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## Icon Offshore wins RM42m ExxonMobil contract

**KUALA LUMPUR** — An Icon Offshore Bhd (Icon) subsidiary has secured a vessel order from ExxonMobil Exploration and Production Malaysia Inc, the company announced in a statement on Friday.

The contracts to Icon Offshore Group Sdn Bhd are for the provision of two straight supply vessels and commenced in May for a two-year period with an extension option of one year. These vessels will support the offshore production platforms as well as other requirements.

"This new charter contracts for the year demonstrates the confidence by the world's oil and gas majors in our strong fundamentals, core competencies and competitiveness, despite the recent slowdown in the oil and gas market.

"This achievement helps showcase the company's reputation of consistently delivering top value in all contracts. These

contracts also provide a significant boost to our growing portfolio, and are a promising indication despite a challenging global market," Icon managing director Amir Hamzah Azizan said.

This is Icon's first win this year, and will supplement the company's order book which stood at RM686 million at the end of last year.

In related news, ExxonMobil on Friday announced a RM450,000 contribution for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) initiatives this year, bringing its total contribution since 2010 to RM2.4 million.

"As a company which depends on technology as its life-blood, ExxonMobil understands the need to support and promote interest in STEM, among young people wherever we operate.

"Our company relies heavily on scientists, engineers and researchers to find, develop

and produce the much needed oil and natural gas resources in a safe, reliable and efficient way, while at the same time minimising environmental impacts," ExxonMobil Malaysia chairman See Kok Yew said.

As the primary sponsor of the National Science Challenge, the oil and gas giant presented RM300,000 to the Academy of Sciences Malaysia, which organises the annual challenge.

ExxonMobil has been supporting the National Science Challenge, the premier science competition for Form 4 science stream students since 2012.

This year, the competition kicked off in April with 13,600 participants. The state levels will be held between May and June while the grand finals will be conducted in August.

In addition, ExxonMobil gave a RM150,000 grant to the Permatapintar National Gifted

Centre, which is responsible for the selection and training of the Malaysian contingent to the International Mathematical Olympiad.

Held annually in a different country, this year's competition will be hosted by Hong Kong from July 6 to 16.

"Malaysia's future growth and ability to innovate hinge on today's students excelling in tomorrow's workforce. Math and science are universal languages of the workplace and critical tools for success in today's high-tech world.

"Improving math and science proficiency among our young people is essential to ensuring a skilled workforce and our nation's competitiveness in the global marketplace," See said.

Also present at the sponsorship ceremony was Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Datuk Dr Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah

## Syarikat swasta buat pembenihan awan

**KOTA BHARU 8 Mei** - Berikutan negeri ini dilanda kemarau teruk termasuk tiada hujan sejak lebih sebulan lalu, sebuah syarikat swasta mengambil inisiatif memulakan proses pembenihan awan, hari ini.

Proses tersebut dilakukan selama 10 hari berturut-turut bermula hari ini oleh AF Jets Sdn. Bhd. (AFJets) dan dikatakan menelan belanja sebanyak RM300,000.

Menurut juruterbang AFJets, Mohd. Hafiz Abdul Ghafar, operasi pembenihan awan dilakukan di kawasan udara Machang dan bandar ini selama sejam bermula pukul 2 petang.

"Kita rancang untuk lancar-kan sebanyak 12 suar pada hari ini. Namun setakat ini, kita hanya mampu melepaskan lapan suar, masing-masing empat di Peringat dan Machang.

"Walau bagaimanapun, baki empat suar lagi itu saya akan cuba habiskan pada hari ini juga, bergantung pada keadaan cuaca," katanya ketika ditemui di Lapangan Terbang Sultan Ismail Petra (LT-SIP), di sini hari ini.

Mohd. Hafiz berkata, setiap suar tersebut mengandungi larutan garam dan bahan kimia seberat 1.5 kilogram dan perlu dilepaskan mengikut arah tiupan angin de-



**SEBUAH** pesawat khas yang digunakan oleh AF Jets Sdn. Bhd. bersedia untuk berlepas bagi melakukan pembenihan awan di Lapangan Terbang Sultan Ismail Petra, Kota Bharu, Kelantan, semalam.

ngan kelajuan tertentu berdasarkan laporan yang dikeluarkan Jabatan Meteorologi.

Sebelum ini akhbar melaporkan, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif AFJets, Amrul Nizar Anuar mahu melakukan proses tersebut secara percuma bagi membantu penduduk negeri ini yang terkesan akibat fenomena El Nino.

Di negara ini terdapat dua jenis pembenihan awan yang biasa dilakukan iaitu kaedah *dry seeding* (pembenihan kering) dan *wet seed-*

*ing* (pembenihan basah).

Melalui *dry seeding*, juruterbang akan membakar katrij mengandungi bahan garam ke awan sebelum ia tersebar ke kawasan sekitar bagi membentuk awan hujan.

Teknik *wet seeding* pula menggunakan larutan garam dan air yang dimasukkan dalam satu tangki dan apabila sampai ke kawasan pembenihan, larutan tersebut akan disebarkan oleh juruterbang.

