

\$200m aluminium extrusion project to be set up in KIZAD

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ABU DHABI — A \$200 million joint venture Aluminium Extrusion project will be set up in Abu Dhabi's Khalifa Industrial Zone, or KIZAD which will use the feedstock produced at its EMAL smelter to manufacture its wide range of industrial products.

Government-owned Abu Dhabi Basic Industries Corporation, which is an industrial development and investment company managed General Holding Company, has signed a joint venture with Gulf Extrusions, an Al Ghurair Group company, to set up Taweelah Aluminium Extrusion Company.

At a ceremony Engineer Jamal Salem Al Dhaheri, Chief Executive Officer of ADBIC, and Majid Al Ghurair, Chief Executive Officer of Al Ghurair Group of Companies, signed the agreement.

Taweelah Aluminium Extrusion Company will set up an Aluminium Extrusion plant, which will be the first of its kind in the MENA region.

This 50,000 metric tonnes facility will be built on a 235,000 square metres plot of land adjacent to EMAL smelter, one of the largest greenfield aluminium smelter ever built, and one of the largest industrial projects in the UAE outside the oil and gas sector.

The feedstock of liquid aluminium and aluminum billets will be supplied by EMAL, a joint venture between Abu Dhabi's Mubadala Development Company and Dubai's Dubal.

Abu Dhabi plans to setup an Aluminium cluster in the Kizad, to convert the EMAL's output into industrial and con-



Majid Al Ghurair and Engineer Jamal Salem Al Dhaheri signing the deal.

sumer goods. The new company will invest in world-class extrusion equipment and will produce a diversified product range of aluminium extruded profiles, fabricated profiles as well as substructures and systems. The product range will cater to the industrial, automotive and transportation sectors as well as to the top end building and construction projects, meeting the most stringent standards of local, regional and international customers.

"This project puts UAE generated know-how and manufacturing excellence on the international map and will unlock new international markets," said Engr. Jamal Al Dhaheri.

He added, "this is one of a series of industrial projects by ADBIC and an example of the public-private partnership model pursued by us."

"I look forward to a successful long term partnership with Al Ghurair Group and will continue to build on this foundation with EMAL and Khali-

fa Industrial Zone Abu Dhabi to attract investments, promote the industrial sector, and diversify the economy in line with the directives and guidance of our esteemed leadership".

"This new project is part of our ongoing thrust to expand into high-growth sectors," Majid Al Ghurair said.

Modar Al Mekdad, General Manager, Gulf Extrusions, said: "A world-class, state-of-the-art facility such as Taweelah Aluminium Extrusion Company will be crucial in opening more business opportunities and creating new possibilities to cater to emerging demand in new markets."

Gulf Extrusions offers more than 12,000 profile designs for extrusions covering various industries as architectural, automotive, transportation, industrial, tent, scaffolding, electrical, kitchen furniture, marine, medical, light fixtures, machine parts, HVAC, street furniture, and customised products. — haseeb@khaleejtimes.com