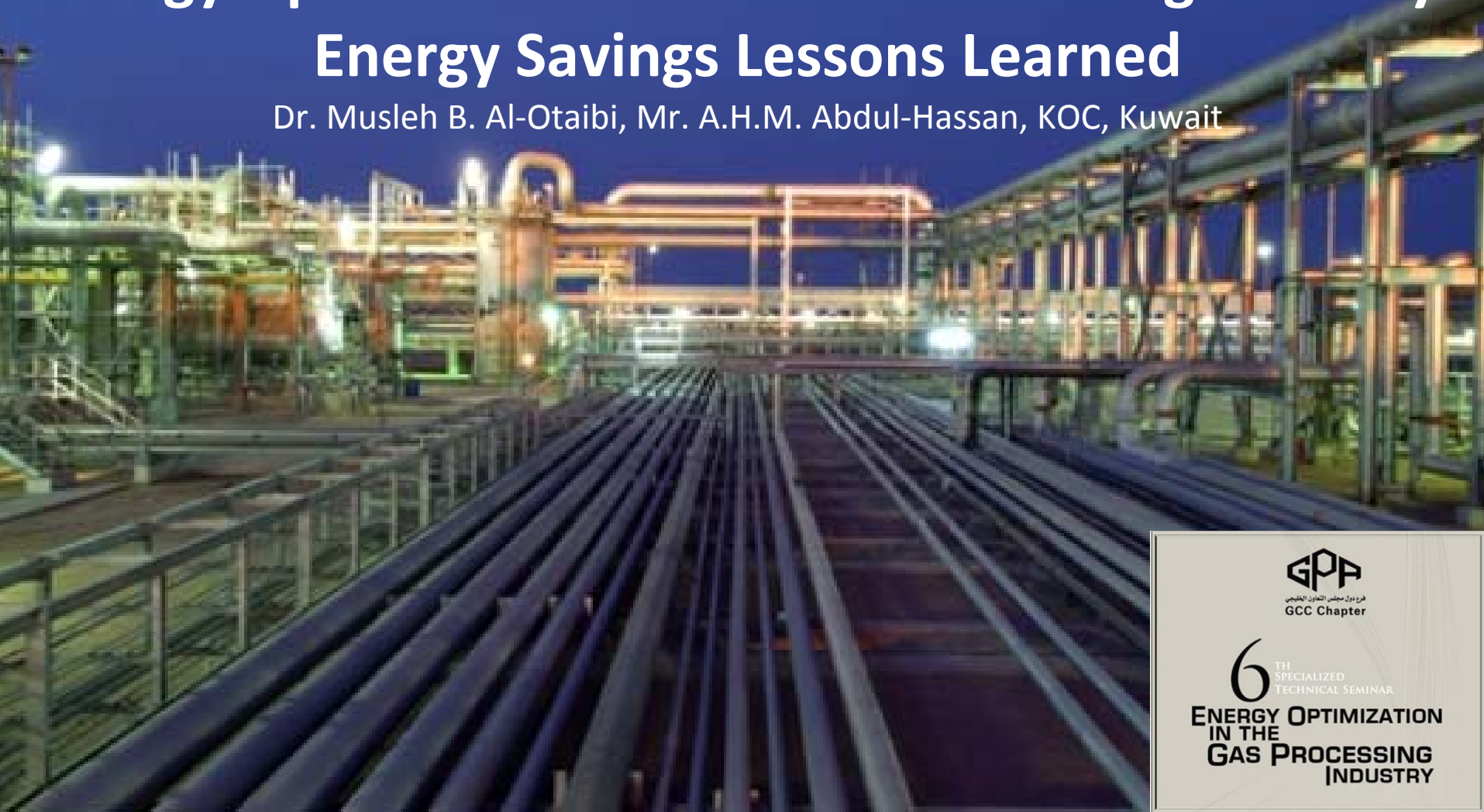




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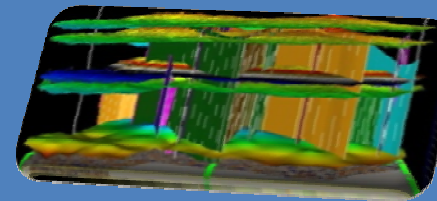
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- Statement of the problem
- Achievements
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INTRODUCTION

- COMPANY PROFILE:
 - KOC was established in 1934
 - First Oil Shipment in 1946
 - Subsidiary of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC)
 - Activities include:
 - Crude & Natural Gas Exploration and Operations
 - Development of Producing Fields
 - Production Operations
 - Crude Oil Export

