

Gulf Industry Fair enjoys high-level support from organisations at the forefront of a multi-billion-dollar investment programme

WINDOW TO GULF'S INDUSTRIAL WORLD

GULF Industry Fair (GIF) 2015 comes to Bahrain next February at a time of unprecedented industrial and infrastructure investment in the GCC.

New investments worth hundreds of billions of dollars will reinforce a regional industrial base which, according to the Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting (GOIC), more than doubled in investment value from 2009 to reach almost \$369 billion by 2013.

GOIC points out that the number of GCC factories grew 4.8 per cent, and the number of factory workers 7.5 per cent in the same period

Against this background, GIF 2015, to be held under the patronage of His Royal Highness the Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, will again take centre-stage from February 3 to 5, 2015, providing a window into the world of the Northern Gulf's vibrant industrial landscape, and offering unrivalled networking opportunities and lead generation potential.

The fair is held in Bahrain, a trade and logistics hub boasting some of the region's most sophisticated industrial infrastructure.

According to the kingdom's Economic Development Board, manufacturing currently accounts for 16.7 per cent of national GDP, with plans to increase that contribution to 20 per cent within a decade.

Furthermore, the country is a proven staging post for investors looking to do business with and within Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province, which accounts for more than 50 per cent of all industrial investments in the GCC.



Bahrain's Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa opens the 2014 edition of the exhibition

Bahrain and the Eastern Province will soon be linked via a \$5-billion road and railway link now being fast-tracked, further enhancing Bahrain's strategic value proposition.

This project is part of a broader \$22-billion infrastructure investment programme which publishing, research and consultancy firm Oxford Business Group predicts will be implemented in the kingdom by 2020.

GIF enjoys high-level support from many of the iconic organisations at the forefront of this investment programme. This includes Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), which is currently spending at least \$2.5 billion on a sixth

production line; Bahrain Petroleum Company (Bapco), which is undertaking a multi-billion-dollar refinery modernisation; and Majaal Warehouse Company, which earlier in 2014 announced it had completed and fully leased all three phases of its 37,000 sq m industrial real estate project in Bahrain Industrial Wharf.

Alba will again sponsor the 'Aluminium Village' show segment at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre (BIECC), which will showcase the unique synergies of the kingdom's upstream and downstream aluminium industries.

As in previous years, Bapco will

support the 'Energy and Environmental Protection' segment, where it will demonstrate some of the capital investments in projects which reduce the company's environmental impact.

Meanwhile, Majaal, a developer and operator of industrial facilities primarily for small and medium enterprises (SMEs), will again be the principal sponsor of the 'Logistics and Industrial Facilities' show segment, where it will not only showcase the successes of its business model but also demonstrate Bahrain's strong credentials as an investment destination.

Other sector partners include

Ahmed Mansoor Al A'ali, who will sponsor the 'Industrial Processes and Manufacturing' segment, and Arab Shipbuilding and Repair Yard (Asry), one of the Gulf's leading shipyards, as sponsor of the 'Ports and Maritime' segment.

GIF 2015 will have a vocational element, in keeping with the organiser's broader goals to support Bahrain's socio-economic development. The Comgroup 'Training4Life' workshops, organised by Medpoint Design and Events Management in association with Lead Academy, will be tailored exclusively to individuals working in the kingdom's industrial sectors, offering expert insight and live practical experience in disciplines such as behavioural safety, while exploring ways to enhance productivity and innovation.

In addition to the seminars, the Training4Life workshops will feature sector-specific sessions run by Ducab (Dubai Cables), Alba and Bapco.

GIF 2015 will also, for the first time, host ITECH Industry 2015, an event where IT companies can showcase their capabilities and generate direct leads with industrial concerns participating at GIF.

The organisers also plan to build on the overwhelming success of the Virtual Exhibition experience launched at GIF 2014. Offering interviews and information about participating companies, the Virtual Exhibition – available at www.gulfindustryfair.com or www.gulfindustryonline.com – prolongs exhibitor exposure long after the three-day show has concluded to a global online community.

