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MD stresses on out-of-the-box approach
Dr. Faizullah Abbasi, MD, SSGC has said that the entire workforce of the Company is committed towards taking on the challenge of UFG head on while stressing that an out-of-the-box approach is imperative to curb the losses.

In an all-encompassing presentation to the Company's

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senior management, regional, zonal and sub-zonal managers on January 29, 2011, marking his first year in office, Dr. Abbasi focused on the achievements, the Company has made over the last one year, challenges it is confronted with and some new organizational trends taken during the period to reinvigorate the Company along profitable and efficient lines.

The MD reiterated that while SSGC made impressive profits of Rs. 4.4 billion in 2009-10, a repeat
performance is only possible if every SSGC employee rises to myriad challenges that confront the Company.

Dr. Abbasi dilated on the extensive bottom-up organizational restructuring plan developed last year and reiterated that the challenge now lies in implementing the plan and in doing so ensuring effective control, operational efficiency and accountability for the primary objective of pinning down UFG.

The MD said that with the assistance of a US\$200
million loan from the World Bank (WB), SSGC is committed towards successfully implementing WB's Natural Gas Efficiency Project as part of an ambitious yet attainable 5-year UFG plan.

Dr. Abbasi's presentation also focused on a number of other achievements of SSGC during the past one year including inking of two agreements worth Rs. 2 billion with the Government of Sindh for gasification of towns and villages of Sindh as well as expeditious implementation of LPG-Air

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Mix Plants for providing gas to remote areas of Sindh and Balochistan.

The MD said that the Company has set up a Remedial Management Unit (RMU) to deal with overdue receivable and payables of large industrial customers such as KESC.

The MD said that there is every reason to be optimistic about the bright future of SSGC since the fruits of restructuring are emerging, positive winds of change are blowing with greater awareness of burning issues, presence of a committed workforce comprising of old, experienced hands and new talent and greater interaction of workers and technicians with the management for improving operational efficiency.

He appreciated the efforts of Azim Iqbal Siddiqui, DMD (South), Syed Hassan Nawab, DMD (North) and Mohammad Hashim, Special Project Director in mobilizing the entire workforce for the attainment of organizational objectives.

Earlier, in their respective addresses, Azim lqbal Siddiqui, DMD (South), Syed Hassan Nawab, DMD (North) and Muhammad Hashim, Special Project Director (Coordination and Special Projects) thanked Dr. Abbasi's vision. There is greater awareness about the need to curb line losses. While stressing that the
departments must coordinate with one another by following a bottoms-up

approach and share responsibilities and increase scope of activities. They said that every single member of Team SSGC must focus on performance rather than pursuing their own personal interests.

In his vote of thanks, Yusuf J. Ansari, SGM (MS) assured the MD that the Company will continue to display an unwavering commitment towards controlling line losses and restructuring SSGC on modern lines.

The MD celebrated the event by cutting a cake, presented
to him by the AS department. Members of senior management and some of the regional and zonal managers joined him in cutting the cake.

On the occasion, Ms. Nasreen Hussain, DGM-CCD presented MD with albums and CDs showcasing all his official appearances since he took over on January 27, 2010. Salman Siddiqui, CM (CCD) and photographer Abul Kalam, meticulously arranged more than 4000 images in 92 folders while placing 600 pictures in 3 albums.

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## GoS-SSGC signs Rs. 1000m agreement



The Government of Sindh (GoS) and SSGC have signed an agreement to disburse a loan amounting to Rs. 1000 million which will be utilized by the latter to provide gas to more then 200 villages of Sindh.

Dr. Faizullah Abbasi, MD, SSGC and Khalid Waheed Khan, Special Secretary (Science and Technology) Planning and Development

Department, GoS inked the agreement on January 20, 2011.

Dr. Kaiser Bengali, Adviser to Chief Minister Sindh (Planning and Development), Muhammad Ishaque Lashari, Additional Chief Secretary (Dev.), Shakir Aleem, PSO to MD and DGM (New Towns) and S. Nasreen Hussain, DGM (CCD) were also present at the signing ceremony.

It must be mentioned here that during 2008-09, the GoS had provided a soft loan of Rs. 900 million to SSGC which was duly used to provide gas to 136 villages across Sindh.

And in 2009-10, the GoS further provided Rs. 1000 million to SSGC to provide gas to nearly 300 villages of Sindh.

## Editor's Note

Recent executive-level promotions are a cause for celebration among the newly elevated officers. But once the celebrations are over, the promoted executives must seriously reflect on how they can motivate themselves and their teams into improving their own performance levels which will in turn help the Company meets its pressing objectives. As stressed by the senior management during the January 29th event held to mark the MD's one year in the office, it is high time we give top priority to myriad challenges the Company is faced with rather than merely concentrating on upward mobility.

## Kot Ghulam Mohammad LPG-Air Mix plant inaugurated



January 19, 2011 marked a new era for the people of Mirpurkhas and adjoining areas when Kot Ghulam Mohammad LPG-Air Mix Plant was inaugurated by Mir Munawar Talpur, MNA at a simple yet impressive ceremony held in the premises.

