Over 34,000 square metres of solar panels arrive in Bahrain

In view of the tough energy challenges currently faced by the Kingdom of Bahrain, the new solar energy project aims to create the opportunity to generate clean energy through the deployment of solar technologies. It will contribute to the creation of renewable energy industries as part of the economy in the foreseeable future, which will in turn contribute to the creation of jobs and new industries in the market and to the reduction of national expenditures in energy. This initiative stems from the desire of the leadership to drive investment in renewable energy and improve energy efficiency as a way to preserve the precious natural resources, helping to raise the Kingdom of Bahrain to a strategic position in the region.

As a dedicated supporter of such initiatives, Bapco has supported the pilot project for the deployment of solar energy modules with a capacity of 5 megawatts (MW) in Awali, the Refinery, the Wharf and the University of Bahrain. A technical team has been assigned to manage and implement the project. An EPC contract has been signed with Petra Solar at USD 25 million to carry out the necessary engineering designs, and provide all the materials and equipment, in addition to the construction and installation of solar energy systems. Bapco’s technical team at the Projects Department of Major Engineering Projects Division has contributed largely to the project by preparing engineering and technical specifications, reviewing all engineering designs and overseeing the implementation of the project in Awali, the Refinery and the University of Bahrain, where a solar field was created with a capacity of 500 kilowatts within the university. Nearly 21,000 solar panels have been supplied, checked and connected to the project, covering an estimated area of 34,000 square meters. The new initiative is a collaborative project among the National Oil and Gas Authority (NOGA), Bapco, the Electricity & Water Authority (EWA) and the University of Bahrain (UoB). The project demonstrates Bahrain’s commitment to solve the challenges of energy security, climate change, and economic development through global partnerships and collaboration. The Kingdom of Bahrain is the first in the Arabian Gulf to implement a project of this kind, demonstrating a serious commitment to long term solutions.

Saeed Ebrahim Retires After 37 Years of Service

Bapco’s Saeed Ibrahim Abdel Aal, Operations Specialist from the Low Sulphur Diesel Project complex recently retired after 37 years of dedicated service with the company. On this occasion, a ceremony was held in recognition of his contribution towards Bapco. The ceremony was attended by a large number of acquaintances and friends, as well as many past colleagues who had worked with Mr. Ebrahim over the years of his tenure, who had expressive and poignant words in regard of Mr. Ebrahim.

Mr. Ebrahim, in turn commended the efforts of all his colleagues, past and present and hailed their efforts in working together successfully over the years. As part of his speech, he also specially thanked all officials of the company and in particular, those from Refining and Oil Processing South. He also stated that Bapco trained and taught him a lot throughout his working years up until his retirement, and that he had gained a lot of experience through his work in Bapco. To conclude, Mr. Ebrahim wished Bapco progress and prosperity in developing the economy and the people of Bahrain.

Plant Maintenance Employees Honoured

Twenty employees from Plant Maintenance were honoured for their outstanding performance in shutting down the 5VDU on 13 March 2013, and for completing the shutdown in less than 24 hours. The ceremony was attended by GM Refining, GM Maintenance, Manager – OPD South, and Manager – Plant Maintenance. In March 2013, the 5VDU was shut down to replace some of the valves of the cooling equipment. The task was completed in less than 24 hours (stopped and restarted in less than 24 hours) which stopped the Refinery Reliability Clock (RRC) from being reset. The task was achieved due to the commitment and dedication of the employees from Operations and Maintainance, who were awarded at the ceremony for their hard work.

Ali Abdul Ebrahim Receives Promotion

Ali Abdul Ebrahim was promoted to Head Operator of the OPD – North Department. Ali joined Bapco in 2000 and worked as a trainee in the FCCU. In 2006 he was promoted to Operator in the Control Room. The following year, Ali graduated with a Diploma from the Bahrain Training Institute, following it up with a Bachelor’s degree in Industrial Engineering Management from the Gulf University in 2012. Ali’s manager, Hassan Bahram and Acting Superintendent of the FCCU Ahmed Ali Ebrahim congratulated Ali on his promotion and wished him the best for his future. Ali, in turn thanked his supervisors for their help and support throughout his journey in Bapco.