Promising Investment Environment
Special Economic Zone Authority at Duqm (SEZAD) was established by Royal Decree in late of 2011, as a regulatory and supervisory governmental entity responsible for regulating, managing and developing the Duqm Special Economic Zone in the Sultanate of Oman and granted Financial and administrative autonomy status.

It endeavours to transform Al-Duqm region into a world class investment and leisure endpoint through: Planing, designing and implementing long term strategies for infrastructure development and to attract investments to promote a wide spectrum of economic activities in addition to overseeing the urban expansion of modern Duqm City while protecting the environment, thereby ensuring Duqm its rightful place as the best location to visit, live, work and invest in the Middle East.

The SEZAD represents the focal point for potential investors. Through its one-stop shop, it will register, license, and provide environmental approvals using the best international practices. Imports into the Zone will be duty-free. Future regulations regarding the Zone’s company registrations, labor, trade, land, taxation and other incentives will be announced in due course. SEZAD tax regimes, land lease rates, and utility tariffs will be provided at competitive rates.
The Vision
Positioning Duqm as a logistics hub on the Arabian Sea, a safe-haven investment destination, a modern and attractive businesses environment, a distinguished tourism Station to facilitate national economic diversification.

Mission
To enhance the business environment, develop the infrastructure and utility services, and build the capacity of the Omani human resources in order to attract domestic and foreign direct investments to the Zone in line with the approved master plan, environmental sustainability of natural resources and good institutional governance.

Objectives
With a land area of 1,777 km2 and 80 km of coastline along the Arabian Sea, the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is the largest in the Middle East and North Africa region and ranks among the largest in the world.

The Duqm SEZ has been envisioned as the place that will balance regional development by energizing the Al Wusta governorate in addition to diversifying sources of national income, creating job opportunities for Omanis, promoting re-exports and transferring modern technologies to Oman.
Duqm as a Special Economic Zone

The Duqm SEZ is a model of an integrated economic development composed of 8 zones: a sea port, industrial area, new town, fishing harbor, tourism zone, a logistics hub and an education and training zone, all of which are supported by a multi-modal transport system that connects it with nearby regions (the Arabian Gulf countries, Middle East, East Africa and Southeast Asia).
The world-class port of Duqm has been completed and commissioned. It will catalyse the development of Al-Wusta governorate. The first phase of the port will handle containers, general, and bulk cargo. The inner basin is (-18 m) deep and has commercial quay (2.25 km. by 350m.) which can accommodate 8 vessels. Moreover, a 1 km Government quay is also under construction, which will accommodate the Royal Navy, Coast Guard, and Oman’s fast ferries.

For this purpose, a joined venture company has been established between the government of Oman and the Consortium Antwerp of Belgium. Special attention is being paid towards designing and constructing first-rate facilities relying on latest technologies, including information technology (IT) systems. This will enhance efficiency and reduce operation costs. The completion of the second phase will result in a larger basin (6.5 km2) and an additional 13,500 m of commercial quays, providing room for more than 36 additional berths.
The dry dock at Duqm is reported to be the second largest of its kind in the Middle East and North Africa. It consists of two docks that are 10m., which one dock is 410m by 95m., and the other is 410m by 80m. Furthermore there is a 2.8 km of quays available for additional ships to be repaired. 10 ships can be repaired at the same time, including some of the largest tankers in the world such as ultra-large crude carriers (ULCCs) at capacities up to 600,000 deadweight tonnage (DWT).

Future plans include adding a floating dock. The dry dock includes hull processing, machining, painting, and pipe-fitting shops. It also houses slop and sludge facility as well as hazardous wastewater and waste-water treatment plants.

The dry dock is operated by the internationally renown Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering (DSME) Company of South Korea. For this purpose, the government of Oman established Oman Dry Dock Company (ODC) to manage and operate the facility. ODC started soft operation in April 2011 and began full operations in early 2012.

