

KPO takes part in the meeting hosted by RoK Ministry of Environment



Giuseppe Pasi takes the floor

On 20 January an annual extended board meeting of the Ministry of Environment Protection of RoK was held in Astana.

The meeting was attended by the Prime-Minister of Kazakhstan KarimMasimov, the President of "KazMunayGas" Kaigeldy Kabyldin, deputies of the Kazakh parliament, representatives of various NGOs and mass media. Also the meeting was attended by top managers of TCO, ENRC, Agip KCO, and Karachaganak Petroleum Operating B.V.

During the meeting, the Minister of Environment Protection Nurgali Ashimov made presentation on the current ecological situation in Kazakhstan focusing on plans worked out by the ministry in the field of environment protection.

Following Mr Ashimov's report, KPO General Director Giuseppe Pasi also made a short presentation mainly concentrating on venture's significant performance over the last few years.

New Eni representative for Karachaganak



Agostino Maccagni is the new Managing Director of Agip Karachaganak BV.

Based in Astana, he takes over from Filippo Capurso and has responsibility for the Karachaganak Venture on behalf of Eni.

Prior to joining Agip Karachaganak, Agostino Maccagni was Managing Director of Eni Norge, the Eni subsidiary operating in Norway.

Under his tenure, Eni Norge managed to secure the license for the Goliath field, one of the most challenging though rewarding fields in the North Sea.

Agostino Maccagni, Managing Director of Agip Karachaganak B.V.



KPO becomes winner in the category "Project of the Year"



Riccardo Bandini with his colleagues at the Award Ceremony

In late December 2009 the annual "Person of the Year" contest was held in Aksai. KPO was announced winner in the category "Project of the Year".

The contest which is traditionally held at the end of each year is the initiative of the local radio company "Aksai-Radio". The contest also enjoys the support of local authorities and businesses.

According to the organisers, the main purpose of the contest is to identify a local person who has achieved outstanding results in sports, culture, education or arts, or who has continually demonstrated professionalism in management and proved their potential in a certain sphere. The content also considers local businesses which are acknowledged for the development of projects in the local community.

The Award ceremony was attended by the Akim of the Burlin District, Bolat Shakimov, together with high ranking officials of the WKO administration, public figures, cultural workers, honoured local artists and sportspeople.

KPO was selected as the winner of "Project of the Year" for its outstanding work on the Aksai Road Safety school project which targets all high schools in Aksai. The initiative is aimed at reducing road risks within KPO and the Aksai community. The project was organised jointly by the KPO Services HSE and Corporate Safety sections.

Receiving the award on behalf of KPO, Risk Manager Riccardo Bandini said: "Safety is the main priority at KPO and our employees are focused not only on their own safety, but that of contractors and the general public in Aksai. We are very proud to receive this prestigious award."

KPO receives "Atameken Award"

Following the recent prestigious "Paryz Award" in "The Best Collective Agreement" category, KPO was awarded the "Atameken" Medal of 3rd decree for "For faithfulness to business", support of business community, its contribution to the society and operational excellence. The medal was awarded by Mr Azat Peruashev, Chairman of the National Economic Chamber of Kazakhstan "Atameken Union".

The official ceremony of "Atameken Award" held in Astana on 23 December was dedicated to the Independence Day of Kazakhstan. The award ceremony was attended by high-ranking government officials of RoK, deputies of Kazakh parliament, representatives of business associations, politicians and national media.



Azat Peruashev (left) congratulates KPO representative Issak Sekeev

The "Atameken Award" is assigned annually to the companies and citizens of Kazakhstan who were recognized for their worthy contribution into the development of domestic economy and demonstrated commitment to their social responsibility and to develop market economy in Kazakhstan.

Commenting on the award, KPO General Director Giuseppe Pasi said: "Such a high recognition of the Venture's contribution to the economic development of the region is a result of our cooperation with the local authorities of WKO. I would like to express my gratitude to all KPO employees for their dedication and hard effort."



SENIOR CHEVRON EXECUTIVES VISIT KARACHAGANAK

On 20-22 January 2010 KPO hosted a visit from senior Chevron executives. The visit was led by Karachaganak General Manager Derek Magness and included the following senior Chevron Executives: Victor Rutherford, Karachaganak Project Manager; Rick Owens, Karachaganak Asset Manager (outgoing); Kyle Webb, Karachaganak Asset Manager (incoming).

During their stay at Karachaganak they met with KPO senior representatives, who provided the visiting group with a brief field overview, and update on 2010 performance. After the meeting at the Administration building of KPC, Chevron executives also toured the Karachaganak facilities and met senior CVX staff working in KPO.



Chevron delegation at KPC administration building

KPO hosts Contractor HSE Leadership Meeting

On 10 December 2009 KPO held a Contractor HSE Leadership workshop in the Fitness Centre of the Czech Camp which was attended by senior management from contractor organisations involved with Karachaganak Project.

During the opening of the workshop KPO Operations Director Graham Scotton said:

"KPO's new Directors are determined that the foundation of the safety culture that exists in KPO will continue to be built upon. KPO has a lot share with our industry colleagues. We are committed to environmental protection and creation of a workplace which is injury free."

"We all have a responsibility to ensure that we do everything we can to send people home safe. If we remember that no matter what work we are doing, if we apply appropriate control measures and



KPO Operations Director Graham Scotton at the workshop.

are aware of the hazards, we can ensure that everyone goes home safely to their family at the end of their shift. I am responsible and

you are responsible," continued Graham Scotton.

He also shared the key messages of the Safety Stand Down and KPO's safety leadership vision and direction for 2010 with all contractors who attended the meeting.