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ALUMINIUM

Alba renews its strategic support



From left : Suleiman, Janahi, Abdulrahman and Latif

ALUMINIUM Bahrain (Alba) has renewed its strategic support for Gulf Industry Fair (GIF) 2015, underscoring the company's commitment to support initiatives that showcase Bahrain's aluminium sector as well as highlight the kingdom as an investor-friendly destination.

The signing ceremony took place between Alba's director for Administration, Abdul Rahman Janahi and Jubran Abdulrahman, managing director from Hilal Conferences and Exhibitions (HCE). Alba's manager, Customer Services and Operations, Khalid A Latif and Ahmed Suleiman, exhibitions director from HCE were

also present at the ceremony.

Janahi says: "Alba, the pioneering aluminium smelter in the region, is privileged to support the 'Aluminium Village' at GIF 2015. It is an event that enhances Bahrain's reputation as an aluminium hub by providing a platform to promote the diversity of the kingdom's indigenous upstream and downstream aluminium industries."

Anwar Abdulrahman, chairman of Al Hilal Group, the parent company of HCE, says: "The strategic support for Gulf Industry Fair of a global industrial heavyweight like Alba is integral to the promotion of our 'Aluminium Village' concept, since

it encourages related local and GCC downstream companies to benefit from participation. This, in turn, underlines the importance of the sector to not only Bahrain's national economy but the region at large."

The Gulf Industry Fair is the premier trade exhibition for the GCC for specialist industrial products and service providers, distributors and agencies representing the key segments of: aluminium, industrial processes and manufacturing, steel and alloys, energy and environmental protection, logistics and industrial facilities, ports and maritime industries, training for industry and industrial safety and security.

ALUMINIUM

Midal Cables emerges a significant player

MIDAL Cables Limited was established in 1977 as a joint venture between Intersteel, Bahrain and Olex Cables, Australia to manufacture aluminium rod and overhead electrical transmission cables, conductors.

Since then, the company has developed into a significant player in the aluminium and electrical transmission industry in Bahrain, says a spokesman.

Its growth has contributed to the industrialisation of Bahrain and other Gulf countries while promoting a national skilled workforce within the company, he says.

Midal supplies the world market with rod cast from the molten aluminium delivered directly from the Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) smelter adjacent to its manufacturing plant. The liquid aluminium is exceptionally pure, which allows Midal to cast rod and further produce wires of exceptionally high conductivity in various grades.

Midal's EC grade and 6201 alloy rod are sold around the world as well as being used in-house to manufacture a full range of overhead electrical conductors and aluminium wires.

After over 37 years of success, Midal Cables is still looking forward towards continuous growth and improvement of its business processes.

Midal's quality starts with exceptionally pure high grade liquid aluminium delivered to its furnaces. Immediately on delivery, the molten metal is tested for its purity on a spectrum analyser, he says.

Depending on alloying requirements, necessary alloy element get mixed in the furnace and it is further tested for alloying compositions. The bar is then passed straight into a no twist rolling mill to reduce it to a 9.5 mm and 12 mm diameter rod, which is coiled and ready for further wire drawing processes.

Midal's quality management system has

been instituted to give its customers total satisfaction. The company has been awarded the Organisational Health & Safety (OHSAS 18002) in addition to its existing quality (ISO 9001 and environmental (ISO 14001) Management System, making Midal one of the pioneers in the GCC to implement an Integrated Management System (IMS) for its quality, safety, health and environment (QSHE).

"Midal's top management wants all its employees and visitors to return home safely to their families after contributing their effort to produce quality products and services while at the same time preserving the earth's pristine beauty," he says.

Midal Cables is setting the standards that others can follow – a philosophy that has paid rich dividends, not only in its success, but also in forging strong relationships. Saudi Cables of Jeddah, a company that recognised the importance of this motto, became an equal partner in 1984, further strengthening Midal's commitment in the years that followed.

In 1992, Midal ventured into a new phase of manufacturing aluminium "Conform" products (Conform Technology) by establishing Metal Form. This new and innovative method of "Conform" extrusion technology is to manufacture both simple and complex shapes in solid, hollow and sheet forms of aluminium and aluminium alloy.

