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Bahrain

Al Zehra Development Scheme at Sadad Area – Masterplan

Owner: Al Enma'a House for Real Estate – Reef Bahrain – Liquidity Management Centre
Budget: \$1 billion

Scope: The project calls for the design and construction of 40 townhouses and 37 villas, 10 three-storey residential and commercial buildings. The buildings will include 72 apartments. The development is located at Sadad in the western parts of Bahrain and will cover a total area of 34,706 sq m.

Status: Sources indicate that main contractor for the first package was due to be appointed last month with construction to start immediately. Design work has not been started for the buildings.

Alargan – Saar Gate Residential Development

Owner: Alargan International Real Estate Company
Budget: \$184 million

Scope: The project calls for design and construction of a residential development on a 54,773 sq m plot in the Saar district in Bahrain. The development has two major components: Three three-storey buildings and three five-storey buildings with a total of at least 220 apartments; and 102 villas. It will be carried out in three packages: 1 – The villas; Package 2 – buildings; Package 3 – roads and infrastructure. It will also have landscaping and commercial outlets.

Status: Contractors were invited to submit bids by February 22 for main contract for villas, with a contract award expected this month. Design work for the buildings will be completed in April.

Infinity Tower

Owner: DTZ Company
Budget: \$150 million

Scope: The project calls for design and construction of a 53-storey residential tower, with a built-up area of 85,000 sq m, on a 3,945 sq m island offshore from Bahrain main island adjacent to Seef suburb. The tower will have a seven-storey car-park for 750 vehicles and will include luxury facilities for entertainment, shopping and sports such as gardens, gyms, swimming pools, cafes and restaurants. Apartments will vary in size and look,

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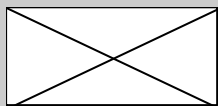
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ranging from single bedroom to four bedroom duplex storey apartments (penthouses) with shaded balconies overlooking landscapes, the sea or the mainland. The tower was designed to save energy by shades and by making use of natural air for cooling.

Status: DTZ has confirmed its plan to build its proposed luxury Infinity tower and it is in process for the construction phase.

Fontana Towers in Juffair

Owner: The Developers Company

Budget: \$364 million

Scope: The project calls for the design and construction of a waterfront residential tower complex in Juffair, which will include four interconnected towers with 35 storeys each, housing a total of 498 apartments and four luxury duplex penthouses. The project also includes an exclusive health club for women with a well-equipped and modern gymnasium; an indoor swimming pool and children's water park; an outdoor swimming pool and 600 covered car-parking spaces. The apartments will consist of a range of studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom units.

Status: The piling contractor is to be imminently. Kuwait

Bubiyah Island Development – First Phase – Infrastructure Package

Owner: Mega Projects Agency (MPA)

Budget: \$400 million

Scope: The project calls for the design and construction of a 34-km road from the planned port's location on the east side of Bubiyah to Khor Subiya in the west. The scheme also includes the construction of a 1.4-km, three-lane road and land bridge from Subiya to Bubiyah, about 4 million cu m of landfill, soil improvement works and railway embankment.

Status: Tender documents for the project management consultancy contract are due to be issued soon. Prospective bidders are Hill/SDPM, Decon, BCEOM and Parsons Brinckerhoff, Louis Berger and Stanley Consultants.

Bubiyah Island Development – Second Phase – Dredging Package

Owner: Mega Projects Agency (MPA)

Budget: \$500 million

Scope: The scope of work includes dredging work of a 40 km long, 260 m wide approach channel with a depth of 14 m as part of the Bubiyah Island Development.

Status: Tender documents for the project management consultancy contract are due to be issued soon. Prospective bidders are Hill/SDPM, Decon, BCEOM and Parsons Brinckerhoff, Louis Berger and Stanley Consultants.

Bubiyah Island Development – Third Phase – Port Work

Owner: Mega Projects Agency (MPA)

Budget: \$1 billion

Scope: The project calls for the design and construction of a container terminal, four berths and a 1,300-m-long quay wall as part of the Bubiyah Island Development. The development also includes port buildings and utilities, digging and soil improvement works and site leveling. The port's total capacity will be 2.5 million

\$800m plants finance won

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20-foot equivalent units a year.

Status: Tender documents for the project management consultancy contract are due to be issued soon. Prospective bidders are Hill/SDPM, Decon, BCEOM and Parsons Brinckerhoff, Louis Berger and Stanley Consultants.

