

American standard API RP 2004. This new generation of overfill prevention puts future technology into practice today, with bus system interconnectivity specifically for use in hazardous areas. A large graphic display, bright multi-colour signal light, self-explanatory configuration menu and unique joystick control are just a few advantages of the EUS-2.

Cortec Middle East will be unveiling its new CorroLogic aboveground storage tank (AST) dispensing system for the protection of tank bottoms against soil-side corrosion. The system is designed to be integrated into the tank foundation structure of new tanks, as well as tanks undergoing complete floor replacement. The fully automated and modular design of the system ensures uniform distribution of vapour-phase corrosion inhibitors (VpCI) under the tank. The system can be used to provide soil-side corrosion protection during construction and recommissioning. Cortec VpCI technology, being synergistic with cathodic protection systems, makes the CorroLogic AST system an appealing option for tank owners to implement during tank operation, to minimise future repairs and extend the service life of tank bottoms.

"It is great to see so many big names on the exhibition floor this year, with both new faces and many returning exhibitors," Powell says. "We are also delighted that so many exhibitors have chosen StocExpo Middle East Africa to launch new products and services – testament to the growing importance of the show for the bulk liquid storage industry, both regionally and globally."

Topical conference programme

The StocExpo Middle East Africa exhibition runs alongside a two-day conference, which features global authorities from the bulk liquid storage, finance and analyst sectors. Experts will provide visitors with an insight into the most significant trends, challenges and opportunities facing the tank storage industry in the Middle East and Africa. The conference will be officially opened on day 1 by the UAE Minister of Energy, who will give a welcome address and overview of the current state of the industry.

Christof Rühl, global head of research at the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, will give the keynote speech on day one, looking at the Middle East's role within global oil, impacts of OPEC production cuts, and global oil supply and demand.

The regional outlook continues through



both days of the conference with presentations on the growth expansion opportunities in the Middle East by Kamel Al-Harami, independent oil analyst and former president of Kuwait Petroleum International, on refinery growth across the Middle East by APICORP energy research analyst Ghassan Alakwaa, and on the supply and demand outlook for tank terminals in the Middle East and Africa by the managing director of PJK International, Patrick Kulsen.

Other experts will be diving down to focus on storage in specific markets, including Oman (Erwin Martelmans, commercial director at the Port of Duqm), Turkey (Aydin Erdemir, VP at Toros Terminal), Kurdistan (Zaid Mohammad, general manager at Beydal Petroleum), and Fujairah (Tamer Masoud, harbour master at Port of Fujairah).

Oil pricing – and its effect on both supply and storage – has been a hot topic ever since 2014 when the downturn in world oil prices began. Edward Bell, commodity analyst at Emirates NBD Bank, will be examining the impact of oil prices on future supply, with an analysis of oil price trends. To give the analyst perspective, Alan Bannister, Asia and Middle East regional director for oil content at Platts, will be looking into the development of the region as a pricing hub.

Bulk liquid storage is an industry with an inherent degree of risk, which makes

pre-incident and business continuity planning an essential consideration for terminal operators. Waddah Ghanem Al Hashmi, executive director for EHSS&G and corporate affairs at ENOC will be describing the work that ENOC and Horizon have been doing in order to improve resilience in terminals.

Powell concludes: "One look at this year's programme shows how serious we are about delivering world-class content, finely tailored to global and local needs and the interests of terminal operators in the region. Delegates can expect a stellar mix of regional, international and highly technical content, delivered by world authorities."

Professional development

Brand new for 2017, the StocExpo Middle East Africa Conference programme will be CPD certified as part of its commitment to serving the tank storage community globally. Recently, there has been an increasing expectation for professionals to undertake Continuing Professional Development regardless of industry sector, so this year all delegates will be awarded CPD points for the sessions they attend, allowing them to use the learning time towards individual CPD requirements. ■

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