

# SAOGA Newsletter July 2023 - EDITION

**Dear Members & Industry Stakeholders,**

**SAOGA** is happy to share its **July 2023** edition Newsletter! This month we bring you the latest updates on the oil and gas industry, upcoming events, and insightful articles from industry experts, to keep you informed and engaged.

Exciting update! SAOGA is thrilled to share that our annual membership for the **2023/24** financial year has grown by an impressive 13.4%. While we celebrate this achievement, we kindly remind those with outstanding invoices, accounting for 17% of our membership, to settle their fees promptly. Your support is crucial in enabling us to continue serving the sector effectively. If you are interested in joining SAOGA as members follow this link for more information on

membership <https://www.saoga.org.za/web/membership/membership-criteria-benefits-and-cost>

## **1. SAOGA Outward Missions**

SAOGA, has recently participated in two notable events, showcasing its commitment to fostering growth and collaboration in the energy sector. Firstly, SAOGA, in partnership with Africa House, organized a successful Tanzania Group Visit end of March 2023. This visit brought together 27 companies,

aiming to expand their knowledge about the thriving East Coast Tanzania Oil, Gas, and Mining sectors. The visit provided valuable insights and opportunities for networking and potential partnerships.

Additionally, with the assistance from Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, SAOGA, along with 13 other companies, participated in the prestigious Offshore Technology Conference 2023. With a dedicated South African National Pavilion, the event served as a platform for showcasing the expertise and capabilities of the South African companies to the United States & International Oil & Gas sectors. This exhibition aimed to attract investment and forge new collaborations within the offshore technology and energy industry.

SAOGA's active involvement in these events demonstrates its dedication to supporting the growth and development of the Oil and Gas and Energy sectors locally, regionally and internationally.

## **2. Port Development**

Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) has unveiled Port Development Framework Plans outlining a R13-billion investment in South Africa's commercial seaports over the next five years. These plans aim to enhance port capacity and ensure long-term sustainability, following an inclusive public participation process. It is crucial for South Africa to prioritize the development of a world-class port system, addressing the current limitations in infrastructure that hinder economic growth. In particular, emphasis should be placed on establishing adequate facilities for ship and rig repair projects, leveraging the employment opportunities they bring, supported by South Africa's skilled workforce. Adrian Strydom, CEO of SAOGA, highlights the necessity for a strategic approach to maximize the benefits of such initiatives. To read the full article follow this link: [TNPA publishes Port Development Framework Plans outlining R13bn of investments](#) / The download link for: [Port Development Framework Plans Update 2022](#)

## **3. Gas Masterplan**

In order to address South Africa's energy constraints, it is crucial for the

government and industry to collaborate and establish a comprehensive energy strategy. The European Union recognises gas as a transitional energy source towards achieving net-zero emissions. South Africa possesses abundant untapped natural gas resources, presenting an opportunity for development.

We invite and encourage you to contribute your insights and suggestions to the Gas Masterplan, shaping the future of South Africa's energy landscape. To read the full article please follow this link:

[Gas Master Plan Basecase Report 230619 172214](#)

#### **4. Boosting Local Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Investment**

South Africa currently lags behind neighbouring countries, such as Namibia, Mozambique, and Angola, in terms of progress in oil and gas exploration. It is crucial to send a resounding message to investors and prominent companies like Total and Shell that South Africa is open for business. However, time is of the essence, as our window of opportunity to explore the country's oil and gas resources is rapidly shrinking. To attract the necessary investments, it is imperative to establish clear legislative frameworks and create favourable conditions for offshore and onshore oil and gas exploration and production. To read the full article on Kinetiko Energy's success follow this link: [Kinetiko Energy continues strong flow of gas results near key South African energy infrastructure](#) The download link for: [KINETIKO ENERGY - Strong Gas Results Announcement 6 July 2023](#)

#### **5. SAOGA's Mozambique Outward Business Trade Mission 23-27 July 2023**

SAOGA would like to draw your attention to the upcoming SAOGA Mozambique Outward Business Trade Mission in Maputo, taking place from 23rd to 27th July 2023. With just 13 days remaining before the SAOGA's SA Delegation embarks on this mission, we want to ensure that you seize the opportunity to acquire valuable insights into the Mozambique Oil, Gas & Energy industry. Additionally, the event offers excellent networking prospects during our time together in Mozambique. Don't miss out on this valuable experience! The download link for more information: [SAOGA Mozambique Business Trade Mission - Maputo 23-27 July 2023](#)

## 6. "Ports of Entry" for Mossel Bay and Saldanha Bay

Since 2004, SAOGA has actively engaged with the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) for the establishment of "Ports of Entry" for Saldanha Bay and Mossel Bay, with the objective to enable the Oil & Gas industry to utilise these ports for exploring and extracting South Africa's offshore hydrocarbon reserves. SAOGA raised this issue through the National Ports Consultative Committee (NPCC), where it holds representation.

In June 2021, a meeting was organised with Minister Motsoaledi, attended by representatives from the DHA, SAOGA, NPCC, and SAASOA. This was followed by a subsequent meeting with the Director General, during which specific concerns were raised.

In August 2022, the Department of Home Affairs published the designation of "Port of Entry" in Government Gazette No 46710, marking a significant milestone in this ongoing effort.

The resolution of this matter, achieved through the dedicated efforts of SAOGA and NPCC, holds great promise for the Oil & Gas industry and our national ports. The download link for the: [Government Gazette - Opening of Ports](#)

## 7. Upcoming SAOGA Events

Contact Alain Kerr on [akerr@saoga.org.za](mailto:akerr@saoga.org.za) for information on the Upcoming Mission to Namibia Oil & Gas 2023, 16-17 August, in Windhoek and Tanzania Mining & Investment Forum 25th – 26th October 2023

Please see SAOGA's yearly Industry Engagements outlined. Be advised that dates of events may change. Upcoming SAOGA Industry Initiatives July to December 2023. [Upcoming SAOGA & Industry Initiatives - July to December 2023](#)

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Kind Regards,  
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