It has the advantage of making the product seamless, in continuous length, with annealed or fabricated temper. Specific customer requirements and Midal's international standards are maintained throughout this process, he explains.

Strips for transformer winding, tubing for car radiators, heat exchangers and evaporators, multi-void sections for mobile air-conditioning condensers and evaporators are some of the products that can be manufactured at Metal Form which has obtained its Integrated Management System (IMS) Certification from Bureau Veritas.

INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES & MANUFACTURING

Al Dhaen providing value-added services

BAHRAIN-based Al Dhaen Contracting & Trading has been nominated as a new Hardox Wearparts member by Swedish steelmaker SSAB.

The nomination ceremony took place on May 24, 2014 in Bahrain. Hardox Wearparts is the international network for companies producing wear part solutions made of Hardox wear plates.

"Al Dhaen is committed to provide the best quality Hardox wear parts solutions with the best service on the aftermarket," says a company spokesman.

Al Dhaen uses state-of-the-art techniques in close cooperation and with the support from SSAB, he says.

SSAB is a leading producer of high strength steel in the world. The company has a 6 million tonnes capacity for crude steel. High strength steels made by SSAB are sold all over the world. The high strength steels contribute to lighter weight of the

end product, as compared to the use of ordinary steel, he explains.

High strength steels also increase strength and longevity. SSAB markets high strength steels under the trademarks Domex, Docol, Prelaq, Hardox, Weldox, ArmoX and Toolox.

Al Dhaen will be an independent wear part member in the worldwide network of SSAB Sweden. The Hardox Wearparts offerings from them are tailor-made wear parts and repair, wear solutions and advisory, first class service – assembling, on site repair and designing and re-engineering.

Established in 1991, AL Dhaen Contracting and Trading is a group of companies engaged in providing various value-added engineering and maintenance service to various Industrial and commercial segments in Bahrain.

"We at Al Dhaen are engaged in trading and manufacturing activities of a wide range of products

that include mechanical fabrication, erection and providing value-added engineering services to various process industries and various other commercial Industries," he says.

"We have technical tie-ups with companies from around the world for wear protection solutions, industrial fans and blowers, heat transfer, industrial and commercial building systems, piping and ducting, with a dedicated design and application engineering team supported by the latest design software for our product range," he says.

Al Dhaen's Braas Workshop, with its newly formed division Bahrain Span Building System, offers a new innovation in roofing and steel building system for the first time in the kingdom. The core of this system is its arch-shape formation that supports and sustains external load without any steel structure or intermediate columns thus providing a large interior area with unrestricted mobility.

TRAINING FOR INDUSTRY

Creating qualified manpower

THE Specific Council for Vocational Training in Industry was established in Bahrain in 2001.

The council comprises a number of employers, specialists and stakeholders. A non-profit organisation, the council provides professional training and development services.

Since its inception, the council has contributed to meeting the requirements of its member companies for Bahraini skilled technicians and administrators in line with the Bahrain Economic Vision 2030, which was initiated by His Majesty King Hamad. Through the joint efforts of its staff members and officials, the council endeavours to attain its overall and ultimate objective of a bright Bahraini future.

Develop national human re-

sources and promote skills and capabilities through vocational training, targeting the needs of the labour market.

The mission of the council is to develop strategies and action plans to create qualified Bahraini manpower for work in the industrial sector in line with vision and policies of the Supreme Council for Vocational Training.

In the course of providing its services to achieve its mission for which it has been established, the council focuses on the following actions:

- Participate in developing general strategies and policies for the human resources development process;
- Maximise the return of the training subscriptions through the organisation and evaluation of training programmes for developing industry manpower with the aim of secur-

ing higher percentage of Bahrainisation in industry;

- Enhance and develop cooperation and partnership with local and international organisations, as well as with interested parties, to develop human resources of this sector;

- Deploy industrial awareness and provide vocational guidance and counselling for industrial companies and individuals and organise seminars and conferences that are conducive to developing human resources within this sector; and

- Conduct surveys and studies on the industrial labour market and contribute to participating in providing statistics and trends of the local labour market and training needs. This is achieved through ongoing partnership with the production parties of workers, employers and other official and unofficial authorities.

