

OGAF Showcase for Oil & Gas Sector In SA

The Government's planned investment of R9.2 billion to develop Saldanha Bay into a world-class hub for southern African offshore oil and gas drilling will create substantial opportunities for companies operating in the sector. The Oil & Gas Africa (OGAF) 2016 expo forms an effective services showcase and business networking platform for this rapidly expanding industry.

OGAF is one of five exhibitions that comprise the Cape Industries Showcase (CIS), an industrial expo which attracts many operators, stakeholders, suppliers and service providers exploring new opportunities. OGAF takes place at CIS from 13 to 15 July 2016 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.

The Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone (SBIDZ) is the first major step in the Government's Operation Phakisa initiative to expand and develop South Africa's ocean economy potential. This is South Africa's first dedicated facility aimed at providing support services for upstream Exploration and Production (E&P) developments in South, West and East African coastal oil and gas fields.

"It's main functions will focus on ship and rig repairs and maintenance, exploration, production and logistics support, and marine/sub-sea engineering and fabrication," says OGAF organiser John Thomson. "The SBIDZ is creating a rapidly growing number of business opportunities for the broad marine and maritime sectors as South Africa accelerates its own offshore oil and gas exploration. In the past four years, almost all offshore exploration blocks are under licence or under application for exploration by independent companies."

Global Heavyweights Onboard At OGAF

Making its début at OGAF 2016, Mammoet, is one of many companies that have already signed up to exhibit at the show. Mammoet is the world's largest provider of engineered heavy lifting and transport services.

“We provide solutions for lifting, transporting, installing and decommissioning large and heavy structures,” explains Marketing and Business Development Manager, Ryan Amos. “We are currently running a project in Saldanha Bay for the off-loading, transportation and installation of gas bullets for the storage of liquid natural gas.”

The Cape Industries Showcase (CIS) combines the *Maritime & Offshore Marine Africa Expo*, the *Oil & Gas Africa Expo*, the *Cape Logistics expo*, the *Temperature Controlled Storage and Distribution Expo* and the *Empowertec Cape SME Expo* in one co-located event at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, from 13 to 15 July 2016.

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