Failaka Island Development – Master Plan

Owner: Mega Projects Agency (MPA)

Budget: \$3 billion

Scope: The project calls for the construction of a new harbour and marina in Failaka for up to 300 boats as a link to the mainland and a 43 sq km island. The development also includes hotels, chalets, infrastructure work such as roads, ministry buildings and sanitation will be funded by the government.

Status: Tender documents for the project management consultancy contract are due to be issued soon. Prospective bidders are Hill/SDPM, Decon, BCEOM and Parsons Brinckerhoff, Louis Berger and Stanley Consultants.

Oman

Omage Project

Owner: Alfa International Holdings Corporation

Budget: \$1.6 billion

Scope: The Omage project is proposed to be developed on 1 million sq m of beachfront land facing the Gulf of Oman, west of Muscat and near Seeb International Airport. Omage is planned to be an integration of cultural, heritage, educational, entertainment and residential components, including: a high-culture theme-park containing seven pearl-shaped buildings, each about 60 ft in diameter (Pearls) and associated exhibition buildings; a five-star resort hotel; a four-star hotel; boardwalk; open-air amphitheatre and stage; canal and enclosed harbour; boat slips; commercial office buildings; shopping and retail establishments; restaurants and open space green areas. It also includes the construction of approximately 3,900 residences consisting of a combination of villas, town homes and apartments. Status: JOL and J&P have signed partnership agreement to jointly develop the Omage project. According to the agreement, J&P will be the major shareholder in a new company to be established in Oman by JOL.

The Wave Development – Phase 1 – 303 Villas

Owner: The Wave

Budget: \$100 million

Scope: The project calls for the design and construction of 303 villas at The Wave Development in Oman. It will also include the associated infrastructure and facilities.

Status: Al Turki has been appointed as main contractor to build 303 villas at The Wave Development.

The Wave Development – Phase 1 – Dredging & Reclamation

Owner: The Wave

Budget: \$180 million

Scope: The project calls for the dredging of 3 million cu m of material, raising and leveling the site and reclamation work.

Status: According to sources close to the project, all packages for the first phase have been awarded.

The Wave Development – Phase 2

Owner: The Wave

Budget: \$1 billion

Scope: Phase 2 of the project will involve the construction of mixed-use facilities including hotels, beachfront villas, condominium towers, retail components, restaurants and a conference centre.

Status: According to sources close to the project, all packages of first phase have been awarded.

Qatar

New Doha International Airport (NDIA) Project – Phase 1 – Airline Support Facilities Package

Owner: New Doha International Airport (NDIA) Steering Committee

Budget: \$199 million

Scope: The package involves the construction of two aircraft hangars (one covering 20,000 sq m and the other covering 10,000 sq m), a catering facility (that will cover an area of 22,000 sq m) that will be able to provide 16,500 meals a day, additional buildings covering an area of 9,500 sq m, an aircraft maintenance centre that will cover an area of 92,000 sq m as well as a cargo warehouse facility (that will have the capacity to store and handle 750,000 tonnes a year) over an area of 49,000 sq m.

Status: Construction work was scheduled to start last month.

New Doha International Airport (NDIA) Project – Phase 1 – Passenger Terminal Complex Package

Owner: New Doha International Airport (NDIA) Steering Committee

Budget: \$818 million

Scope: The package will involve the design engineering and construction of: A passenger terminal complex with five levels and a built-up area of more than 140,000 sq m, two concourses with three levels, 26 integral aircraft contact gates and 12 remote gates, integral spa, pool, a 100-room hotel, administrative offices and lounges; an elevated roadway 28 m wide and 380 m long, 10 m above ground; a vertical circulation node, two levels of glass and panel structure, two inclined travelators and four elevators; two glass-enclosed pedestrian bridges of 10 m width and 90 m long; Special systems including baggage handling, passenger loading bridges, CCTV, access control, multi use flight information, airport operations database, common user terminals, master clock, wireless data communications, trunked radio, telephone, LAN/VLAN, cabling management/routing/horizontal cabling structured cable system together with the integration of all systems. This package will be the largest of the 22 packages that are involved on the NDIA development.

Status: Sources indicate that construction work is scheduled to complete in October 2008.

Qatar Fuel Company (WOQOD) – New Headquarters

Owner: Qatar Fuel Company (Woqod)

Budget: \$100 million

Scope: The project calls for the design and construction of a new

headquarters building for the Qatar Fuel Company in Doha's Al-Dafna district. The office tower will consist of 30 floors and a four-storey car-park. The total built-up area of the headquarters building will be 42,000 sq m.

