



Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Dear Mr Moustafa Wahba,

**RE: Your support of regional oil and gas vocational training initiative, VTEC MENA at Abu Dhabi National Oil Company subsidiary, ADMA OPCO, 8 – 10 December 2014, ADMA OPCO, Abu Dhabi**

I am writing to bring to your attention an initiative taking place on 8 - 10 December in Abu Dhabi for vocational education and technical training for the oil and gas industry across the Middle East. The event is hosted by ADMA OPCO, a subsidiary of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, ADNOC. For the second year, the event Patron will be His Highness Sheikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Culture, Youth and Community Development.

The forum will bring together participants from over 20 countries to collectively address key priorities in skills, qualifications and education for nationalised, competent technician and operator workforces across the Middle East oil and gas industry. I write to request your support in this initiative, now in its second year, by encouraging a strong participation from your L&D, training and nationalisation teams.

The aim of the event is to address the challenge that governments, National Oil Companies and their International partners across the MENA region face, in developing a local, skilled technician and operator workforce for their oil and gas industry. To realize the rapid expansion of national labour forces to match desired industry growth and nationalization ambitions, it is our view that industry, government and education must collaborate together across the region and internationally to develop the vocational training and skilled personnel required.

VTEC MENA 2014 is being opened on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 17:00 with a debate around 'Bottlenecks in the nationalisation agenda' chaired by Mr Ali Al Jarwan, CEO of ADMA OPCO. I would like to invite you to join us as a keynote speaker to share your views on the importance of workforce nationalisation to nations rich in hydrocarbon resources and how collaboration can assist in meeting the challenges of this.

At Getenergy we see that it is a priority for Governments and National Oil Companies of major hydrocarbon producing countries to focus on converting those resources into the means to build diverse knowledge economies. The focus for this appears to be investing the proceeds from oil and gas exploration and production into national educational reform and renewal. With a long term ambition of developing a strong internationally competitive education system, the more immediate and pressing requirement faced by NOCs and Governments is the nationalisation of a skilled and competent technician and operator workforce and the employment and training of a growing young national population.

The VTEC MENA event addresses these challenges through bringing together the key stakeholders involved - governments, NOCs, IOCs and vocational education and training providers and colleges.

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I very much hope that you will be able to support this initiative by leading a delegation to participate in this important event and join us as a keynote speaker in the opening.

Please do let me know if further information is required.

Yours sincerely,



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