

Arkad-ABB wins \$50 million order to expand compression station in Algeria

The project will increase natural gas export capacity from Algeria to Europe

Arkad-ABB SpA has been awarded an engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contract worth \$50 million from MEDGAZ S.A., a company existing under the laws of Spain, composed by SONATRACH, CEPSA and NATURGY. The project involves the expansion of the Beni Saf compression station to increase by 25% the export capacity of gas from Algeria to Europe.

MEDGAZ operates the deepwater gas pipeline from Algeria to Europe via Spain, supplying natural gas directly from Beni Saf on the Algerian coast, to Almeria in Andalusia (Spain). The 24-inch pipeline ensures the most direct and cost-effective route to supply natural gas to Southern Europe.

Arkad-ABB is responsible for the engineering, procurement, construction, pre-commissioning, commissioning and start-up assistance of the Beni Saf Compressor Station Phase 1 Expansion Project, which will increase gas compression capacity through the addition of the fourth Turbo-Compressor Train and ancillaries. This will allow MEDGAZ to increase the gas export from current yearly 8 billion cubic meters to about 10.5 billion cubic meters.

Project facilities will be designed to strictly meet the local Algerian environmental regulations with respect to related noise, effluents and emissions.

“We are proud to help improving this strategic infrastructure to an important client as Medgaz” said Fares Khatib - Chief Executive Officer of Arkad-ABB “This order reconfirms our historical presence and commitment in Algeria, our long-lasting experience, industry knowledge and the trust of our Clients were pivotal factors for winning this contract. This is the fifth award this year in accordance with our plan to achieve a healthy backlog towards 2020 and beyond”.

The project is due for entry into operation in January 2021.

Arkad-ABB SpA is a world leading energy services group focused on delivering excellence in the oil and gas sector. Launched by the leading Saudi energy group Arkad and by ABB, it provides the full range of integrated Engineering, Procurement and Construction services. Headquartered in Milan, Italy, the company inherited competences and capabilities of its predecessors' companies with more than 50 years of experience and over 300 EPC projects implemented around the world.

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