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## Editor's Note

## Towards the glory road

## Dear readers,

The year 2013 is drawing to a close. For SSGC, it has been twelve months full of challenges. UFG again took the center stage as the primary issue faced by the Company. Our efforts to control this threat have paid dividends as during the last fiscal year UFG came down by nearly $2 \%$. In order to control UFG,

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theinst direct technology including caging of installations, leak detection devices and advanced cyber locks on the customer meter stations to stem the menace. On the other hand, the Company has continued to make inroads in its technology initiatives by investing in cost-effective solutions in Oracle, ERP and more recently digital media as an effective conduit for our stakeholders. These initiatives are meant not just to add value to internal operations but to serve the customers better. We understand that in 2014, the LNG projects will make some headway and UFG will continue its downward trend more so when the Company will intensify its rehabilitation efforts following the World Bank's funding commitments. To make it all happen, our human resource, that remains our best bet against challenges, needs to remain committed, united and focused. The road to glory will then be much easier to travel. Ed

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## ERP and CC\&B teams behind successful implementation



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## Miftah Ismail elected Chairman SSGC

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r. Miftah Ismail has been elected Chairman of SSGC's Board at a BoD meeting held on November 7, 2013.

Mr. Ismail is one of Pakistan's leading business leaders and economists. Presently, he is also CEO and Director at Ismail Industries Ltd., and Vice Chairman Punjab Board of Investment and Trade.

A PhD in Public Finance and Political Economy from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, USA, Mr. Ismail has also been associated with International Monetary Fund (IMF) as an economist in early 1990s. He is also Member, Advisory Committee at IBA.

He is CEO and Director at Astroplastics (Pvt.) Ltd., Chairman Delmare Foods (Pvt.) Ltd. and Director Flexipack Films (Pvt.) Ltd.

In the past, he has been the visiting faculty at IBA Karachi, President of Rotary Club, General Secretary of Pakistan Table Tennis Federation and Trustee, Karachi American School. ■


## BVC re-certífies HSE Management System

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fter a rigorous re-certification audit of SSGC's laid down HSE Management System and their implementation, Bureau Veritas Certification (BVC) has recertified the System, as per the

requirements of ISO 14001:2004 and OHSAS 18001:2007 standards.

Good HSE practices not only enhance an organization's image but also acts as an important maintenance and preventive tool. SSGC has repeatedly demonstrated a systematic approach to HSE compliance and has taken concrete measures to eliminate those constituents that are hazardous to environment, safety and occupational health.

Earlier, in a letter to the HSE Department, BVC confirmed that it had observed five non-conformities during its Third Routine Surveillance visit of SSGC on July 26, 2013 under the scope of 'Transmission, Distribution and Sale of natural gas in Sindh and Balochistan'. BVC confirmed that non-compliance
reports had been closed after review of the corrective actions taken and documentary evidences provided. This ensured continuation of the Company's registration with BVC till the next audit.


## Industrialists díscuss gas supply íssues with new Chaírman

Adelegation of industrialists representing SITE Association of Industry, Karachi visited SSGC Head Office to meet the new Chairman Mr. Miftah Ismail on November 20, 2013. The delegation comprised of prominent business leaders including Mr. Zubair Motiwala, Mr. Younus Bhashir and Mr. Saleem Parekh.

Mr. Ismail while chairing the meeting at the Company's boardroom welcomed the delegation on behalf of SSGC and assured them of every possible support from the gas utility. He said that the federal government fully understands the issues faced by the industry and is determined to offer appropriate solutions.

Zuhair Siddiqui, MD SSGC said that Company is well aware of the issues faced by the industrialists due to their regular interactions with them. SSGC realizes the fact that industries located in the SITE Industrial area at times suffer from low gas pressures since they are located on the tail end of the Company's distribution system, he said.

He added that the problem aggravates during peak domestic consumption and in days of unscheduled shutdown /curtailed supplies from the gas fields. Mr. Siddiqui added that to ensure improved gas pressures during the
rest of the week, the Company has to resort to a 24-hours shutdown of gas supply on Sundays and expects the industrialists to fully cooperate. However the same is not complied in letter and spirit since the Company officials receive many calls from industrial units for allowing them gas
two meters instead of one.
The MD assured the delegation that SSGC is taking every step for improving gas supplies and is in the process of laying a new distribution line for the SITE area which will address the low pressure issues.

supply on Sundays to meet export orders, the MD said. He further added that in the best national interest, the Company has to accommodate such requests.

