

Wind International Provides Update on Wind Tower I's Soil Test



Swiss Boring has submitted its revised report, pertaining to the soil test for Wind Tower I, to JAFZA, equivalent to the Dubai Municipality in its jurisdiction over Jumeirah Lake Towers.

It is expected that JAFZA will respond in between one to two weeks, from the date of submission. If all goes well, the go ahead for the piling and/or raft (box) foundation should be given. Interestingly, a proposal, currently on the table from Wind International, suggests the possibility of a composite alternative to the two options that currently exist

EXCLUSIVE: Wind International Radio Soft Launch Takes Place



We are pleased to bring to your attention news that Wind International's online radio streaming, in Farsi & English, has been launched. This would help bring clients the latest happenings at the group of companies. The experimental launch in association with Wind Virtual University and the International Academy of Art, Science & Technology has taken place well before initial expectations.

Please access, <http://www.windvu.com/media/>, proceed to the bottom of the page and click on ONLINE RADIO.

\$7bn for Dubai road, transport projects



Taken from Dubai-fotos.de

Dubai is spending in excess of Dh25 billion (\$6.80 billion) to improve its road, traffic and transport services, said the chief of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA).

The plan has allocated Dh15 billion for Dubai Metro and Dh10 billion for roads, traffic and public transport, said Mattar Mohammad Al Tayer, RTA executive director, according to a report in the Gulf News. He said the RTA, since its establishment in November, has worked on a masterplan to ease congestion and cope with the rapid growth of Dubai as a major business hub. Projects have also been merged to save time. One of the main objectives is to put in place a world-class public transport system and to encourage people to use it, he said.

Explaining the master plan consisting of five major elements, the RTA chief said the authority had prepared a plan covering five major sectors. One part is to review the strategic plan for transportation and traffic. After completion of a study this month, the RTA will prepare a traffic and transportation model for the next 15 years until 2020.

The second part of the plan is a study on launching water transportation services in Dubai. A new mode of transportation consisting of water taxis will be introduced once the project is launched. It will be implemented within one-and-a-half years, said the report. The third part of the greater plan is improvement of public transport services. The study has already started in January and will be completed in October this year. The RTA has earmarked Dh100 million to buy new buses, including articulated vehicles and luxury VIP buses to

encourage people to use public transport. The fourth part of the plan is to carry out much needed "short-term projects." The RTA has already completed the study, which identifies bottlenecks and other road problems causing traffic congestion.

The authority has hired 11 global consultants to analyze the study and give the best solutions to ensure smooth traffic movement. There will be a competition amongst the consultants and the one who gives the best solution will get a prize of Dh1.5 million.

Work Starts on Palm Monorail



Taken from AMEInfo

A ground breaking ceremony by Nakheel and the Marubeni Corporation of Japan has launched the construction of the Palm Monorail on The Palm, Jumeirah. The monorail will link the trunk to the crescent and will take three years to complete.

Dubai, \$192m land deals



Taken from Ameinfo

Dubai recorded land deals worth more than \$190m this week, which included land sales worth around \$135m and mortgages valued at \$56.5m.

The most active area for property sales was Mirdiff, according to the Dubai Lands and Properties Department. But the biggest sale was in the Trade Centre 1 area, where a plot went for \$46.3m.

Snowdome key feature of Dubailand



Taken from Trade Arabia

Groundwork started recently for the \$1bn Snowdome project, which will complement other attractions in Dubailand.

The Snowdome project, to be completed by 2008, will offer a leisure winter wonderland experience with attractive features for visitors of all ages. It also has hotels and lodging facilities.

The project, extending over 1.4 million square feet, consists of a dome - a selfstanding structure with + 220M diameter and 75M height – that will include a huge revolving ski slope, going through and around an artificial mountain range.

The Snowdome complex also includes a deluxe hotel designed to look like an iceberg thus creating an authentic winter feeling for the tourists. The project will also include several other attractions that would make the project a unique tourist destination. The entry road takes the visitors down to themed car parks - deep blue grottos with ice lifts - around the Snowdome.