Dr. Faizullah Abbasi, MD, SSGC, Mohammad Hashim, Senior Project Director (Special Projects), Mushtaq Siddiqui, GM-D (Sindh), Amir Mumtaz Khan, GM (AS) Rasheed Khanzada, RM (Hyderabad), Wahab Siddiqui, CM (AdminHyderabad) were also present at the ceremony along with a large number of area representatives, citizens, other SSGC executives and staff members.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Talpur appreciated and congratulated SSGC for the expeditious implementation of Kot Ghulam Mohammad

Plant whereby the Synthetic Natural Gas (SNG) will now be available to the residents of Kot Ghulam Mohammad and other adjoining towns.

In his address, Dr. Faizullah Abbasi informed the audience that along with Kot Ghulam Mohammad Plant, Noshki and Sorab facilities have also been commissioned.

He said that the management is determined to implement an elaborate plan to construct and commission more such plants in different far flung regions of Sindh and Balochistan.

Earlier, Mir Munawar Talpur was taken around the different facilities of the Plant during which the MD and Special Project Director briefed him about the processes and technology incorporated in supplying SNG to Mirpurkhas and nearby towns and villages. The SSGC officials informed

the chief guest that some 42,000 inhabitants of Kot Ghulam Mohammad and adjoining villages will benefit from this plant which was built at a total cost of Rs. 297 million.

On the day of the launch of Kot Ghulam Mohammad LPG-Air Mix Plant, the MNA also unveiled the plaque to inaugurate the supply of gas to Mir Ji Landhi, Mir Gul Hassan Ji Landhi and Mir Faizullah Talpur.

## Petroleum Minister inaugurates gas supply schemes in Tando Muhammad Khan



In January 2011, Syed Naveed Qamar, Federal Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources inaugurated the supply of natural gas to District Tando Muhammad Khan's Kot Janhan Soomro, Dadoon and


Kot Ghulam Hussain villages in Taluka Bulari Shah.

The inauguration ceremonies of these villages were performed by the Minister on January 16 and 23, 2011.

The Minister said that the provision of basic facilities to the people was one of the top priorities of the present government. He said that by ensuring provision of natural gas to rural areas besides

the urban ones, the Government of Pakistan is fulfilling its promise which had been made with the people.

Dr. Faizullah Abbasi, MD, SSGC, Mohammad Hashim,


Special Project Director (Coordination and Special Projects), Mushtaq Siddiqui, GM-D (Sindh), Rasheed Khanzada, RM (Hyderabad) and Abdul Wahab Siddiqui, CM (Administration), area representatives and citizens were present in large numbers to witness the inauguration of gas supply to their villages.

By means of the charts, the MD and Special Project


Director explained to Mr. Qamar the salient features of SSGC's gas supply schemes in the Minister's constituency in particular and in Sindh in general.

The Minister also lit the

symbolic torches at the venues to mark the supply of gas to the two Tando Muhammad Khan villages. More than 1,500 citizens of Ghulam Hussain Soomro will benefit with 3.464 km pipeline being built at a cost of Rs. 7.4 million. On the other hand, more than 3,800 citizens of Janhan Soomro will avail the supply of gas with 9.7 km pipeline being constructed at a cost of Rs. 16.3 million.

## Maximum gas supply to KESC top priority: MD



Dr. Faizullah Abbasi, MD, SSGC has said that despite the fact that SSGC is facing acute shortage of natural gas mainly due to decreased supplies from producers and increased gas demand arising out of additional winter loads, the Company remains committed towards providing maximum supply of gas to KESC.
accordance with the Court's orders. In this situation, SSGC is left with little option but to request the power sector to reduce its load, he added. He said that SSGC tries its best to ensure that KESC gets maximum supply of gas since the latter supplies electricity to Karachi, the largest consumer base in the
that it has never been in gas utility's interest to curtail supplies to KESC. MD said that he informed the KESC head that SSGC wanted to first stabilize the system and then provide it with required quantity of gas to run its power generating units. Dr. Abbasi said that in order to solve the prevailing crisis, it is important that


He said this while addressing a media briefing held at SSGC Head Office on January 10, 2011. Dr Abbasi said that as per Natural Gas Allocation and Management Policy, 2005, SSGC gives top priority to domestic and commercial customers while at the same time provides gas to CNG stations and industrial sector in
country. SSGC and KESC have the same clientele and both utilities obviously do not want to cause its customers any inconvenience, MD reiterated.

Dr. Abbasi stressed that SSGC and KESC have a very close working relationship and said that he has assured KESC's MD Tabish Gauhar
representatives of KESC, SSGC, trade bodies and CNG associations meet at least once in a month to assess the situation and collectively device workable solutions.

He stressed that SSGC wants to sign a GSA with KESC but pointed out that the latter wants to do so on
its own terms. He said that KESC's claim of providing 276 mmcfd gas to SSGC is merely an allocation and not part of any GSA since the two companies have signed GSA for supply of only 9 mmcfd gas.

Replying to a question, the MD said that in order to further shore up gas supplies, by August 2011, the Company will be able to link up its point of delivery to Sinjhoro Gas Field for receiving 35 to 40 mmcfd gas.
Dr. Abbasi informed the

media that the SSGC management has reconstituted the Gas Load Management Committee to monitor and take decisions on the issues related to gas load management on a daily basis.
The Committee comprised
of Azim Iqbal Siddiqui, DMD (South) as its Chairman and Syed Hassan Nawab, DMD (North), Mohammad Hashim, Senior Project Director (Coordination \& Special Projects) and Yusuf Jamil Ansari, SGM (MS) as its members. They were all present in the meeting.