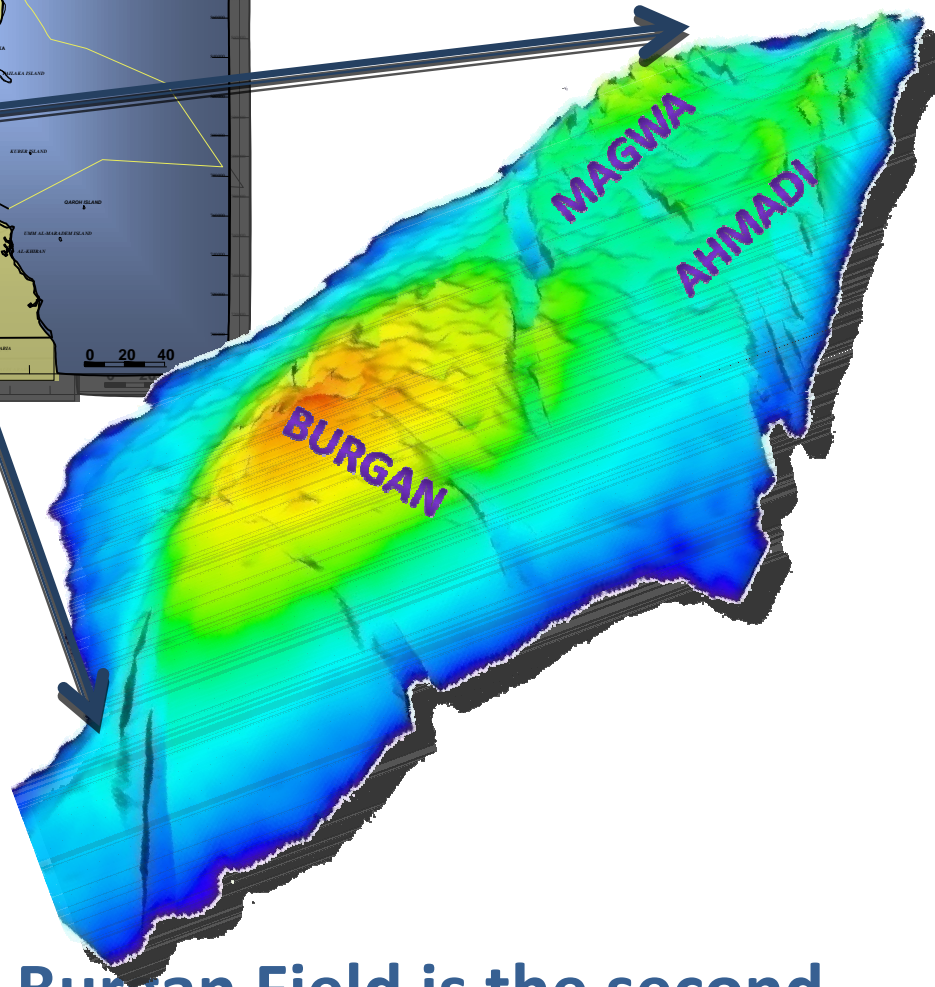
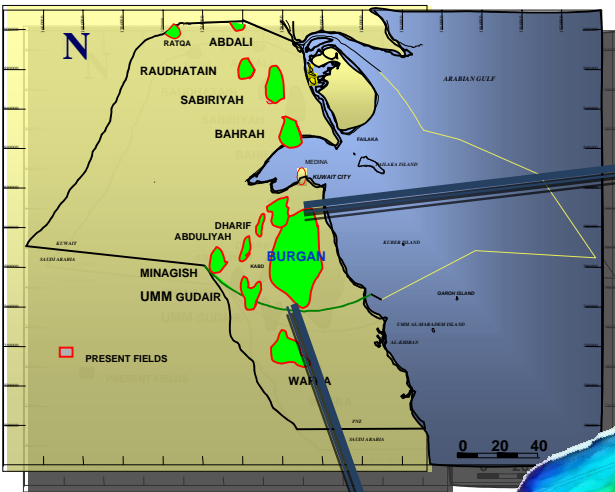




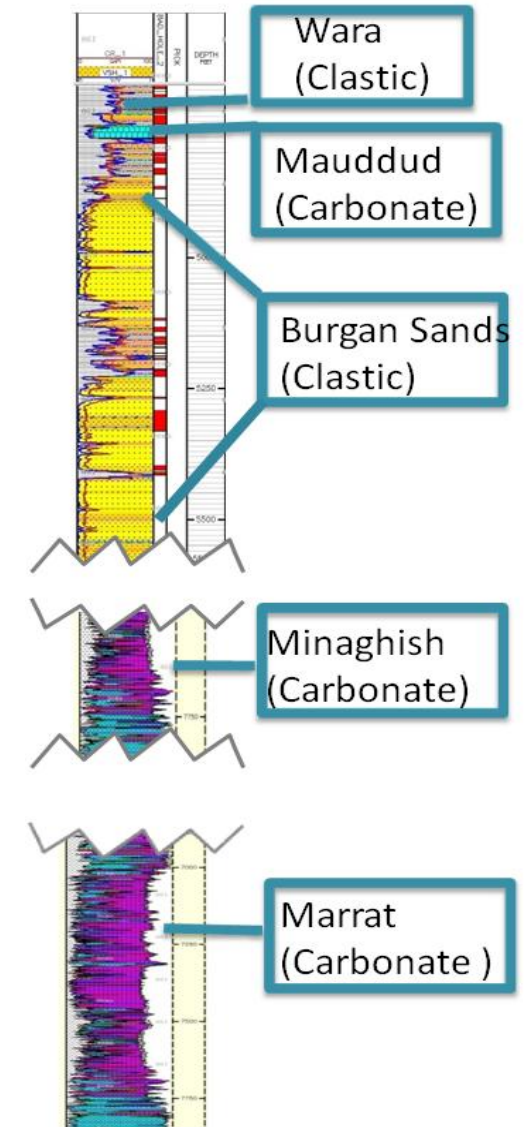
STRATEGIC GOALS

- **KOC ASSETS PLAN (2020):**
 - Crude Oil Production from all Assets: 3.0 MMBOPD.
 - Crude Oil Production from S&EK: 1.7 MMBOPD.
 - Achieve a target of Flaring: below 1% total gas produced.
- **KOC OIL PRODUCTION AREAS (ASSETS):**
 - South & East Kuwait (S&EK): Swing Production Rate.
 - North Kuwait (NK): Fixed Production Rate (Max.).
 - West Kuwait (WK): Fixed Production Rate (Max.).

