

SEZAD and Regional Municipalities and Water Resources Ministry Sign MoU

Muscat, Dec.24, 2014

The Special Economic Zone Authority at Duqm (SEZAD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Regional Municipalities and Water Resources. The MoU regulates cooperation between the two parties in the provision of municipal services, the application of the laws relating to food safety and to enable each party to carry out the tasks and responsibilities entrusted to it easily, based upon the relevant Royal decrees in a way leading to achieve the desired objectives of the establishment of the Zone.

Yahya bin Said bin Abdullah al- Jabri, Chairman of SEZAD signed the MoU on behalf of SEZAD, with Ahmed bin Abdullah bin Mohammed al-Shehi, Minister of Regional Municipalities and Water Resources on behalf of the ministry.

With respect to services provided by the Authority, the MoU stipulates that SEZAD, in coordination with the



municipality, perform a number of public services, including: the establishment of public facilities, such as internal roads roundabouts, and public parks, playgrounds, public toilets,

markets and others.

The MoU also stipulates that both parties shall cooperate in the field of listing documents and records relating to building permits and certificates of

building completion, formerly issued by the Municipality in favor of enterprises owned by companies and traders recorded in the commercial register of SEZAD.

Training workshops to SEZAD staff to learn about electronic archiving system



Information Technology Department organized a number of training workshops for SEZAD staff during these months from November to December 2014. The training teaching how to using the electronic archiving system, which is one of services included SEZAD internal portal.

It is worth mentioning that SEZAD launched in early November 2014 archiving system that allows to all to using a new technology for archiving system instead of traditional correspondence.

SEZAD Chairman Welcomes Parliamentary Friendship Committee Delegation of the Polish



Muscat – (9 December 2014)

H.E. Yahya bin Said bin Abdullah Al Jabri Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Special Economic Zone Authority at Duqm welcomed in his office at KOM, a Parliamentary Friendship Delegation of the Polish senate headed by Senator Michal Sewerynski

Bilateral relations between the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Poland were discussed during the meeting especially in the economic, investment, and available investment opportunities for businessmen, and the role that the Parliamentary Friendship Delegation can play in strengthening cooperation between the two

friendly nations.

H.E. Yahya bin Said bin Abdullah Al Jabri, during the meeting, presented an overview of the potential of the Special Economic Zone in Duqm (SEZD) and the advantages the Zone has and the incentives SEZAD offers to investors and the projects that are currently being set up in the Zone.

H.E. confirmed that SEZAD welcomes Polish investments, and said that we are looking forward to have Polish investments in SEZD, pointing out that the Zone is characterized by the presence of eight investment areas, which helped attracting different investments. H.E. added that the investment environment at SEZD has encouraged local and foreign investors to

set up their enterprises.

On his part, Senator Michelle Swarnski, Head of the Parliamentary Friendship Delegation, complemented the renaissance that the Sultanate of Oman is witnessing, and said that I have noticed during my visit to the Sultanate a massive progress in different fields that reflects the efforts spent to achieve the welfare of the people, praising the parliamentary experience of the Sultanate.

SEZAD presented a presentation during the meeting about the projects that are being implemented in the Special Economic Zone in Duqm and the available investment opportunities and the incentives SEZAD offers to investors.

Saudi Investors Praise Special Duqm Economic Zone Potentials

A'Duqm, Dec.23, 2014

A number of Saudi investors praised the potentials of the Special Economic Zone of Duqm to compete in many economic sectors, especially in heavy industry.

They confirmed in a press statement during their visit to the area that there are a variety of opportunities for investment, noting that the facilities provided by the Special Economic Zone of Authority of Duqm (SEZAD) that will attract many investors.

Mohsen Abdul Aziz al- Hukair, Founder of al Hukair Group expressed his happiness to visit the Special Economic Zone of Duqm, saying that the region has many investment opportunities in various economic sectors, praising the services and facilities provided by SEZAD, demanding greater promotion of the area and the existing projects.

