The Abu Dhabi Marine Operating Company, a major global producer of oil and gas through its offshore facilities in the United Arab Emirates, has been shortlisted for the DuPont Safety and Sustainability Awards based on the company’s performance in stakeholder engagement, specifically as it relates to sustainability.

A regional pioneer in hydrocarbon production, the development of ADMA-OPCO’s operations parallels the striking economic and cultural transformation of Abu Dhabi itself. The company’s core assets include two major oil field concessions: Umm Shaif, which lies 150 kilometres northwest of Abu Dhabi city; and Zakum, 55 kilometres southeast of Umm Shaif and one of the largest offshore oilfields in the world. Each have yielded a constant flow of oil and gas to ADMA-OPCO’s processing infrastructure for around 50 years. Das Island which lies some 180 kilometers from the city of Abu Dhabi is the industrial base. As part of its long term sustainable production plan, the company has embarked on a fast paced development program for new fields i.e. Satah Al Razboot (SARB), NASR and Umm Lulu.

Committed to combining operational excellence with sustainability, ADMA-OPCO believes a key part of corporate social responsibility involves contributing to a better environment and society. With this in mind, ADMA-OPCO’s Environment Protection Team has designed and implemented – in collaboration with the Abu Dhabi Educational Council and Ministry of Education – a successful environmental awareness program in schools. Recognizing that students represent the environmental custodians of the future, the company has sought to enhance understanding of environmental issues, risks and hazards linked to natural resources, and Abu Dhabi’s national heritage.

From an initial pilot in 2009 involving only a handful of schools, the program has been scaled up rapidly. The action-based curriculum is being delivered in 35 institutions to students from different grade levels across both the government and private schooling systems. Not only is this expansion a testament to ADMA-OPCO’s success in raising awareness of environmental issues amongst children, but also to the company’s broader strategic goal in using the younger generation as a conduit to disseminate such messages to society at large.