A Tier 2 Oil Spill Response Exercise shall be held between the 26th and 28th in Zarzis Terminal in Tunisia. The theoretical part will take place in Hotel Eden Star in Zarzis City. The Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) is providing support to MARETAP to develop and execute the exercise. MOIG serves as a Regional Oil Industry Forum on Oil Spill Prevention, Preparedness and Response for the Mediterranean Region. The MOIG provides the industry with a network of experts for coordination and support in the event of an oil spill in the Mediterranean Sea.

International Environmental & Marine Services (IEMS) is an independent response company based in Egypt. IEMS services are designed and are continually developed to meet the environmental and marine needs in accordance to national law, international conventions and best available techniques (BAT). IEMS a MOIG member shall provide technical and operational support to MARETAP through the MOIG.

MARETAP is an operator of exploration and development of onshore oil and gas facilities in Tunisia. MARETAP is the Joint-Venture company between ETAP and ECUMED PETROLEUM and currently has operations in six onshore wells in Ezzaouia field in Zarzis City. The company is enhancing its strategy of preparedness in case of oil spill incidents through this exercise. MARETAP will request during the development stages of the oil spill the assistance of five companies operating in Zarzis Terminal: ECUMED PETROLEUM, OMMP, CIVIL PROTECTION, PA RESOURCES and SSTC seeking to enhance coordination through this exercise.

Exercise Objectives:

1. Notifications - Test the notifications procedures identified in response Plans.
2. Operations - Demonstrate the ability to coordinate or direct operations related to the implementation of response action contained in the respective emergency plans.
3. Safety Affairs - Demonstrate the ability to monitor all field operations and ensure compliance with safety standards.
4. Containment - Demonstrate the ability of the response team to contain the discharge at the source or in various locations.
5. Recovery - Demonstrate the ability of the spill response team to recover the discharged product.
6. Coordination - Integrate and test (Local) oil and gas companies ability to communicate through the exercise.