

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, September 26, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- SGS ETSA signed an agreement with Oleoducto Central S.A. - OCENSA to carry out construction supervision services for the construction works at 7 storage stations, pumping stations and a maritime terminal for oil dispatch and reception on August 20, 2013. During the two-year contract, 16 on-site SGS supervision specialists will oversee several phases of construction to ensure the successful completion of the interlinked projects aimed at increasing overall transport capacity. Areas to be supervised include civil, mechanical, instrumentation, control and electrical infrastructure as well as fire fighting protection.

OCENSA

One of the major pipelines in Colombia, the OCENSA oil line connects the Cusiana and Cupiagua fields in the Llanos Basin with the Port of Coveñas on the Caribbean coast. The 830 km pipeline has a capacity of 560,000 b/d, accounting for around 60% of total Colombian oil production. In the search for an independent strategic partner to monitor OCENSA construction (<http://www.sgs.com/en/Construction.aspx>) projects in Colombia, SGS emerged as the company with the best portfolio to fulfill the project requirements highlighted by extensive experience and a global reputation of excellence. This is the first OCENSA / SGS ETSA collaboration.

SGS ETSA Services in Colombia

The scope SGS ETSA services for OCENSA Colombian projects include quality assurance (<http://www.sgs.com/en/Construction/Services-Related-to-Supply-Chain/Quality-Assurance-and-Quality-Control.aspx>), reviewing schedules, monitoring procurement, risk and cost, overseeing the baseline scope of construction contractors and securing the administrative and legal processes. Skilled SGS ETSA inspectors are in place to conduct all the necessary services to ensure OCENSA partners of the project being completed on time and on budget while meeting all relevant regulations and quality standards.

SGS ETSA is providing professional construction services, specifically customized to safeguard the successful completion of the infrastructure projects along the OCENSA pipeline. Independent, experienced on-site SGS ETSA experts are implementing and executing services effectively and in accordance with project management guidelines to keep the project on schedule, reduce technical risk and prevent construction errors through continuous supervision. Furthermore, SGS ETSA personnel are ensuring all work conforms to specified documentation and the construction permit and is in compliance with the relevant building regulations, quality standards and company guidelines. SGS ETSA supervisors are appropriately completing and

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issuing all documents, certificates and declarations.

SGS ETSA specialists are guaranteeing construction precisely follows the required engineering baseline, providing non-destructive testing (<http://www.sgs.com/en/Construction/Services-Related-to-Machinery-and-Equipment/Non-Destructive-Testing.aspx>) supervision and interpreting and evaluating testing results of various OCENSA builders.

Moreover, SGS ETSA ensures the successful completion of the OCENSA projects and increasing the value of OCENSA assets with comprehensive and effective construction supervision services (<http://www.sgs.com/en/Industrial-Manufacturing/Services-Related-to-Projects/Construction-Supervision.aspx>). SGS ETSA welcomes the opportunity to work with this distinguished partner in contributing to the safe and abundant production of Colombian oil.

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