ALUMINIUM



Balexco growing through expansion, investment

BAHRAIN Aluminium Extrusion Company's (Balexco) strategy for growth is through expansion and regular investment in resources to ensure that the company remains a pioneer in the aluminium industry while maintaining a leadership position to ensure total customer satisfaction.

Balexco's key strength lies in optimum utilisation of man and machinery, says a company spokesman. The company's recent expansion included addition of one more press line thereby taking the total number of press lines to four. This resulted in production capacity going up from the existing 24,000 tonnes per year (tpy) to 33,000 tpy.

"We have also commissioned a new automated anodising plant," he says.

To further strengthen its position, Balexco carried out the revamping and overhauling of the three presses, which further enhanced and streamlined its operation and minimised the recurrence of maintenance.

Four of the latest wrapping machines were installed as part of the strategic investment and the company has recently acquired OHSAS certification and the renewed ISO certification.

"For the year 2015, our plan includes installation of a thermal break crimping assembly machine and a vertical powder coating line," he says adding that "our consistent endeavour is to ensure that Balexco remains a one-stop solution for aluminium extruded products".

The company is upbeat about its new luxury system saying it has received a good response from Kuwait and Qatar as well as the home market.

The Balexco Luxury System is a lift and slide ther-

mal break system with good thermal insulation and considered "top of the line" in the company's high-value products.

Other systems the company offers include Balexco 60 curtain wall, the 45/45i casement series and the 100 sliding series.

The company plans to introduce a unitised curtain wall system since currently it has a stick system which caters to a height of about 80 m. The new system will be applicable to a height of about 150 m.

The architectural sector accounts for most sales with the industrial segment following. The home market accounts for 25 per cent of sales and another 70 per cent comes from other GCC states leaving 5 per cent as the share of markets outside the GCC region.

Competition is brisk in the aluminium downstream with additional capacities coming. A big increase in the price of premium aluminium by supplier Alba could affect profitability, says the spokesman, who also stated that the company faced payment problems, especially from the stock list, and snarls at the Saudi Causeway.

But he is optimistic saying Balexco has a well-established market share, internationally certified quality products and experienced staff.

Balexco has supplied its products to a 19-storey building in Juffair through fabricator Alutech and a 13-storey building at Seef through Baghdad Aluminium. It was also involved with a 110 storey building in Zinj, the Indian School at West Riffa (both through Baghdad Aluminium), the American University in Kuwait and a 10-storey building in the same city (both through Al Azeema).

INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES & LOGISTICS

Majaal signs up for GIF 2015



Abdulrahman and Al Arrayed at the signing ceremony

MAJAAL Warehouse Company, Bahrain's small and medium enterprises (SME)-focused developer and operator of industrial facilities, has renewed a key sponsorship agreement with Hilal Conferences & Exhibitions (HCE) to participate at Gulf Industry Fair (GIF) 2015.

Under the agreement, Majaal – which has had a high level presence at the Northern Gulf's premier business-to-business industrial exhibition for the last two years – will be the principal strategic sponsor of the 'Logistics and Industrial Facilities' segment of the show.

Majaal, a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Bahrain Real Estate Development Company, has enjoyed steady growth since its early 2010 inception, and as of earlier 2014 had achieved full oc-

cupancy of all three phases of its 37,000 square metre project, located at Bahrain Industrial Wharf.

In addition to developing high specification warehouse space, Majaal offers an array of value added services such as business administration and logistics support, 24/7 security, state-of-the-art ICT capabilities, transportation assistance and fit-out management services.

Jubran Abdulrahman, managing director of HCE, the organiser of GIF 2015, says: "For the last five years we have witnessed at close hand Majaal's steady transition from vision to reality, and we congratulate them on the notable landmark of full occupancy. Through Gulf Industry Fair we look forward to providing our strategic partner with the ideal marketing and deal making platform as they move forward

with new initiatives."

Amin Al Arrayed, managing director of Majaal says: "Our investment in the Gulf Industry Fair has always paid off, and in the last two years we have signed tenancy deals at the show.