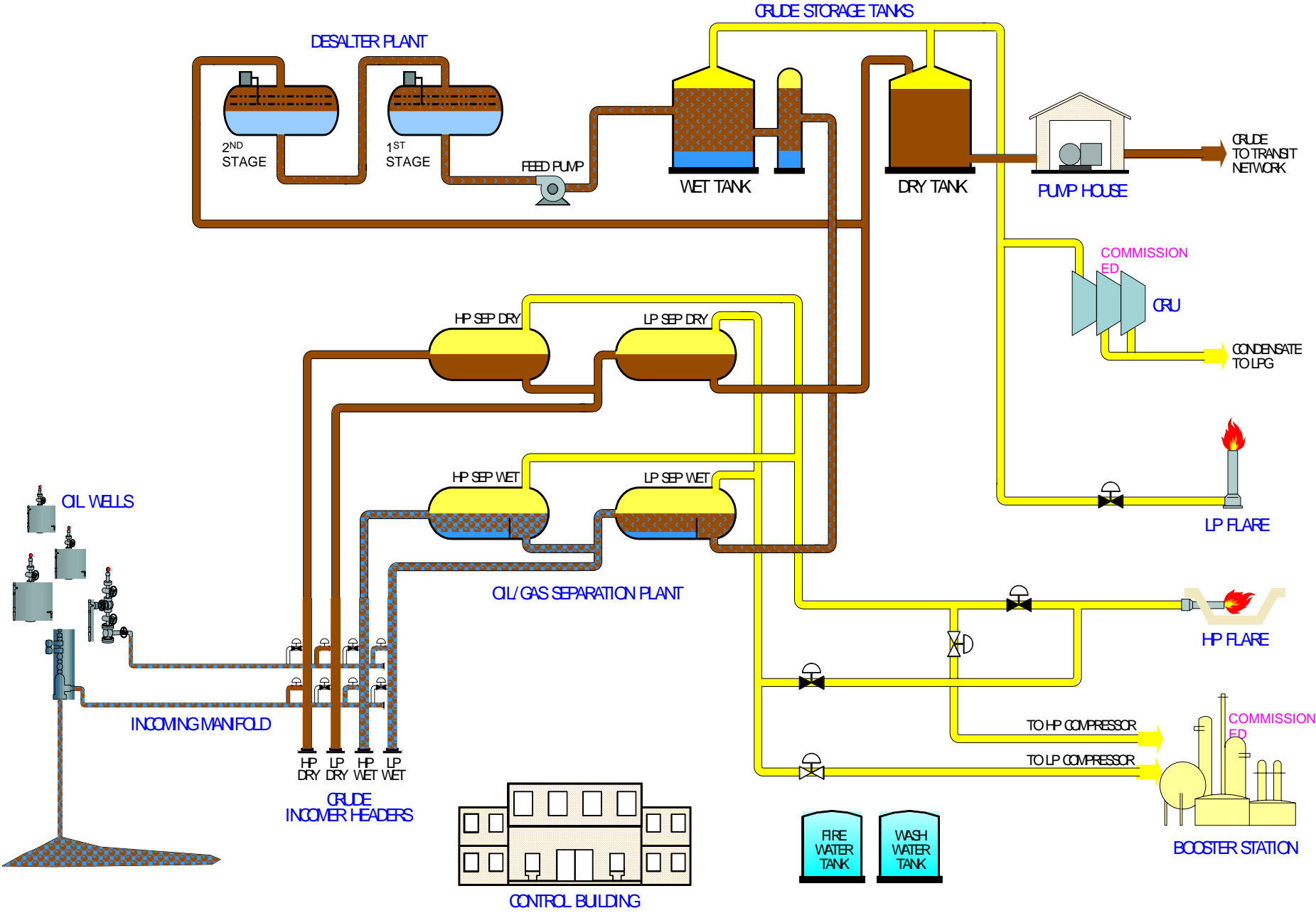
S&EK Overview - Greater Burgan Field



- Greater Burgan Field is the second largest oil field in the world

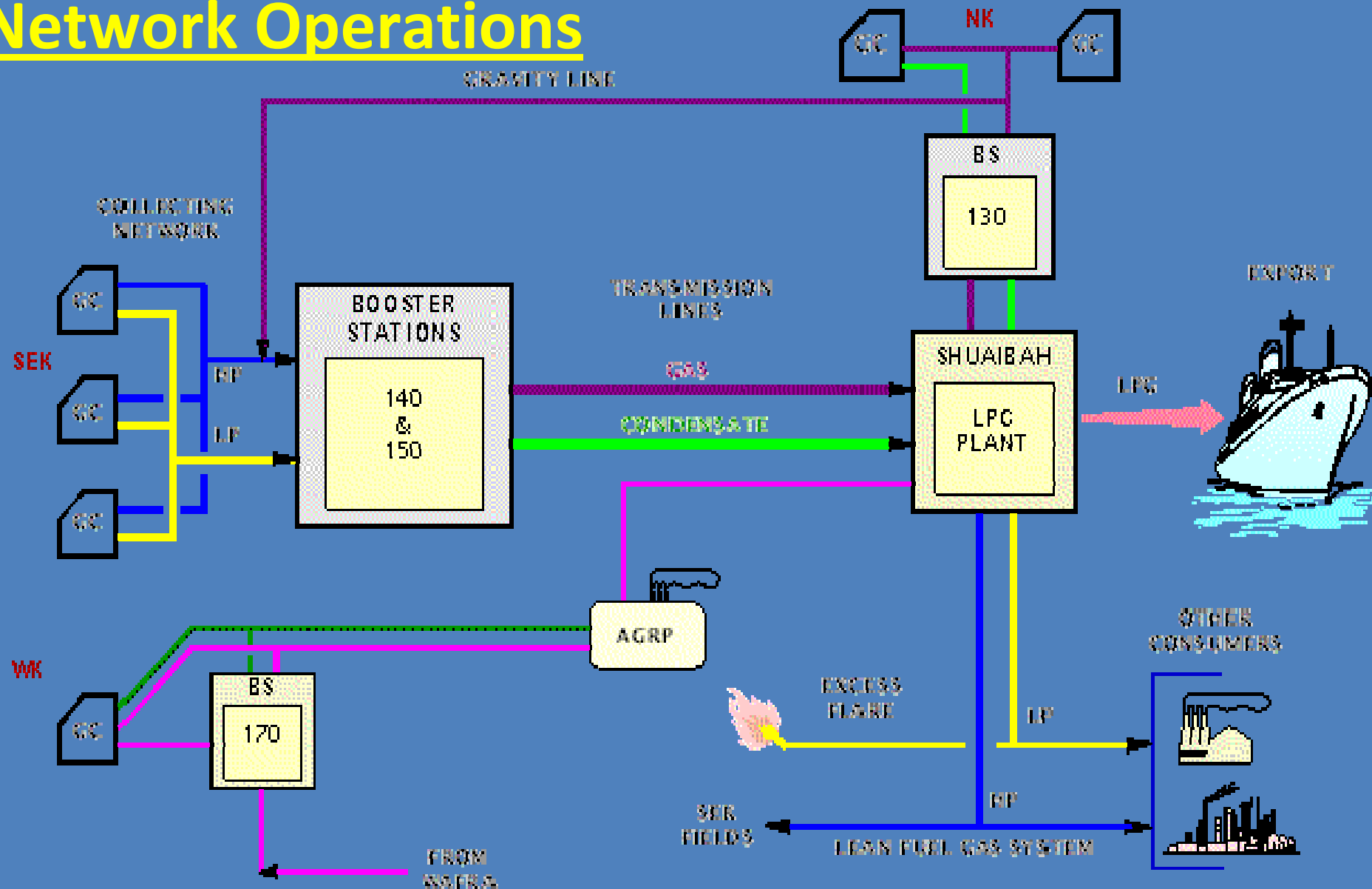


TYPICAL GC PROCESS FLOW DESCRIPTION





Network Operations





Statement of the problem

Production Facilities Limitation

- Production Facilities Design Capacity.
- Crude Oil Pipelines Transportation Capacity.
- Gas Compression and Flaring.
- Split between Crude Oil Well Producers:
 - HP Wet Crude
 - LP Wet Crude
 - HP Dry Crude
 - LP Dry Crude



BACKGROUND (1)

- **PROBLEM:**
 - Increasing Crude Oil Production, the associated gas increases and Crude Oil Tanks Vapours increase.
 - Crude Oil Tanks Vapours generated in a number of Gathering Centers exceeded the Old Condensate Recovery Unit's design capacity.
 - Results: Gas flaring in $> 2\%$ total gas produced.



BACKGROUND (2)

