



# Yahiya Al-Jabri: Operation of Duqm port by the End of 2018

## Awarding commercial pier project “second package” and commencement of the third package

Muscat, 15 November 2015

In his statement to Al-Watan Economic on the expected date for the actual operation of Duqm Port, H.E. Yahiya bin Said Al-Jabri, Chairperson of the Special Economic Zone Authority in Duqm (SEZAD), indicated his hope to be at the end of 2018. He noted that the government signed an agreement with Duqm Port Company for the operation and management of the Port. The Company is the product of a partnership between the government and Belgian “Antwerp” Port Authority, a subsidiary of the Government of Belgium and a specialized body in the field of management and operation of ports. Duqm Port Company is currently working to attract many companies to use the port for their commercial operations. Al-Jabri stressed that Duqm Port is one of the most basic movers of the Special Economic Zone in Duqm (SEZD). Work in the Port consists of two phases: the marine works that includes wave breakers waves and digging the harbor basin of 18 meters deep, the entrance channel of 19 meters deep, and embankments. This has been completed in 2012 and the Port witnessed an early operation in 2013 by exploiting part of the commercial pier to receive the ships coming to Al-Wusta Governorate for loading and unloading. Recently, an area of approximately 60 thousand square meters was prepared to receive all types of containers.

As for second phase related to the infrastructure, SEZAD started tendering its works recently, including the second package of the commercial

pier. The offers are currently under analysis and award is expected soon. The project includes paving the commercial quay of 2.2 km long and up to 350 meters wide to be ready for handling containers along with service buildings to serve the commercial

pier. The implementation period is 30 months. The third package was also awarded with an implementation period of up to 36 months, in addition the preparation period and 12 months for maintenance period. This package includes the establishment of the

main gates, one-stop station and the inspection area at the Port, which consists of buildings for the customs and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, in addition to the hospital that serves the Port and the medical quarantine section at the hospital building.

### HM The Sultan Confers Oman Civil Order - Second Class- on H.E Chairman of SEZAD



Muscat, 1st November 2015

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said has conferred Oman Civil Order (Second Class) on H.E Yahiya bin Said Al Jabri, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Special Economic Zone

Authority at Duqm among a list of 24 ministers. The ceremony took place at Bait Al Baraka on the 1st of November 2015.

The conferment ceremony comes on the occasion of the Sultanate’s celebrations of the 45th Glorious National Day & in appreciation of the ministers’ role in performing their national duty.



# Duqm Hosts Oman Second Youth Forum Next January



Muscat, 30 November 2015

The Special Economic Zone in Duqm (SEZD) will host the Oman Second Youth Forum at the beginning of 2016 as announced by the National Youth Commission during a press conference at the Holiday Inn Muscat Hotel (November 30, 2015). This is in cooperation with and support from SEZAD and CC Energy Development Company. The Forum targets to gather 120 young men and women representing the various governorates and Wilayats of the Sultanate between the ages of 18 and 29 years old. The Forum will focus on three economic sectors, namely tourism, transport and logistics, and industry. It shall also deal with economic investment and innovation. The Forum is representative to the efforts of the Commission to engage young Omanis' energies in innovation, economic investment and the provision of economic knowledge for young people to be partners in the economic planning and development to serve the national economy.

During the press conference,

Abdul Aziz Al-Hinaey, social responsibility specialist, SEZAD, stated that SEZAD is the strategic partner that supports the Forum to be held in Wilayat of Duqm, Al-Wusta Governorate. He elaborated on the role of SEZAD in building bridges of communication with the National Youth Commission, and achievement of the pillars of partnership based on cooperation of young people and their creations with the various public and private institutions in the aspects that serve development and growth. The Forum aims to strengthen the competitiveness of Omani youth, invest their energies and capacities for nation building, and innovate, develop and invest energies and skills to achieve the cognitive development of the Omani society in an effort to make young people more aware and conscious of the pillars of the national economy and their importance. At the Forum, the young people shall exchange with the experts knowledge and experience during the sessions of work, execution and competition over five days.

# Launch of Second Version of the Web Portal and Document Management System

Muscat, 22 November 2015

SEZAD, represented by the Department of Information Technology, launched the second edition of the internal portal and document management system. This coincided with the celebrations of the 45 National Day. The portal is a central electronic unit gate through which all stakeholders can receive news, events, publications and various electronic content types related to SEZAD, which in turn provides ease of deployment of e-content and communication with the staff. The most prominent new features of the second edition include new design and ease of access to information and news related to SEZAD activities and Duqm project through a direct link through the Google search engine. Add to this a customized bulletin page in addition to space for the resources center that includes (Royal decrees, executive regulations and legislation of SEZAD, SEZAD internal regulations of the body, the policies, procedures and user guide).

It also includes a page dedicated to present information on SEZD and the most prominent projects therein. The second version includes an icon of social content of the employee, and addition of a personal page for each employee entitled (My Page), in addition to the different icons of the news on staff, announcements, images, internal electronic, a page on social responsibility, media and a page dedicated for each employee to organize his files and functions.