"As a positioning exercise the fair is perfect for building the Majaal brand and showcasing the diverse activities of our tenants to regional visitors. Additionally, from a strategic perspective the Fair is an excellent opportunity for us to invite potential customers – both local and overseas – to demonstrate to them how we interact with existing tenants and learn more about the industrial environment in which we operate."

GIF 2015 will be held from February 3 to 5 at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre (BIECC).

INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES & MANUFACTURING

Eamco evolving and diversifying

EASTERN Asphalt and Mixed Concrete Company (Eamco) was established as a partnership in the year 1976 between Abdul Aziz Mansoor Al-A'Ali and Ahmed Mansoor Al-A'Ali, to manufacture asphalt and construct roads and supply ready mixed concrete to contractors on the island.

With the Middle East oil economies booming, an urgent need was felt for fast-paced industrialisation and housing. This again called for the building of modern infrastructure so as to contribute to the rapidly growing construction industry in Bahrain.

A resultant gap emerged between the growing demand for quality construction products and the limited supply capacities. Eamco in its farsightedness grabbed the opportunity to bridge this

gap and has since then never looked back, says Eamco chairman Ahmed Mansoor Al A'Ali.

"Eamco was founded on three simple principles: operational excellence, quality products and superior customer service. More than three decades later, we zealously uphold these principles. They are not only the cornerstones of our success but also our pathfinders into the future," he says.

Eamco has adapted to all the changes in the market environment and successfully evolved and diversified. Today, the firm's corporate standing is a testament to this ability, he says.

"Our corporate values centre round our customers in all our relationships, integrity in all commitments, uncompromising quality and individual empowerment.

These ideals define our reputation today.

"As we expand and diversify seeking new frontiers to explore and develop, we are confident that our values will guide us on the right path," he says.

"As we look forward to a challenging and rewarding future, Eamco stands committed to the philosophies and ideals that have brought us so far," he adds.

Eamco's flagship division – Eastern Asphalt – has been involved in major roads construction and contributed considerably in building roads network all over Bahrain.

The various asphalt mixes produced by the plants for different applications meant that Eastern Asphalt could meet any specific requirement of the clients for projects, both big and small, a flair which Eastern Asphalt continues to date.



Eamco ... modern infrastructure

Another division – Eastern Ready Mix – has consistently produced high quality mixed concrete and has been a major contributor to infrastructural and housing projects in Bahrain.

Over the years the composition of the concrete mixes has changed in tune with the technological changes in the construction industry and Eastern Ready Mix has stood up to such challenging situations at all times.



This innovative and adaptive attitude of Eastern Ready Mix is quite evident from its multifarious concrete supplies to heavy industries, power projects, desalination plants, urea and aluminium plants, residential buildings and private villas.

Visionary management and total dedication to quality and customer satisfaction saw the company grow exponentially in size, reputation and product lines.

INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES & MANUFACTURING

Ducab continues strong rate of growth

DUCAB is a leading provider of cables and wires solutions, and the first choice for many prestigious clients and contractors due to its record of quality and customer service.

Jointly owned by the Investment Corporation of Dubai and Senaat (General Holding Corporation, Abu Dhabi), Ducab operates five manufacturing facilities in the UAE that include Ducab Jebel Ali, Ducab Mussafah 1 Factory, Ducab Mussafah 2 Factory, Copper Rod Factory, and Ducab High Voltage (HV) Cable Systems Factory.

It also acquired its first overseas plant, AEI Cables UK, earlier in 2014. The company has a manufacturing capability of over 115,000 metal tonnes of high, medium and low voltage cables and 110,000 tonnes of copper rod and wire per annum.

Through its innovative journey, Ducab has continued its strong rate of growth in specialised products by introducing product lines that are designed for particular sectors, such as PetroBICC, designed for the oil, gas and petrochemical sector, RuBICC, with flexible rubber cables, FlamBICC, the fire-retardant cable series, and NuBICC, which is the company's 60-year certified cable range for nuclear power plants, says a spokesman.

The product range includes high voltage cables up to 400kV, medium voltage cables up to 33kV, low voltage power cables, control and auxiliary, wiring and lead-sheathed cables, low smoke zero halogen cables, and fire resistance cables, copper rods and wires, cable components and cable accessories.

