



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 construction of Wind Tower I is in progress with no faults. Currently water proofing is taking place, where by next week the reinforcement will begin.

During the last week Earthing & Soil compaction were completed at Wind Tower II where PCC began and it was completed by early this week. Water proofing has begun at Wind Tower II and will be completed within 10 – 15 Days. The main Permit is however is still in progress.

Dunes course ready to tee-off



Taken from Arabian Business

Developers claim that The Dunes Golf Course, within Dubai Sports City is at an advanced stage, and should be ready to play by the end of the year.

Set for an official opening in December 2007, there will be time between completion and opening to allow the course to mature, thereby providing a high quality playing

surface.

The infrastructure required to support the 211-acre site is now ready. Almost 50km of piping are in place to provide irrigation, backed by a pump station capable of supplying the course with more than two million gallons of water every eight hours.

Almost two million m3 of earth have been moved to form the course and over 6,000 man hours have been spent shaping the course. "We're extremely pleased with the results of everyone's commitment to this project," said Jeff O'Brien, Business Development Director, Septech Emirates. "Working on The Dunes has been a great opportunity to harness the latest technologies to the project of building a world class golfing venue," he added. The Dunes is an 18-hole signature golf course, designed by Ernie Els, and will be the focal point of Victory Height in Dubai Sports City.

EADS, Thales win \$1.66 bln Abu Dhabi satellite deal

Taken from Khalej Times

European aerospace group EADS and France's Thales won a \$1.66 billion contract to build and launch two satellites for Abu Dhabi of the United Arab Emirates, an Abu Dhabi official said on Wednesday.

EADS and Thales Alenia Space, a Thales controlled venture with Italy's Finmeccanica, will launch the first satellite in 2010, Waleed al-Mokarrab al-Muhairi, chief operating officer of Abu Dhabi government investment agency Mubadala Development Co., told reporters in Abu Dhabi. The value of the contract exceeds the \$1.36 billion Mubadala announced in May when it selected the European group, because of "further optimisation of the system," Muhairi told Reuters, without being more specific. EADS and Thales beat out Boeing Co. to the contract. BNP Paribas will lead arrange a loan to cover 65 percent of the cost of the project, or \$1.08 billion, Muhairi said.

City Centre malls planned for Egypt



Dubai-based MAF Shopping Malls said today it was buying land in a central area in Egypt's capital Cairo to build five new shopping malls under its popular 'City Centre' brand.

MAF, a subsidiary of the Majid Al-Futtaim Group that developed the region's first indoor ski resort, said the site was nearly 400,000 square metres and would be accessible to all major parts of Cairo. "Based on the success of our existing shopping malls in Cairo and Alexandria, MAF Shopping Malls is at an advanced stage to commence construction of a number of new malls in Egypt," said Yaser Gamali, chairman of MAF Misr.

MAF Shopping Malls currently has Maadi City Centre in Cairo and Alexandria City Centre, and hopes to expand in Cairo with three community shopping centres - Nasr City Centre, Nozha City Centre and Al Maza City Centre as well as two regional malls, Gamali added.

Both of its current malls in Egypt are expanding, MAF said in a statement. Maadi City Centre is adding over 5,800 square meters of gross leasable area (GLA) making provisions for 42 new international brands whilst Alexandria City Centre will be doubling in size to over 60,000 square meters of GLA. MAF Shopping Malls currently has seven operating centres totaling over 500,000 square meters of GLA with four centres in UAE, two in Egypt and one in Oman. The company developed Ski Dubai, the first indoor Ski Resort and Mall of the Emirates, the first shopping resort in the Middle East.

Nakheel appoints operator for Palm Monorail



Taken from Arabian Business

Nakheel has appointed SMRT Engineering (SMRTE) to commence preparation for the operation of The Palm Jumeirah's AED1.4 billion monorail.

In the following months, Nakheel will finalise the contract and appoint SMRTE as the operator of The Palm Monorail. The mobilisation contract will see SMRTE evaluating and defining the operational procedures as well as recruiting and training staff for the

smooth and efficient operation of The Palm Monorail, including the day-to-day running of the service, ticketing, on-going maintenance, and operation of the monorail's four stations.

The Palm Monorail is the first monorail to be constructed in the Middle East and it is being developed by a consortium of leading international companies led by the Marubeni Corporation. The monorail is a Hitachi-based system with 5.45km fully elevated, double tracked system with four stations. As of July 2007, Nakheel has laid more than 90% of the 5.45km track. Construction work, which began in March 2006, is scheduled to be completed in November 2008 to coincide with the opening of Atlantis, The Palm Jumeirah.

Robert Lee, Nakheel executive director, Investment Projects said: "The Palm Monorail will not only be the first such system to be completed in the region, but also promises to be a global benchmark for the transportation industry. Whether it's the driverless system, running approximately 1,000m of rail over-sea, meeting Dubai's unique climatic conditions or ensuring the running of the monorail is virtually silent, The Palm Monorail is employing state-of-the-art technology. We considered a number of leading international operators for this contract and the competition was very strong, but SMRT's experience in developing and managing large scale, modern public transport systems, as well as a first class safety record, meant they were ideally suited to this role."

SMRTE was awarded the contract through a competitive tender called by Nakheel. There were a total of four international submissions, which were reviewed over a three-month period. The review was led by Nakheel's Monorail team, assisted by third party consultants.

Plot handover in Madinat Al Arab



Taken from Ame Info

Dubai-based Al Burj Real Estate Ltd. announced the handover of the first plots of land at Madinat Al Arab, Dubai Waterfront. The handover will take place in August this year as informed by Nakheel. In 2005, the company purchased 70% of available plots in Phase I of Madinat Al Arab worth Dhs7bn.

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