Mr. Zubair Motiwala presented few proposals for SSGC's consideration including the revision of gas shutdown schedule for CNG stations, equitable distribution to all industrial sectors, gas conservation surveys by the consultants and consideration of amnesty by having

The Chairman said that SSGC would meet all other stakeholders to settle issues amicably.

On the occasion, the delegation presented a bouquet to the new Chairman.

Apart from the MD, SSGC's management was represented by DMD (CS) Yusuf J. Ansari, CFO Abdul Malik, SGM (Transmission), Shoaib Warsi and SGM (DistributionSouth) Aminullah Khan. ■

## Indían períodícal interviews MD

Ms. Latha Jishnu, senior editor of Down to Earth, a fortnightly Indian publication visited SSGC Head Office Karachi on November 25, 2013. Ms. Jishnu was covering a story on South Asian energy situation and the overall regional energy crisis. The high point of her visit to SSGC was an interview with Zuhair Siddiqui, MD, SSGC for the said story.

The visit concluded with a souvenir presented to the lady editor by the CCD team. Ms. Jishnu was highly impressed by SSGC's operations as a whole and CCD's contribution in particular as it pertained to her field. Her visit was facilitated by Head of Business Desk, GEO, Mr. Haris Zamir.


## Miscreants caught using heavy quantum of gas

SSGC's Task Force belonging to Customer Relations Department (CRD) disconnected more than 900 illegal gas connections in Landhi and Korangi areas of Karachi on November 27, 2013. The owners of households were using gas illegally through rubber pipes. Summarily, the Task Force removed all illegal connections.

The quantum of gas used through this illegal arrangement was more than 50,796 million cubic feet, amounting to Rs. 8.1 million per annum.

The Task Force undertook this raid on a lead from a reliable source regarding illegal consumption of gas connections in K-51 area of Korangi. On the same day another raid was conducted in Khaskheli Muhalla of Rehri Goth in Landhi area. Both the raids were supervised by SSGC's Nawab Ali Shah, DM (Task Force) CRD.

During the operation, a number of residents including women gathered on the spot and tried to resist the disconnection process. The SSGC officials advised them to get gas facility through proper channel by applying for gas connection as per the procedure. He assured them that SSGC's concerned department

would facilitate them in providing gas facility according to the rules and regulations.

In October, on a tip off from a reliable source about an incident of blatant gas theft, the CRD Task Force team raided Dawood Wachani Goth located in Sector 14/c in Baldia Town Karachi.

The area is faced with an uncertain law and order situation. The team
cracked down on October 10, 2013 and disconnected about 1,400 domestic illegal/direct use of gas connections, to save UFG.

Earlier on October 27, on yet another tip off, Mr. Shah and his team undertook a raid against direct gas use in Korangi K-51 and Khaskheli Muhallah near Rehri Goth Landhi. The team removed about 900 illegal connections.


S\&M cracks down on habitual offenders


o arrest the rising tide of UFG, SSGC has intensified its efforts against the menace of gas theft, one of the main causes of Unaccounted-for-Gas (UFG). S\&M and CRD Departments have stepped up their efforts by undertaking planned raids in the franchise areas of Sindh and Balochistan. Significantly enough, FIRs have been lodged against the culprits involved in gas theft.

The S\&M department in coordination with CRD, DSM, Security Services and FIA teams raided two popular Sajii houses in Karachi which were found using gas illegally through fake meter and direct use of gas.

On November 4, 2013, on a tip off,

S\&M Department came to know that Mehran Sajji House located on University Road was using gas illegally through fake meter. Subsequently, a raid was carried out by S\&M with full support of the above mentioned teams on November 5, 2013. The fake meter was summarily removed by the CRD and gas supply was disconnected by DSM teams on the spot. The restaurant manager was held by the FIA team for further investigation and FIR was subsequently lodged.

This Sajii house has been raided twice in the past. Theft cases were subsequently processed through Claims Assessment Committee and claim to Rs. 3.9 million was lodged against the customer which is still
pending for acknowledgement. Apart from the outstanding gas theft claim, the customer has an outstanding gas bill amounting to Rs. 460, 019.

Shoro Sajji House located in North Karachi was raided on November 6, 2013. The raid was spearheaded by DGM (S\&M) Lt. Col. (R) Shoaib Ahmed with respective support from CRD, S\&M, DSM, Security and FIA teams. It was found that the customer had obtained a direct connection through G.I. pipe from common houseline extended to its premises for illegal use of gavs. The direct G.I. pipe connection was removed and service line was killed by CRD and DSM teams. The FIA officials arrested the concerned manager of the food outlet for further interrogation.