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The Duqm regional Airport is designed to accommodate all types of aircraft, including those handling large passenger numbers and air cargo loads with in-flight catering facilities. The Airport is scheduled to be operational in 2015. It will have a passenger terminal with a capacity of 500,000 travelers per year, a 4 km. runway, a cargo terminal with an initial 50,000 ton capacity, and duty-free shops. Duqm regional Airport will include two gate lounges and two boarding bridges. This state-of-the-art Airport will further boost Duqm tourism - it will bring the region closer to the world and play a key role in Duqm’s multimodal transport system. The airport will connect Duqm to the capital, Muscat, and other regional airports within Oman as well as with a host of international destinations.
يقوم حاليا تحالف استثماري مشترك فيما بين "شركة نفط عمان" و "الشركة العالمية للاستثمار في النفط" الإماراتية على تنفيذ مصفاة للنفط بطاقة إنتاجية مقدارها 130 ألف برميل في اليوم، وهي تشكّل المرحلة الأولى من برنامجهم الاستثماري وصولا إلى تشغيل المصفاة في عام 2017، في حين أن المرحلة الثانية ستشمل إنشاء مجمع للبتروكيماويات يتضمّّن كاسرات للمواد النفطية الخام، ومصنع للبولي بروبلين وآخر للمركبات العضوية العطرية وغيرها، هذا وإنّ إقامة هذا المجمع سيفتح آفاق واسع لفرص استثمارية عديدة في مجال الصناعات التحويلية والمستندة في مدخلاتها إلى المشتقات النفطية المتولّدة عن مصفاة النفط ومجمع البترولكيماويات المرتبط بها، وسيتزامن مع مشروع مصفاة النفط إنشاء مجمع لتخزين النفط والمشتقات النفطية ورصيف بحري لغابات المناولة، وفي هذا الإطار ستعتمد مصفاة النفط أحدث وسائل التكنولوجيا الحديثة لإعطاء عناية خاصة إلى بيئة المنطقة بجوانبها المختلفة المتعلقة بنوعيّة الهواء والمياه والتربة.
The Oman Oil Company in cooperation with the International Petroleum Investment Company of UAE will commence the establishment of an oil refinery with a potential capacity of 230,000 barrels per day (bpd). The development of an associated petrochemical complex include, among other components, a mixed feedstock cracker, polypropylene plant, aromatics facility, and a styrene plant will be the second phase of the project. Once established, the complex will provide upstream and downstream opportunities for the Duqm industrial landscape.
Duqm Transport System

The master plan of SEZAD provides for qualifying the zone as multi model transportation hub which includes land, air, sea, and railway transportation network to connect Duqm with the rest of Oman as well as the other GCC countries, and the world at large. The government of Oman is in the process finalizing the natural rail way master plan which will connect in its first phase UAE with the capital city Muscat and extend the connection to Duqm and Salalah in second phase. The construction of two main roads has been completed: the first is a 36 km. primary dual-carrigeway with three lanes in each direction. This road will connect the port, airport, and tourist areas with local residential and social amenities. The second is a 35km., 4-lane road beltway around the city that will connect the residential areas within the city with the beach. In addition, another 200 km of primary and secondary roads will be constructed to serve the various parts of the city, and to connect it with the development site around it.
A comprehensive 365 km² have been allocated for industrial and logistics use, which will be near the port, main roads, railway, and airport. A comprehensive industrial strategy has been prepared targeting petrochemicals, building materials, minerals and inorganic chemicals, fishery and aquaculture, food manufacturing, clean technologies, life sciences and allied businesses.

The location of the industrial zone near both the port and airport makes Duqm an ideal place to establish and expand industrial and commercial enterprises. Additionally Duqm’s proximity to promising Asian markets, GCC countries, Iran, Iraq, and North Africa, as well as its strategic location outside the Straits of Hormouz, significantly increase its industrial potential.
Logistics Zone

A state-of-the-art airport, busy commercial seaport and world-class infrastructure, combined with Duqm’s strategic location on a busy East-West trade route, create unique logistical, warehousing, distribution and re-export business opportunities.
The Arabian Sea is rich with fisheries resources which include different varieties of fish in addition to favorite Omani crustaceans’ species, all of which are in great demand in neighboring countries as well as Europe. Efforts are made to exploit this lucrative comparative advantage of Duqm’s traditional affinity to fishing activities and developing an integrated cluster fishery based activities in the fishing northern part of Duqm.

This will encompass
1) A fishing harbor at -6m depth with all facilities required to accommodate small and medium size fishing boats.
2) Retail, wholesale and export markets.
3) Allocating enough land area to house fish processing, canning, fish oil and animal feed industries.
4) Fish & shrimp farming.
5) A marine research center, and training center.
6) An international standards quality assurance center for fresh and processed fish exports.
مدينة الدقم الجديدة

تم تخصيص أراض كافية لإنشاء مدينة سكنية تبلغ مساحتها 139 هكتارًا تستوعب 17 ألفًا من السكان مع إمكانية توسيعها مستقبلاً لتنمو إلى 110 ألف نسمة. هذا وتشكل مدينة الدقم الجديدة نموذج للتخطيط العمراني الحديث الذي يستلهم الثقافة والتراث العماني الأصيل وخصوصية البيئة المحلية.

