A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I would like to start this address by wishing you and your families a happy new year. I am very pleased and proud with the outstanding performance of MOIG over the last year, where great efforts were exerted to enhance Oil Spill Prevention, Preparedness and Response in the region.

Despite the current difficult situation in the Global Oil and Gas Industry, 2016 was a pivotal year for MOIG, marked by significant advances in the implementation of 2015-201 strategic plan by organizing a Tier 2 Oil Spill Response Exercise in Bizerte-Tunisia in cooperation with STIR, OMMP, ONPC, OSRA International and Desmi Ro-Clean, coordinating the review of Tier 1 Capability for 09 key companies nominated by ETAP in the field of the development of Tier 2 Coordination Management System in Tunisia as well as facilitating the visits of ETAP Delegation to various Tier 2 facilities throughout the Mediterranean region; in Europe and Middle East, coordinating the Practical Exercise “Oiled Shoreline Survey and Cleanup” for Libyan Delegation from Oil and Gas Industry in cooperation with Cedre, REMPEC, ISPRA, FEPORTS, MARETAP and ECUMED in the field of POSOW 2 Project, participating to National and International conferences, consolidating cooperation and relationships with MOIG Technical Partners, MOIG promotion, etc... A special thanks to members and technical partners for supporting MOIG activities over the last year as well as the new member “Polyeco Group” for joining MOIG sign of its confidence in our group.

For 2017, MOIG will continue along this path, the main efforts will focus on developing and promoting prevention programmes, organizing training, exercises and workshops to satisfy any new needs and expectations of our members and continuously improve and enhance response capability in the Mediterranean region. In this regards, I would like to underline two very important appointments taking place.

The first appointment being the “Oil Spill Preparedness Workshop” planned to be held over 14-15 March 2017 in Tunis-Tunisia in cooperation with Oil Spill Response Limited “OSRL”, MOIG Technical Partner. I would like personally to thank “OSRL” for its support and commitments to improving preparedness for MOIG members and Oil and Industry in the Mediterranean region, this is will build a foundation that we hope will continue to strengthen together in the coming years.

The second appointment will be the “Skhira Oil Spill Exercise” scheduled to be held in the second half of October 2017 in cooperation with TRAPSA, MOIG member. The event will be spread over 02 days in Sfax City and TRAPSA Terminal. An Exercise Steering Committee has been established comprising MOIG and TRAPSA representatives to develop all the phases of the exercise. I would like also to take this opportunity to thank General Management and Technical Direction of TRAPSA for agreeing the MOIG request to hold this exercise in their terminal. We are looking forward to your active participation in both events.

Mahmoud Abdussalm Kamour
MOIG - Chairman

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PREPARATORY MEETINGS FOR PRACTICAL EXERCISE-POSOW 2 PROJECT

October 27, within the framework of POSOW 2 project, the MOIG Director performed preparatory meetings with MARETAP and ECUMED teams in Zarzis to discuss the technical and logistical arrangements for practical exercise titled “Oiled Shoreline Survey and Cleanup” to be performed on 24 November 2016 by Cedre, REMPEC, ISPRA and FEPORTS for representatives of Libyan Oil and Gas Industry. In addition, visits were carried out to MARETAP Terminal and ECUMED Base to check the area and Cleanup and Oil Spill Response equipments that will be used during the practical exercise day.

We are very pleased with the overall results of these meetings, both MARATEP and ECUMED representatives expressed their commitment to mobilize human and material resources to ensure the success of this event.

OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP 14-15 MARCH 2017 IN TUNIS IN COOPERATION WITH OIL SPILL RESPONSE LIMITED

October 31-November 04, As part of Oil Spill Response Limited “OSRL” representatives visit to Tunisia, a successful meetings were performed between the Management Committee Members composed of M. Yassine Mestiri, ETAP Vice-Chairman and MOIG Director and M. Nick Hazellt Beard-Business Development Manager and M. Dave Oland - Southern & East Africa Regional Preparedness Advisor in MOIG office and ETAP headquarter. The main objectives of these meetings were to enhance cooperation and information exchange between MOIG and OSRL on Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in Tunisia and Mediterranean region. These meetings were a good opportunity to meet M. Dave Oland the New OSRL representative in Southern & East Africa and know the latest news related to OSRL Services Directory as well as to discuss about training, oil spill modeling etc…

We are very pleased with the outcome of these meetings, both parties agreed to organize an Oil Spill Preparedness Workshop on 14 and 15 March 2017 in Tunis that will include a training session dedicated to Incident Management System “IMS 100”. The MOIG Management Committee Members would like to thank OSRL for its support and commitment for this particular action to improve Oil Spill Preparedness for Oil and Gas Industry in Tunisia and Mediterranean Region. More detailed information on the workshop will be provided in the next few weeks.
SKHIRA OIL SPILL RESPONSE EXERCISE-OCTOBER 2017 IN COOPERATION WITH TRAPSA

A Tier 1 Oil Spill Response Exercise shall be held on the second half of October 2017 in Skhira Port located in the Golf of Gabes in the coast of the Mediterranean Sea in Tunisia. The event will be organized jointly by the Company “Transport par Pipeline au Sahara” (TRAPSA); member; and the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG). Skhira is the most important industrial port in Tunisia specialized in petroleum and chemical products traffic. TRAPSA main activities are transport by pipeline, storage and loading of crude oil and its derivatives. The company has a huge Tank Park of 380 000 m$^3$ capacity. Regarding its response capability, TRAPSA has a Tier 1 Oil Spill Response Package supported maritime assets.