Quetta's Maintenance Team continues gas leak surveys

nderground gas leak points were detected at several locations in Quetta. The points were identified by the Cantonment Zone's Maintenance team during their survey undertaken on 4th, 5th, 6th and 11th of November 2013. The team detected leakage on 2" dia distribution pipelines during the leak survey in Killi Ismail and Killi Sumalabad. An underground leak point was also detected in 1"dia pipeline in Killi Sumalabad.

The surveys were undertaken as part of the Company's drive to stem UFG. The Maintenance team did not just identify the underground leak points but also removed the rubber pipes and plugged and welded the Tee.

Courtesy: Liaquat Ali, DCE/Incharge Cantonment Zone, Quetta


## Balochistan visit: GM (T) ínspects ongoíng projects

Mansoor Ahmed, General Manager (Transmission) recently visited Balochistan region to inspect a number of ongoing projects as well as different sections of HQ Quetta. The visits were undertaken on September 2 and 3, 2013.

On September 2, GM (T) was accompanied by Muhammad Altaf, DCE (Operations)/ Incharge HQ Quetta and Ghulam Ali Mahir, DCE (P\&C)/In-charge Spread Camp. Mr. Ahmed visited 18" dia MVA on the site of the Airport Road, Habibullah Coastal Power's CMS as well as routes from Hanna Urak to ZS-O1 via Spin Lake, Margate, Marwar and Karkan village. At Zarghun Gas field conference room, GM (T) held a meeting with Ali Hassan Jamali, Field Incharge and his team members to discuss gas field activities.


Incharge HQ Quetta taking GM (T) on a guided tour of 18 MVA Airport Road

The following day, GM (T) visited HQ Quetta where Mr. Altaf in his capacity as the In-charge of the facility briefed him about HQ Quetta and transmission network including office block, garage, gas condensate collection pit area, pipe yard, archers, MPL installation of HQ Quetta section and employees club.

Later while registering his views on the comments book, GM (T) wrote that he was delighted to see the good housekeeping and maintenance of the overhead section of HQ and appreciated the efforts of Mr. Altaf and his team in this regard. $\quad$.


## New CP Station ínstalled at Jatí



The gas supply main and pipeline istribution network of Jati city at Thatta zone has been extended. For the cathodic protection of lines, Thermoelectric

Generator have been installed near TBS Jati.

Sikandar Ali Samo, Senior Engineer (CP) accompanied with Naik

Muhammad Shaikh, DCE/In-charge (CP) and Noor Nabi Soomro, AE (CP) checked and monitored the new station as part of the commissioning procedure.


## Díg-ít 2.0: Exploríng opportunities in Dígítal Medía

Karachi played host to Dig-it 2.0 conference which was organized by Pakistan Advertisers Society. A two-day event was held at Marriott Hotel on October 30-31, 2013. Learned speakers from Denmark, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Singapore and local subject matter experts shared case studies, cutting-edge ideas and research studies with over 200 Pakistani marketing, digital media and advertising professionals. Executives from Team CCD namely Uzair Khan (Dy. Manager), Danish Jawed (Asst. Manager) and Nauman Saeed (Asst. Manager) attended the conference as delegates.

The entire conference revolved around the agenda of how the world is moving towards digital communications and virtually reaching out to the consumers. SSGC's team participated enthusiastically catching the eye of many gurus of the industry. They shared their own experiences of digital and social media and discussed with the speakers and other delegates how various techniques can be used to enhance their service more effectively, benefitting stakeholders as a whole.

The topics dilated on during the two day conference centered around the marketers perspective in terms of changing mindset, mobile for digital


CCD team members listening attentively to the proceedings as a foreign speaker gives important pointers

communications, using brand advocates in social media and the
concept of e-retail marketing and strategies. ■


## Customer service through social media

Since the inception of SSGC's presence on social media, the last six months have seen vivid changes in the Company's communication strategy for reaching out to its customers across Sindh and Balochistan. As the Digital base grows with time, the rate of interaction of users has also increased resulting in better engagement and reach. Insights show that $55 \%$ users of our Facebook page are from Sindh and $10 \%$ are from Balochistan.

