

'Over 330 kilometres of pipes already in Jordan'



Pipes for the Disi project which have been arriving in Amman from Turkey over the past year (JT file photo)

AMMAN - More than 330 kilometres of pipes for the construction of the Disi Water Conveyance Project have so far arrived from Turkey, according to a source from GAMA, the Turkish company implementing the project.

Some 340 kilometres of pipes are needed to complete the project, which entails the construction of a pipeline to convey water from the ancient Disi aquifer in southern Jordan to Amman.

"A report evaluating progress in the Disi project will be issued at the end of this week," the source told The Jordan Times yesterday.

The company drafted a catch-up programme in February to speed up work in order to meet the project's schedule, especially after a two-week stoppage caused by security concerns delayed implementation.

Under the plan, expedited work is expected to bring the mega-project back on track by April in order to meet the target completion date of early 2013.

Under the Disi project, 64 wells will be drilled, 55 of which will be used for the generation of water, while nine will serve as piezometer wells to measure the elevation of water.

Forty-six of the 55 water generation wells will be used for water extraction, while the remaining nine will be "on standby" and only used in cases of emergency, according to the Disi Water Company (DIWACO).

Water generation wells will be dug at a depth of 600-700 metres, while the piezometer wells will be at a depth of 400 metres, according to DIWACO officials, who expect the wells to generate water for a minimum of 50 years.

Being carried out on a build-operate-transfer basis, the Disi project will provide the capital with 110 million cubic metres of water via a pipeline, which will pass through several water stations in Maan, Tafileh, Karak and Madaba.