- **OBJECTIVES:**

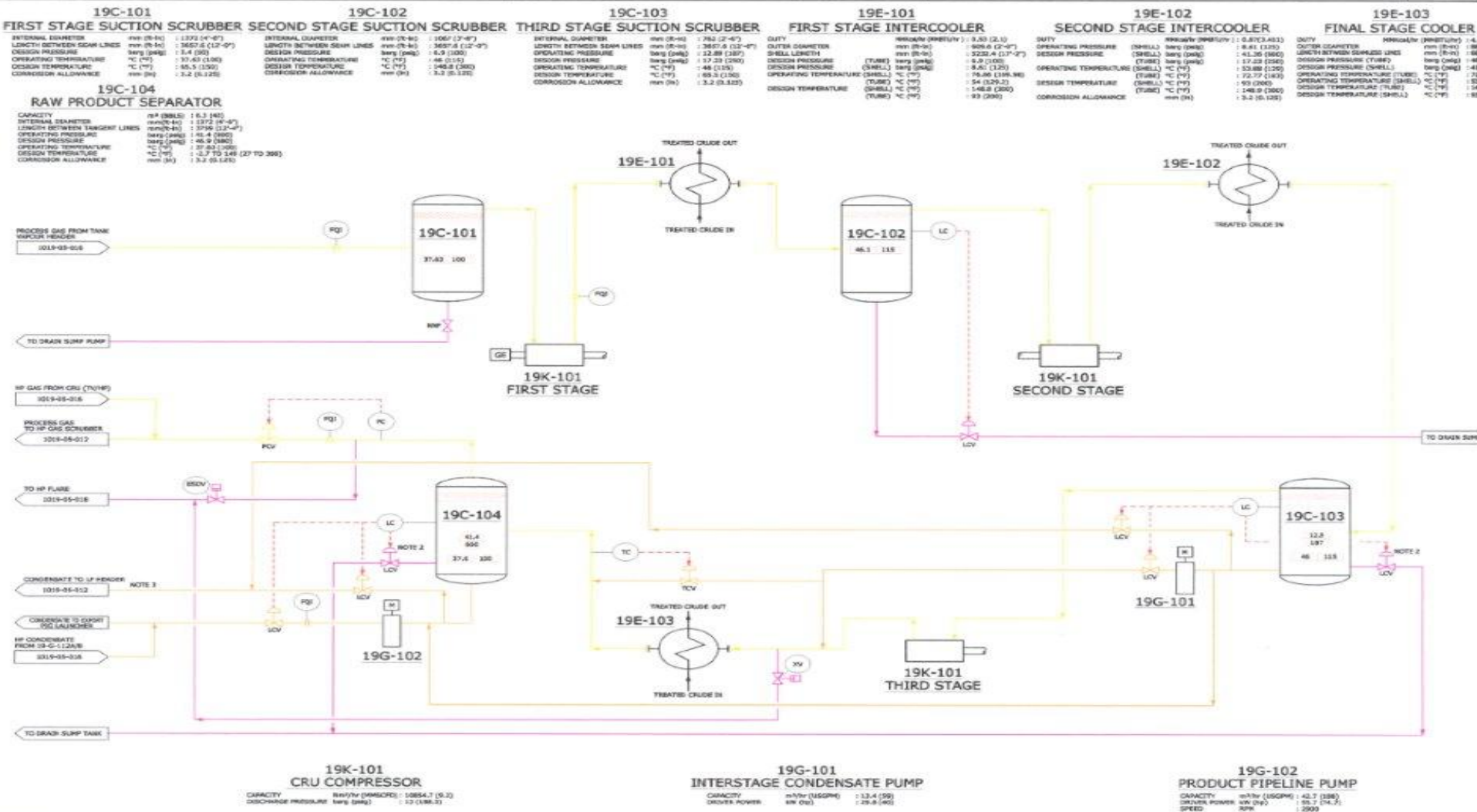
- Minimize Gas Flaring to below 1% total gas produced.
- Increase Crude Oil Production, improve Units Operations, Efficiency, Reliability, and Availability.

- **SOLUTION:**

- Facility Modernization including a new Condensate Recovery Unit (CRU) with a design capacity sufficient to allow higher Crude Oil Production and minimize gas flaring.
- Keep the Old CRU on Standby and Operate when the new CRU is down.. Increase CRU Availability & Minimizing Flaring.