FlamBICC cables are special fire resistant cables designed to survive and operate during fire conditions.

The selection of FlamBICC cables needs to be done in accordance with BS 5839 Part 1 and BS 8519 which lay down the selection and installation criterion for fire resistant cables. As a responsible organisation, all the FlamBICC range products from Ducab are designed with low smoke



AEI ... now part of Ducab

and zero halogen (LSZH/LSHF/LSOH) feature. Thus in the event of fire, the FlamBICC cable shall not emit heavy smoke or toxic halogen gases. The low smoke generation gives better visibility in a fire situation aiding the rescue operation and enabling the exit path to be seen clearly for escape. As there is no halogen or acidic gas emission during burning of the cable, the sensitive equipment in the surrounding areas are not affected adversely.

Ducab has supplied electrical cables to a number of landmark projects in the UAE, including the Burj Khalifa, Dubai Metro, Emirates Palace, Burj Al Arab, Atlantis The Palm and Yas Marina Circuit. With record sales of Dh5.1 billion (\$1.39 billion) for 2013, Ducab is a regional leader in the design, development, manufacture and marketing of copper and aluminium cable products for the defence, energy, industrial, construction, rail, speciality and nuclear energy sectors.

Earlier in 2014, in a joint venture with Senaat, Ducab announced the formation of Ducab Aluminium, a 50,000 tonnes per annum aluminium rod mill. When complete, the new plant will manufacture electrical conductive (EC) grade aluminium alloy rods, wires, and bare overhead conductors. Environment-friendly processes will be employed within the mill, and liquid aluminium will be supplied from the Emal smelter in Taweelah, Abu Dhabi.

AUTOMOBILE

Alwardi Transport is expanding

ALWARDI Transport, which celebrates its 40th anniversary this year, comes from humble beginnings in 1973 when Abdulla Alwardi founded the company as a car hire and motor servicing firm.

Having noticed an opening in the market for heavy goods vehicles, Abdulla Alwardi began expansion in Adliya, where the company continued to grow before moving its headquarters to Sitra.

Now, Alwardi Group is the biggest transport and plant hire company in Bahrain, meeting the requirements of all kinds of transportation needs across the GCC and other Arab countries.

"We have an office in Qatar where our crane division is located and we plan to expand further into the UAE and Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia," says owner and managing director Turki Alwardi.

"Complete transportation services are provided by the group, all the way from the port to your site and we also take care of customs clearance. In addition we offer a complete engineering solution service through our construction division," he says.

The company is well known for its pink trucks which are frequently seen around Bahrain on their designated routes.

This trademark colour comes from the name 'Alwardi' which in Arabic means pink or rose.

With a bright future in the making, Alwardi Transport currently operates 400 heavy goods vehicles which is set to rise this year and has a 600 member strong multinational workforce.

"In line with fleet expansion the company has plans to build the first tractor unit in the GCC. In 2014, Alwardi Transport will begin its own trailer unit manufacture, creating 40 plus jobs for Bahrainis," he says.

AUTOMOBILE

Meba a world-class foundry

METALS of Bahrain (Meba) is an all-round metal company located in the South Alba industrial area of Bahrain. The company is a major player in the engineering and spare parts market.

"We have been involved in the manufacture of pumps, valves, hydraulic power transmission and water line fittings for the last 22 years," says a spokesman.

In 2003, Meba launched its production line for casting bronze and steel alloys. Then it specialised in the metal gravity sand casting, CNC machining, fabrications, welding, heat treatment and pattern production for foundries.

"We are the biggest manufac-

turers of specially alloyed cast parts in the kingdom with an installed capacity of 200 metric tonne of molten metal per month. We cast all stainless steel alloys, low alloy steels, cast iron, bronze, brass and aluminium for crushers, cement, pumps, and parts for valves, oilfield equipment," he says.

Meba is a versatile company with a wide product range. It manufactures pump impellers, valve spindles, valve bodies and a full range of water drainage solutions as well as spare parts for earth moving machines, among other things.

