

No worries, zero upfront
on all devices for SMBs

[Find out more](#)



An ITP Business Portal

arabianOilandGas.com

[HOME](#)

[NEWS](#)

[ANALYSIS](#)

[PEOPLE](#)

[COMMENT](#)

[SPECIAL REPORTS](#)

[IN PICTURES](#)

[PRODUCTS & SERVICES](#)

[ADVERTISE](#)

[RSS FEEDS](#)

[CONTACT](#)

[SIGN IN/REGISTER](#)

[TENDERS](#) [EVENTS](#) [DIRECTORY](#) [MAGAZINES](#)

[HOME / ARAMCO AND SHELL DEVELOP EMPTY QUARTER GAS JV](#)

Aramco and Shell develop Empty Quarter gas JV

by Kevin Baxter on Jul 30, 2009

[Be the first to comment](#)

Other stories: [Top 10 billion dollar oil deals of the summer](#) | [2009's winners and losers in the oil industry](#) | [10 events in oil's history that shook the world](#) | [Top 10 Gulf mega projects](#) | [Top 10 largest publicly traded oil companies](#) | [Top 10 National Oil Companies by production](#) | [World's 10 largest oilfield services companies](#) | [World's 10 largest oil and gas contractors](#)

The state-owned hydrocarbons giant Saudi Aramco are drawing up a plan with Anglo-Dutch supermajor Shell for the development of the Kidan gas field in the Kingdom's vast Empty Quarter.

In an interview with the Saudi newspaper al-Hayat, Saudi Aramco's CEO, Khalid al-Falih, said that an exploration well had already been drilled by a joint venture comprising of the two companies.

"The drilling outcome was promising for Shell and Aramco. Production from wells we drilled in Kidan is high and we still have to draw up a plan to develop it economically," al-Falih is quoted as saying by the paper.

The joint venture South Rub al-Khali Co (SRAK), is one of a number of consortia exploring the vast region for gas. However, in the five years of exploration only minor discoveries have been made.

A similar joint venture involving Aramco and Chinese oil giant Sinopec has yielded no commercially viable gas and the costs incurred by the company are believed to be far higher than the projected US\$300 million.

The KSA has made gas exploration a priority as the country ramps up its domestic petrochemical production facilities. Gas is used as a feedstock for petrochemical production and demand for the resource has soared in the KSA over the past few years.



Page: 1

FEATURED COMMENT

Please click here to comment on this article

[Search](#)

RELATED COMPANIES

[Saudi Aramco](#)

P.O. Box PO Box 5000,

Dhahran,
Saudi Arabia

[More Details..](#)

RELATED ARTICLES

[2009's winners and losers in the oil industry](#)

[Top 10 billion dollar oil deals of the summer](#)

[10 events in oil's history that shook the world](#)

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

Email:

[Daily Update](#)

[Subscribe](#)

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

Email:

[Daily Update](#)

[Subscribe](#)



Tweets by
[@ArabianOilGas](#)

[ArabianOiland...](#)
[@ArabianOilGas](#)

BP buys stake in Eni's
#ZohrGasfield in Egypt. Read
more [bit.ly/2g9fUb2](#)



3h

[Embed](#)

[View on Twitter](#)



FREE TENDERS



KUWAIT
VIEW NOW

COMMENTS

Name *

Email *

City

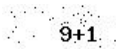
Country

Subject: *

Comments: *

Math Question: *

Solve this simple math problem and enter the result. E.g. for 1+3, enter 4.

 [Refresh the image if not clear](#)

☐ Remember me on this computer

arabianindustry.com



Arabian Oil ...
7.3K likes

Saudi Aramco..

Saudi Aramco

Product & Services: ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SYSTEMS
P.O. Box PO Box 5000,
,
Dhahran,
Saudi Arabia

Related Articles

CEO: SABIC looking at new JV with Saudi Aramco

Aramco turns on new diesel hydrotreater plant

Aramco selects Wasit gas project winners

Virgo Star enters Vela's VLCC fleet

Upstream industry in danger of skills shortage

Antares Star VLCC latest to Join Vela Fleet

[More Articles](#)

Like Page

Be the first of your friends to like this



LATEST EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION / ONSHORE /

Kuwait Energy starts Basra concession production

Norway's DNO to abandon Block 36 well in Oman

Saudi looks to import gas to boost energy mix

Aramco finds new fields, to continue investments

Aramco awards \$1bn Hasbah gas expansion contract

Saudi, Kuwait struggle to restart Khafji oilfield

Will keep raising production: Iran oil minister

Aramco says Jafurah unconventional gas promising

Kuwait agrees to restart joint oilfield with Saudi

Russia outpaces Saudi in January oil production

[More..](#)