These 'friends' have found a new avenue for interaction by not just commenting on positive aspects of SSGC's operations but also reporting illegal usage of gas supplies through Facebook and Twitter Accounts which are managed by CCD's digital team.


The complaints follow a consistent pattern of communication and reporting flow. The digital team member, managing the page (as admin) consults CM (Media Relations) on every single complaint
and at the same time forwards them to the concerned department for a timely response. Once the issue is resolved, a follow-up is made to confirm the resolution.

## New tools, quick service - Live examples of support through Facebook and Twitter

To cite an example, a follower of our official Twitter page recently posted an incident of blatant gas theft in Jacobabad. His complaint was summarily forwarded to Regional Office Hyderabad.

On immediate basis, the emergency and response team raided the affected area and removed the illegal gas connection in the premises. The compliance/action report was generated instantly and the user was notified.

On the other hand, various complaints and queries also come up on Facebook. SSGC has an excellent reputation for prompt service delivery on ground. However, there are a lot of customer queries which are fairly general or specific in some cases in nature. A billing issue example is given in the image on this page in which a customer's billing complaint was resolved through Facebook with valuable coordination from billing department.

Contributed by: Danish Javed and Nauman Saeed Khan, AMs (CCD)


## Rahail Siddiqui

The billing error that could not be rectified over 2 months by SSGC's Facilitation Center visit or through call center inquiry has beed resolved through Facebook by the digital media team of ssgc. Much appreciated. You guys set a high standard.
Like • Comment • November 4 at 3:55pm

## Top Comments v



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Sui Southern Gas Company Ltd. - SSGC Thank you for the kind
words. Sorry for inconvenience.
Like · Reply · November 5 at 1:01pm
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Aamir Shaikh SSGC service with smile (:)
Unlike • Reply • 1 - November 4 at 5:58pm via mobile

## e-Payments through Upaisa SSGC teams up with U Mícrofinance Bank

SSGC and U Microfinance Bank Limited have recently signed a facilitation agreement that will enable the gas utility's customers to make online payments at thousands of Upaisa payment points
(powered by Ufone) across Pakistan. This latest collaboration in branchless banking with U Microfinance Bank, which is the first by any public utility in Pakistan, will add a new dimension for SSGC customers in terms of

UTILITY BILL PAYMENT ARCHITECTURE


24/7 bill payment solution.
Zuhair Siddiqui, MD, SSGC reiterated that this initiative is a part of the Company's technology road map implementation that aims to make the entire system cost effective, efficient and customer-centric.

Commenting on the agreement, Arif Sirhindi, President and CEO U Microfinance Bank said that this accord is a major milestone in implementing U Microfinance bank vision of serving the unbanked and under-banked customers.

Value Added Service's Mazhar Usman (ACM) and Tayyaba Manzir (DM) played key role in this project. ■

## Bio-degradable bags distributed in Quetta stores

n September 2013, through a pioneering move, SSGC launched environmental friendly paper bags, ideal for groceries. The bags were distributed in many mega stores in Karachi including Agha's, Mottas, Naheed, Time Medicos and Farid, free of cost.

A month later, CCD sent a consignment of 9,500 paper bags to Regional Office where the HSEQA Department officials distributed the bags to more than 32 stores in Quetta for public consumption. A very encouraging response of the public was noticed.

It must be mentioned here that SSGC has printed various public service messages in Urdu and English separately on each side of these bags. These messages reiterate necessary measures to be taken in ensuring safe use of gas appliances especially using gas heaters during winter season and severe legal consequences of meter tampering and gas theft. ■


## DGM (HR) on Entrepreneurshíp



Shahbaz Islam, DGM (HR) gave a stimulating talk on 'Entrepreneurship: Training your passion into profits' as one
of the leading speakers at TRG LearnFest 2013 held at Pakistan Institute of Management, Karachi on October 31, 2013.

The day long learning festival centered around the theme of 'Lifelong Learning'. -

## ITM head conducts workshop on PPRA rules at SSGC

The HR Department recently organized a one day workshop on "Understanding Public Procurement Rules 2004". This workshop was conducted by Dr. Irfan Ahmad, Principal, Institute of Tender Management (ITM), Lahore at the Head office auditorium on November 5, 2013.

The training which was of immense benefit for SSGC executives focused on making the procurement process efficient, transparent and free from discrepancies. Problems related to
the application of PPRA rules and their solutions were also highlighted by the trainer. The workshop identified common mistakes committed by the procuring agencies and stressed on the need for adopting Standard Operating Procedures (SoP) to avoid those mistakes. The participants included executives of various departments including Internal Audit, M\&IM, Finance, Accounts, Admin Services, CCD and HR.

