

OGP Standards Committee Report to ISO/TC67 plenary meeting 2005-09-20 to 21, Pretoria

1. Funding for technical editing of ISO standards

A group of OGP members and other interested parties have for some time now been offering funds for technical editing of ISO draft standards through a dedicated JIP. Funding for third phase is being solicited these days. Enabling contracts with skilled technical editors are maintained by OGP for this purpose. This opportunity has been used to some extent, but project leaders, work group convenors etc are encouraged to make further use of this funding to improve quality and speed delivery of ISO standards. Please contact: Cheryl Stark or Don Smith, OGP, London (don.smith@ogp.org.uk tel. +44 (0) 20 7633 0272 fax +44 (0) 20 7633 2350).

2. International Standards Bulletin

A new bulletin was prepared by the OGP Standards Committee (SC) and made available for use in March this year, targeted for the Offshore Mediterranean Conference (OMC) in Ravenna, Italy. The bulletin was also circulated worldwide in some 40.000 copies as an insert into the Offshore Engineer magazine targeted for OTC in Houston, Further copies are inserted into the ISO Focus Magazine Special for the World Petroleum Congress in Johannesburg this month. The purpose of the OGP bulletin is to promote the international standardisation activities for the global oil & natural gas industry, in particular by ISO/TC67 and to inform on the resulting ISO standards that are now available for industry use. Other themes in focus in this issue are about the efforts to help the Russian standards work, and adoption of ISO/TC67 standards, some cost savings by ISO standards etc. Copy enclosed. More copies available from OGP, London. or at www.ogp.org.uk/standards.

3. Standard seminar and round table in Moscow

The Russian state owned oil company Rosneft arranged an open seminar followed by a round table meeting on the implementation of the new Russian Federal Law on Technical Regulating in Moscow, 1-2 December 2004. This subject is closely related to standards for the oil and gas industry. Key Russian official representatives were invited to speak at the seminar together with the some OGP Standards Committee members. The seminar was attended by some 80 oil and gas industry managers and engineers, mainly from Gazprom, Rosneft, Lukoil, TNK-BP, Surgutneftegaz, Sibneft, Rostekhnadzor, GOST Interstandard, Vniimash and other Russian institutes and authorities. Among the international oil companies present where BP, ENI, Hydro and Shell. A set of recommendations including objectives and priorities, for the improvement of the standardization work in the Russian oil and gas industry. Read more in the OGP Bulletin.

4. The International Regulators' Offshore Safety Forum

Offshore oil and gas industry regulators and industry representatives from around the world, met in London 30 March – 1 April to focus on identifying practical steps to achieve offshore safety improvements and to address international health and safety regulatory issues. This first International Regulator's Forum (IRF) conference has announced a commitment to producing common standards

and further cooperation in the name of global consistency and improved international health, safety and environmental performance.

A number of OGP members attended this first ever IRF conference. The chairman of OGP Safety Committee from Shell, gave a presentation on “What are the Major Health, Safety and Regulatory Issues and Concerns in Worldwide Operations?” International standards work were also presented and became a significant part of the discussion, well helped and supported by the following members from the OGP Standards Committee: CEN, Hydro, ISO, Qatar Petroleum, Shell and Petrobras. At the conference, members of the IRF committed to three goals, including delivering, within a year, real examples of common, global standards of practical value to the industry worldwide, in areas such as lifting and performance measurement.

5. Standard workshops in Astana, Kazakhstan

In order to promote the use of ISO and IEC standards in Kazakhstan, OGP member company AGIP KCO, in co-operation with members of the Standards Committee and the Kazakh government, organised an international oil and gas industry standards workshop in Astana, the nation’s new capital, on 25 and 26 May. Among the organisations and companies represented at the Astana session were ENI, Shell, Rosneft, the European Standardization Committee (CEN), IFAN, IHS, the Kazakhstan Institute for Standardization and Certification, the Caspian Pipeline Consortium, Tengizshevroil, Petrokazakhstan, KazMunai Gas and Intergas of Central Asia.

A topic that received considerable attention during the workshop was how the regulatory framework could be updated to facilitate the use of international standards. The workshop delegates produced a range of resolutions that addressed this and a number of other issues. Major outcomes included a recognition within Kazakhstan of the benefits of adopting international standards and the need to be more involved in the process of their development.

6. Standard workshops in Elsinore

A number of successful workshops has been held in Rio, Moscow and Beijing, for the purpose of exchanging best practices regarding development, use and adoption of international standards. In November last year a new workshop was held in Elsinore, Denmark to address the Danish offshore industry. The programme included speakers from the Danish authorities and Maersk. A number of the OGP Standard Committee members gave presentations. The workshop, attracted about 50 participants from all parts of the Danish oil & gas industry.

The workshop programmes and presentations are available at www.ogp.org.uk/standards.

7. Catalogue of International Standards used in the petroleum and natural gas industries

The OGP catalogue has now been updated and are available as OGP Report 362 January 2005 listing all relevant IEC and ISO standards used in the petroleum and natural gas industries. The report is a compilation of input received from members of the OGP Standards Committee, who were asked to identify International Standards used in their organisations. The objective of this document is to provide a tool for making potential users aware of international standards available to them. The report is available from OGP website.

8. OGP Position paper

The OGP has been a catalyst for change in industry 's approach to standards and strongly supports the internationalisation of key standards used by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industries. OGP 's position on standards is:

- Development and use of ISO and IEC international standards should be promoted
- Standards should be simple and fit for purpose
- International standards should be used without modification wherever possible
- Identification number of the international standard should remain visible whatever the method of publication.
- Development of standards should be based on a consensus of need
- Duplication of effort should be avoided
- Company specifications should be minimised and written, where possible, as functional requirements.
- "Users" should be represented on standards work groups

The adoption of this approach is expected to minimise barriers to trade, enable more efficient worldwide operations, and improve the technical integrity of equipment, materials, and offshore structures used by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industries.

9. Standards needed by the OGP members

Work is ongoing in OGP Standards Committee to identify which additional international standards are needed by the members. This may well result in proposals for ISO/TC67.

10. Membership

OGP Standards Committee has recently welcomed two new representatives from China Petroleum Standards Committee, China and Qatar Petroleum in the Middle East.

11. Liaisons

Liaisons are maintained with CEN/TC12 and ISO/TC67.

Enclosures