In its developed version, the document management system includes a shared workspace for projects that will improve the organization and management of project documents, and important files and tasks as well as the joint standard for investors in the first phase to be the single point of access to all documents. It also includes a dedicated space for employees to access files on policies, procedures, internal regulations and a space that provides staff access to the user's guide for internal systems and applications and the educational and training video files on the systems.

# In Love of Oman ... SEZAD Sponsors November Events

Jebel Shams, 15 Nov. 2015

SEZAD participated in sponsoring a number of activities that coincided with the celebrations of the 45 National Day embodied in four key scenes devised in a new way to express the love and loyalty to the builder of the Omani Renaissance, His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said. The first scene was the climb of the highest peak in the Sultanate by a number of the youth, Jebel Shams, which is approximately 3001 meters high. They placed the Omani flag on the summit along with a flag with a picture of His Majesty - may God preserve him. The second scene showed the expression of the elderly who have lived through the Renaissance and pre-Renaissance of their gratefulness to His Majesty. The third scene was the adventure of a number of Omani divers to form several scenes in the depths of the Omani waters and on the surface of the sea. In the final scene,



the Omani women expressed their love for Oman by taking the plane to several governorates in Oman. This asserted the high status attained by the Omani women in the Sultanate of Oman.

It is worth mentioning that these four scenes won wide applause during the month of November in the media and means of social communication across Viral Oman channels. A number of government and private institutions and a number of Omani celebrities participated in these events to express their love for this beloved country.

# SEZAD Organizes a Workshop on Occupational Health and Safety

Muscat, Duqm, 22 November 2015

SEZAD, represented by the Occupational Health and Safety Department, organized a training workshop on standards and guidelines for professional health and safety in the workplace at its headquarters in Muscat and Duqm. SEZAD officials and employees, and the staff of Duqm Development Company interacted effectively at the workshops characterized by an abundance of information and the precautionary measures that should be followed during work.

In this context, Homoud bin Amer Al-Shabibi, Senior Occupational Health and safety Specialist, stated: "The aim of the workshop is to understand the preventive instructions at work and increase the basic knowledge of health, safety and environmental issues, in addition to the knowledge about the most common hazards in the construction sector and the related pre-



cautionary measures."

Participants at the workshop knew a number of procedures and rules regarding the rescue operation to prevent the occurrence of broader problems after accidents. They also knew about the unsafe acts and conditions and exercise of caution while working and the personal intervention in a timely manner. They also learnt about the mechanism of reporting accidents, requesting emergency services as soon as possible and identify the most common hazards in the workplace and potential risks in the construction sector.

# Duqm

a unique tourist destination throughout the year

The Willayat of Duqm is located on a coastal strip on the Arab Sea open to the Indian Ocean and is about 550 km from Muscat Governorate. Duqm is one of the Willayats of Al Wusta Governorate and is distinguished by the rich fisheries and oil resources.

The Willayat of Duqm, known for its beautiful beaches and moderate weather, is be an ideal tourist destination for those looking for tranquility and peace of mind during summer where the temperature drops to as low as 25C°. The wilayat has a number of beautiful and virgin beaches the most notable of which is Al Shuwaier. Ras Madraka beach, 80 km away from the wilayat Center, is also one of the main tourist destination for those interested in camping beside the beachfront overlooking the Arabian Sea.

Complimented by the availability of various touristic resources, SEZAD has taken a number of initiatives to create an environment that is conducive for the growth of tourism investments.

Besides the beaches, soft sands and mountain chains overlooking the Arabian Sea such as Ras al Duqm, Ras Markaz,

and Ras Madraka, the wilayat of Duqm has many other attractions such as the rocks park, which hosts a number of geologically rare rocks that portray together a unique and charming picture of culture.

In-line with the growing importance of the tourism sector and the expected role it will play in realizing the aspirations of the nation, SEZAD has prepared a master plan for the tourism, business and service areas inside the urban area within the urban area at the coastal strip. A number of areas of different sizes will be provided under this project to investors with interest in setting up hotels and beach resorts. SEZAD is also making endeavors to improve and diversify means of access to the area. It has completed the construction and operation of Duqm domestic airport, which started early operation on 23 July 2014 to connect Muscat to Duqm through four flights per week.

Moreover, SEZAD is completing

the works to operate the cruise ships and sea transport dock, which will be part of the public berth at Duqm port. At the same time, SEZAD is conducting a number of campaigns to promote the potentials of the area. To this end, it inked deals with four operators in Oman and outside to increase the number of tourists visiting Duqm and enhance the occupancy rate at hotels throughout the year.

Duqm has a number of hotels and among these are the Crown Plaza which is a 4 star hotel and City Hotel which is a 3 star hotel. Omran, the investment arm of the government in the field of tourism, owns both hotels. Mohammed al Barwani Group has also constructed Park Inn hotel, which includes a number of chalets, suites and restaurants. The study conducted by international expertise house expects that the area will need between 5 to 8 hotels during the coming 20 years. Another study conducted by Duqm Port Company pointed out that Duqm can attract cruise ships especially those carrying onboard businessmen and tourists looking for quiet and environmental places.



## Celebrating 45 years of His Majesty's visionary leadership

The Special Economic Zone Authority at Duqm congratulate  
His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said  
and the people of Oman  
on the glorious occasion of the  
45th National Day.



# 45th National Day

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