Status: Design work has been completed and tender document for the main contract are expected to be issued in April.

Saudi Arabia

Aknan – Integrated Residential Developments in Jeddah and Riyadh

Owner: Aknan Construction Development

Budget: \$3 billion

Scope: The project calls for building integrated residential communities developments in Saudi Arabia, starting in Jeddah and Riyadh. The developments are expected to be similar to Rihab and Medinati (My City) developments in Egypt.

Status: According to sources close to the project, Talaat Moustafa and Al Oula have signed agreement to jointly develop integrated residential communities developments in Jeddah and Riyadh cities first, then in other major cities of Saudi Arabia.

Economic City in Eastern Province

Owner: Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (Sagia)

Budget: \$30 billion

Scope: The project calls for the design and construction of an integrated economic city in the Eastern Province, similar to King Abdullah Economic City in Rabigh, King Abdulaziz bin Musaed Economic City in Hail, Jizan Economic City and the Knowledge Economic City in Medina. The development will have residential and commercial districts, an industrial area, ports, resorts and financial island.

Status: This is one of the two projects that SAGIA will officially announce this year.

Hafr Al Batin Industrial City

Owner: Saudi Arabia Government

Budget: \$2 billion

Scope: The project calls for the development of an integrated industrial city on a 20 sq km area by the International Northern Highway in Hafr Al Batin in the Northern Borders province of Saudi Arabia. The city will have infrastructure and utilities to serve industrial developments of different sectors.

Status: The chamber has finalised the designation of 20 sq km of land by the International Northern Highway in Hafr Al Batin for the industrial city. The chamber has still to finalise plots planning.

Kasb Project

Owner: King Saud University

Budget: \$3 billion

Scope : The project calls for design, build and operation of an investment development to translate researches at King Saudi University into valuable products. The development mainly includes advanced laboratories and office buildings for investors who are interested in scientific research. It will cover 1.25 million sq m in the north east side of the university. The development is similar to an economic city and will have all necessary

infrastructure and facilities for investment.

Status: According to sources close to the project, King Saudi University has signed contract with Zernike to assist the university plan and develop the Kasb project. Zernike will also provide consultancy and project management services for the early stages.

King Abdullah Economic City

Owner: Emaar Economic City Company

Budget: \$120 billion

Scope: The project calls for building an integrated city with a development area of 168 sq km near the Red Sea between Jeddah and Rabigh. The development includes the following components: Seaport – 2.5 million sq m area with a capacity for 300,000 pilgrims; Industrial district – with 6.24 million sq m of built-up area in phase 1; Financial Island – 500,000 sq m of class A offices, 60,000 sq m convention centres and hotels, 100-storey building and 1,200 hotel rooms; Resorts – a 4.05 million sq m resort property, 18-hole golf course, 3,000 tourist units, up to 150-room boutique hotels, up to 400-room holiday hotels and up to 600 rooms resort hotels; residential – 750,000 residents, 350,000 sq m shopping outlets and a 540-boat mooring marina; educational zone; and an international airport.

Status: Mott MacDonald has been selected for a feasibility study on power generation and water desalination facilities. Power and water services will be completed in 10 phases, last phase in 2026.

PIF – North-South Railway (NSR)

Owner: Public Investment Fund (PIF)

Budget: \$5 billion

Scope: The project calls for design, build, 50-year operate and transfer (DBOT) of a nearly 2,400-km railway, divided into four major packages or construction phases. Phase A is 650 km long and is dedicated for mineral transport. It will transfer bauxite from the Zabira mines to the Maaden complex at Ras Al Zour. Phase B is also for mineral purposes. It will cover 782 km from the Jalamid phosphate mines to Ras Al Zour, through the Zabira junction. Packages A and B are also called the mineral railway, which will travel at 80 km/h when loaded and 100 km/h when unloaded. Package C is the passenger line. It will cover about 530 km from the King Khalid airport in Riyadh to the Zabira junction, through Buraidah. Package D is about 438 km extension from the Jalamid junction to Qurayyat and Basayta on the Jordanian borders. Passenger and freight railway will travel at 160 km/h. The scope of work involves 83 million cu m earthwork, construction of 250 concrete bridges, supply of 1,000 culverts and 4.5 million concrete sleepers, installation of 4,800 km rail and 6 million cu m of rock ballasting. The scope of work also includes earthwork at Hail and Jouf in the Nufud region. Both involve 180 million cu m filling and 90 million cu m material.

