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# LUKOIL TRAINING CENTER IN IRAQ ISSUES FIRST GRADUATES

The first class of students graduated from the training center of LUKOIL Mid-East Ltd., a LUKOIL-owned company operating under the West Qurna-2 project in Basra Province (Iraq).

Upon the completion of a one-and-a-half-year training program 170 graduates were assigned to the operational facilities of West Qurna-2 field according to their newly acquired qualifications, including borehole mining, oil and gas treatment, instrumentation, and electrical engineering and mechanics. One hundred and sixty students of the second batch will be completing the training program next May. In addition, preparations are underway to admit students for a third batch. One hundred and eighty newly enrolled students will begin studies next January.

The center opened last December. The training program was developed by the company SPIE Oil&Gas Services, a leading provider of technical training for the personnel of major oil and gas projects.

The modular program is based on the competence-oriented approach and covers required applied technical disciplines, courses in industrial safety, environmental protection, occupational safety, development of leadership skills, and also a program of on-the-job training.

Along with the classrooms, the center has customized computer labs for English-language classes and for special disciplines, a library, a technical-support office, training workshops, an administrative building, premises for coaches, a cafeteria, a first-aid station and a recreation area. The center has a training capacity for 350 persons.

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