The trainer has an experience of
conducting around 97 sessions on the subject benefitting more than 600 government and corporate organizations including PAF, PIA, PSO, NADRA and TCP. He is also the Procurement Consultant for World Bank and Balochistan Copper and Gold Project.

Ali Akbar, Manager (HR) and Raheela Naseem, Manager (ITM) coordinated on behalf of their respective organizations in arranging this informative and beneficial session.


Dos and Don'ts of Public Speaking underscored
$\square$ ublic Speaking is considered as among the life's worst fears. People suffer from stage fright which can only be overcome with preparation, practice and addressing an audience in real-life settings.

This was the premise of a two-day workshop on "Presentation Skills" arranged by GTI in Regional Office, Sukkur on November 20-21, 2013. The workshop was conducted by Syed Imran Ahmed, DCM (CCD) and a subject matter expert. Executives and engineers based in Sukkur and Company offices in the vicinity enthusiastically attended the sessions.

The workshop focused on practical exercises including an effective opening and closing speeches, speech delivery and elements that can help to engage the audience throughout the presentation. Each of the participants volunteered to come in front of their colleagues and give either an extempore presentation or a power point presentation on the Company's operations. The trainer as well as the other participants observed the strong points but more importantly judged the grey areas. In order to

improve on the grey areas, the trainer again invited the participants for another presentation to see how they can improve it second time round. A marked improvement was seen in most participants when they were called for the encore. It was good to see that most of the participants showed little stage fright and in fact many used flip charts to explain their points of view.

All the participants thanked the trainer for giving them an opportunity to speak in front of the other participants and hoped that it will be
a first step in making them good presenters, which in turn will help them in becoming more confident managers. Aziz-ur-Rehman Abro, Regional Manager, Sukkur distributed certificates to the participants and thanked the trainer for giving the participants some healthy tips on overcoming stage fright.

On November 8, 2013, Mr. Ahmed conducted a similar workshop at GTI Hyderabad which was attended by executives and engineers from Interior Sindh.


## MD secretaries attend workshop in Dubaí

,he MD Office secretaries recently attended a certification course workshop in Dubai, entitled ILM Advanced Course'. The course, that was conducted by Ms. Jacqueline Klauer, was meant exclusively for secretaries and personal assistants (PAs) and was held from October 27-31, 2013.

The course covered the advanced tools and techniques essential for the Managers/Administrative Assistants. Ms. Asma Butt, Ms. Magdelene D' Souza and Ms. Shabana Wasim represented SSGC at the workshop.


GTI conducts workshop on pipelíne integrity


Aworkshop was held on "Corrosion and Cathodic Protection" to provide knowledge to all executives and engineers involved in the operation and maintenance of pipeline. The workshop was conducted from November 4-6, 2013 at Regional Office, Sukkur by Naik Muhammad

Shaikh, DCE - (CP).
Mr. Sheikh, who is a regular subject matter expert at GTI briefed the participants through practical demonstrations about the Cathodic Protection system and measures that can be taken to prevent pipelines from corrosion.

Aziz-ur- Rehman Abro, Regional Manager Sukkur distributed certificates among the participants and informed them that corrosion leads to gas leakage from above and underground pipelines. In this regard, cathodic serves as the backbone for pipeline maintenance, he reiterated.


# World Díabetes Day Program - A huge success Hyderabad employees zealously participated in the activities 

The World Diabetes Day is celebrated every year on November 14 by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF). IDF along with the World Health Organization has been celebrating the Diabetes Day since 1991, in response to growing concerns about the escalating health threat that diabetes now poses.

Keeping in view the 2013's Diabetes Day theme 'Diabetes - Protect our Future', a symposium to create awareness on diabetes prevention and education was arranged at the Hyderabad Medical Centre on November 13, 2013.

Dr. Mairaj Nizami, Diabetologist gave a presentation regarding prevention, treatment and complications arising from diabetes. Same information was also conveyed through panaflex standees, posters and literature given

to the participants. The symposium ended with an interactive question and answer session.

Free screening camps for blood cholesterol/blood sugar and monofilament testing of diabetic patients as well as neuropathy were
also arranged for the patients' benefit. In the end, a documentary was screened that showed diabetic patients sharing their experiences and how they managed to have a healthy lifestyle despite complications arising due to uncontrolled diabetes.