Status: According to sources close to the project, the government has decided to increase concession period for Makkah-Madinah and North South railway to 50 years like the Land Bridge.

Prince Abdulaziz Bin Mousaed Economic City in Hail

Owner: Prince Abdulaziz Bin Mousaed Economic City

Budget: \$15 billion

Scope: The project calls for design and construction of Prince

Abdulaziz Bin Mousaed Economic City on 156 million sq m in Hail, 750 km northwest of Riyadh for 140,000 people. The development is divided into: Logistic Centre for 75,000 tpy of cargo; airport on 8,740,000 sq m for 3.1 million passengers and 130,000 tonnes of cargo, with 10 years of operation; dry port on 210,000 sq m for 1.5 million tonnes of cargo in 10 years operation; passenger station for 3.2 million passengers in 10 years operation; agricultural centre; entertainment zone for 700,000 tourists per year; mining city; petrochemical zone; business centre; educational zone on more than 10 sq km for 40,000 students in 4 years operation; residential zone of 3,000 commercial units and 30,000 residential units for 80,000 residents; infrastructure: power, water, drainage and 3,300 km roads.

Status: infrastructure work and construction have been officially launched.

Makkah-Madinah Railway

Owner: Saudi Railways Organization (SRO)

Budget: \$3 billion

Scope: The project calls for design, build, 50-year operation and transfer (DBOT) of a rail network linking the holy cities of Makkah and Madinah, passing through to the Western port cities of Jeddah and Rabigh. The railway is about 500 km. The scheme will have six stations: Near the holy mosque in Makkah; Makkah outskirts; Jeddah airport; Jeddah city centre; Rabigh; and Madinah, 3 km from the Holy Mosque. The railway will be primarily geared towards passenger service capable of handling 2.5 million pilgrims during the Hajj period and 7.5 million Umrah visitors during the year, with approximately 2 million Umrah visitors during the Ramadan season alone;

The high-speed mass transit system will run 100 trains a day and handle heavy commuter traffic between Makkah and Jeddah.

Status: SRO was expected to receive the last prequalifications by the end of last month and is now preparing tender documents.

Saudi Landbridge

Owner: Saudi Railways Organization (SRO)

Budget: \$5 billion

Scope: The project is composed of two main lines: Riyadh-Jeddah and Dammam-Jubail. The new Riyadh-Jeddah single-track line will be approximately 950 km long. The proposed conjunction for this line is from a point about 30 km from Riyadh on the old line (in order to avoid built-up areas). It will then head towards the Riyadh-Jeddah expressway and run, for a greater part, parallel to it until Al Muwayh al Jadid. From this point onwards, it will pass north of Makkah and Taif. This line, in conjunction with the existing Riyadh-Dammam line, will be primarily used for the transport of container traffic to and from the port of Jeddah to the Port of Dammam in the Arabian Gulf for further shipment to and from the UAE, Iran, Kuwait, etc. and for inland destinations. The line will also be used to transport passengers between Jeddah and Riyadh. The new Dammam-Jubail single track line will be approximately 115 km long. It will link the railway network to the city of Jubail and the Jubail Port. Jubail is an industrial city that generates a large quantity of cargo for Riyadh, Jeddah and the northern part of Saudi Arabia. The line will carry up to 40 double-stack container trains per day. All trains will be diesel-powered.

The contract will be on a 50-years build-operate-transfer (BOT) basis.

Status: SRO has requested proposals for the Land Bridge DBO contract.

South Railway (Jeddah Jizan; Taif Khamis Mushayt)

Owner: Saudi Railways Organization (SRO)

Budget: \$10 billion

Scope: The project calls for expanding the Saudi Arabian railway network to serve the Asir and Jizan areas in the southern region of Saudi Arabia. The railway will extend from Jeddah all the way south to Jizan and from Taif near Makkah, all the way south to Khamis Mushayit. Similar to Makkah-Madinah railway, Saudi LandBridge and North South Railway (NSR), the contract will be on a design, build, operate and transfer (DBOT) basis.

Status: According to sources close to the project, the SRO has discussed the feasibility study for starting the project.

Tabuk Economic City

Owner: Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA)

Budget: \$30 billion

Scope: The project calls for the design and construction of an integrated economic city in Tabuk in northern Saudi Arabia, similar to King Abdullah Economic City in Rabigh, King Abdulaziz bin Musaed Economic City in Hail, Jizan Economic City and the Knowledge Economic City in Madinah. The development will have residential and commercial districts, industrial area, ports, resorts and a financial island.