Dr. Ahmed Saeed Ba Hatheq, CEO of Saudi Innova for Health

Care said that he was impressed with the projects in the Special Economic Zone of Duqm, adding that the aim of the visit to the region is to discuss investment opportunities in the health services sector, indicating that the region has many investment opportunities in this sector, as it is a new area and has a promising future.

The visit came within the activities of the 2-day Omani- Saudi Investment and Trade Forum, organized by the SEZAD body and the Public Authority for Investment Promotion and Export



Development "Ithraa" and in partnership with Bank Muscat. The visit included the Dry Dock, Port of A'Duqm and tourist, industrial and residential areas.

Ismail bin Ahmed al- Balushi, Deputy CEO of SEZAD said that the visit comes as part of the promotional plan implemented by SEZAD for the introduction of the region, adding that this

year saw other visits by Saudi investors to the region, stressing that SEZAD is keen to inform businessmen on the available investment opportunities in the region and the existing projects.



2014 extensive media coverage for SEZAD activities

SEZAD has been many events & activities in 2014 the media coverage was excellent especially in local newspapers, Oman Radio & Oman Television. Especially agreements signing has topped all news.

Indicating that the Special Economic Zone at Duqm has many investment opportunities in many sectors. In addition, SEZAD is keen to inform investors on the available investment opportunities in the region and the existing projects.

Times of Oman

Sezad offers new faster norms for registration

Sezad deputy chief executive officer said the new procedure, to be effective from today, would help companies to register at the Special Economic Zone Authority at Duqm within 48 hours of submitting the application.



MUSCAT: The Special Economic Zone Authority at Duqm (SEZAD) announced that a company would be registered with the Authority within no more than 48 hours from the time of its submission of its application.

SEZAD Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO) said that the new procedure will come into force with effect from today and that the Authority has taken every necessary measure to facilitate the process for the companies operating in the Sultanate.

In a statement to the OCA, he added that there are a number of suitable investment opportunities for the companies operating in the industrial, commercial and tourism sectors, as well as those operating in services, construction and other sectors.

Al-Jabri pointed out that the companies cannot start doing business in Sezad unless they are registered with the Authority. The registration may be done through the Authority's headquarters in the Wilayat of Duqm or its offices in Al-Azhaba in the Muscat Governorate. Companies may obtain the registration card and know the terms and documents through the Authority's website.

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Oman Observer

DUQM AIRPORT FIRST STAGE SET TO OPEN

By Bader al-Kiyumi

MUSCAT — The first stage of Duqm Airport will be opened on July 23, according to officials here.

The airport, which has a capacity of 500,000 passengers annually, is a joint project of the Sultanate of Oman and the United Arab Emirates. It consists of two boarding air bridges, four remote aircraft stands, and a runway 4,000 metres long, two taxiways and a fuel hydrant system.

The new airport is primarily expected to handle business and traffic but may also become part of the 'Tender' Committee at the Special Economic Zone Authority at Duqm (SEZAD) last month awarded the third package of Duqm Airport project, which includes passenger terminal, the 17-metre high air traffic control (ATC) tower, cargo building, firefighting building, airport maintenance and service equipment building, as well as central services building, which includes central cooling unit, generators, power transformers, in addition to setting up of two secondary stations for power generation.

The award of the third package follows the completion of the airport runway and internal roads, as well as other works.

The committee also awarded a number of tenders related to the development of the zone, the foremost of which include a detailed study for the design of the northern side of the industrial area, which will be done in three stages: namely planning and feasibility study, initial design and detailed design.

Meanwhile, the Special Economic Zone Authority in Duqm (SEZAD) yesterday signed an MoU with the National Bank of Oman (NBO) for providing facilities to potential investors at the zone, in Sharada P2.



Oman Tribune

NBO inks deal with Sezad to offer banking facilities

Bin Said Al Jabri, Chairman of Sezad and Mohamed Bin Mahfoudh Al Ardhi, Chairman of NBO, the bank will provide credit facilities, finance, term loans and housing loans, as well as investment advisory services, ebanking, credit guarantee and other services to investors.

Al Jabri said that the MoU will encourage investors to invest in the zone as it will provide potential investors with benefits and incentives.

