovery techniques present their own challenges," he said. "EOR is more energy intensive and will therefore impact on the local carbon footprint of the future. Efforts have to be made to develop energy-light EOR techniques."

He added that oil companies have to adopt new business models for EOR projects: "The business model that oil companies have adopted with the conventional projects will have to be modified as we undertake more and more complex and costlier EOR projects. This model is too costly when we start scaling up to the activities required to support EOR operations. We have to start thinking in terms of reduction of mobilisation and transportation costs for our materials and people," Dr al Lamki concluded.

Over the next two days, PDO technical teams will participate actively at the OGWA conference, giving a total of 16 technical papers on a wide range of topics based on the global theme of "EOR Challenges, Experiences and Opportunities".

Note to editors:

Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) is the major exploration and production company in the Sultanate. It accounts for more than 85% of the country's crude-oil production and nearly all of its natural-gas supply. The Company is owned by the Government of Oman (which has a 60% interest), the Shell Group (which has a 34% interest), Total (which has a 4% interest) and Partex (which has a 2% interest). Gas fields and processing plants are operated by PDO exclusively on behalf of the Government.

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