

## **UAQ commences production of gas**

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UMM AL QUWAIN — Shaikh Saud bin Rashid Al Mualla, Crown Prince of Umm Al Quwain (UAQ), announced that the emirate has commenced production of up to 92 mmscfd of wet gas as of May 2.

The gas will be transported through a sub-sea pipeline for processing at the RakGas plant in the Ras Al Khaimah.

Development and operation of the Umm Al Quwain offshore gas is being carried out by Field Atlantis (UAQ) limited, a subsidiary of Sinochem Corporation.

The UAQ Field is located 20km off the coast of Umm Al Quwain. The platform is set in 110ft of water and the unmanned facility has been designed to produce up to 92 mmscfd of wet gas which is transferred via a sub-sea pipeline to the Khor Khwair gas plant of Ras Al Khaimah where, the condensate, which is regarded in the petroleum industry as a kind of crude oil, and sulphur, are extracted prior to the gas being introduced into the northern emirates gas grid.

Following the signing of the gas sale agreement by the government of Umm Al Quwain Atlantis (UAQ) limited, and RakGas in March 2006, the full field development commenced immediately with the award of the major contracts for the fabrication and installation of the platform, drilling and completion of three horizontal wells, purchase and installation of 75 kilometres of pipe line. An onshore control centre has been constructed in the yard which is part of the Umm Al Quwain port premises. The control centre has been equipped with telemetry and control equipment, and it is from this location that all operational and maintenance activities on the platform including gas metering will be managed.

The UAQ field is the first offshore gas field development in Umm Al Quwain and the gas production will contribute significantly to the energy needs in the Northern Emirates.