Lifts bring them to a series of train stations around the Snowdome at ground level. A themed tramway/mini train – The Shuttle - then brings them to the Volcano.

Salem bin Dasmal, CEO of Dubailand and Amir Pishyar, 32Group's vice-president marketing and sales, along with the rest of their teams, all joined in on the major event.

Snowdome is posed to become one of the main anchor attractions of Dubai in 2008, said Majid Pishyar, president and CEO of the three-Continents based 32Group.

“We are proud to be part of the future of Dubai,” he said from the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympic Games in Torino.

Boreholes of close to 200 metres deep are made to the use of geothermic energy and to allow support of the enormous load of the biggest free-standing dome in the world.

Amir Pishyar said: “Today, with the ground-breaking ceremony, the work at the site of Snowdome has got into full swing.

“The project is expected to attract a large number of tourists from all over the region, in particular those who used to travel overseas during the summer to escape the Middle Eastern heat.”

He added: “Creativity has always been central to the success of any of our projects.

“We are delighted to announce that the scope of the project has been expanded since its announcement to the public in the year 2000 to include more attraction, entertainment, high quality residential apartments and condominium hotel units.

“All components of the project will be linked to the dome by a so-called the link building – the “Volcano” - featuring retail, food and beverage outlets, etc.”



As for Snowdome’s interior design Pishyar said: “All facilities, attractions and lodging components will be architecturally integrated within the entire concept of winter experience.” Skiing will be made possible in a pleasant ambient temperature of around +10 degrees Centigrade.

Skiers will be taken up with a cable lift to the top of a ski slope where they can enjoy the beautiful view. The exceptional technology makes the project much more unique than any other.

“The Snowdome will use several state-of-the-art patented solutions, which will complement other projects in Dubailand, which is expected to be the one of the world’s most comprehensive and largest tourism, leisure and entertainment developments,” said Pishyar.

32Group is a diversified multinational company with its regional headquarters in Dubai.

It derives its name from its 32 fields of activities that include education, manufacturing, construction, land development, agricultural projects, financing & investment management, turnkey projects, project development, venture capital, and international trade.

A substantial part of the company’s activities are focused around real estate holdings and developments throughout the world. Currently the company is engaged in several major real estate residential and mixed use property developments. Projects are being pursued in Canada, the US, Europe, the UAE and other GCC countries, Iran, Morocco, Ukraine, etc.

The company slogan, “Global Company, Global Vision” best describes its corporate philosophy. Each individual business and / or division is a link between 32Group and the local communities; yet as a whole the synergy between its various business interests allows it to efficiently serve the global community.

Dubailand managed by Tatweer includes many attractive features that cater to the needs of all members of the family and make it a unique project that will attract millions of tourists annually from all around the world.

Several projects in Dubailand are under construction with investments by UAE, GCC and international investors in the existing projects reaching Dh35 billion.

It is expected that the total investments will reach Dh65 billion during the next 18 months with the announcement of more projects which are under study.



The diverse projects under Dubailand include leisure, entertainment, theme parks, eco- tourism, shopping malls, restaurants and residential units. Dubailand will play an important role in catalyzing the position of Dubai as an international hub of family tourism attracting 15 million tourists annually by 2010.

\$477m Madinat Al Arab sales



Taken from AMEInfo

Al Burj Real Estate Limited has announced sales of \$477m within two months of offering properties for sale in Phase I of Madinat Al Arab at the heart of Dubai Waterfront. At a Board meeting chairman Dr. Mohammad Khalfan Bin Kharbash said the company would now concentrate on strategic investment opportunities, including the acquisition of villa plots in Phase II of Madinat Al Arab.

Picture of the Week:



Wind Tower Construction Site

For the latest progress and pictures from Wind Tower I and II, please visit:

Wind Tower I

<http://www.farayand.org/wind%20process/process%20pagei.htm>

Wind Tower II

<http://www.farayand.org/wind%20process/process%20pageii.htm>

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