He added that SEZAD will continue its efforts to promote the area, attract more investments and provide it with world-class infrastructure. Through this agreement, SEZAD seeks to encourage local and foreign companies to invest in the area, he added.

Ardhi said that NBO is committed to providing banking facilities to potential investors at SEZAD. It is also committed to providing the best banking services with special offers for SEZAD and all companies coming through it.

With this MoU, Sezad aims to lure more investors to the region

Al Jabri said that the MoU with the local bank is part of SEZAD's efforts to attract more investors to the region. SEZAD is expected to sign similar agreements with other local banks to ensure financial assistance to investors and SMEs to set up their ventures at the special economic zone.

As per the MoU, which was signed by HE Yahya



Times of Oman

Italian businesses keen to invest in Oman

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A number of Italian officials and businessmen have expressed their intention to invest in the Sultanate in various sectors, especially in the fast-growing Port of Duqm.

The businessmen were briefed about the investment opportunities offered by the Special Economic Zone Authority in Duqm (SEZAD) in a workshop held at the Ministry of Economic Affairs in the capital Muscat.

The workshop, which took place on the sidelines of the International Trade Fair for Stone, Building and Technology in Oman, Italy, resulted in placing Duqm as the investment destination of choice for the Italian businessmen and public officials.

Yahya bin Said bin Abdullah Al-Jabri, chairman of SEZAD, said that the promotional campaign which was organised in Rome from September 22 to 26, was successful and opened the door for further cooperation between the Sultanate and Italy.

The Italian officials and businessmen were very responsive to the campaign and many of them requested their interest to visit Duqm in general and Duqm in particular, especially in fish, agriculture, aquaculture, ports, infrastructure, railway and other sectors.

SEZAD Deputy CEO, Ahmed bin Said bin Abdullah Al-Jabri, said that the workshop with the Italian officials and businessmen highlighted how Italian companies can benefit from Duqm's strategic location in setting up export-oriented businesses to target Asian markets near Oman, he added.

"Duqm Invites You"

The Duqm Invites You promotional campaign came at a time when Duqm is experiencing rapid growth. The number of Italian businessmen and public officials visiting the Sultanate has also witnessed a remarkable increase over the past few years.

Al-Jabri further noted that an agreement was signed between the two sides to appoint representatives to help coordinate investments in Duqm.

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Tender for uqm Airport third package

AL DUQM — The Tender Committee at the Special Economic Zone Authority at Duqm (SEZAD) awarded the third package of Duqm Airport project, which includes passenger terminal, the 37-metre-high air traffic control (ATC) tower with the control building, air cargo building, firefighting building, airport maintenance and services equipment building, as well as central services building, which includes central cooling unit, generators, power transformers, in addition to setting up of two secondary stations for power generation.

The meeting was chaired by Ahmed bin Hassan al Dheeb, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, member of the SEZAD Board of Directors.

The award of the third package of Duqm Airport follows the completion of the airport runway and internal roads, as well as other works.

The passenger terminal will be built on an area of 5,700 square metres. The initial capacity of the airport will be 500,000 passengers a year. The air cargo terminal will stretch over 8,000 square metres and can handle about 25,000 tonnes of cargo per annum.

The committee also awarded a number of tenders related to the development of the zone, the foremost of which include a detailed study for the design of the northern side of the industrial area, which will be done in three stages namely planning and feasibility study, initial design and detailed design.

It also awarded the executive works for the main building, the external boundary, the car parking area, the electromechanical connections for the building, the leveling works, the pavement of parking area around the building and landscaping.

The committee also awarded a project for the water network at Duqm Port which includes water distribution network, construction of a ground water tank for firefighting and pumping rooms with facilities.

It also awarded the consultancy services for the initial design and supervision of the bulk and liquid material terminal and its associated works in Duqm Port, as well as the variation order No 3 for the master plan of roads in Duqm.

The SEZAD and the companies wholly-owned by the government and established at the zone were exempted from being governed by the Tender Law according to the Royal Decree No 119/2011 to execute and manage the services and public utilities projects.—ONA

