

# ONGC's Jack-Up Rig Sagar Uday Flagged Off From L&T Yard In Oman

L&T crossed yet another landmark on April 17, 2013, when the Jack-up Rig, 'Sagar Uday', was ceremonially flagged off from L&T's Sohar Modular Fabrication Facility by ONGC's CMD, Mr. Sudhir Vasudeva. He was accompanied by Mr. K Venkataramanan, CEO & MD, and Mr. U. Dasgupta, Sr. Vice President, L&T.



Top executives from ONGC - India's oil & gas behemoth - along with senior representatives of

*Mrs. Rekha Vasudeva, Mr. Sudhir Vasudeva, CMD, ONGC; Mr. Shashi Shanker, Director (T&FS), ONGC; HE J.S. Mukul, Ambassador of India to Oman; and Mr. K. Venkataramanan at the flag-off ceremony of the jack-up rig from the Modular Fabrication Facility in Oman on April 17, 2013.*

L&T and its Omani joint venture partner, The Zubair Group, witnessed the flag-off.

The BMS IC 300M design, 120-metre tall rig had undergone a major refurbishment that involved replacement of several critical systems.

The 'flag-off' marked the start of the voyage from Sohar to the hydrocarbon-rich Mumbai High region off India's West coast.

The Sagar Uday is a mammoth independent leg cantilever-style drilling rig. The jack-up was earmarked for an extensive overhaul after more than two decades in operation. L&T and its Sohar Modular Fabrication Yard were awarded the contract to refurbish the rig in July 2010 in a fiercely contested international tender.



Commencing operations in 2007, the L&T Modular Fabrication Yard is the only facility of its kind in the Sultanate with the capability to undertake modular fabrication for the hydrocarbon sector. The yard, which boasts its own deep water

quay & harbour, covers an area of around 500,000 sq m, and has a capacity to produce about 50,000 MT of finished products per year. It employs upwards of 3000 personnel, including over 600 Omani nationals, being one of the largest companies established within the Sohar Industrial Port.

The successful rig refurbishment project is a credible 'demo' of L&T's capabilities to execute New-Build Rigs.