The company is enhancing its strategy of preparedness in case of oil spill incidents through this exercise. The event will spread over 02 days, the first day will be dedicated to theoretical part-Workshop and held in one hotel in Sfax City and the second day for practical part in TRAPSA Terminal. A series of meetings were performed in TRAPSA Headquarter in Tunis and Skhira port between TRAPSA representatives and MOIG Management Committee Members to exchange the first ideas and views about the technical and logistical arrangements of the exercise.

We are very delighted with the outcome of these meetings, General Management and Technical Direction of TRAPSA and MOIG expressed a range of views regarding the event programme and agreed to create a Steering Committee to develop, manage, execute and identify lessons learned of the exercise as well as to mobilize required resources and means to ensure the success of this event. More detailed information on this exercise will be provided in the next few months.
OILED SHORELINE SURVEY AND CLEANUP EXERCISE, 24 NOVEMBER 2016, ZARZIS-TUNISIA

November 24, as announced, a practical exercise “Oiled Shoreline Survey and Cleanup” was held in Zarzis City located on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea in South-Eastern Tunisia. The event was organized jointly by Cedre, REMPEC, ISPRA, FEPORTS, MOIG, MARETAP and ECUMED. The exercise is a part of the project for Preparedness for Oil-polluted Shoreline Cleanup and Oiled Wildlife interventions (POSOW II) co-funded by the European Union under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism. The main objectives of this event are to improve the Preparedness and Response to marine pollution in the Mediterranean Region and develop training for representatives of Libyan Oil and Gas Industry.

The exercise consisted of simple demonstration of ECUMED Oil Spill Responses equipments such as fence and offshore booms, skimmers, inflatable tank, Power pack and other accessories. The practical Exercise was carried out in MARETAP terminal and comprised Oiled Shoreline assessment, Cleanup and Oil Spill waste management. The exercise was a great success and gathered more than 30 delegates from MOIG members, guests, MARETAP and ECUMED to observe in real time the first hands the action packed oiled shoreline cleanup exercise.

The MOIG Management Committee Members would like to thank Cedre, REMPEC, ISPRA and FEPORTS for their high professionalism, explanations and technical advices they have provided to MOIG members and guests, MARETAP and ECUMED for their warm welcome and kind hospitality as well as for mobilizing their resources en personnel and equipments for this training, the Libyan delegation for their strong commitment and efforts deployed during the exercise, MOIG members and guest for their active participation sign of their commitment to follow MOIG activities.
**MOIG PARTICIPATED TO THE FIRST SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETING-HSE 2017**

November 04, The MOIG Director was invited to the first scientific committee meeting held in the Grand Hotel in Tunis-Tunisia to discuss the preliminary programme of Health Safety and Environment Conference HSE 2017 scheduled to be held from 24 to 26 April 2016 in Ramada Plaza Hotel-Gammarth in Tunis-Tunisia. The meeting gathered experts from the Oil and Gas Industry, Work Safety and Health Institute and services companies to exchange views and ideas on the programme of the conference. MOIG presented its extensive experience in organizing major events and suggested to dedicate one session to Oil Spill Preparedness and Response and invite an International expert to provide a key note address on Health, Safety and Environment and the future challenges on the opening panel.

**MOIG PARTICIPATED TO MEDEXPOL 2016, 14-15 DECEMBER 2016 IN MALTA**

December 14-15, the MOIG Director was invited by REMPEC to attend the Regional Workshop on Cooperation Arrangements in the Field of Preparedness for and Response to Oil and Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) Spills-MEDEXPOL 2016 held over 14-15 December 2016 at the Meridien St Julians Hotel in Malta. The main objectives of this event were to review and examine the proposed draft guide on Cooperation Mutual Assistance in responding to Marine Pollution Incidents and give clear instructions and guidance to REMPEC Secretariat for its finalization, prior to its transmission for review and adoption to the twelfth meeting of REMPEC Focal Points which will be held from 23 to 25 in May 2017 in Malta. The event gathered 29 participants representing the contracting parties to the Barcelona convention and its protocols and Associations and Organizations from the Mediterranean region and Europe.

The delegates agreed on a series of conclusions and recommendations that will strengthen the Regional Capability in case of major Oil Spill accidents. This event was also a good opportunity to undertake fruitful discussions with delegates paving the way to develop relationships and exchange information and experiences on oil spill prevention, preparedness and response. The MOIG Management Committee Members would like to thank REMPEC for inviting MOIG to take part in this event.