

Kamil Al- Mehaidi, CV

-Over 40 years experience in the oil industry of Iraq covering all aspects of production engineering, reservoir management, field development, production studies, and planning. Held senior management posts with Iraq Petroleum Company (IPC), Iraq National Oil Company (INOC), and the Ministry of Oil (MoO).

-Started a petroleum engineering career with the IPC and affiliates in 1960 and occupied the posts of Senior Petroleum Engineer (1967-1969), Head of Production Department (1969-1971), and Head of Petroleum Engineering (1971-1976). Relocated to INOC as Head of Field Development Department, 1976-1978, then Assistant Director General, Planning Department, 1978-1983, and finally to the MoO as Assistant Director General for Planning and Studies Department during 1983-1988, by the end of which retired to a career of an independent petroleum consultant.

Highlights of projects and studies were as follows:

-Studying and supervising the execution of a project aimed at improving the productivity of Rumaila Main Pay producers through the removal of flow restrictions. The work, which included the shortening of tubing, changing wellheads and doubling the flow lines, resulted in improving the productivity of wells by 40-60% at a cost much lower than drilling new wells (1965/1966).

-Coordinating a major reservoir study on Rumaila Main Pay conducted by CFP (Total) in 1973. The aim of the study was to assess the production potential of South Rumaila Main Pay. The conclusion was that this giant reservoir was capable of sustaining up to 1.6 million barrel per day (Mbd) for several years. However, as this conclusion was considered to be optimistic, it was decided to increase the production from this reservoir to 1.2 Mbd, from about 0.75 Mbd.

- Coordinating all short and long-term production plans conducted by Basrah Petroleum Company and later by Iraq National Oil Company and lastly by the Ministry of Oil, during the period from 1969 to 1988.

- Holds a B.Sc. in physical chemistry, University of Wales, UK, 1958, augmented by career development courses in advanced reservoir engineering, ESSO Production Research, Houston, USA, 1965, economic evaluation and cost analysis, IPC, London, 1967, production technology, Van Poolen and Associates/ USA, 1975 and productivity analysis/ Japan, 1985.

-Now taking active role in writing and commenting on Iraq oil policy, plans, the petroleum draft law and oilfield exploration & development planning and contracting.

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