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Mahesh Vyas, MD, John Energy Ltd, highlights the matchless role engineering plays in exploration activities

Nearly 40% of contribution to the Nation's energy sector is from oil and gas. What spurs this immense involvement?

Facilitating the oil and gas sector as the main catalyst for energy is the primed infrastructure. The upshot in oil and gas exploration depends on the available reserves, and India can certainly boast of many such unswerving reserves

like the Krishna-Godavari basin, Cambay Basin, and the impending off shore activity in Kutch. Also the Government of India's New Exploration and Licensing Policy (NELP) is supportive of the engineering activities of storage, pipelining. transmission etc. while also providing the private players to offer their bid, thereby reducing monopoly. All such initiatives have offered engineering firms immeasurable scope of intensifying their

How far do you think is Gujarat competent to cater to the rising demand?

Whether it's the infrastructure required or timely avail-

services.

ability of skilled manpower, capacitywise Gujarat has been at the forefront. Both, on-shore and offshore exploration activities are well-equipped, thus reinforcing Gujarat's stature as a leading player in the engineering sector.

How does one perceive John Energy Ltd's role in this sector?

John Energy Ltd is primarily into on-shore exploration activities, providing the basic services of drilling and extracting oil and gas. And though our focus is on up-stream, we also operate in the downstream, on gas compression services. Thus, with a sizeable pool of skilled manpower and constant updating of technology, we provide exploration and extracting services to all operators.

What initiatives are taken to meet up to the surging demand?

Since we operate in a specialized field, to ensure the best of services through our manpower, we have tied up for training facility at GSPC whereby our engineers are equipped with the latest in technology. With regards to HSE policy, we are working with Cairn Energy; meeting up to their standards. Besides having a Polish collaboration with CRACOW, which is an oil and gas exploration company, we also are an ISO 9001:2000 certified company.

What are the future plans at John Energy Ltd.?

Being the largest online service company with a fleet of 17 work over and drilling rigs working in India and abroad, we are looking forward to buying brand new drilling rigs, especially for remote areas, and also building 3 more rigs. There are also plans for value-addition to directional drilling services, where depth technology will be put into our system. Further, M/s Jhunjhunwala Enterprises have invested in John Energy Ltd and there are plans of entering the market with an IPO in 2008. Expansion plans in African and Middle East countries are also impending.

JOHN ENERGY LIMITED "QUALITY OUTPUT THROUGH DEDICATED SERVICES"



Mr. Mahesh Vyas, MD, John Energy Ltd.

John Energy Limited (JEL) is a part of the 40-crore John Group. The Group is one of the oldest in Indian Oil and gas field service sector,. The Group is a conglomerate of John Energy Limited, John Oil and Gas Limited and JVM Engineering Company, under one roof.

It had started its operation through JVM Engineering Company way back in 1987, primarily to serve the tube well or bore well industry to find underground waterholes or aquifers, needed to meet widening gap between demand and

supply of potable water, particularly in western region of India.

John Energy Limited, an ISO 9001:2000 certified Company, is the flagship company of the John Group and is in the highly specialized job of oil and gas well drilling and related operations for over 15 years. John Energy Limited aims at providing total solutions from drilling to completion. It is an IADC (International Association of Drilling Contractors) member in good standing.

John Group presently possesses a fleet of 13 rigs of different capacities, makes and models. Rigs are suitable to work in different geographical locations of operations and can go to different sub-surface depth. In previous occasions, company had performed oil and gas wells services upto 5,000 mts. under the surface and worked in

high pressure gas wells. One of the specialized jobs performs by John Energy Limited is critical fishing jobs in oil and gas wells. John has the mastery in this difficult tasks of clearing the blockage in wells occurs from "left out in the well" like pumps, sucker, tubular, wire, etc. which block the wells from producing, called "fishing" in technical term. By fishing out many such left over in the wells. John has helped the operators to liquidated more hydrocarbons.

For any organization to grow in the present globalized environment, it is very important that

a visionary leader leads the organization. Mr. Mahesh Vyas, the Managing Director of John Energy Limited saw opportunity and great scope in the oil and gas exploration and production with the opening of the economy. And his vision just proved right, as the industry is a sunrise industry today. In nineties, he dreamt of exploring earth with skyhigh performance.

"Experience makes the difference" says Mr. Vyas. Each successful project completed by the company enriches it with new learning and like a true learning organization it improves and modifies its job. IEL

