

PARAGON ANGOLA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS IN APRIL

20 April Gilberto Domingos

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS IN MAY

10 May Manuel Victor

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WELCOME TO PARAGON ANGOLA

SONANGOL SANCTION KIZOMBA SATELLITES DETAILED DESIGN

AMEC Paragon and Paragon Angola were recently approved to proceed with detailed design of the Kizomba Satellites Project. This is exceptionally good news for Paragon Angola securing a workload for the existing team through the remainder of the year and allowing us to proceed with growth plans for the Luanda operation.

TEAMBUILDING EVENT

A series of teambuilding events took place in April in which Paragon Angola and Prodiaman fielded teams in five-a-side football and volleyball. Matches took place over two afternoons and a barbeque was enjoyed by all participants. Prodiaman were the medal winners of the five-a-side football tournament but the medal winners for volleyball went to a mixed team of Paragon Angola and Prodiaman members.

The events were considered a complete success by all participants. Paragon Angola are looking to take all of the medals next year!



COMMUNITY

Paragon Angola donated sports equipment to the primary school adjacent to the office and it was gratefully received by the Head Teacher and pupils.

At the Paragon Angola AGM an annual budget was agreed for charitable contributions to the community in Angola and opportunities to assist deserving causes are presently under review.

During his visit to Angola in March Mr. Terrance Ivers, President of AMEC Paragon, took the opportunity to again visit the University of Agostinho Neto. Mr. Ivers presented the Pro-Rector with the fully signed copy of the Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Houston.

Following the meeting at the University the Paragon Angola team took the opportunity to meet with the US Ambassador in Angola Mr. Dan Mozena along with senior members of his diplomatic staff. During this meeting Paragon Angola personnel discussed initiatives being considered with University Agostinho Neto and

in particular the need for English Language training.



TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Paragon Angola has recruited George Sinclair to the Luanda Office as a PDMS Administrator and Trainer. One of his main duties is to provide enhanced training for Angolan and expatriate personnel in the use of PDMS. This is a key appointment which is seen as essential to the training and development of personnel in this critical application.

Paragon Angola trainees accompanied by Lead Engineers visited the Sonangol Refinery on 11th March allowing the team to see a live operating plant first hand. Further visits are planned in 2009 to fabrication sites in and around Luanda.

Quarterly Personal Development Reviews (QPDRs) for Paragon Angola Trainees have

Been completed for the first quarter of 2009, and detailed objectives were set through June 2009.

First Aid training is being conducted on 17th April and will be attended by four Angolan and four expatriate personnel. This will ensure that there is adequate coverage of trained first aiders in both the office and the staff houses.



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in safety”*

**Always Take
Care
Vehicle
Safety**



■ **Seatbelts must be worn at all times when the vehicle is in motion**

■ **Paragon Angola has a NO cell phone policy whilst driving**

■ **Do not drink alcohol and drive**

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INFRASTRUCTURE

The Annual General Meeting for Paragon Angola was held at the Hotel Tropico in Luanda on 11th March 2009. This meeting, which was attended by Snr. Pacavira, President of Prodoil, and Mr. Terrance Ivers, President of AMEC Paragon, recorded positive results for Paragon Angola in 2008 and forecast further growth of the operation based on committed contracts and prospects for 2009 and beyond.

In order to accommodate additional personnel Paragon Angola have taken further space within the Prodoil Office on Ilha de Luanda. This now sees Paragon Angola occupying most of the ground floor. Completion of the first floor development will see Prodoil personnel relocated allowing Paragon Angola the opportunity to occupy the entire ground floor.

Security access systems are presently being

installed in the Paragon Angola offices including installation of a security pass operated turnstile and biometric door entry systems.

Safety in the office will be further enhanced by the installation of emergency exit doors and proposals are to be reviewed for the installation of escape lighting and fire alarm systems.

Paragon Angola have mobilized an IT Technician from the UK to support the operation on a permanent basis and will recruit an Angola IT trainee with a view to the trainee succeeding the expat this year.

The Prodoil web site has been refreshed and has been re-launched to reflect updated information related to Paragon Angola.

SAD NEWS

Paragon Angola mourns the loss of one of our most popular staff members, Ana Mateus João, who was one of the two young ladies killed in the accident at the Pope's address in Luanda on Saturday 21st March.

Both girls had their funeral services together at the Igreja Sagrada Familia and Ana was then interred in the Cemitério de Santa Ana. Members of the Paragon Angola team attended both ceremonies.

Ana, one of our cleaning girls was a shy, hardworking 19 year old who was much valued in the Paragon Angola offices. Quiet and reserved she was nevertheless a force to be reckoned with. Ana knew what her responsibilities were and she took them very

seriously. No task was too menial and she was always there to help. Always the first to greet you in the morning she had a smile for everyone.

Ana had recently resumed her education and had just completed her elementary school academics. She was enjoying her journey through the educational system and was looking forward to the next level and a new semester of learning.

This was a tragic end to such a young life. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ana's family. She will be greatly missed by all in the Paragon Angola offices.



Ana Mateus João