

# PARAGON ANGOLA NEWSLETTER



PARAGON ANGOLA ENGENHARIA E SERVIÇOS is an Angolan Registered Company formed in August 2004 as a Joint Venture between Paragon and Prodoil. In 2005 Paragon was acquired by AMEC plc.

PARAGON ANGOLA provides Project Management, engineering, design / drafting, site surveys, construction support and Materials Management services for the Oil and Gas industry in Angola.

Sustainability is a core principle of the Company.

We now provide significant local content in our Angolan projects and through training and development of Angolan nationals contribute significantly to the transfer of technology and expertise to the local oil and gas industry.

## WELCOME TO PARAGON ANGOLA

### PARAGON ANGOLA BIDS FAREWELL TO THE US AMBASSADOR TO ANGOLA

In June the US-Angola Chamber of Commerce (USACC) hosted a farewell lunch for the United States Ambassador to Angola, Dan Mozena. The Ambassador arrived in Angola at the end of November 2007 and left at the beginning of July 2010.

At the event, for which AMEC supported and assisted with sponsorship, the Ambassador briefed members and guests on his impressions of Angola and the developments in the relationship between the United States and Angola in the three years he had served as Ambassador.

Also leaving the US Embassy was Gabriel Hons-Olivier, the outgoing Public Affairs Officer.

### HEAD OF THE TRADE MISSION TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY LEAVES ANGOLA

Kirk Hollingsworth, Head of the British Embassy Trade Mission, has left Angola for a post in Malawi as the Deputy High Commissioner. He

was very active with the British Business Group here in Luanda and will be missed by many.

### PARAGON ANGOLA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On 19th April 2010 Paragon Angola held its Annual General Meeting in Luanda. Newly appointed Angola Operations Director, Kirk Barwick, was elected to the Paragon Angola Board of Directors. The AGM also passed resolutions regarding the distribution of dividends for the 3rd and 4th Quarters of 2009.



Dan Mozena, US Ambassador to Angola

## SPOTLIGHT

Name: Helena de Fátima Ribeiro Nunes Moreira da Rocha.

Job Description: Administration Manager

Nationality: I am Angolan but both my parents were Portuguese.

How long have you worked at Paragon Angola? I started working for Paragon Angola on 7th September 2009.

### Describe a typical working day in Luanda:

As the Administration Manager I manage the day to day operations of the Paragon Angola administration group which includes the Finance and Human Resources departments. I supervise and coordinate all of the general office administration and also the administrative supervision of the IT Technician.

### What is the biggest challenge of working in Luanda?

The biggest challenge to working in Luanda is invariably traveling to the office. With the heavy traffic in Luanda we normally have to leave the house early in order to get to work on time.

**What do you most enjoy about working at Paragon Angola?** I most enjoy the very good work environment here. I also like working with the several different nationalities we have here in Paragon Angola. It is quite an accomplishment working in a multi-national organization.

**What are your hopes for the future?** To continue living in Luanda and working for Paragon Angola until my retirement.



**TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Paragon Angola have been hosting engineers from Sonangol for introductory training in PDMS and Facilities Engineering.

The training sessions have been conducted over two week periods with PDMS in the mornings and Facilities in the afternoons.

During their time here the Sonangol team have covered various aspects of PDMS including Piping Design, Equipment Build, Cable Tray Design, Structural Design and 2D drawing production.

Certificates of completion have been awarded to each of the engineers.



Lídia da Costa (above), Manuel Monteiro and Tatiana Quimboca (both below) receiving their Certificates of Completion from George Sinclair, PDMS Administrator



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*“Everyone is a leader in safety”*



**Laptop Computer Safety**

*A man died while sleeping due to a fire in the house that was caused by a laptop on the bed that was switched on and left unattended.*

*Normally, a laptop is cooled by a cooling fan that draws air at the bottom. If the laptop is not placed on an even and solid surface such as on a table or on the floor, the fan cannot suck in enough cool air and will eventually overheat.*

*The bed sheets / blankets / pillows blocked the airflow then served as fuel for the heat / spark generated by the overheating laptop.*

**NEVER USE LAPTOPS OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES SUCH AS MOBILE PHONES / CHARGERS ON THE BED. PLACE THEM ON EVEN AND SOLID SURFACES IN WELL-VENTILATED ROOMS.**

**TAKE SAFETY HOME**



**INFRASTRUCTURE**

The new fireproof security doors have been fitted to both of the emergency exits from the office.

An alarm system has been purchased and will be fitted to both doors in due course.

The office continues its expansion. The Electrical and Instrumentation team are in their own office and the client office has been expanded to include a conference area.



The Paragon Angola fireproof security doors

Two more office spaces have also been made available to keep pace with the rapid expansion in manpower.

**TEAM BUILDING**

Field visits are an integral part of training for the Paragon Angola national employees. During this last quarter visits were made to Cameron and Algoa.

Cameron is recognised in the oil and gas industry as a global manufacturer of valves and associated hardware used for both topsides, subsea and drilling operations. They have a manufacturing facility in the Sonils base.

Algoa is a company taking on some significantly big sub-contracts on behalf of Cameron and their installations include machining, welding and calibrating plants. Both trips were arranged and led by our Lead Piping Engineer, Custodio dos Santos.

Town Hall meetings were successfully carried out over May, June and July.



**COMMUNITY**

**English Language Specialist for the University of Agostinho Neto**

As part of our ongoing collaboration with the University of Agostinho Neto (UAN), members of the Paragon Angola management team visited the university along with representatives from the United States Embassy, the Regional English Language Officer from Pretoria, and Ms. Akisha Pearlman, an English Language Fellow. The meeting resulted in a follow up visit by the embassy team to review facilities for the

proposed English Language Fellow (ELF) in 2011. Also in July AMEC Paragon President Terri Ivers, along with the Paragon Angola management team, met with the new Rector of UAN, Dr. Orlando da Mata, to further the intentions of the MOU between UAN and UH.

The great news is that in August Paragon Angola was informed by the US Embassy that Washington, DC, has approved an ELF for approximately 10 months to start working with the UAN from February 2011. Paragon Angola will provide accommodation and transportation for the ELF.

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