Zuhair Siddiqui, SGM (CS), Salim Ahmed Mughal, SGM (D) and Shaukat Baloch, SGM (T) and Nasreen Hussain, DGM (CCD) and others were also present on the occasion.

## 'Present age requires visionaries with creative minds'



Dr. Faizullah Abbasi, MD, SSGC has stressed that the present age requires visionaries and reformers who can bring about a revolutionary change in the education system.

He said this while addressing the audience at the launch of the book entitled 'Hassanally Effendi; the founder of Sindh Madressstul Islam' which has been written by Dr. Muhammad Ali Sheikh, Principal, held on January 31, 2011 at a local hotel.

Paying tribute to the vision of Hassanally Effendi, Dr. Abbasi said that back in


1880s when the former founded Sindh Madressstul Islam, technology was nonexistent.

He said that in the 1980s he used to think that automation and technology innovation will give rise to visionaries who will work with a single minded pursuit to bring about educational reforms. He lamented that this has not

happened although the latest technology and requisite tools should have opened doors to creative ideas and solutions.

The book launch was inaugurated by Farook Naek, Chairman Senate. A number of educationists also addressed the audience and congratulated Dr. Sheikh for documenting the life and work of a great visionary in the form of the creatively produced book.

It must be mentioned here that the author was the student of Dr. Faizullah Abbasi.

## Meter Reading exercise reveals interesting results



The SSGC management led by Azim Iqbal Siddiqui, DMD (South) visited PECHS, Block 6, a bustling middle class locality to observe meter reading exercise in action. The visit, undertaken on January 13, 2011, was arranged by senior billing officials including Society Zone personnel.

The objective of the visit was to check and verify the accuracy level of the current meter reading with the previous bill so as to note any deviation. Another aim of the exercise was to observe the total time involved in obtaining readings from each of the houses.

Mr. Siddiqui who was accompanied by Zuhair Siddiqui, SGM (CS) Irfan


Zafar, CTIO and Muhammad Ahmed Siddiqui, Incharge (Billing), observed the meter reader as he obtained readings of each residence with his hand held device as Syed Tariq Munawar, CM (Billing) noted them down.

The area comprised of 400 sq. yards bungalows. 227 customers were covered in a total of 188 minutes. DMD and his team found that nearly $40 \%$ meters were installed inside the premises of the house. Some meters were installed in the service

lanes. And in some houses, 2 to 3 meters were installed.

On average, at least 50 seconds were spent on obtaining reading of each meter. After tabulation, 99\% of the customers' reading was found to be correct while negative reading was found in one customer only.

Ismail Dilwash, DCM (Society Zone) informed the team that $70 \%$ of the houses located in the jurisdiction of the Society Zone have meters inside the houses. On the other hand, 50\% of the houses in DHA have meters installed inside the houses, the team was informed.

The Billing Department used these readings to tabulate and analyse the readings.

Meter Reading Activity - PECHS, Block VI

| Billing Category | Customers | $\%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Above 100 customers | 123 | 54 |
| $41-100$ customers | 50 | 22 |
| Minimum | 32 | 14 |
| Nil | 13 | 6 |
| Negative | 1 | 0 |
| Not Read | 8 | 4 |
| Total | 227 | 100 |

* Houses found locked/no response

| Customers Read | Read Time |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 227 | Total (Minutes) | Per customer (seconds) |

Long Service Awards 2006-07-08: Hyderabad and Nawabshah Regions

## A tribute to a long and prolific association

More than 300 SSGC employees belonging to Hyderabad and Nawabshah regions who have been in active service for $10,15,20$, $25,30,35$ and 40 years were conferred Long Service Awards at a simple yet impressive ceremony held in a Hyderabad hotel on January 14, 2011.

Syed Hassan Nawab, DMD (North) was the chief guest on the occasion. Addressing the audience, Mr. Nawab congratulated the recipients for being presented with gold

medallions and termed it as a tribute for their long and prolific association. Mr. Nawab said that a satisfied employee is one who gets full justice in terms of career progression and work environment and hoped that all those executives and staff who deserve upward mobility must be given what they truly deserve. DMD (North) pointed out that the quality of housekeeping needed to be drastically improved in all regional, zonal and sub-zonal offices.

Mr. Nawab said that in its ongoing campaign to pin down UFG, SSGC has started regular combing exercises. He said it is the duty of every employee of the Company or even a
common citizen to report a gas theft or meter tampering if he sees one.

In his address, Mushtaq Siddiqui, GM (Sindh) said that he was happy that Long Service Awards have returned since it provided a

fantastic opportunity to pay tribute to associations spanning decades as well as helped nurture a sense of camaraderie among the management, executives and staff.

Earlier, Dr. Ejaz Ahmed Ghumman, GM (HR) said that this Awards Ceremony marked the return of Long Service Awards after a hiatus of nearly three years. He informed the audience that such ceremonies are now
scheduled within the next few months in Sukkur, Quetta and Karachi.

