

UK companies explore energy opportunities in the Egyptian market

The UK Department for International Trade (DIT), in partnership with the Scottish Development International (SDI) organised the first virtual energy event to explore business opportunities for UK-Scottish companies in Egypt's transition to net zero, as part of UK's endeavour to support Egypt in its energy reform program.

Egypt is the largest non-OPEC oil producer in Africa, as well as the continent's second largest natural gas producer. With Egypt currently implementing the Petroleum Sector's Modernisation Project, aiming at a sustainable development of the petroleum sector, UK companies are keen to get involved in the many business opportunities presented.

More than 100 attendees joined the webinar, among them the British Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Geoffrey Adams, who delivered an opening speech and a country economic and security briefing. Egypt's Undersecretary of the Ministry of Petroleum's Technical Office, Osama Mobarez, also attended the event and gave an overview of Egypt's energy priorities. In addition, the CEO of the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation, Eng. Abed Ezz El Regal, participated and highlighted the important opportunities in Egypt's oil and gas project pipeline.

The British Egyptian Business Association, the Egyptian British Chamber of Commerce and the Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce have all promoted the event to their members alongside the Department for International Trade and Scottish Development International. The event demonstrated the level of enthusiasm amongst the participants from both the UK and Egypt to trigger a new era in Energy Transition.

British Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Geoffrey Adams, said:

I was delighted to join this webinar today, and to thank everyone involved in putting it together. I spoke about the direction we have received from the President of Egypt and the Prime Minister of the UK to boost as much as we can the relations between our two countries, not least in the field of trade and investment; and I encouraged UK companies to take advantage of the opportunities here in Egypt, particularly as it reforms its energy markets and heads towards net zero.'

Undersecretary – Minister's Technical Office, Ministry of Petroleum & Mineral Resources, Osama Mobarez said: > Egypt and the UK enjoy longstanding ties with special strategic partnerships in the oil and gas sector. The Egyptian Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources has adopted several reforms and policies to ensure energy security, financial stability and enhance the

investment environment to avail more opportunities. These reforms have resulted in several successes providing more opportunities to our partners and driving further achievements.

SDI's Regional Manager for Africa and Middle East, Andrew Monaghan stated: ‘

It has been a great pleasure to co-present this successful event with our Egyptian partners and our colleagues in DIT. Over the last 50 years of exploration and production in the North Sea, Aberdeen in Scotland has gained prestige as the oil and gas capital of Europe, and with justification, our Subsea engineering skills lead the world. The global energy industry is undergoing a massive transformation, from fossil fuels to renewables, and the UK is at the forefront of that transformation, as the recently released report by Aberdeen-based Oil & Gas Technology Centre on UK's journey toward a net-zero energy future excellently portrays. It is a journey we invite our Egyptian partners to take with us.’

[John Conteh MBE congratulates veterans on completion of Boxing Through Barriers programme](#)

News story

The Fighting Chance Boxing Through Barriers programme concluded last week with a presentation from patron Mr John Conteh MBE.



The Fighting Chance Patron John Conteh MBE and Stoll Veteran. RFCA Crown Copyright 2020.

While current Coronavirus restrictions only allowed for a small outdoor

ceremony, participants were able to be presented their certificates, one by one and with social distancing in place, acknowledging the hard work and effort they have dedicated to the course over the past 12 weeks.

The Boxing Through Barriers programme was made possible through funding from the [Armed Forces Covenant Fund](#) and was aimed at beneficiaries at Sir Oswald Stoll Mansions in Fulham. In addition to the Covenant funding, Stoll's support of the programme provided use of a minibus to transport participants to and from training along with the purchase of pads and gloves for each participant.

Despite a delayed start due to the April lockdown, staff and trainers were committed to ensuring the programme went ahead. As lockdown lifted they put in place the necessary precautions to ensure continued delivery, amidst the ever changing and challenging circumstances. The training sessions moved outdoors in July and August whilst gyms were closed, and once back indoors the team worked in smaller groups to ensure continued safety.

The Fighting Chance is led by Founder and Director, Imran Khalil, who along with his passion for boxing, has worked in the employability sector for 20 years and has an in-depth understanding of the barriers faced by people when trying to find work.

Imran said:

All those who took part really enjoyed the boxing training and made huge progress. We've seen improvements in confidence, health, wellbeing and employability. There's also been additional progress with employment outcomes and goals.

We want to thank our Patron John Conteh MBE, our excellent coaches George Burton, Shaheed Sambrano, Amy H. and special guest pro-boxer Ashley Sexton. We also want to say a big thank you to Stoll's Wellbeing Manager George Bageya, CEO Richard Gammage and Beverly Russell & Claire Bendall.

