

**Overseas Market Information****Saudi Arabia****Saudi Joint Venture to build Mideast's first Combustion Plant**

Al-Rushaid Group, a Dhahran based Saudi company and Zeeco of Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA, signed a joint venture agreement to build an original equipment manufacturer facility (OEM) for flare technologies utilising Saudi Aramco's patented High Pressure Air Assist System (HPAAS). This technology was developed by Saudi Aramco's engineers. The technology will enable companies like Saudi Aramco to better operate in an environmentally sound and ecologically sustainable manner. Construction of the 10,500 sq. meters complex, located at the Al-Rushaid Oil Field Center in Dhahran, has already been commenced and is expected to be fully operational by October 2009. Designed specifically to support Saudi Aramco, SABIC, SEC, SWCC and other major industries within Saudi Arabia, surrounding Arabian Gulf countries and industrial complexes around the world, the Al-Rushaid-Zeeco complex will have the capability to address the service and repair needs of all flare manufacturing, flare set packaging, manufacture of spares/parts and a full range of flare improvement and related engineering services. The partnership is currently working on a project to upgrade Southern Area Oil Operations Flare systems and is scheduled for completion by end of 2009.

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