SSGOA's office bearers including Shahab Siddiqui, General Secretary and Irfan Jafri, Acting President paid glowing tributes to the recipients of the Awards and said that the long association of the SSGC officers, staff and workers clearly indicated that the Company can retain employees for an enormous period of time. They reiterated that SSGOA will continue to work for the

welfare of the members.
CBA office bearers including Riaz Akhtar Awan, Chairman, Ejaz Baloch, President and Rizwan Mullah, General Secretary said that every employee of the Company must put up a united front against controlling UFG.

They hoped that the Long Service Awards will now be a regular affair to honour those executives, subordinates and staff who have displayed dedication, devotion and honesty in performing their tasks.

Shahbaz Islam, DGM (HR) also spoke on the occasion. Adil Paracha, DCM (HR) was the Master of Ceremony at the Awards.


## Long Service Awards return to Sukkur




One forty two SSGC employees belonging to Sukkur and Larkana regions who have been in active service for $10,15,20,25,30$ and 35 years were conferred Long Service Awards at a simple yet impressive ceremony held in Sukkur on January 27, 2011.

Syed Hassan Nawab, DMD (North) was the chief guest on the occasion. Addressing the audience, Mr. Nawab congratulated the recipients for being presented with gold medallions after a considerable time. He called the Awards a tribute for their long and productive association with SSGC.

Yusuf J. Ansari, SGM (MS), Mushtaq Siddiqui, GMDistribution (Sindh), Saeed Larik, DGM (Larkana), Fayyaz Sheikh, ADGM (Sukkur), Shehzad Islam, DGM (HR), SSGOA's office bearers Shahab Siddiqui, General Secretary and Irfan Jafri, Acting President, Riaz Akhtar Awan, Chairman, Ejaz Baloch, President and Rizwan Mullah, General Secretary presented the awards to the recipients.



## Meter Plant ISO 9001:2008 certified

ISO is an important mark of quality that enhances SSGC's position in the corporate sector. Recently, the Meter Plant successfully achieved ISO 9001:2000 certification for two terms (3 years each).

The last certificate expired on November 14, 2010 due to an old and unvalid version. Efforts were made again to get certified. All the ISO 9001:2008 documents were renewed and after Internal Audit and External Audit was carried out by M/s Velosi Asset Integrity Ltd. and with the efforts of the Meter Plant team, the department achieved the ISO certification.


## 'Customers' cooperation must in conserving natural gas'



Shoaib Warsi, ASGM (North) has said that the customers need to play an effective role in conserving natural gas especially in the wake of the yawning gas demand-supply equilibrium.

He expressed these views while talking to a group of Hyderabad's newspersons at a local press club as part of the Winter Safety Media Campaign, a regular media-cum-stakeholders' event organized by the Corporate Communication Department (CCD) in the selected locations of the franchise areas.

The media briefing is aimed at creating awareness about safe usage of gas appliances while appraising the media about related issues. The program was organized on January 5, 2011.

Mr. Warsi said that it is common for the customers to face acute gas shortages

due to continuous usage of gas appliances including burners, geysers and heaters.

Talking to the media, Mushtaq Siddiqui, GM
(Sindh) said that SSGC has remained totally focused in taking effective measures to pin down UFG.

In her vote of thanks, Nasreen Hussain, DGM (CCD) while expressing

gratitude to the media for making their presence at the briefing, said that SSGC regularly educates its customers on the sensible use of gas appliances through media campaigns in print and television advertisements as well as through road side banners and leaflets.

Inayatullah Ismail, DCM (Media Relations) hosted the media briefing.

Salman A. Siddiqui, CM (CCD), Uzair Ahmed, Asst. Manager (Advertising), Ali Raza, Executive-CCD also played their respective roles in organizing the briefing.

Later, ASGM (North) presented a wall clock to President Hyderabad Press Club while the SSGC officials presented a book of naats called 'Aasman-e-Rehmat' written by poet Ejaz Rehmani to several journalists who attended the briefing.

## Winter media campaign briefing held in Quetta



The SSGC officials have stressed on the need to legislate for the manufacturing and sale of the especially designed gas heater which should be automatically turned off in case of suspension of gas supply and not release gas when the supply restores until the customer itself turns it on.

This was an innovative idea suggested by SSGC officials at a media briefing held in Quetta on January 13, 2011 as part of the Winter Safety Media Campaign. Haroon Rasheed, DGM (Distribution) Balochistan Region, Nasreen


Hussain, DGM (CCD), Agha Muhammad Baloch, Chief Engineer (P\&D), Anwar Baloch, Zonal Manager, Shamshullah Kakar, ACM (Customer Services), Salman A. Siddiqui, CM (CCD) and Inayatullah Ismail, DCM (Media Relations) were among those present on the occasion.

The officials said that such a method would help save lives especially in the Balochistan region where every year a number of deaths are reported due to callous use of gas heaters.

In her vote of thanks, DGM (CCD) thanked the media persons for turning up in large number at the briefing.

She said that SSGC is duly bound to educate its customers about the safe and sensible use of gas appliances during the winter season.

