A strong presence

With the acquisition of Preussag Energie GmbH in 2003, OMV gained a strong presence in Yemen and holds four large exploration and production licenses (Block 2, 3, 86 and 70).

The second quarter of 2015 brought a major deterioration of the security environment. A sea blockade of the ports in Yemen prevented the crude export. OMV had to shut-in all production facilities in early April 2015 and declared force majeure on all its blocks and open contracts.

However, as the Habban field location has not been affected by the deteriorated security environment, comprehensive technical, commercial and security arrangements have been put in place to test a resumption production from Block S2.

The oil produced is being trucked to the facilities of the near-by Block 4, operated by Yemen Company for Investment in Oil & Minerals (YICOM). From there the oil is pumped via a 204 km pipeline to YICOM’s Al Nushaima Terminal. The first crude oil was lifted end of July 2018 and all crude oil, produced in this year, was sold on the international market.

In 2018 average OMV production rate was 3 kboe/d.

Community relations and development

OMV Yemen is committed to support local communities around its operational area of Block S2, Erma District Shabwah Governorate and has therefore funded a fully functional Emergency Ward at AlMafood Hospital in Erma District including the Emergency building itself, an integrated solar power system as well as essential emergency equipment and furniture.

Additionally OMV has funded a three year vocational education program in the field of midwifery offered by the Health Institute in Ataq-Shabwa Governorate. This has been done in partnership with local stakeholders and in line with the health plan for the provision and support of obstetrics and gynecology basic services in the district.

OMV is also investing in the education of locals by providing scholarships to young Yemeni nationals to pursue undergraduate and postgraduate qualification, especially in medical and engineering disciplines in national and international universities. About 40 students have so far benefitted from this program.