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Qalhat LNG & Oman Trading International Sign Master Agreement

QALHAT LNG SAOC and OMAN TRADING INTERNATIONAL LTD (OTI) have today signed an LNG Master Sale and Purchase Agreement. The signing of this agreement signifies the beginning of a new dimension to the business relationship between both reputable companies. This latest agreement is the first of its kind to be signed between the two companies and is expected to open up new horizons for both companies and widen their customer portfolio.

The Master Sale & Purchase Agreement was signed today by Harib Al Kitani - CEO of Qalhat LNG - and Talal Al Aufi- Deputy CEO of Oman Trading International. The signing ceremony was held at Qalhat LNG Office in Muscat, and was attended by senior executives from both companies.

Qalhat LNG was established in 2003 and owns the third train in the LNG complex in Qalhat in Wilayat of Sur in Oman. The Government of the Sultanate of Oman owns 46.84% equity while Oman LNG has 36.8%, Union Fenosa Gas 7.36% and Itochu Corporation, Mitsubishi Corporation and Osaka Gas of Japan each owns 3%



of the company, making it a truly international venture.

Most of Qalhat LNG production of liquefied natural gas has been contracted to Union Fenosa Gas of Spain, Mitsubishi Corporation and Osaka Gas of Japan on long term purchase agreements. Additionally QLNG has been very active selling few spot cargoes to various customers all over the world.

Oman Trading International Limited was registered in 2006 at the Dubai International Financial Center (DIFC) as a joint venture between Oman Oil Company (51%) and Vitol Holding Sarl (49%). It is active in trading crude oil, oil products, and petrochemicals in the international market. Using Oman

Oil Company's local expertise and Vitol's international experience and reputation, OTI capitalizes on the dynamics within the oil market to maximize value in the distribution chain and generate value-added returns for its shareholders. The company is the sole off-taker of all Sohar Refinery exportable products such as gasoline, naphtha, LPG, gasoil, jet, and fuel oil. Furthermore, OTI trades Omani crude in the International Oil market. In 2006, OTI total trading reached approximately 10 million barrels of petroleum products and 30 million barrels of Omani crude. OTI will also become an important player in the petrochemical industry by 2010.

"This is the first agreement between both companies which solidifies the cooperation between Omani companies playing different roles in the energy industry" said Harib Al Kitani, QLNG CEO. Talal Al Aufy, OTI Deputy CEO, outlined "This is the second agreement signed by OTI with LNG producing companies and we are committed to increase the synergies between Omani companies while taking an active role in the energy trading."