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# "HANDLING SAND ISSUES IN THE UPSTREAM OIL & GAS PRODUCTION"

(Organised by Oil, Gas & Mining Technical Division, IEM) **BEM Approved CPD/PDP: 2 Hours** 

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Date : 18 August 2016 (Thursday)

Time : 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm (Refreshments will be served at 5.00pm) Venue : TUS and C&S Lecture Rooms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Wisma IEM, Petaling Jaya Speaker : Ir. Dr. Eow John Son

## SYNOPSIS

The presence of sands and solids in wellhead production lines are likely to cause erosion and blockage issues in the subsequent downstream equipment at oil & gas production platforms. As a consequence, dangerous incidents, such as the failures of flowlines, production vessels and control valves, have a higher risk of occurring. Moreover, oily sands discharged into the sea are also an environmental concern.

The objective of the Talk is to introduce the participants to the sand removal technologies, such as wellhead de-sanders, produced water desanding hydrocyclones, sand fluidizers, and sand cleaning systems, which are commonly used in the upstream oil & gas production platforms. Moreover, these sand removal and cleaning systems need to be designed and operated correctly to ensure optimized separation performance.

## **BIODATA OFSPEAKER**

Ir. Dr. Eow John Son is Principal Engineer & Trainer with EDES Technology Sdn Bhd. He is also a Professional Engineer (BEM), and a Chartered Engineer (Engineering Council, UK). He obtained his PhD (in electrostatic water-oil separation) from the UK, and has published many technical papers in international journals and conferences. Having spent many years in multinational companies, and having worked in the UK, Singapore, Japan and Malaysia, John is well-versed in the oil & gas processes and production technologies, such as Wellhead Desander, Produced Water Treatment, Sand Separation & Management, Crude Oil Treatment, and Gas Processing for the upstream oil & gas Industry. He has worked from Technical and Commercial Proposal Stage to Detailed Engineering Stage to Commissioning Stage to Production Troubleshooting for oil & gas processes. John has conducted technical training and consultancy work for engineers and operators at Saudi Aramco, PETRONAS, Sarawak SHELL, GAIL India, etc. He is also an Assistant Professor at Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR).

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