

# The Petroleum Philatelic Society International

With a worldwide membership, and now approaching our 50th Anniversary, the Society is the place for all philatelists interested in the oil and gas industries. Members collections include all aspects of these industries, some of which are shown here, in a chart illustrating oil and gas production. In addition to postage stamps, our members are interested in revenues, postal history, postcards, banknotes, coins and other memorabilia related to the petroleum industries.



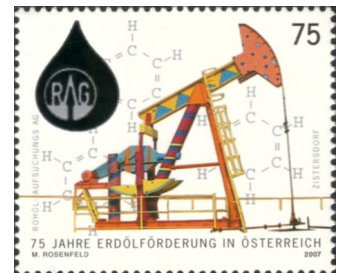
Seismic surveys produced by seismic vessels, are used to locate the best areas for drilling, allowing maps of the new oil or gas field to be produced.



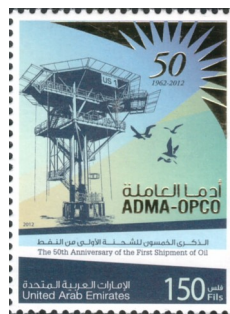
To extract oil a semi-submersible drill rig can be used offshore, an FPSO can also process and store the production



Traditionally, drilling onshore was carried out from wooden drilling derricks. After any initial production surge subsides, pump jacks are required to extract the remainder of the producible oil.



Offshore, a production vessel can produce and process oil from many wells. It can be linked by swivel to a direct pipeline to shore.



In shallower water a platform can produce and send oil to a refinery for processing.



Production can be stored in tanks before being shipped by tanker or by tank cars to its destination.



OPEC works to stabilize the oil markets to ensure a regular supply of petroleum to consumers and a regular income to the producers. The OPEC Fund was created to support poorer nations.



The PPSI website <https://www.ppsi.org.uk> gives much information, including full details of society membership. We maintain catalogues of petroleum stamps, produce a quarterly journal and have a presence on social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram). Information on new issues and other topics of interest is given on the social media, immediately it becomes known to us. You are very welcome to contact us at [editor@ppsi.org.uk](mailto:editor@ppsi.org.uk).