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KUFPEC plans to globally expand oil exploration

Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (KUFPEC), a subsidiary of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) is exploring opportunities to expand its oil and gas exploration activities in Egypt, Pakistan, Malaysia, and several other Asian and European countries. KUFPEC aims to increase its international business footprint and enhance profitability in the coming years. KUFPEC is also reviewing its existing investments and considering exiting projects that no longer align with its strategic objectives and recently withdrew from Norway and China. KUFPEC is working to discover more wells in the Gulf of Suez Basin, particularly in the Jisum and West Tawila.

CBK declares net profit of KD 62.7m in 1st half of 2024

Commercial Bank of Kuwait announced a net profit of KD 62.7m (US$205m) in the first half of 2024. Regulatory ratios remained strong and continue to be well above the Central Bank's statutory benchmarks. Capital Adequacy Ratio was 16.1%, Liquidity Coverage Ratio 237.8%, Net Stable Funding Ratio 115.0% and Leverage ratio 9.9%. Profit reflects a healthy year-on-year growth of KD 4.0 m (7.0%) driven by growth in loans of KD 355 million, higher interest rates and 8.5% increase in service income.

Kuwait pipeline project by HEISCO progressing on time

Kuwait's Heavy Engineering Industries & Shipbuilding Company (Heisco) was awarded a contract by Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) to develop a gas flowline network in West Kuwait in December 2022 worth US$223m. It has been reported that so far the project is proceeding on schedule with the installation of valves and piping ongoing. Scope of contract comprised construction installation of hot tapping, surface safety valves, booster pumps, civil works and construction of associated facilities in a four year duration. Since 2020, KOC has tendered a large volume of flowline projects ranging from US$100m to $250m.

Kuwait advances Shaqaya renewable energy project

Kuwait's Ministry of Electricity, Water, and Renewable Energy, the Public-Private Partnership Authority and Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research are coordinating to advance the Shaqaya Renewable Energy Project. The project consists of four phases with a target capacity of 4,000 MW aimed to produce up to 15% of the energy from renewable energy sources. A consulting firm was appointed to conduct feasibility studies, focusing on the optimal use of land and the integration of various renewable energy technologies, including solar, photovoltaic, and wind energy. It is also reported that Al-Shagaya renewable energy station project will be managed by Chinese companies.

Kuwait's non-oil exports drop by 9.6% in June 2024

Kuwait's Ministry of Commerce and Industry reported a decline in non-oil exports amounting to KD 21.7m (US$70m). While these figures represent a slight decrease compared to the previous month's export value, the GCC region continues to be a significant contributor to Kuwait's non-oil export revenue. The European, African and American markets also experienced a downturn in Kuwaiti export activity

KOC profits decline due to external factors

Kuwait Oil Company (KOC)'s profits for 2023-24 decline and it highlights the significant impact of external factors on its financial performance. Decline is due to Kuwait's commitment to reducing its oil production by 135,000 barrels per day as part of the OPEC+ agreement and it has directly affected the company's revenue. Price of Kuwaiti oil fell to $85 per barrel during 2023-24, down from over $130 per barrel in 2022-23 influenced by aftermath of the Ukrainian war and return to economic activity post-COVID-19. Despite the profit decline, Kuwait Oil Company plans to invest over 13 billion dinars (US$42 bn) by 2028. This investment is aimed at expanding its oil projects to boost future revenues and enhance profitability.

Kuwait's UIC calls for boost the SME National Fund

Kuwait's Union of Investment Companies (UIC) in a move to support the national economy has called on its corporate members to submit proposals to enhance the National Fund for the care and development of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). The Union is seeking innovative ideas on

financing SMEs with capital not exceeding half a million dinars and on the necessary legislative changes to facilitate this support. UIC discussed to include utilizing investment portfolios and shares to finance SMEs, involving interested investment companies and project owners.

Kuwait's crude oil exports to Japan down 24.5%

Kuwait's crude oil exports to Japan in the month of June 2024 fell by 24.5% compared to June 2023 (5.21 m barrels /174,000 barrels per day). This decline is consecutive for the ninth month. As Japan's third-biggest oil provider, Kuwait supplied 8.3 percent of the Japan's total crude imports. UAE remained the top exporter followed by Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Ecuador respectively.

With regards,

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