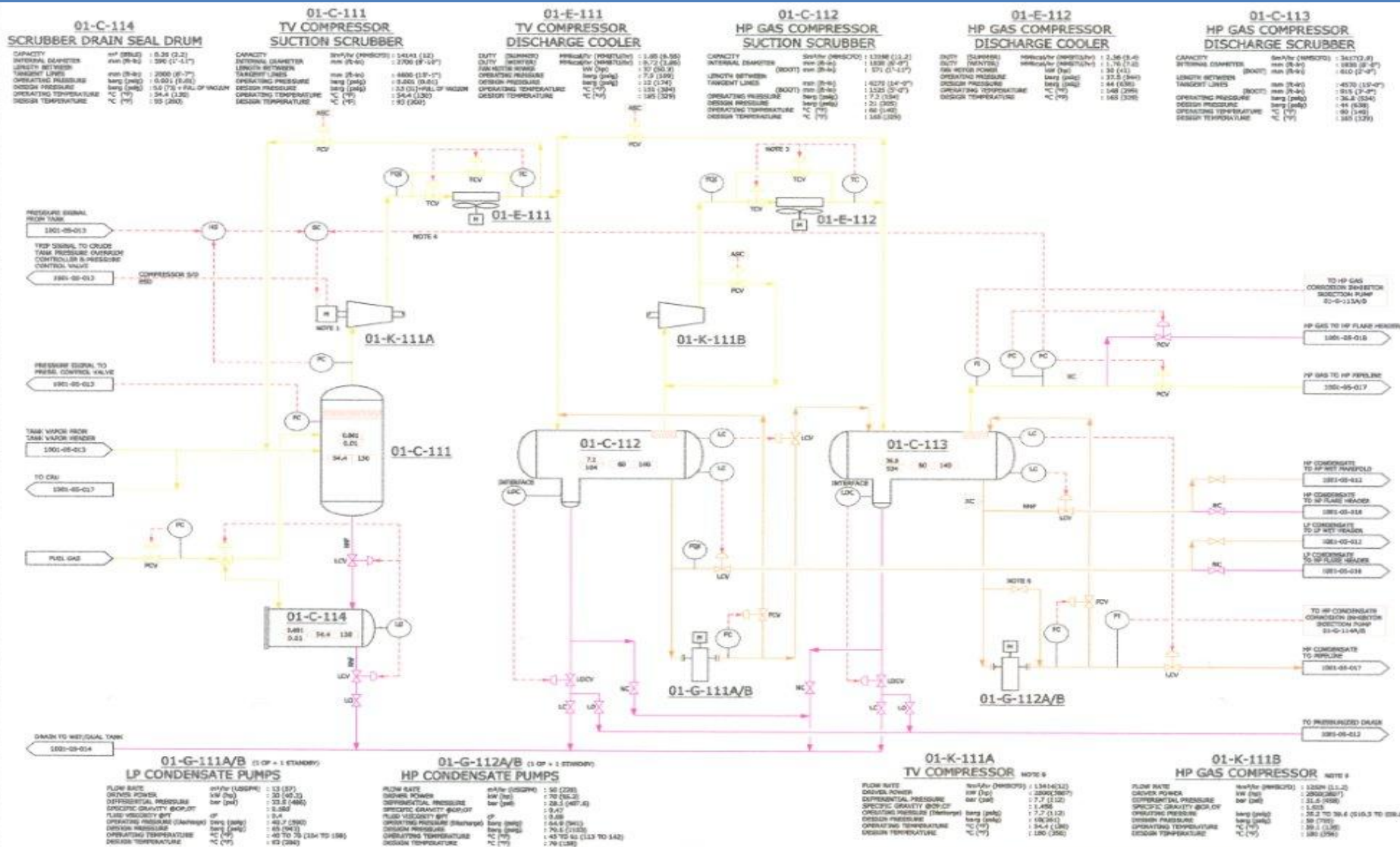


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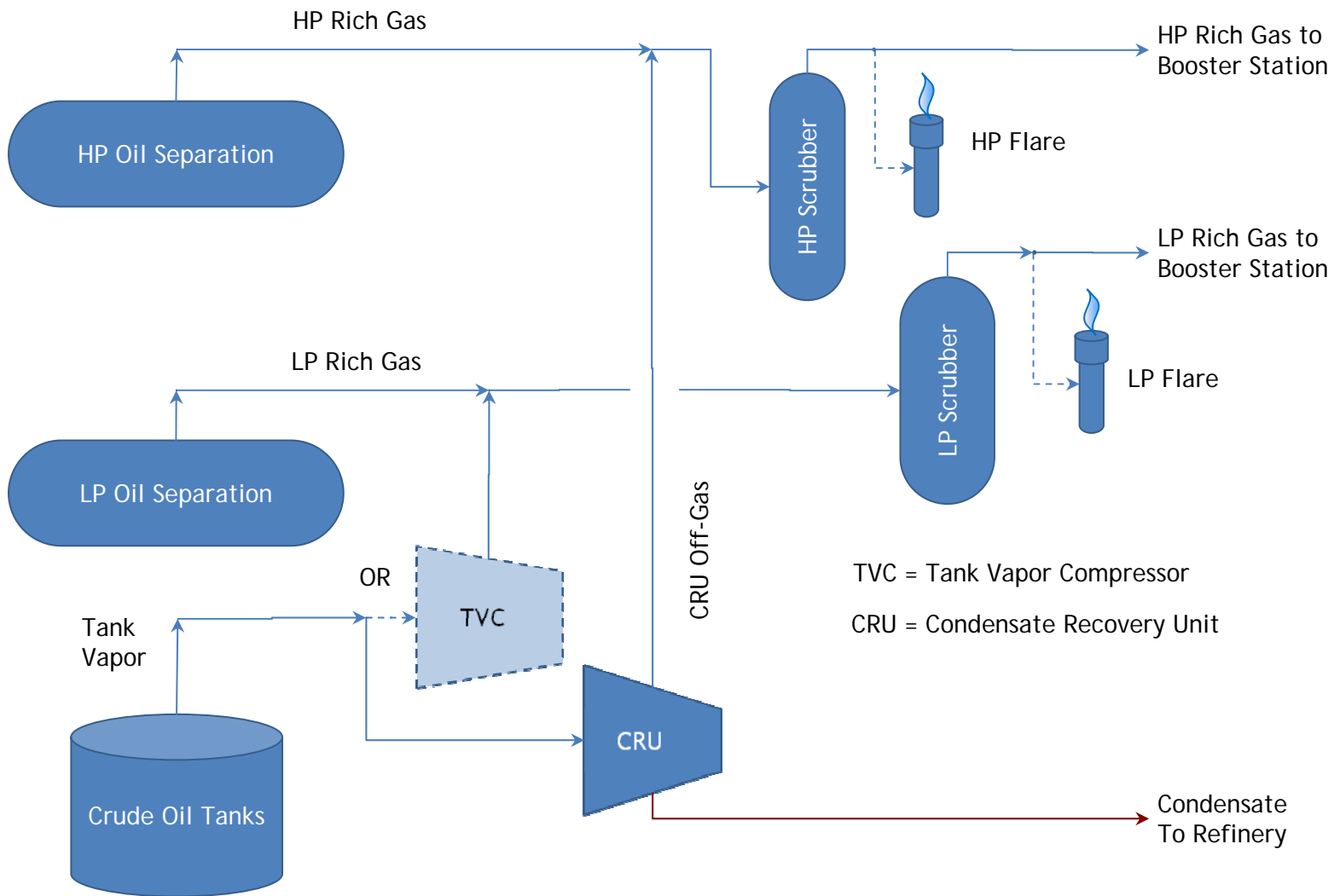


PFD NEW CRU



Operations at Gathering Centers

Typical Gas Handling at Gathering Centers





DESIGN CRITERIA

— OLD CRU

- 9.2 MMSCFD Tanks Vapour Compression.
- Positive Displacement 3-Stage Compressor.
- Starting-Air Engine.

— New CRU

- 12 MMSCFD Tanks Vapour Compression.
- Centrifugal 2-Stage Compressor.
- Variable Speed Motor Driver.



ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Gas Flaring:**
 - Positive Contributions to the Environment (reduction in Greenhouse Gases Emission).
 - Old CRU: Gas Flaring > 2.0% of total Gas Produced.
 - New CRU: Flaring < 1.0% and reached as low as 0.2%.
- **Crude Oil Production:**
 - Old CRU: Limited to old design capacity to minimize Gas Flaring.
 - New CRU: Enhanced Production capacity up to 160,000 BOPD with a very low rate Gas Flaring.
- **Added Value to KOC:**
 - Increase Revenue (gas recovery, increase oil production).

KOC's Flaring Vision

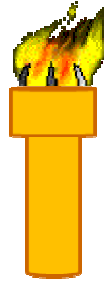
Where we were



17.18%

2005-06

Where we are



1.75%

2010-11

Where we aim

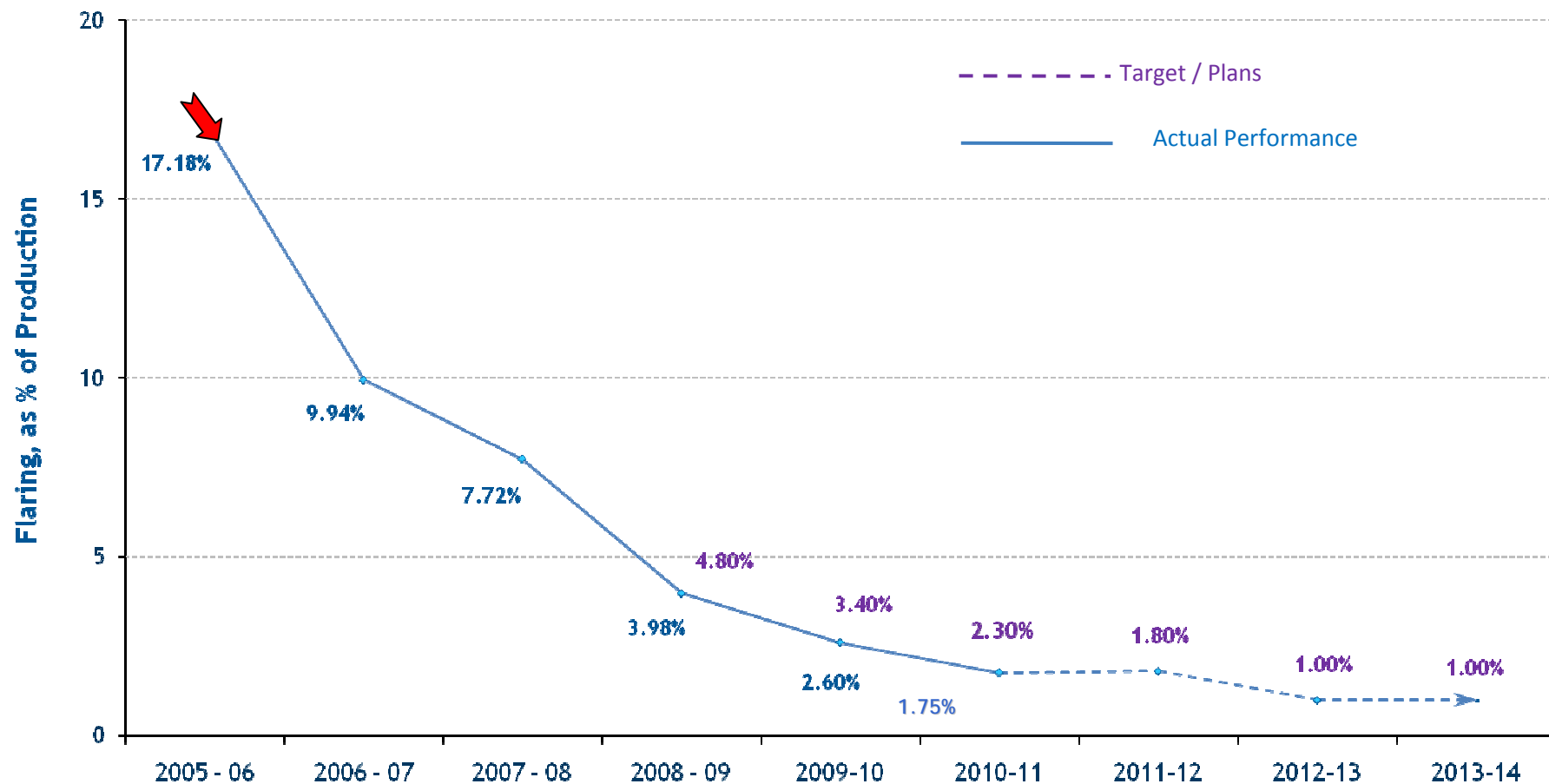


< 1.0%

2012-13

KOC Gas Flaring Over The Years

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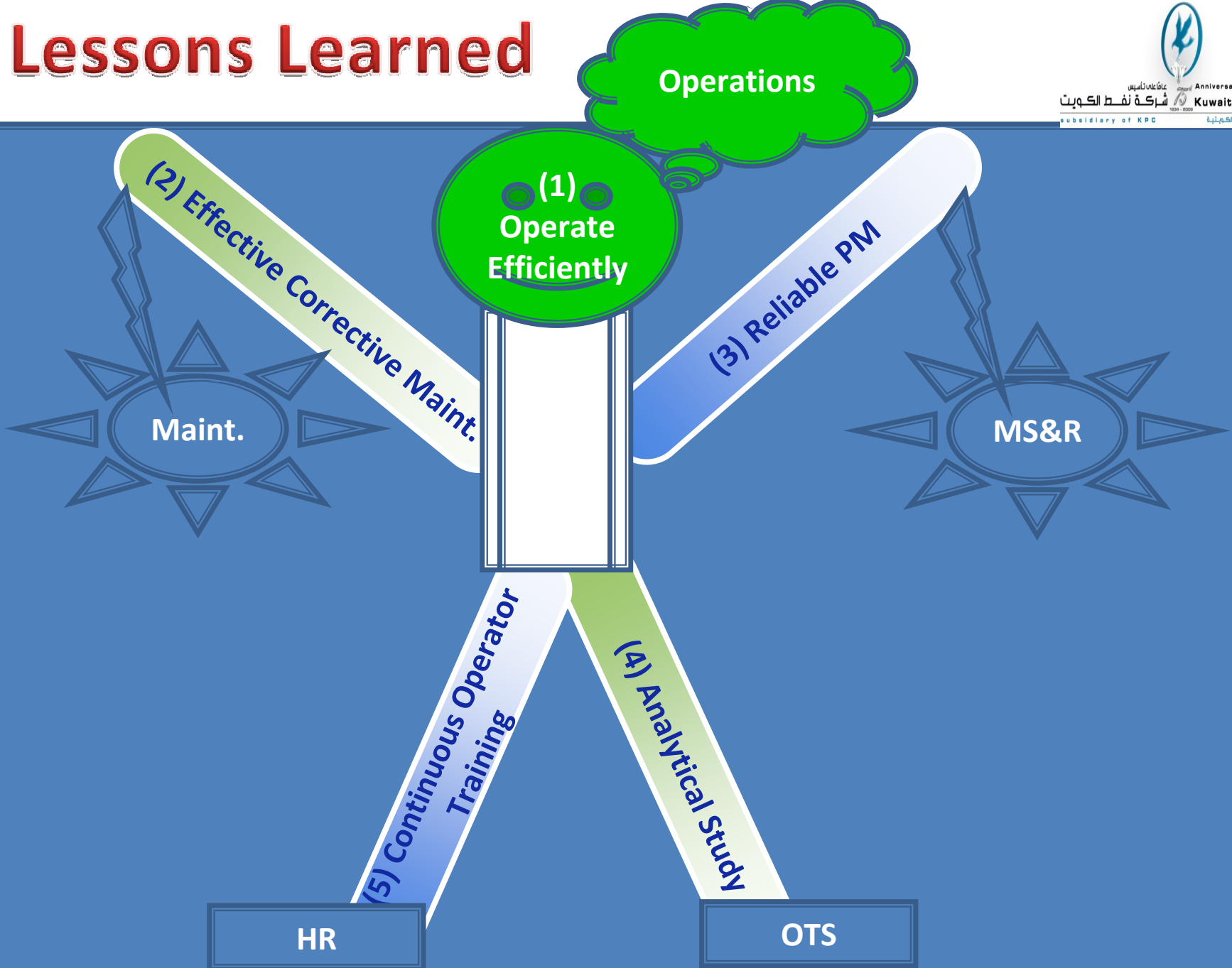




Facts & Challenges

- **Compression Availability:**
 - *Old Design: if the CRU is down.... 100% flaring of tanks vapour (loss of revenue).*
 - *New Design: If the new CRU is down.... Old CRU is available and can be On-stream within an hour... minimum Gas Flaring (minimum loss of revenue).*
 - *Enhanced Maintenance Program.*
- **Challenges:**
 - Operate efficiently in a Safe Manner.
 - Achieving Target Crude Production with Minimum Gas Flaring.

5 Lessons Learned





Additional RECOMMENDATIONS

- For Multiple Gathering Centers of different Production Capacity, select equipment design capacity to suit rather than over/under design.