# Ulema stress on natural gas conservation 



Natural Gas is a gift of God and one must learn to value its significance. This was the premise of a seminar organized co-jointly by Regional Office, Quetta and CCD on January 6, 2011. Maulana Anwar-ul-Haq Haqqani, a renowned cleric and khateeb of Jammah Masjid, Quetta was the chief guest. Among the speakers were Maulana Abdul Haq Hashmi, Maulana Abdul Bagar Kakar, Maulana Abdul Wahid and Maulana Abdul Raheem.

All the speakers were unanimous in inferring that Pakistan is endowed with natural resources such as oil and gas and it is incumbent on each of us to use it with utmost care. While congratulating the Company management for creating awareness about the importance of natural gas by holding such programs, Maulana Abdul Haq Hashmi said that similar symposiums

should be made a regular affair for the stakeholders to get education from. He suggested that a law must be passed to enforce the marketers to sell only standard heaters and appliances since the use of sub standard appliances lead more often to deaths during the winter season.

Shamsullah Kakar, ACM (CS) thanked all the clerics and religious scholars for gracing their presence on the occasion and appealed them to continue to educate the masses about the sensible use of natural gas so that we can conserve it for future generations. In his remarks, Inayatullah


Ismail, DCM (Media Relations) appraised the audience about the salient features of the Winter Safety Media Campaign through which the customers are educated about the safe use of gas appliances through valuable tips and suggestions by using such mediums as TV, radio, print media as well as through specially designed leaflets and posters.

The seminar was compered by Rasheed Khan, DM (Building Maintenance) in a very eloquent manner.

Courtesy: Inayatullah Ismail, DCM (Media Relations)

## Participants leave audience spell bound

Some of the most soulful voices of Quetta as well as SSGC's very own Rizwan Ansari, Executive-CCD and Regional Office Quetta's DCE (P\&D) and chess master Shehzad Alam left the Regional Office audience spell bound with their haunting renditions at a
another level with one rendition after another as the hall resounded with chants of Subhan Allah.

Haroon Rasheed, DGM (Distribution), Balochistan Region thanked the CCD for putting together a brilliant show which was proven by
(CCD) profusely thanked the executives and staff members for making the program a successful one with their presence. She also praised the naat khawans for their touching renditions.

Also present on the occasion were Agha Muhammad


Mehfil-e-Naat held under the banner of Distinguished Speakers Series on January 14, 2011. Shehzad Alam's son Mutahir Iqbal also belted out a heart rending naat.

The chief guest on the occasion was the renowned religious scholar Maulana Noor-ul-Ain Qadri. Arshad Iqbal hosted the uplifting event with tremendous aplomb and confidence.

There was not a dry eye in the audience as the naat khawans took them to

the fact that a large number of Quetta employees were present on the occasion. A request was made to organise Rabi-ul-awal on a large scale for all the employees of Quetta. In her vote of thanks, Nasreen Hussain, DGM


Baloch, Chief Engineer (P\&D), Anwar Baloch, Zonal Manager, Shamshullah Kakar, ACM (Customer Services), Salman A. Siddiqui, CM (CCD), Inayatullah Ismail, DCM (Media Relations) and Uzair Ahmed Khan, Asst. Manager (Advertising).

## The Power of 19: Mathematical miracles in Quran



Renowned author Colonel (R) Ashfaq Hussain was the guest speaker at the 28th DSS. Whose highly revealing presentation 'Mathematical miracles of Amazing Quran' astounded a packed-tocapacity auditorium as he explained the relationship between 19 words of Bismillah ir-Rahman ir-Rahim and the word 'Ism' which has also appeared 19 times.

The learned speaker also revealed that between the first and last initialed sura


there are 19 sets of alternating "initialed" and "uninitialed" suras. The last revelation (Sura 110) consists of 19 words, he pointed out. Col. (R) Hussain also

explained that words Al Barr (land) and Al Behr (water) have appeared in Quran 13 and 32 times, respectively. When calculated, the ratio of land and water (28:71) is revealed which is exactly the ratio determined by science, the learned speaker revealed.

Azim Iqbal Siddiqui, DMD (South), Zuhair Siddiqui, SGM (CS) and Rahat Kamal Siddiqui, SGM (Training) were among those present at the audience.


## SSGC rises against cancer in children



Under its CSR initiative, SSGC provided financial support of Rs. 480,000 to the Children Cancer Hospital (CCH) to help it procure medical equipments for the treatment of its patients.

Nasreen Hussain, DGM (CCD) was invited as the chief guest by the Hospital management at the formal inauguration of the procured equipments. Dr. Mohammad Shamvil Ashraf, Consultant


Pediatric Oncologist and CEO, CCH welcomed DGM (CCD), Inayatullah Ismail, DCM (Media Relations) and Mohammad Ali Gohar, DCM (CCD/CSR).

He took the SSGC team to different facilities of the hospital and enquired from

the children about their condition.

CCH is a project of Children Cancer Foundation Pakistan Trust (CCFPT) dedicated to cure cancer exclusively among the children since 1999.

Since its existence the Trust has provided free diagnosis and treatment to more than 1,500 children.

## Together with WWF for a greener Pakistan



SSGC recently participated in the WWF-organized Nature Carnival 2011 held at Karachi's PAF Museum to extend moral support for the Fund's development and nature conservation projects. The theme of the carnival, held on January 30, 2011, was 'Water Conservation... Everyone's Responsibility'.