The Fighting Chance Patron John Conteh MBE and Stoll CEO Richard Gammage.
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[Animal medicines seizure notices:](#)

Element Bullys Ltd.

News story

Details of the seizure notice served to Element Bullys Ltd, Plymouth in May 2019. This notice is published following the conclusion of an investigation case.



The following products were seized by Defra Investigation Services (DIS) as part of an investigation case and under the execution of a search warrant.

- 1 box containing several blister strips box labelled Clavubactin 250

Clavubactin 250 is a Prescription Only Medicine – Veterinary (POM-V). It is an antibiotic treatment for dogs.

Unauthorised possession and administration of POM-V veterinary medicines are offences under [Regulation 7](#) (Classification, supply and possession of the product) and [Regulation 8](#) (Administration of the product) of the VMR.

- 2 x 50ml bottles labelled Oxytocin Solution
- 1 bottle labelled Synulox
- 1 bottle labelled Noradine 24
- 1 bottle labelled PG600 Injekcio
- 5 vials x 10ml labelled Busol

These products are non-UK veterinary product. They can only be administered to animals under [Schedule 4](#) (Administration of a veterinary medicinal product outside the terms of a marketing authorisation) of the VMR by vets who have the animals under their care and have obtained a Special Import Certificate (SIC) to obtain the product.

The possession of these products is an offence under regulation 26 (Possession of an unauthorised veterinary medicinal product) of the VMR. The administration of these products is an offence under [Regulation 8](#) (Administration of the product) of the VMR.

N.B – Details regarding the prosecution of this case can be found under the heading [Prosecution published in October 2020](#).

Prosecution of Mr Michael Dawson, trading as Element Bullys Limited, Plymouth.

News story

Details of the prosecution of Mr Michael Dawson, trading as Element Bullys Limited, Plymouth.



On 5 October 2020 at Plymouth Magistrates Court Mr Michael Roy Dawson was charged and found guilty of 5 offences under the Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2013.

Mr Dawson's company, Element Bully's Ltd, was also charged and found guilty of the same 5 offences.

The charges were all for the possession of an unauthorised veterinary medicinal product. The products being:

- 2 x 50ml bottles labelled Oxytocin Solution
- 1 bottle labelled Synulox
- 1 bottle labelled Noradine 24
- 1 bottle labelled PG600 Injekcio
- 5 vials x 10ml labelled Busol

The result was as follows;

- Mr Dawson was fined £265, plus £30 victim surcharge and £85 cost
- Element Bullys Ltd was fined £1500, plus £150 victim surcharge.

This totalled to the financial penalty of £2030. In addition all seized medicines are to be forfeited and destroyed.

Details regarding the seizure of the products in this case can be found under [Notices published in October 2020](#).

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[Civil/crime news: rollout of secure file exchange wins praise](#)

News story

Providers have been praising our online platform for both crime and civil billing and pinpointing areas for improvement in recent survey feedback.



Secure file exchange has won praise from providers using the online platform which is now available for a range of crime and civil billing work.

Providers especially like the speedier turnarounds and money-saving aspects of secure file exchange. Typical survey responses include:

It saved time as our bill was looked at straight away

Our documents were safe and reviewed more quickly

This is a much easier way of getting electronic evidence assessed

You can find out more about the survey below.

What is secure file exchange?

The platform allows for the secure submission of large files, discs or USB sticks through the platform instead of post or email.

The scope of the online tool has widened significantly in recent months.

Who is using it now?

Providers are now able to upload files and evidence in support of the following billing areas:

1. Advocates Graduated Fee Scheme
2. Litigators Graduated Fee Scheme
3. Criminal Cases Unit – special preparation
4. Criminal finance – CRM18 and 18A claims
5. Mental health escape cases
6. Immigration and asylum escape cases
7. Civil escape cases
8. Exceptional case contract

Survey responses

Our survey went out over the summer to multiple users.

Provider praise included:

- faster assessment returns
- more environmentally friendly
- saving time and money on DX and postage

Providers also made some suggestions about clarifying and extending GOV.UK guidance which we have acted on by reviewing the secure file exchange resources.

Some of the other issues flagged by providers are addressed in our online resources:

1. Browsers – use the recommended browsers in our guidance to avoid the system running slowly.
2. Remember to log out of Galaxkey after the end of each session to avoid system issues.
3. Scope of secure file exchange – we are committed to further improvements and considering alternative solutions where necessary e.g. potential options around CRM7 non-standard fees.

How do I register?

Guidance on how to register and access support is available on our secure file exchange page on GOV.UK.

Further information

[Secure file exchange](#) – for guidance and advice on the platform

SFESupport@justice.gov.uk – to email your questions

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