# Al-Rusail Power Plant

# ♥ Muscat, Oman





### **About Al-Rusail Power Plant**

Al-Rusail Power Plant is a 665 MW power plant located in an industrial area approximately 40 km west of Muscat, Oman. It consists of eight Frame 9E gas turbines that primarily run on natural gas with diesel oil as a backup fuel. The power plant was the first state-owned power generation company to be privatized in the Sultanate of Oman and is now owned by SMN Power Holding SAOG. SMN also owns SMN Barka Plant and together with Al-Rusail provides 1,342 MW of power and 120,000 m3/day potable water capacity. Both power entities are aligned with SMN's mission "to contribute to the growth of the Sultanate of Oman and to improve people's lives by providing reliable power and water, while being committed to employee development and empowerment".

# **Project Summary**

SMN Holding Company wanted to monitor and record the composition and quality of the gas being used by the gas turbines to run the power plant. In particular, they wanted to know specific quality metrics of the gases using a natural gas chromatograph and to analyze those within the context of a SCADA system. Therefore, SMN Power was looking for a simple yet reliable solution for this application.

The customer reached out to one of the leading solution providers in Oman: Oriental Control Systems LLC (OCS). Established in 2014, OCS provides turnkey control and automation solutions for oil and gas, power utility, and industrial sectors. They have a dedicated team of engineers who are highly qualified and skilled in the respective domains in which they operate. OCS continues to expand





and develop their team to meet the growing requirements of their customers, not only for delivering the projects but also for providing in-country service for the operation and maintenance of their customers' systems. Over the years, OCS has successfully completed multiple projects for various government ministries, corporations, industries, and private clients.

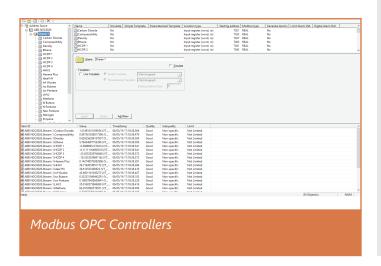
Moreover, since its inception in 2014, OCS has been a longtime system integrator and solution provider for ICONICS and has worked with and supported ICONICS' customers in Oman. In addition, ICONICS software satisfied all the requirements that SMN Power had laid out in terms of data connectivity, display, and logging, as well as charting data trends. Therefore, given these reasons and the flexibility and scalability of GENESIS64, the solution was a logical choice for this application.

# **ICONICS Software Deployed**

- GENESIS64<sup>®</sup>
- GraphWorX<sup>™</sup>64
- ReportWorX<sup>®</sup>64

## **Realized Benefits**

Al-Rusail Power Plant immediately realized benefits from several angles of the business. The automation system includes ICONICS GENESIS64 SCADA with a Modbus Ethernet OPC server connected directly to a natural chromatograph over a fiber optic link. This application is a simple, straightforward software solution designed specifically to monitor the gas composition of the fuel used for the power plant.



With ICONICS, the operational team can constantly visualize and monitor the quality of the natural gas in real-time and more accurately keep track of gas quality metrics.

For example, using GraphWorX, the operational team can visualize real-time data on customized dashboards that are easy to read and understand. This ability helps the operations team optimize the combustion process thereby allowing them to improve the efficiency of the gas turbines. The increase in efficiency in turn helps them to reduce their emission and carbon footprint. Additionally, they can log the data using TrendWorX Logger and export the data instantly into Excel files using ReportWorX Express thereby eliminating errors in manual reporting and increasing workflow efficiency.

#### Conclusion

SMN Holding is extremely satisfied with the ICONICS system and the OCS team. The system is exactly what the company wanted – a highly intuitive system with basic visualization that provides predefined symbols and simple graphics. Moreover, OCS completed the project with a minimum turnaround time allowing SMN to quickly begin monitoring the natural gas metrics. With this system, SMN can continuously monitor and ensure the quality of the natural gas they buy from the procurement/supply company.

The GENESIS64 solution deployed at our plant helped us with continuous monitoring of gas quality to maintain the optimal efficiency of our gas turbines. The software was straightforward and user-friendly for a simple application like ours. We have been using it for more than a decade now without any performance issues or downtime. We look forward to scaling this solution for other applications in the future, as needed.

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