

Bapco a key pillar of

As a pillar of the national economy, Bapco is uniquely entrusted with fostering the development of the modern Kingdom, its citizens, society and environment. To achieve this, the company continues to pursue strategies which ensure sustainable long-term growth, train high calibre Bahrainis for key management positions and set world-class standards in environmental excellence.

The year marked the successful start-up of a multi-million dollar project to dramatically cut sulphur emissions from the Sitra refinery.

Construction also continues on schedule on what will be the biggest lube base oils plant in the Middle East.

On the export front, this year marked the first global sales of refined products which satisfy the most international specifications, while the company received global recognition for its efforts in preserving the environment and enhancing the safety of its operations.

Bapco's social and community initiatives, which seek to nurture the Kingdom's human resources, were expanded this year and many talented and ambitious Bahrainis are now being fast-tracked via local and overseas scholarships to meet Bapco's and the country's future technical and management skills needs.

Bapco is committed to reducing the impact

of its operations on land, in the sea and in the air, for the benefit of current and future generations in Bahrain.

Its total investment in environmental compliance projects to date – which include the completed gas desulphurisation plant, kerosene-merox project, the introduction of unleaded gasoline and a hazardous waste landfill facility – is more than \$350 million (BD132.3m).

Its strict adherence to environmental management was recognised early in the year with the prestigious international ISO 14001 certification.

In January, the \$151m (BD57m) refinery gas desulphurisation plant (RGDP) was commissioned at the Sitra refinery.

The RGDK, one of the Kingdom's most important environmental projects to date and a vital cog in the company's vision to turn the refinery into one of the world's greenest, has slashed airborne emissions of ecologically-harmful sulphur dioxide by 95 per cent.

The tens of tonnes per day (tpd) of sulphur removed during this cleaning process is now being sold as a product to the international market.

Extensive tests to identify the best technologies for treating liquid effluents to satisfy the most demanding of specifications have been completed and engineering of a new waste water treatment plant is well underway.



● Work under way on installing seven new gas dehydration units at Bapco

When completed this will be a world-class facility.

Similarly, considerable success was achieved in finding ways to recycle/reuse many solid wastes as well as treat those that remain.

For example, stabilisation of wastes from the time when lead was added to gasoline commenced during the year.

As part of its broader corporate social responsibility with respect to the environment, Bapco continues to raise awareness of environmental issues in the community.

The 6th annual Bapco Green School Award was launched recently for the 2009/2010 academic year.

The scheme rewards government secondary schools for successfully adopting measures to promote environmental awareness and the effective management of environmental resources.

Muharrag Girls Secondary School won the 2009 title.

A visit to Bapco by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, wife of His Majesty King Hamad and chairwoman of the Supreme Council for Women, in May,

served to highlight and reinforce Bapco's unwavering commitment to developing of its most important asset – its people.

It was also an opportunity to turn the spotlight on the pivotal role played by women in the company, since the first female graduate scholarships were introduced in the 1960s.

Female staff briefed Princess Sabeeka on the company's efforts to empower Bahraini women and ensure equal job opportunities.

Princess Sabeeka toured an exhibition featuring old photographs of the company and was presented with a memento.

She then laid the foundation stone for Awali Park and launched an Environment Island named after her at the refinery.

Princess Sabeeka praised the company's role in promoting the environment and agriculture as well as organising awareness and training programmes.

She also hailed its effort to develop the park as part of its social responsibility and its keenness to empower women and provide them with all services to help them assume their duties to the best of their capabilities even in the most challenging fields.



Congratulations & Best Wishes

to

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

**His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa
The Prime Minister**

**His Royal Highness Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa
Deputy Supreme Commander**

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● Women playing an increasing role at Bapco