



Progress at the wind site

With regards to the reports given by the Engineers of Wind International Design and Property Development, According to the schedule given by the main contractor and the project management of the project, the deadline of Jumeirah Lakes towers is end of the year 2008. the gahning at Wind Tower I has being completed and the Cathodic protection has begun and is due to be completed within the next few days, no problems have being faced during these levels of construction and no future faults are estimated. Plastering has begun at Wind tower II and the permit is still in progress.

UK residents, UAE finance

Taken from Ame Info

National Bank of Dubai will provide mortgage finance to UK residents buying residential property in the UAE. This follows a tie-up with UK-based mortgage adviser John Charcol. The deal covers financing for the projects of 14 developers which have been approved by the bank.

\$10.5bn Dubai land deals in H1

Taken from Ame Info

Dubai land transactions reached \$10.5bn in H1 2007, according to Land Department data cited by Emirates Today. Cash deals accounted for about \$4.5bn of total sales. Land values averaged \$109m per sqft in the first six months. Marsa Dubai accounted for 8.76% of land sales, followed by Barsha with 6.56%.

Machinery demand to grow 20%

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An ongoing building boom will drive up demand for construction machinery in the Middle East by as much as 20% over the next five years, Gulf News reported. Streamline Marketing Group director, Nick Webb, said Gulf countries account for more than 2,100 existing and planned projects currently valued at \$1.2 trillion. Streamline is organiser of the Big 5 PMV event in Dubai with dmg World Media. It runs from 25-29 November 2007.

Ban violators face new fines

Taken from Arabian Business

The UAE Ministry of Labour has warned that construction companies found violating the midday working ban could face fines of up to US \$8,170 (AED30, 000) per worker. This was announced at a press conference held in Abu Dhabi last week, where it was revealed that violating companies would be fined for individual workers. The fine per worker for a first-time offence will be \$2,722, while a second offence will be \$5,445 and a third, \$8,178. The ban, which started on 1 July and runs until 31 August, is between 12.30pm and 3pm.

The minister of labour and social affairs, Ali bin Abdullah Al Ka'abi, also said that companies violating the law will be named and shamed on a weekly basis in the media. "The official ban on work activities in open and exposed areas during the midday hours from 12:30pm until 3pm is a direct application of professional health and safety standards as mandated by the labour law and international conventions," he said. Al Ka'abi added that companies employing labourers, whether they are the main contractor or the subcontractor on a project, would be held responsible for any violation. "We are taking the ban very seriously this year as last year many companies faced fines for violations," said Aju Sharfuddin, HSE manager, Civil Engineering and Contracting Company. This is the third year that the midday working ban has been implemented since its launch in 2005.

UAE pilots green building rating system

Taken from Arabian Business

The UAE is to pilot a green building rating system later this year to measure the environmental sustainability of buildings in design, construction and operation, according to Gulf News.

Based on the US Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating, it will be adapted to suit the UAE climate and property market by the Emirates Green Building Council. The system is likely to be formally introduced following a 6-12 month trial period, according to Kamal Azayem, senior engineer at the Dubai Municipality building department.

Dubai airport world's tenth biggest

Taken from Arabian Business

Dubai International Airport has been ranked the world's tenth biggest by international traffic, according to data from Airports Council International.

Gulf News reports that Dubai occupied the number ten spot for the last 12 months, after Bangkok and just ahead of Seoul, South Korea.

Dubai showed strong growth in its half-yearly report, with an 18% rise in passengers, up from 13.2 million to 16.2 million, and an 11% freight increase.

The airport has seen seven years of strong growth, and reflects a regional boom in air traffic.

Shaikh Ahmad bin Saeed Al Maktoum, president of Dubai Civil Aviation and chairman and CEO of Emirates group said "We have been registering an average annual growth of over 15%, so the first half of this year is very satisfying."

January and March were the two busiest months, with 2.8 million travellers recorded for each.

Aircraft movements grew by 9.5% with 22,000 flights in January alone, an increase of 11%. Movements are likely to increase further with the launch of a second runway later this year, and the opening of Terminal 3 and Concourse 2 by mid-2008.

Wind Tower I



Cathodic Protection Wind Tower I



Plastering Wind Tower I



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Wind Tower II

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