A colourful stall was adorned with a backdrop that carried
a relevant message 'Protect our Trees. Trees keep our world alive' was set up by CCD. The stall and its activities were deftly managed by M. A. Gohar, DCM (CCD/CSR) with support from the CRD personnel. CRD has a significant role in this event since it gives its personnel an opportunity to educate the visitors about energy conservation and safe use of
gas. Pamphlets and fliers on safe use of gas were distributed among the visitors. The CRD staff including Fazeela, Aliya, Sabiha and Filza efficiently handled the visitors' queries about the Company's customer service functions. The face painting activity was enthusiastically managed by Summera Shaheen, Secretary to DGM-CCD and CRD girls.

## Saleem Manghi shares vast CP experience with Balochistan engineers



The scope of training was to understand the electrochemical process of corrosion cell and its different types to analyze the causes of corrosion.

Various means to control and reduce corrosion like Material Selection, Design, Coating and Cathodic Protection Technique were discussed.
 Besides some field activities, practical demonstration of accelerated corrosion and Cathodic Protection was also given.

The major objective of the training program was to promote awareness and expertise to combat corrosion, maintain pipeline integrity and UFG. The participants showed great interest in understanding the causes of corrosion attack at different locations on steel pipeline network.

This training will also help to built a self sufficient and strong SSGC engineering team in Balochistan.

Because the pipeline coating plays the major part in protection of underground pipelines, different type of coating and their application procedures were therefore discussed in detail. CP System is a well established technique to protect the bare portion of the underground coated pipelines by making

it permanent cathode through an external source. CP techniques were discussed in detail so that its working and benefits must be understood clearly by the participants who can utilize this knowledge to maintain the integrity of SSGC pipeline.

SSGC being the pioneer gas pipeline company has got a strong Corrosion Management team to look after its transmission and Distribution pipeline network.

That is why the 55 year old 16 inch dia ILBP, gas transmission pipeline continues to be in fine condition till today.

## Underscoring the value of communication



It is easier said than done. We may learn the tricks of the trade from the text books but effective communication is an art that very few among us are adept at.

Yet it is important that we are well aware of the many aspects of effective communication including its components and seven Cs of communications, its importance in the workplace and for moving up the organizational ladder.

These were the points clearly underscored by the trainer Syed Imran Ahmed, DCM
(CCD) during the two day training workshop organized by GTI for the Company executives on January 19 and 20, 2011.

While explaining to the trainees the theoretical aspects of business communications, Mr. Ahmed involved the participants in useful exercises such as drafting an effective memo, note and resume through consultations in groups of two to three. The participants were also asked to give presentations of their drafts to the class so that they could one decipher oratory skills

and confidence level in them.
The trainer also discussed the reasons behind miscommunication and encouraged the participants to share experiences of barriers to communication in their workplaces.

The sessions were interspersed with training videos that underscored the importance of effective communication.

Mr. Ahmed was recently selected as 'Subject Matter Expert' at GTI for management-related programs.

## HSE training held for Larkana executives



An in-house two-day GTI training program entitled - Awareness and Implementation of HSE Management System' was conducted by Nizamuddin Domki, Assistant Engineer HSEQA, conducted through GTI on January 11 and 12, 2011 at the Regional office


Larkana.
Related executives were given handsom training on the components of risk assessments, incident reporting and Permit to work (PTW) System and all the sixteen procedures of HSE management system.

During the training the trainer Mr. Domki also focused on the risk assessment of human behavior. He said that it was a universal fact and world proven experience that all the incidents are due to human behavior.

The topic was discussed at length and a practical outlining human behavior risk assessment was carried out. More such training programs are planned for other zones in the future.

## Medical Department holds seminar on Hepatitis



The Medical Services Department, aware of its social and corporate responsibility, is making repeated efforts to increase awareness among the SSGC employees about its signs, symptoms, causes and treatment. To enhance these efforts, Medical Services arranged a highly informative and stimulating discourse on 'Hepatitis' on January 6, 2011 in the Head Office auditorium.

The seminar was addressed by Dr. Syed Mohammad Zahid Azam, a consultant gastroenterologist. Dr. Azam explained to the audience that hepatitis is an

inflammation of the liver, most commonly caused by a viral infection There are five main hepatitis viruses, referred to as types $A, B, C, D$ and $E$, he further dilated, while explaining the salient features of each of the viruses. The learned speaker pointed out that hepatitis may occur with limited or no symptoms, but often leads to jaundice, anorexia (poor appetite) and malaise. He stressed that hepatitis is acute when it lasts less than six months and chronic when it persists longer.

Dr. Azam also explained to the audience the signs and symptoms that persist in

acute and chronic patients suffering from hepatitis. On the subject of treatment of hepatitis, the learned doctor reiterated that there is no specific treatment for hepatitis $A$. He said that the doctor will recommend the abstinence of alcohol and drugs during recovery. Most cases of hepatitis A resolve themselves spontaneously, Dr. Azam explained.

The only treatment for hepatitis $B$ is rest, combined with a high protein/high carbohydrate diet to repair damaged liver cells and protect the liver, the doctor said.



