

Exhibitors from 30 countries explore tomorrow's global energy



Qatar's biggest ever natural gas exhibition and conference, the 7th Doha Natural Gas Conference & Exhibition (DNGCE) jointly organized by Qatar Expo in association with Qatar Petroleum, was officially opened by H.E Abdulla Bin Hamad Al Attiyah, Deputy Prime Minister of Qatar and Minister of Energy and Industry.

DNGCE was first launched in 2001 and since then, the exhibition has grown considerably, gaining a reputation as the region's top international natural gas event and attracting existing and major new exhibitors.

With an Executive team, GDI participated along with its two sister companies Gulf Helicopters and Al-koot Insurance under the umbrella of the parent company GIS with a 10 X 15 Sqm stand.

Around 350 people visited GDI stand during the 4 days (Managers, Heads, Engineers, Technicians, University teachers and Students). The Exhibition provided GDI great opportunity to extend & export GDI name to the energy sector and introduced GDI to several operating companies in market.



CEO words

The first quarter of 2009 has gotten off to a great start by GDI receiving the ISO certification after passing the Main Assessment of our IMS (Integrated Management System) to ISO 9001:2000, ISO 14001:2004 and OHSAS 18001:2007 standards. This achievement is roadmap to demonstrate our responsibilities for Quality Assurance, Health, Safety and Environment obligations. GDI's IMS unify all components that include the organization, resources, processes, and practices in one system to help achieve the organization's purpose and mission.

While 2008 proved to be a successful year for GDI, significant challenges remain. Challenging economic conditions brought by the Global Financial Crisis require us to be vigilant and cautious at every step. We have budgeted our 2009 Operating and Capital expenditures

accordingly but focusing on the cost optimization opportunities in line with the market changes and trends will continue to be one of our priority for this year.

Diversification of business and business development will be our key growth strategy for future and we are ambitiously working towards fulfilling our goal in this regard. The Board of Directors recommended distribution of cash dividends for the year 2008 to be paid in second quarter of 2009.

Human Resources, Supply Chain & Preventive Maintenance remain to be the three primary areas targeted for improvement at GDI. Ensuring we have the right people in the right place is crucial to our success. Our Industry continues to suffer from an acute shortage of skilled, experienced and competent people. This condition is expected to continue in the near term. Therefore, our people strategy continues to focus on attracting, motivating, training, developing and retaining talented people in order to achieve our objectives. High Quality services and customer satisfaction is a prerequisite to building the competitive edge we seek and we will strive towards ensuring that our rigs are working for our clients as promised.

I look forward to an exciting 2nd Quarter 2009 and I am committed to make sure that GDI continues to be an advocate for excellence, aspiring to be a World Class Drilling Services Provider.

Sincerely Yours,

Yousif R. Al-Khater

Chief Executive Officer

GDI Sponsors the first National Internal Conference

Doha 3-5 april 2009



With the cooperation of the Board of Governors of IIA Qatar Chapter, GDI sponsored the Chapter's first National Conference on Internal Auditing, held in Qatar University Doha, from 3 April to 5 April 2009.

The theme of the conference was: "The Auditor as catalyst for change and wealth creation"

H E Abdullah Bin Ahmad Al-Attiyah, Deputy Premier and Minister of Energy and Industry, delivered the opening address at the conference on 4 April 2009. Prof. Sheikha Abdulla Al-Misnad President of Qatar University gave a welcoming address.

Attendees at the Conference included Internal Auditors, External Auditors, Business consultants, Risk managers, General Managers, members of Audit Committees, Educators as well as many people from other disciplines in the business world.

The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)

The IIA Qatar was formed in June 2003. The IIA offers opportunities for internal audit practitioners to share the latest techniques and approaches to internal audit; update their knowledge and become certified as Internal Auditors enabling them to enjoy the benefits of being in a growing profession. In addition, the Chapter is a source of information for executive management and board members of organizations both in the public and private sectors of the Qatari economy, giving them the opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of their internal audit departments and assisting the deployment of good corporate governance principles and practices.

The Scientific Accounting Association

The Scientific Accounting Association was established in October 2004 at Qatar University and has a membership of about 350 representing full and associate members in accordance with its regulations. The Chairman of the Scientific Accounting Association is Dr. Khalid Bin Naser Al-Khater.

ISO Certificate for GDI



BUREAU VERITAS GROUP

Bureau Veritas Certification (BVC) completed the Main Assessment of the IMS last December 2008. GDI received the recommendation letter last 16 Feb. 2009 that GDI is recommended for certification Bureau Veritas Certification.

(BVC) carried out Assessment on the GDI Quality, Environmental and Occupations Health & Safety Management System according to the requirements of ISO 9001:2000, ISO 14001:2004 & OHSAS 18001:2007, in order to Test the entire system for its compliance and effectiveness with the ISO 9001:2000, ISO 14000:2004 & OHSAS 18001:2007 standards, It worth to say that BVC have met with all GDI departments in order to conduct this assessment.

In a lovely sunday
GDI Staff and their families gathered at Intercontinental beach

This year GDI arranged its staff gathering in the lovely beach of intercontinental Hotel around 207 families including GDI management and their families enjoyed the water & sand fun, beach volley ball competition, basket ball, foot ball, horse & camel riding, henna drawings, fashion show and worth mentioning that they very much enjoyed the management cooking competition which revealed a new talent of our management team beside their wise directives that actually they are talented chefs too. kids had a big activities share also with the magic show, baby foot, play station games, dancing competition, jumping castle, face painting... and much much more.

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Woman mini marathon

GDI ladies participates in the woman mini marathon

"Woman Today Mini Marathon" Qatar's first ever woman's marathon was held on 28 Feb 2009 at the Aspire Zone. At least around a 1500 participants participated in the event. The mini marathon was held under the theme "Run for Fun, Run for Health". Ladies from GDI participated in the event as the event was exclusively for Women. Runners followed a track of 4.2km which was designed especially for the Marathon. The 4.2 km starts at the ASPIRE TOWER and then takes the participant across the different garden areas of ASPIRE Zone before looping back to the Tower. The event was a success there were women from different age groups but all gathered here with a single motive to encourage a healthy and active lifestyle among women and promote the benefits of running.

