KUWAIT NATIONAL PETROLEUM COMPANY

Established in 1960 as a pioneering joint venture between the national government and private sector partners, KNPC has operated, since 1980, as a wholly owned subsidiary of the umbrella entity KPC. In line with a parallel restructuring of Kuwait’s oil sector, KNPC assumed responsibility for oil refining and gas liquefaction, in addition to the marketing of petroleum products domestically. The company now operates three refineries, including the Mina Abdullah facility situated 53 kilometres south of Kuwait City.

Consistent with a strong commitment to achieving health and safety excellence – including setting an example for other actors in the petroleum sector – KNPC has developed and implemented a Health, Safety and Environment Management System that follows the five stage, Policy – Planning – Performance – Measurement – Improvement model. This model provides a continuous improvement process for managing all health and safety risks associated with the company’s operations, and is driven by the active leadership of KNPC’s senior management, which ensures adequate resources are made available, and supervises and participates in the development, implementation, audit and improvement of the system.

Through initiatives like beginning meetings with safety talks by senior personnel (‘Walk the Talk’), management-led safety surveys through visible walkthroughs at site locations, the launch of a web-based incident investigation and reporting system, a performance award scheme recognising exemplary health and safety efforts and a new “HSE Pointing System” along with Management Site Visits, senior staff at KNPC have demonstrated a conspicuous commitment to workplace safety that has helped build a company-wide safety culture.

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