## Benefits of Drinking Water

Everyone knows the importance of drinking water in the life. Approximately 60-70 percent of human body is made up of water. It is the main ingredient of all body fluids, blood including lymph, digestive juices, urine, tears and sweet. Therefore water is involved in almost every function such as circulation, digestion and obsession. Water consumption gives us energy by material blood volume. When blood flows through our bodies, it carries oxygen. This oxygen goes through muscles to keep us active by decreasing muscle soreness during physical activity.

## How we can get water in a day

- First thing in the morning, right after getting out of bed, drink a glass of water.
- Drink another glass slowly while getting dressed and ready for the day.
- Before eating anything, drink full glass of water. This will help you in getting the right amount of water, but it can help you to eat less because you will feel fuller.
- Keep a large water bottle for whole day.


## Health benefits of drinking water.

- Regulates appetite
- Increases metabolism
- Boosts energy level
- Provides relief from headache
- Reduces blood pressure.
- Eases joint pain
- Reduces chances of developing kidney stones
- Reduces risk of heart attack
- Reduces risk of disease and infection
- Regulates your body temperature.
- Improves skin and makes one look Younger.



## Signs when we need more water

- Dark Urine - Dark yellow or orange in color: Urine is generally pale yellow to clear when you have sufficient water intake. Dark color or smell strong indicates that you need to drink more water.
- Dry Skin: Skin is the largest body organ and requires its share of water.

Thirst is the most obvious sign that you're already dehydrated. It is always a good practice to drink more water when your are not thirsty; don't wait until you're thirsty.

- Fatigue: Water is a source of energy; give a boost in energy.


## How much water should we drink?

- We should drink 8 glasses of water a day,


## Human tissues and organs are mainly made up of water. Here is the percentage:

- Muscles consist of $75 \%$ water
- Brain consists of $90 \%$ of water
- Bones consist of $22 \%$ of water
- Blood consists of $83 \%$ water


## New Office Policy

## Dress Code:

1) You are advised to come to work dressed according
to your salary.
2) If we see you wearing Prada shoes and carrying a Gucci bag, we will assume you are doing well financially and therefore do not need a raise.
3) If you dress poorly, you need to learn to manage your money better, so that you may buy nicer clothes, and therefore you do not need a raise.
4) If you dress just right, you are right where you need to be and therefore you do not need a raise.

## Sick Days:

We will no longer accept a doctor's statement as proof of sickness. If you are able to go to the doctor, you are
 able to come to work.

## Personal Days:

Each employee will receive 104 personal days a year. They are called Saturdays and Sundays.

## Bereavement Leave:

This no excuse for missing work. There is nothing you can do for dead friends, relatives or co-workers. Every effort should be made to have non-employees attend the funeral arrangements in your place. In rare cases where employee involvement is necessary, the funeral should be scheduled in the late afternoon. We will be glad to allow you to work through your lunch hour and subsequently leave one hour early.

## Bathroom Breaks:

Entirely too much time is being spent in the toilet. There is now a strict three-minute time limit in the stalls. At the end of three minutes, an alarm will sound, the toilet paper roll will retract, the stall door will open, and a picture will be taken.

After your second offence, your picture will be posted on the company bulletin board under the 'Chronic Offenders' category. Anyone caught smiling in the picture will be sectioned under the company's mental health policy.

## Lunch Break:

* Skinny people get 30 minutes for lunch, as they need to eat more, so that they can look healthy.
* Normal size people get 15 minutes for lunch to get a balanced meal to maintain their average figure.
* Chubby people get 5 minutes for lunch, because that's all the time needed to drink a diet supplementary shake.


## MD, KESC meets senior management



Tabish Gauhar, MD, KESC visited SSGC in January 2011 for a meeting with Dr. Faizullah Abbasi, MD, SSGC on gas supply issues. Other members of the senior management of both SSGC and KESC were present on the occasion.

## Medical Complaint Centre SITE inaugurated



A CBA-established Medical Complaint Centre was inaugurated in January 2011 at SSGC's SITE office. Dr. Shehla Naqvi, CMO, Shabbir Ratlamwala, GM (D)-O joined CBA office bearers including Riaz Akhtar Awan, Chairman and Ejaz Baloch, President in cutting the ribbon to inaugurate the facility.

## Admin bids farewell to its veterans



The Admin Service Department bid farewell to three of its veteran officers who retired from the Company after a long and productive association. Amir Mumtaz Khan, GM (AS) and others paid tribute to Hafiz Muhammad Azeem, ADGM, Sher Muhammad Jahangir, Supervisor and Shabbir Hassan, Superintendent in a simple ceremony held at the Head Office auditorium in January, 2011. Hafiz Azeem departed from SSGC after serving for more than thirty years while Mr. Jahangir and Mr. Hassan served for 27 and 16 years, respectively.

Courtesy: Tanveer Soomro, Dy. Chief Manager, Admin Services

## Leak survey of Supply main



Naik Mohammad Shaikh, DCE (CP), Abdul Fateh Solangi, AE (CP) and staff carrying out Leak Survey of 10" dia twin supply mains, Hyderabad at HQ-3 Jamshoro.