بالإضافة إلى المرافق الأساسية التي سيتم إقامتها في المدينة، فإنه من المخطط إنشاء مرافق خاصة بالأنشطة الشبابية والرياضة سواء التي تمارس في الهواء الطلق أو في الأماكن المغلقة بما في ذلك إستاد رياضي للشباب، كما سيضم وسط المدينة مستشفى إقليمي وحى تجاري ومباني للإدارة الحكومية وحديقة عامة ومكتبة عامة ومجمعات سكنية بفئاتها المختلفة، وغيرها من الخدمات التعليمية والثقافية والترفيهية والتي تشكل عنصراً أساسيًا في تحقيق الاستقرار العائلي للعاملين في المنطقة وتحسين نوعية الحياة فيها، هذا وتجدر الإشارة هنا إلى أن المدينة تشكل عنصراً هاماً في زيادة جاذبية المنطقة للاستثمار وزيادة نسبة استفادة العمانيين من فرص العمل في المنطقة.
New Duqm Town

An area of 23km² has been designated for the new frontier town at Duqm. This will be the backbone of the development area and initially will accommodate up to 67,000 people with further provisions to extend it to 110,000 residents. Duqm’s new town will be a sustainable community, a model of contemporary urban planning with due consideration given to Omani culture and the local environment and will catalyze the envisioned urbanization and commercialization of the Wusta governorate.

A variety of indoor and outdoor sport facilities and a youth stadium are proposed in and around Duqm. The proposed town center will boast a regional hospital, a business district, administrative offices, parks and a public library, as well as malls and other high profile facilities, and social amenities.
تهدف خطة تطوير الدقم من خلال مجهودات حثيثة إلى أن تُعيد إلى المدينة ألق سحرها القديم وتراثها العُماني العريق، وستَولِي الخطة الحالية العناية الكافية للمحافظة على شواطئ المنطقة بما تُخرِب به من أنواع مختلفة من الطيور المهاجرة والأسماك وأثار تاريخية وموروثات جيولوجية غنيّة، مما يجعل من الدقم وجهة سياحية متميزة. كذلك تشكِّل حديقة الصخور ومحميّة المها الطبيعية وقرى الصيد التراثية القائمة في المنطقة خصوصية تجعل من الدقم وجهة سياحية فريدة.

وتقع المنطقة السياحية على شريط ساحلي بمساحة 17 كيلومتر مربع يمتد على طول 18 كيلومتر على شاطئ بحر العرب، ويتواجد حاليا في المنطقة حوالي 10 غرفة فندقية من شتى الفئات، فهنالك فندق الكراون بلازا وهو من فئة الأربع نجوم ويقع على الشاطئ مباشرة ويحتوي على 18 غرفة مزدوجة و20 غرفة فندقية، بالإضافة إلى نادي صحي ومركز للياقة وصالات تنس وقاعة احتفالات ومركز لخدمة رجال الأعمال وصالات للاجتماعات والمؤتمرات ومرافق ترفيهية، وينال كذلك فندق المدينة ويشمل 18 غرفة فندقية مجهزة بكافة المرافق، أما الفندق الثالث فهو فندق عائم (على شكل سفينة) ويتضمن 20 غرفة فندقية ومسبح وقاعات متعددة الأغراض، كما يتزعم برنامج التخطيط الحضري للمنطقة السياحية في الدقم على إنشاء شاطئ عام على مساحة واسعة لتمارسة العديد من الأنشطة الشاطئية والمائية لتلبية احتياجات السكان والزوار من وسائل الترفيه والاستجمام المختلفة.
Duqm must retain its old world charm and local Omani heritage. Care is being taken to realize these goals. Attention is being paid to preserving the unspoiled beach with its migratory birds and its historic antiquities in order to make Duqm an attractive tourism destination. The pre-historic ’Rock Garden’ is one such attraction. The Oryx preserve, the Wadi Al-Sayy Natural Park, the Al-Shuwyar Village and the Masyra Island are other tourist attractions near Duqm.

The designated tourist area occupies 26 km² and includes an 18km. stretch of beach on the pristine Arabian Sea. Two hotel resorts, one is the Crown Plaza Hotel - a four-star beach front hotel being built. The hotel will meet the needs of both business and recreational visitors by offering 200 deluxe rooms, 11 executive suites and 8 spacious family suites, as well as a spa, a fitness center, tennis courts, a banquet hall, a business center and meeting and conference facilities.

The second hotel is closer to the city, it offers 118 rooms with all supporting services and facilities. Duqm’s elaborate plans also include a relatively large public beach area offering a variety of water sports to accommodate residents, and tourists recreational interests.
At present, Duqm has several government educational facilities providing basic education in Arabic to the existing Omani population. In the future, private educational institutions will be invited to provide multi-lingual schools that meet international standards and address the needs of expatriates as well as local residents. As part of Duqm’s vision of creating a viable local community, institutions for higher education and vocational training as well as research and development centers will be established.

The two major objectives of the educational institutions will be to: (1) provide local manpower with the skills required to qualify for jobs in future industries and services and (2) provide engineering and troubleshooting services to local industries. Emphasis will be placed on advanced IT and communications, green technologies, marine sciences, and business administration. An advanced Marine Research Center is planned that will conduct cutting-edge studies and provide technical support for the local fishing industry.

