

# Saudi Arabia's Solar-Powered Desalination Plant to Start Running in 2013

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[Saudi Arabia](#) expects to start its first solar-powered sea water desalination plant by 2013, Mohammed Alsuwaiyel, president of King Abdullah City for Science and Technology, told a conference today.

The plant in al-Khafji, near the Saudi border with [Kuwait](#), will be the world's largest of its kind, Alsuwaiyel said in Yanbu, Saudi Arabia. The plant will produce 30,000 cubic meters of water for 100,000 people living in al-Khafji, according to KACST.