Courtesy: Naik Mohammad Shaikh, Dy. Chief Engineer (CP)

## Promotion letters to CRD executives



Abdul Majid Malik, GM (CRD) presenting promotion letters to the newly promoted CMs and DCMs of CRD in a ceremony held in the Head Office Auditorium

## Newly promoted CRD executives celebrate



The newly promoted staff of CRD celebrated their promotion to executive cadre with Abdul Majid Malik, GM (CRD) and their colleagues on January 4, 2011. Pictures taken on the occasion.


## CCD executives promoted



Nasreen Hussain, DGM (CCD) presenting promotion letters to her team members Salman Siddiqui, Inayatullah Ismail (who were elevated to the CM cadre), Muhammad Ali Gohar and S. Imran Ahmed (both of whom became the new DCMs) and Rizwan Ansari, who was recently elevated to the Executive cadre as Grade-1 officer.

## Industrialist visits meter plant



Mir Mohammad Ali Khan, Chairman Giantino Group (Giantino CGS and Giantino One Ten LP) recently visited Meter Plant where Habib Jamal, DGM (MP) took him around different facilities. Mr. Khan showed keen interest in the manufacturing of the new versions of V-3 meter and G-4 meter. Giantino One Ten LP is a supplier to heavy Mechanical Industrial Units.

## Badges for welders



Syed Hassan Nawab, DMD (North), Shoaib Warsi, ASGM (North), and Mushtaq Siddiqui, GM (Sindh) presenting badges to the welders at a ceremony held in Regional
 Office, Hyderabad who recently attended highly productive and hands on GTI-conducted training sessions conducted by Riaz Akhtar Awan, Chairman, CBA.


## Presentation by Hub School management



The Hub School management led by Ahmed E. H. Jaffer, Chairman of the Board of Hub School gave a presentation on the institute's operations, curriculum and other related facets to Dr. Faizullah Abbasi, MD, SSGC, senior management and CCD officials. Captain (R) Mohammad Arif, a Senior School official and former SGM, SSGC assisted Mr. Jaffer in the presentation held on January 24, 2011.

Orientation on Fire-fighting drill


Major (R) Nayyar Iqbal, DCM (SS) conducted a session on January 14, 2011 for the employees of the Stores Department, Karachi Terminal to give them an orientation on how to conduct a fire-fighting drill. Mukhtar Hussain, SSGC Fire fighting Instructor gave a demonstration to the employees.

## DAC meeting



A Departmental Accounts Committee (DAC) meeting in session at SSGC in January 2011. Company management and DAC officials seen here during the deliberations.


## EPP stresses on the causes of Hepatitis



As part of its Expert Patient Program (EPP), the Medical Department organized an extremely pertinent lecture on Hepatitis at the Head Office for the benefit of the employees' family members suffering from the disease.

Dr. Huma Imran, SSGC's physician and ultrasound specialist said that the causes of disease include blood transfusion, needle prick injury, sharing of blades and tooth brushes of affected person, multiple sex partners and saliva.

In Pakistan, the prevalence rates of Hepatitis B and C are $3-4 \%$ and $5-6 \%$ respectively which translates into an alarming 12 million affected individuals. Worldwide, B and C can cause both acute and chronic diseases with 2 billion people have been infected with Hepatitis B virus and more than 350 million have chronic long-term liver infection.

Courtesy: Medical Services Dept.

## Human Resources



Pariwash d/o M. Hassan, Executive (Distribution Department), Quetta passed her Nursery Examinations from Sound Foundation Public School, Quetta attaining 91\% marks.


Junaid Khan s/o M. Aslam Nasar, Dy. Manager (S\&M), Quetta achieved first position in his Nursery Examinations from St. Mary's School, Quetta Cantonment.

## Promotion



Saifullah Qureshi, AM (SS) has been promoted as DM (SS) with effect from November 16, 2010. He works in HQ-2, Daur, Nawabshah

## Transitions

- Mother of Engr. Aftab Ahmed Larik, DCE (Sukkur) passed away on December 25, 2010.

■ Wife of Moid-uz-Zafar, ex-SGM breathed her last on January 2, 2011.

- B.M Khaliq (Retired Officer from Telecom Department) and father of Mukarram Mehmood. Manager, IT died on January 31, 2011.
- Abdul Rahim Bhutto, Deputy Manager, Customer Relations Department, Moro passed away on February 1, 2011.
- Muhammad Jamshed, Retired Officer from Transmission Department breathed his last on February 2, 2011.

May their souls rest in peace. Ameen

## Clarification

In the January 2011 issue under the list of 'Organizational Changes', the designation of Madni Ahmed Ali Arafat Siddiqui was inadvertently mentioned as Acting General Manager (Transmission) while he has been re-designated as Acting Deputy General Manager in the same department. The error is regretted.

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 هاشم، جي ايم (اي ايس) عامر ممتاز خان، جي ايم (سنة) مشتاق صديقي. آر ايم حيدرآباد رشيد خانزايرادو سي ايم (ايلمن) عبدالوهاب صديتي كاي
 وذّي تعداد ير ان موقعي تي موجود هئا. ان موقعي تي جناب مير منور تالير، كوت غئ غلام محمد پالنت منصوبي جي جلدي شروعات تي ايس
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