

Our History



HISTORICAL MILESTONES

- 1929** BAPCO established by Standard Oil Company of California
- 1932** First oil discovery in the Arabian Gulf
- 1934** First shipment of crude oil
- 1936** The Bahrain Refinery - with a capacity of 10,000 barrels per day - opened
- 1945** A-B pipeline laid between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia; then the world's longest commercial submarine pipeline
- 1948** Discovery of natural gas
- 1968** Bahrain Refinery expansion programme completed with 250,000 barrel-a-day capacity
- 1976** Incorporation of the Bahrain National Oil Company (BANOCO)
- 1980** Establishment of Supreme Council for Oil under the chairmanship of H.R.H Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa, the Prime Minister
- 1980** The Petroleum Marketing Unit is set up in the Ministry of Development & Industry with the aim of marketing the Government's 60% share of products from the Bahrain Refinery



- 1981** BAPCO reconstituted as a joint venture refining company owned 60% by the Bahrain Government and 40% by Caltex
- 1982** BANOCO assumes full and direct responsibility for production of oil and gas from Bahrain field
- 1985** Incorporation of Bahrain Aviation Fuel Company (BAFCO) in which BANOCO shares 60%, Caltex 27% and BP 13%
- 1992** Inauguration of Dar An-Naft (oil museum) in line with 60 years of oil discovery
- 1994** The Bahrain Refinery awarded ISO 9002 Certification from British Standards Institution (BSi)
- 1997** The Bahrain Government assumes 100% ownership of the Bahrain Refinery
- 1999** The new BAPCO is formed following the merger between The Bahrain Petroleum Company B.S.C. and The Bahrain National Oil Company
- 2000** Start of petroleum products in-line blending and introduction of unleaded gasoline to the local market
- 2001** Kerosene Merox units commissioned as part of the Refinery Modernisation Plan



- 2002** Launch of new Bapco Strategic Direction

