



Ducab Aluminium starts construction at its new factory

Ducab Aluminium Company has broken ground for its new aluminium rod and conductor facility at Kizad. After signing a lease agreement with ADPC in May 2014, Ducab Aluminium has now laid the foundations for the start of construction of its manufacturing facility, which is set to open in Q4 2015.

With a total investment of AED220 million, the facility will be built on a 50,732-sq.m. plot of land nearby the Kizad anchor tenant Emirate's Aluminium (EMAL), one of the core operating assets of Emirates Global Aluminium, EGA, the fifth largest aluminium producer in the world. The close proximity to the EMAL plant will guarantee optimum supply chain connections for Ducab's facility with molten aluminium being directly supplied from the EMAL smelter, significantly saving energy in line with Ducab's environmentally-friendly production policies.

When complete, the new plant will manufacture Electrical Conductive grade aluminium alloy rods, wires, and bare overhead conductors. Kizad's location next to Khalifa Port will provide Ducab's facility with excellent global market access. At present, Khalifa Port serves 20 shipping lines and offers

direct links to 52 destination ports around the globe. Apart from its strong UAE client base, Ducab already exports copper rods, cables and wires to clients in the GCC and MENA region, as well as to customers on the Indian Subcontinent, in Africa, Asia and Europe. On the occasion, Capt. Mohamed Juma Al Shamisi, CEO, ADPC, and Chairman, Board of Directors, Kizad, said, "We are very pleased to see the start of construction of the Ducab production plant. It is another momentous step for ADPC on its way to develop Khalifa Port and Kizad into a world-class supply and logistics zone while facilitating the development of sustainable industries in the emirate.

"Khalifa Port and Kizad offer state-of-the-art logistics infrastructure and comprehensive inter-modal transportation networks taking production processes as well as import and export activities to the next level of supply chain efficiency." Chairman of Ducab, Jamal Salem Al Dhaheri, added, "By setting up a facility in Kizad, we will further enhance our production output and focus on

the manufacturing of high end products tailored to the needs of today's and tomorrow's customers. Our Kizad facility will considerably widen our business opportunities and further strengthen our position on the national and global map of cable manufacturing." The Ducab production plant in Kizad will be the company's sixth in the UAE, alongside its three facilities in Musaffah and two in Dubai. In addition, Ducab completed its first overseas acquisition with the purchase of AEI Cables Ltd. of the UK in March 2014.