An ISO 9001 certified company, it describes itself as "a world class bronze and steel foundry in the heart of the Gulf." Apart

from the foundry, it has a well-equipped machine shop and a quality control section.

Meba was established in 1992 to serve as a modern module industrial centre with the aim of producing engineered ferrous and non-ferrous castings and components to the industrial community around the world.

The company invested a great deal of money in metal-treatment equipment and adding improved versions of CNC and pattern-making machines to those it already had. The new pattern-making machines can do bigger, faster and more numerous patterns related to the production of steel castings.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

MEIT offers precise solutions

ME International Trading (MEIT), based in Bahrain, is an ISO 9001:2008 certified company and has been established with the prime objective of being a key industrial supply source to local and international engineering and contracting companies.

Further, the requirements of the oil, gas, petrochemical, civil, shipbuilding, marine industries, architectural and consultancy professions are all an integral part of the firm's approach strategy and market development plans.

"In 2014, we became channel partners with Electromech and Stahl Cranes (India and Germany); distributor and applicator for Wetsuit Water Proofing (Belgium and US) besides being the representative for Thermtech Material Handling (Italy) and distributor for Internazionale Graniti Natural Stones (Italy)," says a company spokesman.

The company's partner Neptune Coatings specialises in providing sustainable, energy-efficient and environment-friendly products for exterior building waterproofing and cooler roofing.

Neptune, the developer of the Wet Suit system, which is a two-part, water-based, spray applied flexible inert membrane, has a 30-year background in spray applied systems design, coupled with unique product chemistry.

ThermTech was established in 1998 by engineer Valter Bardone in Italy for the purpose of

providing a technical service to industrial and civil projects.

Experience acquired in the industrial sector since 1998, has helped ThermTech to provide excellent customer oriented service.

ThermTech is synonymous with control of operational costs, lead times and budgeted expenditure.

ThermTech specialises in custom equipment design, belt conveyors and bulk material handling systems, bucket elevators, dryers, furnaces, rotary kilns, sieving systems and vibrating conveyors.

ElectroMech was established in 1979 and today is the largest EOT crane manufacturer in India commanding a large market share and recording 50 per cent average annual growth. ElectroMech offers precise solutions for wide-ranging applications in manufacturing plants and infrastructure projects through a complete range of hoists and cranes.

In association with Stahl Crane Systems GmbH, Germany – the world leader in explosion protection technology, ElectroMech now introduces safest lifting solutions suitable for use in hazardous, explosion-prone area. These hoists and cranes are suitable for hazardous atmosphere for both Gas (Zone 1, Zone 2) and Dust (Zone 21, Zone 22) which are also certified according to ATEX.

INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES & MANUFACTURING

Tebodin strives for excellence

TEBODIN, part of Bilfinger, is an international consulting and engineering company with over 4,900 employees in 24 countries.

"Our extensive office network allows us to offer clients the best of both: integrated engineering and consultancy expertise combined with local knowledge," says a spokesman.

Striving for excellence, the company ensures a smooth execution of projects large and small, single or multidisciplinary. A team of highly skilled and dedicated professionals will continue to apply and improve their expertise with unprecedented speed and competence, he says.

"We strive for excellence, for the benefit of our clients. We are committed to quality and are focused on results, safety and sustainable solutions," he says.

"We serve a variety of clients all over the world and we maintain long-lasting relationships with many of them. We work for local and international clients in



Tebodin ... serving its clients

the countries in which we presently operate. They all have at least one goal in common: to realise projects efficiently and successfully. We are proud to work for a significant number of clients who are front-runners in technology, sustainability and innovation," he says.

Tebodin offers a broad scope of independent services, from project initiative through to completion including consultancy, design and engineering, project management, procurement and construction

management. Tebodin also undertakes turnkey and engineering, procurement and construction management (EPCM) projects over a wide range of sectors.

Quality is vital to the services provided by Tebodin. The basic guidelines on quality are set out in the Tebodin Quality System, which also covers subjects such as safety, health, and the environment (HSE). Tebodin offices are ISO 9001 certified and many offices are ISO 14001 certified as well.