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Kuwait's railway vision moves forward with PROYAPI awarded key design role

The Central Tenders Committee awarded the contract for the study, detailed design and preparation of tender documents for the first phase of the railway project to the Turkish global company PROYAPI. The duration for the completion of this initial phase is set at 12 months, after which the execution tender will be issued. The first phase of project starts from Nuwaiseeb and ends in Shaddadiya, southwest of the new Kuwait airport. Approval has been obtained from the Municipal Council to allocate the site. Second is the maintenance station for passenger trains, third is for the maintenance of freight cars, and fourth is a dry port for loading. This is part of the commitment to move forward in parallel with the project schedule within the GCC countries. The timeline for the completion of the railway construction is set for 2030.

KPI (Q8) wins bid to operate major gas stations in Luxembourg

Kuwait Petroleum International (Q8) won two bids to operate two major gas stations in Europe on a main highway in Luxembourg. It is considered a significant step towards attaining the company's strategic goals in the European continent, promoting its marketing status in European market and strengthening the Kuwaiti oil sector in world oil markets. Kuwait Petroleum International (Q8) was established in 1983 as the world refining and marketing arm of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), running a huge network of more than 4,700 retail gas and service stations, including over 2,800 ones in Italy.

KD 12 mln approved for ICT in T2 project

Kuwait's Ministry of Public Works has received approval from the Central Agency for Public Tenders (CAPT) to spend an amount of KD 6 million (US\$19 million) for information and communications technology for the construction and completion of the second package of buildings (service buildings, roads leading to the new Kuwait Airport passenger terminal-T2, and parking lots). Communications and information technology network is one among the components of the new passenger terminal T2 project, aimed to electronically link all parties involved in airport operations after its completion and handover to the DGCA. The Ministry also obtained approval for a further increase of KD 6.018 million, bringing the total to KD 12.095 million (US\$39 million).

Turkish and Korean bidders vie for Kuwait's T4 contract

Kuwait's Central Agency for Public Tenders (CAPT) has opened bids for the operation, management, service improvement, training, maintenance, and development of the T4 passenger terminal at Kuwait International Airport. They explained that technical bids from two companies have been opened and referred to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), along with a price list. DGCA will review the technical bid documents and submit its recommendations within one month. After DGCA receives the notification from CAPT, a

decision will be made to award the contract to the best-qualified company both technically and financially. The decision will then be referred to the State Audit Bureau to review the tender procedures. The two companies bidding to operate T4 passenger terminal are the Turkish company TAV and the Korean company Incheon. The sources revealed that the contract of the current operator Incheon will end on August 15.

Chinese firm to build Kuwait's Mubarak Al-Kabeer Port

Kuwait's cabinet has approved a bid from Chinese firm 'China Communications Construction Company' to implement all stages of its Mubarak Al-Kabeer Port project. Kuwait ramped up its efforts on the project after meetings between Kuwaiti and Chinese officials in June last year. In 2023, the two countries signed a MoU for the development of infrastructure works for the port. Phase one of the project was completed in 2014 at the cost \$1.2bn. The port is not operational because the phase one work did not include vital equipment such as cranes. Completion of phase two will allow the port to start operations. The full scope for phase two of the project is expected to include construction of loading and unloading facilities, construction of quay walls and reclamation, construction of container yard and back of the port Infrastructure works, construction of buildings, construction of container terminal, construction of associated facilities, installation of safety and security systems. A third phase is also planned which will further expand the port. As per agreements, China will deliver Kuwait's immediate development goals between 2024-28 and it will position Chinese companies to play a leading role in the Fourth Kuwait Master Plan 2040.

ABC Transco and MEW signs 3GW Kuwait preliminary deal

Kuwait's Minister of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with ABC Transco to establish a power generation station and related infrastructure in Kuwait. The MoU is part of the government's strategic vision and efforts to engage the private sector in development projects. ABC Transco, in partnership with US-headquartered GE Vernova presented a proposal to MEWRE to build a gas-fired power generation plant in Kuwait with a total capacity of 3,000MW.

Kamco Invest acquires stake in EGLS

KAMCO Invest Company of Kuwait, a regional non-banking financial powerhouse, acquired a significant stake in European Green Logistics Space (EGLS), a pan-European developer, investor, and manager of logistics assets. EGLS operates through four offices in Europe - Prague, London, Paris, and Frankfurt and has more than 40 years' experience working in the European industrial and logistics market. With a robust presence across MENA region, KAMCO Invest will deliver modern, sustainable big box and urban logistics facilities. For all its projects, KAMCO will aim to work with investors and occupiers to meet the highest standards of sustainability.

CITRA sees over KD 75m revenues in first half of 2024-25

Kuwait's Communications and Information Technology Regulatory Authority (CITRA) reported that in first half of 2024 the Authority achieved revenues of KD75 million (US\$245 million). It has launched a new regional corridor connecting Kuwait and Frankfurt, offering

an alternative to traditional marine routes. This corridor provides low delay times and ensures safe, efficient data traffic flow from Kuwait to Europe via Iraq, making it a reliable option for major companies and international service providers. CITRA introduced new frequency bands to pave the way for the deployment of advanced fifth-generation (5GA) technology and also signed a land lease agreement with Google to establish modern data centers for cloud computing in Kuwait.

KOC celebrates 90 years with major achievements

While celebrating 90th its anniversary, Kuwait Oil Company's (KOC) has reported that its strategies have contributed immensely towards national development and prosperity and its initiatives have been highly beneficial to the economy. KOC has made rapid progress in a "digital drive" and "environmental sustainability" initiatives pursuing Kuwait's 2035 development strategy. KOC's recent significant achievements include first offshore exploratory and drilling operations for oil, in addition to a record gas output of 683 million cubic feet per day in November 2024. Its long-term plans include an ambitious strategy to maintain growth in Kuwait's gas production capacity, with the goal of maximizing output to some two billion cubic feet per day by the year 2040 following lowest carbon emissions globally, and achieving zero neutrality by 2050.

CAPT approves 5-year travel services deal between Kuwait Airways & KOC

Kuwait Central Agency for Public Tenders (CAPT) has approved a bilateral cooperation protocol between Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) and the Kuwait Oil Company (KOC). This agreement will allow Kuwait Oil Company to directly contract with Kuwait Airways for a five-year period to provide travel services for its employees. Kuwait Oil Company has a long history of working with Kuwait Airways and the General Administration of Civil Aviation, including agreements for helicopter services for transportation and air ambulance. The high quality of service provided by Kuwait Airways was also a key factor in the decision. In 2024, Kuwait Airways was ranked third in the Middle East and Africa for punctuality.

With regards,

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