

> Oil services company **SeaBird Exploration** has announced that it has successfully completed its ocean bottom node (OBN) contract for **Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production** and has demobilised the vessels deployed – *Munin Explorer* and *Hugin Explorer*. The company is presently in talks with an unnamed oil company in the West African region for another OBN contract.

> The **Kaduna Refinery and Petrochemical Company (KRPC)** has been shut down by the **Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC)** following damage to the Chanomi Creek feeder pipeline. The damage was reportedly caused by an act of vandalism and according to reports, the 110,000 b/d refinery has been shut for about a week.

### 3.0 Niger Delta

#### New MEND attack

> The **Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND)** has continued its attacks on oil installations, as threatened, despite a recent raid by the military **Joint Task Force (JTF)**, which released 19 hostages and resulted in the arrest of over 60 **MEND** operatives, including **Obese**, a key **MEND** commander.

> In a statement emailed to the media, **MEND** stated that "on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2010 at about 02.00 hours, fighters of **MEND** attacked and destroyed the Obidi refinery trunk line". **MEND** further reiterated its threat to attack pipelines and oil installations in the Niger Delta and to take more hostages.

> For its part, **NNPC** has stated that it is undertaking repairs on the Warri-Escravos trunk line, but would not confirm that the repairs were related to the **MEND** attack. **NNPC** spokesperson **Levi Ajuonuma** dismissed the attack as inconsequential, saying that it would have no impact on product supply.

#### Barge explosion at Onne

> Our sources report that on 20<sup>th</sup> November at about 15.00 hours, a barge laden with illegal petroleum products exploded along the Ikpokiri Creek opposite Brawal Quay FCT Onne. One person is reported dead, and seven others sustained severe burns in the explosion and are receiving treatment.