



Press Release

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Qalhat LNG to move into new premises by 2009



MUSCAT --- Qalhat LNG will shift into their spacious and state of the art headquarters by 2009 from their present leased offices in Qurum after the company signed its new Head Office construction contract with Al Ansari Trading Enterprise LLC yesterday.

The new Qalhat LNG Head Office will be located in the new Ghalah commercial area

and would be tailor-made state of the art premises to minimise the energy requirements and create for QLNG staff a modern office atmosphere with international standards. The building will be equipped with the latest communication and information technology infrastructure to meet the

requirements for current and future businesses.

Speaking after inking the deal, Qalhat LNG CEO Harib Al Kitani said: "We are extremely excited about the plans for our new offices in a prime upcoming business area in Muscat. We have now outgrown the space in our present offices in Qurum, which we have been occupying since 2005. He also added that the building will apply minimalistic design based on efficient use of local materials and addresses the cultural side of the company's 'Omani Identity' while depicting the Corporate Identity of the company being the Partner in Excellence. The offices will also portray Qalhat LNG as a local but international company which has been

internationally recognized recently as “Energy Company of the Year 2006”.

The building comprises of a basement car park plus three office floors and a penthouse



The building design was carried out by consultants WS Atkins International & Co who have designed these modern premises to accommodate current and potential growth of the company. Atkins have also been appointed as project consultants for the construction phase.

covering a total built-up area of around 7,800 square meters placed within a total plot area of 2600 sqm.

The main construction work will be undertaken by Al Ansari Trading Enterprise LLC, an experienced local contractor, and is expected to be completed in a period of 13 months. The

contractor, in line with Qalhat LNG’s commitment to safety, has committed to closely follow the strict safety standards at site.

Qalhat LNG was established in 2003 and owns the third train in the LNG complex in Qalhat in Wilayat of Sur. The Government of the Sultanate of Oman owns 46.84 per cent equity while Oman LNG has 36.8 per cent, Union Fenosa Gas 7.36 per cent and Itochu Corporation, Mitsubishi Corporation and Osaka Gas of Japan each own 3 per cent of the company, making it a truly international venture. Qalhat LNG has been awarded with the prestigious “The Energy Company of The Year” by Petroleum Economist in September, 2007 to be the first Omani and Arab Energy company to clinch such an international recognition. The company was rewarded earlier this month the ‘Best in Project Finance Award’ at the prestigious “2008 Excellence In Energy Awards” ceremony that was held in Dubai to be another recognition of its excellence.