



Ras Tanura Refinery (Used with permission from Houssain Ramadan/*Saudi Aramco World*/PADIA)

The potential claims by and against Bugshan Stone & Webster involved the consequences of allegedly defective preliminary engineering provided to the contractors by ARAMCO, which is alleged to have caused substantial delays and acceleration of the work, resulting in substantial increased costs to the project. Other issues involved unforeseen concealed conditions and engineering changes mandated by ARAMCO. Significant un-compensated additions to the scope of work, approximately doubling the total scope of the project, constituted a large part of Stone & Webster's ultimate claim against ARAMCO.

The team led by Mr. Wheatley undertook a detailed investigation of the technical and financial history of the project, and performed analysis of design and construction issues. Mr. Hamje performed a schedule analysis to evaluate project delays and disruptions.

The team prepared detailed reports that have been presented to the parties and participated in presentations, including the presentation of evidence by Mr. Hamje in an arbitration proceeding in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under *Shari'a* law. Team members have assisted in negotiations. A settlement in the matter is imminent, but if the issues are not resolved, members of the team will testify in international arbitration. A settlement in the matter is imminent.

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