- Select new equipment based on:
 - Energy Efficiency (e.g. Variable Speed Driver),
 - High Reliability (e.g. >97%).
 - High Availability (e.g. >95%).



Additional RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue raising budgets for future projects.
- Monitor installing and commissioning the existing projects and the on going ones (down the tube).



CONCLUSIONS

- The new CRU resulted in:
 - Recovery & Compression of more Tanks Vapours.
 - Minimizing Pollution and cleaner Environment (HSE)
 - Enabling Crude Oil Production increase w/o flaring Tanks Vapours.
 - Added Value to KOC (additional revenue).
 - Less CRU Maintenance Activities (no Shell/Tube Heat Exchangers and oil leak).
 - Increase equipment availability (New CRU + Old CRU).



Final word:

Environmental aspect *Green Operations*

We should treat the field as it is our home. More regulations and measures are enforced by the EPA which needed to be adhered

Simply the aim is “ **Our children should inherit clean Environment**”

OPERATING EFFICIENCY

- *Flaring reduced significantly*





Additional HSE Achievements

- ❑ Spirit of the desert.
- ❑ Kuwait Oasis.
- ❑ Cleaning & Restoration of a banded Gatch pit in Magwa Area.
- ❑ Management site visits to practice commitment.
- ❑ Health Surveys (Ergonomics, Indoor Air Quality ,Noise ,Drinking water& Stress Surveys).
- ❑ Mitigating the Industrial hazards(PPE& Warning sings)





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