In addition to the public health care provided by government hospital in Duqm, private sector medical practitioners and specialists are expected to take advantage of area’s demographics and corporate clienteles to augment the scope of medical services provided by the Ministry of Health.
الدقم: منطقة اقتصادية خاصة قائمة على استدامة البيئة

تستحوذ تقنيات الطاقة البديلة على اهتمام القائمين على تطوير منطقة الدقم لتوفير أكبر قدر ممكن من احتياجات المنطقة من الطاقة ويأمل أعباء بيئية، ولهذا الغرض سيتم إجراء البحوث التطبيقية المرتبطة بเทคนيات الطاقة المتجدّدة وتسخيرها بما يتناسب مع متطلبات التنمية المستدامة، وإيجاد فرص للاستثمار في مجال التكنولوجيا النظيفة والحفاظ على جودة ونقاء الهواء في المدينة، وتوفير المساحات الخضراء في الساحات العامة والطرق، وتبني وسائل مواصلات رفيعة بالبيئة، وتنفيذ البرامج الحديثة لتدوير وإعادة استخدام النفايات، وكذلك تشجيع استخدام نُظم الطاقة ذات الكفاءة العالية.
Duqm envisages deploying renewable energy solutions for its energy needs. This will be done through applied research into alternative energies and sustainable technologies to harness clean and green energy resources suitable for Duqm. Ultimately, the SEZ will create an environment built on clean technologies. Duqm will become a leading renewable-energy city through the use of diversified energy-efficient systems. Clean fossil fuels will be adopted to reduce carbon emissions.
قامت شركة الكهرباء بإنشاء محطة توليد كهرباء تعمل بالديزل بطاقة 100 ميجاوات، حيث يتم توليد الطاقة بقدرة 11 كيلو فيولت ومن ثم يتم رفعها لتصل إلى 33 كيلو فيولت باستخدام محولات رافعة، ويتم توزيع الدفعة بالطاقة الكهربائية من خلال شبكة كوابيل أرضية بقدرة 33 كيلو فيولت و11 كيلو فيولت، وقد تم الانتهاء من تركيب (7) محطات فرعية لإمداد الميناء، والمطار، والمدينة، ومنطقة مجمع الفنادق، والصناعات الخفيفة بممتصات الطاقة الكهربائية، وهنالك حاليا خطط قيد الدراسة والإعداد لإنشاء محطة كهرباء مركزية بطاقة (0-1000 ميجاوات) تعمل بالغاز الطبيعي لغذاء الطاقة المحتملة احتياجات الدفم المستقبلية. كذلك تم إنشاء محطة لتحلية المياه بتقنية التناضح العكسي بطاقة إنتاجية تبلغ 10,000 متر مكعّب يوميا، ووفقا للمعطيات الحالية لاستهلاك المياه في عمان فإن هذه الكمية من المياه ستكون كافية لمدينة يسكنها 300,000 نسمة. وقد تم إنشاء خطوط التغذية الرئيسية لتزويد المياه إلى الميناء والحوض الجاف والفنادق التي تم إنشاؤها حديثا في المنطقة، ويجري حاليا دراسة توسيع محطة التناضح العكسي لتلبية الاحتياجات المستقبلية وزيادة الطلب نتيجة النمو المتواصل في المنطقة. علما بأن حكومة السلطنة ملتزمة من خلال شركة المياه بتوفير احتياجات السكان والمناطق من مياه الشرب والاستخدامات الحضرية الأخرى.

Electricity and Water Generation and Distribution

The local power company has constructed a diesel power station with a total installed capacity of 100 megawatts (MWs). Power will be generated at 11 kilovolts (kV); this would be stepped up to 33kV using three step-up transformers. Power is distributed throughout Duqm via an underground cable network. Seven substations have been built to serve the port, airport, duqm city, light industry and the hotel complex areas. Plans are underway to build a much larger gas-fueled power plant (500-1000MWs) to meet Duqm’s future needs; a reverse osmosis (RO) water desalination plant, with an initial daily capacity of 10,000 m3, has been completed.

Based on current levels of water consumption in Oman, this amount would be sufficient for a city with a population of 35,000. Further expansion of the RO plant along with the water distribution network is underway to meet the raising demand. Two large reservoirs completed and a third is in the design stage. The government of Oman is committed to meeting the expected demand for potable water and electricity in the zone has been completed.
Oman Gas Company will supply Duqm with clean natural gas from gas fields in the Al Wusta region.

The company has selected the optimal pipeline route and gas supply stations. Natural gas is a clean-burning energy source; it will power the economy of Duqm while protecting the environment maintaining the quality of life for its residents. Potentially the natural gas will be used as a feedstock as well as a source of energy.
Master Plan of the Special Economic Zone at Duqm