Status: This is one of the two projects that SAGIA will officially announce this year.

Tiran Causeway

Owner: Egypt Ministry of Transport – Saudi Ministry of Transport

Budget: \$3 billion

Scope: The project calls for the design and construction of 23 km road bridge, which will include two 2.5 km long suspension spans one from the Egyptian coast to Tiran Island in the middle of the straits and the second from the island to the Saudi coast over a minimum sea depth of 570 m as well as two 1 m-diameter oil pipelines to transport crude oil from Saudi Arabia directly to the Mediterranean export terminal of Sidi Krier. It is expected that 4 million pilgrims will use the bridge every year in addition to commercial and tourist traffic. The bridge will link Ras Hameed in Saudi Arabia and a point just north of Sharm El Shaikh on the Sinai Peninsula.

Status: According to sources close to the project, Aramco, Binladin, Kharafi and Dexia have formed the Egyptian Saudi Association for the Construction of the Tiran Causeway to build and operate the bridge.

UAE

Al-Reem Island Development (Abu Shuoom Island Development – Emirates Pearl) – Najmat Project – Masterplan

Owner: Al Reem Investments Company

Budget: \$7.8 billion

Scope: The project will involve the construction of a major mixed-

use community that will be situated next to the bridge connecting Al-Reem Island to the Abu Dhabi city. Being the gateway to the Al Reem Island, the development will cover an area of approximately 1.9 million sq m with a total built-up area of about 7.5 million sq m providing three districts, business, art and village. Several 40 and 50 storey mixed-use tower buildings will form the central business district, surrounded by retail and entertainment components. The development will also include two, 80-storey high-rise buildings situated at the heart of the project, infrastructure aspects and will house approximately 80,000 people.

Status: The client is to build three marinas at its Najmat Abu Dhabi development. The marinas will be known as the Bay Centre Marina, the Residential Marina and the Resort Marina. Furthermore, the tender for marine works was issued earlier.

Al-Reem Island Development (Abu Shuoom Island Development – Emirates Pearl) – Shams – The Gate – Phase 1 – Sky Tower

Owner: Sorouh Real Estate Company

Budget: \$500 million

Scope: The project will involve the construction of a 379-m high, 83-storey mixed-use tower building as well as a 65-storey residential tower both with a common podium that will form part of the Gate development within the Shams scheme on Al-Reem Island in Abu Dhabi. The buildings will provide residential, commercial and retail facilities and once completed will be the tallest building in Abu Dhabi. The total built-up area for both towers and the podium is 530,000 sq m.

Status: According to sources close to the project, construction has been awarded the estimated \$545 million to Arabian Construction Company (ACC). The contract duration is 34 months. Furthermore, Thermo is acting as a MEP contractor.

Burj Dubai Development – Main Tower Building

Owner: Emaar Properties

Budget: \$875 million

Scope: The scope of work includes construction of a 705 m high, 189-storey building in Dubai, which will be the tallest building in the world. It will offer residential apartments, offices and a hotel. Hotel facilities will occupy the first 37 floors, residential apartments will be located from floors 45 to 100 while office facilities will occupy floors 112 to 189. The Giorgio Armani hotel, which will be located within the main tower building, will cover a built-up area of 40,000 sq m and will comprise 175 rooms, suites as well as 160 luxury apartments, restaurants and a spa.

Status: According to sources close to the project, Burj Dubai is expected to be delayed by a few months due to the bankruptcy of Schmidlin, the first cladding subcontractor. The new contractor, a joint venture of Arabian Aluminium and Far East Aluminium Works, has been selected.

Dubai Investment Park – The Palisades Project

Owner: Pearl Properties

Budget: \$5 billion

Scope: The project calls for a construction of a multiple-use development situated within Dubai Investments Park. The project is primarily a residential development aimed for the mid to high-income group. The complex is spread across an area of about 15

million sq ft and comprises 20 residential towers housing 1,450 apartments (one-, two- and three bedrooms), 36 townhouses and eight luxury villas (two, three- and four bedrooms).

Status: According to sources close to the project, it is understood that the first phase of the project, estimated at \$2.7 billion, would complete in the end of 2008, while the whole project is due for completion in 2011.

Dubai Marina Development – Ocean Heights

Owner: Damac Holdings

Budget: \$411 million

Scope: The project will involve the construction of a 300-m high, 82-storey residential building comprising of 672 apartments, each consisting of one to three bedrooms. It will be located at the Dubai Marina development and will include leisure facilities like a gymnasium, sauna, steam room, games room and children's play area. The building will provide parking space for 700 cars.

