

## Musanada to deliver new Dhs7bn mega development in South Shamkha

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Abu Dhabi General Services Company Musanada, announced that it has been awarded an Abu Dhabi government contract to manage the delivery of a new infrastructure residential development in South Shamkha worth over Dhs7bn. The project which is the largest of its kind in Abu Dhabi, will be located approximately 45km from the city of Abu Dhabi and covers an area of almost 4,000 hectares (3,890).

On completion it will provide plots for housing for around 130,000 Emiratis.

Approved earlier this year through a royal Decree that was issued by the Executive Council of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. The South Shamkha project is being developed under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of UAE and Ruler of Abu Dhabi, and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Chairman of Emirate of Abu Dhabi Executive Council and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces.

Commenting on what is a significant development, H.E Mohamed Khalifa Al Fahed Al Mehairi, CEO of Musanada said: "Musanada is extremely proud and honoured to have been tasked with the development of the South Shamkha mega project, which will provide plots for housing for over 130,000 UAE nationals. Working on such a significant and key national project shows our commitment to support the government in providing the people of Abu Dhabi with the best quality of life in line with its aim to become of the top five governments of the world."

"Since its inception, Musanada has aligned and committed itself to Abu Dhabi's Vision 2030. We strongly believe in all of the vision's components, especially in its determination to improve the lives of its citizens and residents. Musanada will continue to fulfill its main role in supporting Abu Dhabi Government in achieving its strategic and imperative vision." he added.

The development will include 12, 460 plots have been allocated for Emirati local housing. The South Shamkha project will include plots for shopping centers, health, educational, commercial and recreational facilities to serve an expected total population of 200,000 people. The masterplan encompasses all aspects of a self sufficient community including an extensive public transportation system including a metro system which will be connected to the capital.

To ensure that international best practices and safety standards are being implemented, Musanada has carefully chosen the partners and contracts who will be working on this massive development. The contracts, which are worth more than Dhs7bn, have been awarded to four companies, three of which are local companies, SaifBin Darwish construction, Tristar Engineering & Construction, Ghantoot Transport & General Contracting Establishment. Also a joint venture with the Beijing-based China State Construction Engineering Corporation and ARC Abu Dhabi Contracting, being awarded the fourth contract.

Musanada's Building Services department will be working very closely with the contractors to oversee and assess the planned progress over the four phases of development, which is expected to take three years. The contractors will be responsible to deliver a range of services including 402 Km of road works, 430 Km of sewerage network and 460 Km of potable water network. In addition, the South Shamkha development will also provide a complete power distribution system that includes both primary and secondary substations ensuring constant electricity, along with a 995 Km of storm water drainage network with retaining ponds and a provision a telecommunication network.

Commenting on the undertaking of one of Musanada's largest projects, Mahmoud Al Ramahi, the Executive Director of Building Services Head of Building Services stated : "The magnitude and scope of this project is a huge responsibility for Musanada to uphold; however, we are confident that our commitment, dedication and range of expertise that exists within our network will support the Abu Dhabi Government in providing its Nationals with more opportunities for their future."