

## PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT OMAN (PDO) SUCCESSFULLY ACCREDITED BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT (APM)

Association for Project Management (APM), the only chartered membership organisation for the project profession, is delighted to announce that Petroleum Development Oman (PDO), Oman's leading oil and gas exploration and production company, has become the first company in the Middle East to be successfully accredited in achieving a recognised route to Chartered Project Professional status.

This accreditation means that senior PDO project managers who go through the company's competence development scheme will have a fast-track to attaining the coveted Chartered Project Professional (ChPP) status. Gaining this accreditation confirms that the PDO Project Management competence development system is on a par with other major international capital-intensive organisations.

The ChPP standard is a professional benchmark that demonstrates attainment of a defined level of technical knowledge, professional practice and ethical behaviour in projects. It forms the basis of the assessment that applicants must pass to become chartered and be included on the Register of Chartered Project Professionals.



Representatives from PDO joined APM team members including Milla Mazilu, Board Chair, Rebecca Fox, Director of Membership and Business Development and Mark Hepworth, Deputy CEO and other team members at the Institute of Directors in London on 30 September to celebrate the achievement.

PDO Head of Project Management, Ali Cox, commented: "We are delighted to have achieved this milestone and thank APM for their diligence through this process. The safe and effective delivery of capital projects is central to our business, and we are confident that this accreditation will help our future project leaders to be equipped for the opportunities and challenges this entails."

PDO Technical Director, Sami Baqi, added: "This is a great achievement and not only showcases the standard to which we work but will showcase that our leaders in PDO have reached a level of competency that competes at a global level."

Milla Mazilu, Board Chair at APM, said: "We are delighted to see APM's chartered standard being adopted by PDO. This demonstrates a commitment to high standards and ethics in project delivery that will add value to their team, customers and stakeholders for years to come."

UK Government Department for International Trade (DIT) representative, Sarah Chidgey, Head of International Education in the Services & Skills Directorate, also present at the award ceremony said, "This is an exciting collaboration between the UK and Oman. DIT's education team, as part of the International Education Strategy, promotes the UK's vocational training system overseas, including the chartered status, as a hallmark of quality. I am sure this partnership with APM will make a real difference to employees of PDO. I hope that it will also inspire further skills partnerships between the UK, Oman, and other Gulf Cooperation Council countries in the future".

[Find out more about the Chartered Project Professional \(ChPP\) standard.](#)

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