Status: Sources indicate that the client has not appointed a main contractor on the development yet.

Dubailand – Downtown – City of Arabia – Mall of Arabia (MC02 Package)

Owner: I & M Galadari Group

Budget: \$680 million

Scope: The package will involve the construction of a low-rise, four-level shopping mall providing 1,000 retail and restaurant outlets, a cinema and car-park that will be able to accommodate 10,000 vehicles. City of Arabia will be located adjacent to Global Village, off Emirates Road in Dubai. The mall will cover a built-up area of 530,000 sq m and will also include two 400-room hotels – one four-star and the other a three-star hotel. The mall will comprise two levels of car-parking facilities and two levels of retail space. In addition, a 12-storey, five-star hotel will also be constructed next to the mall and will cover a built-up area of 60,000 sq m. The roof of the mall will reflect true Arabian-style. The package will also include 26 residential villas.

Status: It is understood that a joint venture of Arabian Technical Construction (Arabtec), Arabian Construction Company (ACC) and Belhasa-Six Construct (Besix) is front-runner for the \$816 million main construction.

Dubailand – Downtown – Majan Development – Masterplan

Owner: Tatweer

Budget: \$4.1 million

Scope: The project involves the construction of a new mixed-used development situated in the downtown area, within Dubailand.

The 16.5 million sq ft development will consist of three components: 32 per cent of residential units, 44 per cent of retail and entertainment space and 24 per cent of commercial units. A total number of 150 towers will shape the Majan development.

Status: According to sources close to the project, the developers will soon start building on their plots at the Majan development following the end of infrastructure work.

Dubailand – Eco-Tourism World – Al Barari Development – Masterplan

Owner: Abwab Real Estate – Green Works

Budget: \$1.8 billion

Scope: The project in Dubai will involve the development of a

mixed-use scheme that will centre surrounding the theme of botanical gardens. It will include a healing haven – 88 secluded chalets including spa; an amphitheatre – hosting musicals, concerts and plays and including an art museum, a library, art exhibition hall, art material shops, a dance and drama school, galleries, restaurants and a grand ballroom; the Village Square – including small shops, cafes and sporting facilities; Al Aman – including six-star, 120-suite, deluxe boutique hotel and restaurants; Al Nujoom – including 330 villas surrounded with different garden themes, each consisting of four to seven bedrooms; Al Zeitoon – 300 duplex and loft apartments. The development is estimated to cover an area of 14.2 million sq ft. Status: According to the sources close to the project, Al Naboodah Engineering Services has been appointed as an infrastructure contractor on the development. The scope of work covers the building of roads, a high voltage electrical network.

International Media Production Zone (IMPZ) – Europa Greens

Owner: Tebyan Real Estate Development

Budget: \$545 million

Scope: The project calls for the construction of a residential complex at the International Media Production Zone. It will include 40 buildings of five to 18-storey offering apartments, townhouses and penthouses.

Status: Tebyan Real Estate Development has launched a \$545m residential project at the International Media Production Zone.

La Ville Contemporaine Development – Business Bay – Burj Al Alam

Owner: Fortune Investment

Budget: \$1.066 billion

Scope: The project will involve the construction of an estimated 480-m-high, 108-storey tower building that will form part of the Business Bay development within the La Ville Contemporaine scheme in Dubai. The building will dedicate 74 storeys to office facilities, 27 storeys to hotel and residential apartment facilities with the rest providing retail components. The building will resemble a dazzling crystal flower and will overlook the Business Bay creek to the south and the Burj Dubai main tower to the north. It will also offer a six-storey crown-shaped sky garden, Turkish bath, more than 4,300 car-parking spaces, a health club and a helipad. The development will cover an area of approximately 290,000 sq ft.

Status: According to sources close to the project, it is understood that soil testing is being done. No piling contractor has been appointed so far. Furthermore, the tender for the main construction package is expected shortly.

La Ville Contemporaine Development – Lagoons Project – Dubai Towers

Owner: Sama Dubai

Budget: \$1.8 billion

Scope: The project involves the construction of four residential, commercial, retail and hospitality towers, ranging from 57 to 94 storeys located at the Lagoons development. The Lagoons is a mixed-use freehold development being built along the Dubai Creek.

Status: It is understood that Thompson Ventulett Stainback & Associates is the architecture.

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