## United against diabetes - SSGC partners with Aga Khan



○n the occasion of the World Diabetes Day on November, 14th, the Aga Khan Family Health Centre in collaboration with SSGC held an awareness program at the Aga Khan Family Health Center in Rawalpindi. The SSGC
team included Tanveer Ahmed Soomro (Acting CM), Dr. Mumtaz Shar (Up-Country Medical Incharge), Dr. Riffat Jaweed Memon (LMO) and Arif Qureshi. The representatives from the Aga Khan Centre included Dr. Shehla (Senior RMO/Unit incharge) and Ms. Samina (LHV).

The event comprised of 3 sessions in which various patients were given awareness regarding hypertension, diabetes as a whole dyslipidemia. The SSGC doctors also advised the patients on the need for regular checkups and pre-cautionary

measures. The FHC Rawalpindi staff was very thankful to SSGC for making this event a successful one and praised the efforts of the Company management and doctors for creating awareness about different medical conditions.

## Dangers of obesity híghlighted

An awareness session on health risks related to obesity was organized by the Medical Services Department on November 20, 2013 at Head Office SSGC. The session focused on the serious nature of obesity in our society and how various diseases and health issues are caused by it. The session
also created awareness on how to tackle problems of obesity and how an individual can make a healthy difference to his life through small yet fruitful measures.

The speakers and the organizing team included Dr. Sami (group leader), Dr. Huma Imran, Dr.

Shumaila, Dr. Sheeba Ansari, Dr. Anjum Qureshi and Dr. Khursheed.

The event ended with an interactive quiz in which audience was asked questions based on the presentations given during the session followed by a prize distribution ceremony. $\quad$ -


## Díagnosis of Hepatitis is not a stígma: EPP


$\wedge$ n expert patients' program (EPP), on Hepatitis, was held on November 27, 2013 at KT

Sports complex. This was the second program of the series; the first took place at head office. The purpose of such programs is to make patients gain expert knowledge of their own disease, so that they make actively participate in managing it.

Dr. Farhat Khursheed, Medical Department (KT) was the speaker. She gave a comprehensive presentation on the topic including the pathophysiology of the disease, sign and symptoms, treatment and complications. Her talk was followed by a Q\&A session. The program concluded with a take home

message that "Diagnosis of Hepatitis is not a stigma, it is curable and preventable".


## Healthy lifestyle prevents diabetes: EPP ínforms

An EPP on Diabetes Mellitus was held in Medical Services Department, HO on October 23, 2013. The detailed presentation was given by Dr. Raza Merchant, Family Physician, Medical Services Department.

He explained the mechanism which leads to Diabetes and also explained risk factors associated including sedentary lifestyle, lack of exercise, and family history. The learned doctor

advised the participants to adopt healthy lifestyle in order to avoid high blood pressure and consequently severe heart ailments.

Dr. Munawar Hyat, DGM (Medical Services) conducted a Q\&A session and shared very informative facts and figures about diabetes with the audience. A quiz was also included in the programme in which gifts were presented to those who answered correctly.


## SSGC Veterans clínch exciting win over KG Veterans

Waseem Yasin (Billing) pulled off a thrilling 4-wicket win for SSGC Veterans Cricket Club against Karachi Gymkhana (KG) veterans in a friendly fixture held at KG ground on November 16, 2013.

Waseem and Saeed Ahmed (Legal) scampered a double on the last ball of the innings to ensure a nail-biting finish for SSGC, while chasing 155 in 22 overs for victory. Openers Sohail Mughal (Billing), who hammered a quick 75 slamming 8 fours and a six off 56 balls and Irfanullah (CRD), who cracked 3 boundaries during his 18-ball 26 , got SSGC off to a flying start.

Earlier, batting first Karachi Gymkhana Veterans were restricted to 154 for 4 due to accurate line and length of SSGC bowlers. Ashar Ghafoor (Admin.) (1-19), Iftikhar Sani (Services) (1-26), Asif Ansari (HR) (125), and Azam Sherwani (CRD) (140) were among the wicket takers.


Sohail Jaleel (CRD) and Lt. Col. (R) Shoaib Ahmed (S\&M) also featured in the match and made their presence felt.