The workshop comprised a series of presentations from Contractors where they shared their plans and visions for improvements in safety for 2010. Also interactive sessions where the attendees discussed implementation of HSE programmes in KPO work activities. The debate was very active and some attendees proposed concrete suggestions to assist KPO for improvement of HSE performance for 2010.

Prior to leaving contractor



representatives expressed their gratitude to KPO for the well organised workshop and all signed the symbolical KPO/Contractor

Partnership for Safety 2010 agreement that contained a slogan: I am responsible for safety today, so are you.

STEP – Safety Training and Enhancement Programme for HSE professionals



Roberto De Mitri, KPO Field Manager.

On 18 January KPO started STEP programme – Safety Training and Enhancement Programme for HSE professionals. The programme has been developed in collaboration with the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), KPO Field HSE, Training and Development Department and Abirov Technical Training. It took over 6 months to develop the programme.

Over 120 HSE employees are due to take their STEP during 2010. All KPO HSE related personnel will take their professional development under STEP programme.

KPO has developed a completely new approach to HSE personnel professional development. As an end result of this developments STEP was introduced in KPO.

The programme STEP is composed of consecutive steps of professional competence upgrade: STEP 1 – Managing Safety (theory); STEP 2 – Managing Safety (practice); STEP 3 – Vocational enhancement programme.

The programme is based on IOSH professional standards. STEPS 1 и STEP 2 are based on IOSH

"Managing Safely" course. It should be noted that it is a recognized course among HSE professionals worldwide.

Graham Scotton, KPO Operations Director, said: "The STEP programme will enable KPO to adhere the RoK government strategy of harmonizing its legal system to accommodate international HSE standards. In addition, the STEP initiative manifests the KPO compliance to the OSHAS 18001 safety accreditation for continuous improvement and training of the KPO workforce in health and safety that we have been targeting over the past year".

Roberto De Mitri, KPO Field Manager, emphasized: "HSE is not about reacting on emergencies and accidents. It is about constant process that can not be performed in the office in front of computer". He encouraged all programme participants to be active in the field, to share their experience and knowledge with KPO and contractors' personnel."

"It is important to build up formal compliance of HSE regulations with conscious application of HSE best practices in daily performance. It is important for HSE Culture to become integral part of our life and professional work", continued Roberto de Mitri.

KPO's head chef Antonio says bon appétit!



Antonio Salvatore Fois, the head chef of the Czech Camp restaurant, has worked with the Project for several years. He loves to cook and make amazing dishes. He cooks a meal for hundreds of people who work in the Karachaganak field.

Antonio is not only passionate about cooking but he is also very easy to be around. He takes pride in presenting delicious food that is simple, fresh and looks irresistible. This easygoing approach to food has always been Antonio's philosophy and is an important element of his enduring popularity among the residents of the Czech Camp. The meal he cooks deserves a lot of praise. Everyone who will have the pleasure of having Antonio's cuisine will never remain indifferent.

"Cooking can be really relaxing and fun. I consider myself the fortunate one, I cook, and I absolutely love my job. Cooking for a large number of people is always difficult and challenging. However, if you are a cook, you need to be good at what you do. It is difficult to please everyone but you always should try hard. The food must be healthy and delicious and the service must be excellent. My staff and myself do our best to create cozy atmosphere with a home feeling", says Antonio.

Unit 2 Fire Station 28 announced winner

On 6 January, KPO Field HSE Emergency Response Department held an award ceremony following an annual contest for the best fire station within the Karachaganak field.

As per quarter and annual evaluations of 2009 the best performance has been demonstrated by the Fire Station 28 which is located at Unit 2.

During the award ceremony which took place at Karachaganak Processing Complex (KPC) Alexander Okhrimenko, Emergency Response Team Leader, congratulated the winners and awarded them with a traditional trophy "Golden Fireman Axe".

It was also noted that over the last year the Fire Station

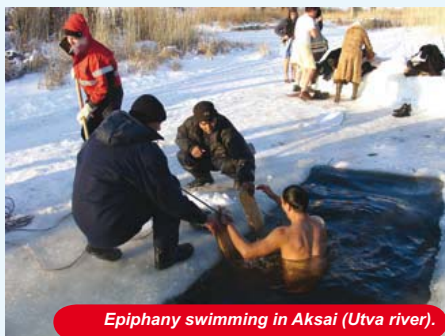
28 demonstrated its high professionalism and operational readiness for the elimination of different types of accidents on site.

The award ceremony was also attended by John Frost, KPO Unit 2 Manager, Yerzhan Kanatov, Unit 2 Deputy Manager, Sergey Kuzenyatkin, Emergency Rescue Service Shift Coordinator, Serik Kuzenbayev, Director of "Ort Sondyrushi" Western Kazakhstan Oblast branch (KPO contractor), Mashtakov N., Deputy Director of Ort Sondyrushi JSC, Shirokov A, Ort Sondyrushi HR Department Head.

Based on 2009 outcomes KPO representatives who attended the ceremony also gave a good evaluation of firemen performance.



Congratulation from Alexander Okhrimenko



Epiphany swimming in Aksai (Utva river).

Aksai residents enjoy Epiphany swimming

On 19 January most of the Aksai residents arrived at Utva River located nearby to Aksai to enjoy traditional Epiphany swimming.

The Epiphany holiday is widely celebrated each year by Orthodox Christians throughout the world. Epiphany swimming in Aksai usually starts with a water blessing ceremony held by a local priest who, according to the established tradition, should arrive first. As soon as the blessing ceremony is completed people are allowed to jump into water. Everyone believes sincerely that if to immerse three times in the icy water; all the sins will be cleansed.

Despite the cold winter morning in Aksai (minus 30 degrees Celsius), on this day many local residents had the courage to jump into the ice-cold water.