

## Oman: 50pc Duqm water network completed

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MUSCAT -- Water network in Al Duqm in Al Wusta region has been completed by 50 per cent since the start of the project in 2010. This was assured by Mohammed al Mahrooqi, the Head of the General Authority for Water and Electricity, who said, "This project comes within the plan of the government aiming to develop the wilayat through the implementation of multiple projects in different sectors.

This plan for comprehensive development for this wilayat is governed by the special attention of His Majesty. His Majesty's directives came to convert the wilayat into a regional centre for heavy industry due to its strategic location."

"The network project is considered one of the prominent development projects that constitute economic dimensions for the wilayat and Al Wusta Region in general. The network will be extended to other projects like Al Duqm Port, Dry Dock, Duqm Airport and others, in addition to the residential areas in the wilayat", Al Mahrooqi said.

"The implementation period is 18 months and the total cost is over RO 16 million. The project is divided into different stages: preparation, execution, experimental operation and maintenance. It is connected with Duqm Desalination Plant and water will be supplied to the wilayats using pumps and tanks", Al Mahrooqi added.

The project includes establishing a main tank, water network with a length of 24 km from Duqm tank to Duqm city and a 37 km network from Duqm Port to the Dry Dock. This is in addition to tanks filling plant that includes upper tanks in Tayari Village and Sai Village, SCADA monitoring system, pumping plants and buildings for administrations.

Shaikh Sultan al Nuaimi, Wali of Duqm said, "this is an optimistic project. We thank His Majesty for his attention for this project and I hope that it will be a new start for citizens in the wilayat that was once facing drought. This problem will be solved when the implementation is over". -- Translated by Mai al Abria