It must be mentioned here that for the very first time SSGC Veterans are also participating in the on-going Premier Grade-I Cricket Tournament being organized by Sindh Seniors Veterans Cricket and Welfare

Association (Affiliated with Pakistan Veterans Cricket Association). Prominent cricketers of Pakistan are representing their teams including PPL, CDC, Moin Khan's Club, Airport Gymkhana and Omar Associates. ■

Courtesy: Asif Ansari, DGM (HRE\&D)/ Captain SSGC Veterans Cricket Club

SSGC officials at a local conference


## Discussions with stakeholders



Major Mohammad Akhtar (R), SGM - Coordination chairing a meeting of CNG station owners to discuss consumption issues in November 2013.


ERP Team celebrates SSGC-LPG Oracle implementation


Teams from Oracle ERP and SSGC-LPG (Pvt) Ltd. celebrated the in-house implementation of Oracle Applications in November, 2013 at the Committee Room in the Head Office. They were joined at the hi-tea by Zuhair Siddiqui, MD, SSGC, Irfan Zafar, SGM/Incharge Operations, Shaista Sheikh, AGM (IT) and Sohail Ahmed Qureshi, MD, SSGC-LPG. Mr. Siddiqui appreciated the efforts of SGM (Operations) and Rauf Aslam Butt, DGM (ERP) and his team for implemention of Financial, Supply Chain and HRMS suites.


## Medía Interactíon



## Inspectíon of LPG Plant



Aminullah Khan, SGM-D (South) inspected Noshki LPG Air-Mix Plant on November 18, 2013. He was accompanied by Sohail Khan, DGM (LPG), Habib Ahmed Sheikh, Engineer (UFG) and other officials.

## EPP on Hypertension



An EPP on Hypertension, organized by the Medical Services Department was held on November 28, 2013. The presentation was given by Dr. Erum Saghir, who was accompanied by panel members Dr. Tariq, Dr. Ameer and Dr. Adnan. Dr. Erum dilated on prevention and management of blood pressure and its treatment.


## Global Energy Roundup

## Alaskan oil and gas future remains uncertain:

According to Global Data, the future of Alaska's oil and gas fiscal terms remains uncertain, as a referendum heads for a tight vote next year. The referendum seeking to repeal a new bill, which imposes a flat $35 \%$ production tax rate, will be held in 2014. The latest report shows that Alaska has made several changes to the fiscal terms governing its upstream oil and gas operations over the last 10 years, largely through amendments to the production tax and the introduction of a large range of tax credits, resulting in an unstable regime over the decade.

Promote exploration to boost growth, Alaska's new production tax, as laid out in Senate Bill 21 (SB 21), seeks to reduce the tax burden on larger oil and gas operations in the hope that this will promote exploration and development activity in the region, consequently boosting its economic growth and employment. However, opposition to the tax change comes from those who believe it will significantly affect state finances, by reducing the tax take, and low-margin oil and gas producers in the state for whom the tax burden will increase.

## Energy pipelines add billions to Canada's economy:

A new study released by the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA) shows that the economic benefits of transmission pipelines add billions to the Canadian economy annually. The study, the first of its kind in Canada, entitled 'The Economic Impacts from Operations of Canada's Energy Pipelines', was prepared by Angevine Economic Consulting Ltd. The study details the economic impact that crude oil, natural gas liquids, and natural gas transmission

lines contribute to the Canadian economy. According to the report, the industry is expected to add US\$ 130 billion to Canada's gross domestic product over the next 30 years based on current operations. This does not include that the transmission pipeline industry could add to the Canadian economy, if some of the major pipeline projects currently being planned were to become operational.

## EU sees ideal conditions for Trans-Caspian pipeline:

A Senior European Union diplomat in Turkmenistan announced this week that current conditions are ideal for the construction of a natural gas pipeline across the Caspian sea. The Trans-Caspian pipeline, which is expected to transport approximately 30 billion $\mathrm{m} 3 /$ year of natural gas, was first suggested by the US in 1996.Denis Daniilidis, who
currently leads the EU mission in the Central Asian country, said negotiations are ongoing to draw up an agreement on the construction of the pipeline. Daniilidis said that he believed the Trans-Caspian pipeline could be completed before full implementation of the EU driven southern gas corridor, a project to create the infrastructure needed to transport gas to Europe from Caspian and Middle Eastern sources.

Whilst the Russian Natural Resources Ministry proclaimed that any gas or oil pipeline across the floor of the Caspian Sea would be environmentally unacceptable, Daniilidis said that the EU, Turkmenistan and Azerbaijan have drawn up an agreement to be signed later this year to ensure that the pipeline would adhere to the highest environmental standards.

Health benefits of Cayenne Pepper
Natural ingredients have always been the solution for mankind since centuries; even today traditional medicine plays a vital role in our lives. Cayenne Pepper also known as the Guinea spice, cow-horn pepper, aleva, bird pepper, or, especially in its powdered form, red pepper-is a hot chili pepper used to flavor dishes. It remains green on the plant even when mature, once picked may or may not turn red which is when it is
normally eaten, but also eaten while still green. It is a cultivar of Capsicum annuum related to bell peppers, jalapeños, paprika and others. The Capsicum genus is in the nightshade family (Solanaceae). The fruits are generally dried and ground, or pulped and baked into cakes, which are then ground and sifted to make the powdered spice of the same name.

Cayenne is used in cooking spicy
dishes, as a powder or in its whole form (such as in Korean, Sichuan and other Asian cuisine), or in a thin, vinegar-based sauce.

It is generally rated at 30,000 to 50,000 Scoville units. It is also used as an herbal supplement, and was mentioned by Nicholas Culpeper in his Complete Herbal, 1653, as "guinea pepper", a misnomer for "guiana pepper".


What can Cayelenne Pepper do!

- It rebuilds the tissue in the stomach and peristaltic action in the intestines.
- It boosts circulation and increases heart action.
- It restores stamina and enhances cardiovascular performance.
- It helps in the cases of arthritis and low back pain.



## Academíc achíevements - Employees' chíldren



Aftab Ali
S/o Abid Khan Lashari (Superintendent Office HQ Nawabshah) passed his HSC-II annual examination 2013, achieving A-1 grade by securing $80 \%$ marks from Board of Intermediate Secondary Education Hyderabad Sindh.


Danyal Azhar
S/o Azhar Ali Chachar (Deputy Manager Sales Regional Office Sukkur) secured 75.21\% marks acquiring A grade in his first term examinations of Class VIII from Cadet College Ghotki.


Mohammad Umar Memon S/o Mohammad Ismail Memon (Assistant Manager, Recovery Department Zonal Office Badin) secured 1st position in his final exams scoring 98\% marks from OPF Public School Badin.


Kanwan D/o Abdul Wahid Khoso (Senior Engineer Regional Office Sukkur) secured 2nd position acquiring A grade in her class VIII final examinations 2013 from Oxford Grammar High school, Sukkur.


Nargis Ali
D/o Yar Ali (Measurement Department Sukkur) scored 366 marks in her SSC-1 Examinations 2013 from Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Sukkur.


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 D/o Kishore Kumar (Recovery Dept. Larkana) secured 1st position acquiring 96\% marks in her class 5 annual examinations 2013 from Iqra College, Larkana.

Mohammad Danish Khan from (Finance Department Bid Bond Section) completed his MBA program from KASBIT University in November 2013.


Tunjeena Soomro D/o Rafique Ahmed (Larkana Office) secured $96.63 \%$ marks in her class III midterm exams aquiring $\mathrm{A}-1$ grade from Quaid-e-Awam Public School, Larkana.


Nimra Abbas D/o Ghulam Abbas secured A-1 grade in her Class 2 final examinations acquiring $83 \%$ marks from ADM English Secondary School, Karachi.


Yumna Musaddiq D/o Mussadiq Sarfraz (Senior Electrician KT) secured $83 \%$ marks from University of Karachi's Psychology Department MSc Program semester examination 2012.

Superannuations - Executives

| Name | Designation | Department | Location | Retirement Date |
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| Habib-ur-Rehman Khattak | DGM | Distribution | Quetta | $01-08-13$ |
| Farid Ahmed Siddiqui | CM | Distribution Karachi West | SITE Office | $30-10-13$ |
| Tufail Ahmed Khan | CM | M\&IM | Head Office | $15-11-13$ |

Period Covered: Till November 15, 2013
Courtesy: HR Department

## Transitions

- Khalid Ahmed Memon, DM (Sales) Pir Jo Goth - November 29, 2013
- Zamir Hussain, DCM (Billing) Sukkur (who tragically passed away in a road accident) - November 19, 2013
- Father of Dr. Qurat-ul-Ain (SMO Medical Services) - November 26, 2013
- Son of Muhammad Nasir (Meter Reader Lyari Zone) - November 26, 2013
- Jameel A. Qureshi, former GM (M\&IM) - November 11, 2013

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