

Press Release

Construction of Ajman Sewerage Project Progressing Rapidly

Ajman, UAE, 8 November 2003: Work at the Ajman Sewerage treatment plant is ahead of schedule and the system will commence operations in 12 months. Over 60 per cent of the landowners will be connected within 2 years and the remaining 40 per cent will be connected over the final 18 months of the project's development.

"Ajman is divided into 18 basins and each basin is covered by a network of pipes under the Sewerage program" Mr. Edward Fayyad, Project Controls Manager said. He added that the sewage is delivered from houses using relatively smaller pipes, to neighbourhoods using larger pipes that connect to a bigger pipe that in turn connects to the pumping station. Sewage from homes flow to pumping stations by the force of gravity. large pipes are used to transport the sewage from the 22 pumping stations to the central treatment plant.

"On reaching the treatment plant, the sewage goes through three processes. First, the sewage is biologically treated, using bacteria that breaks down all solid material. Secondly, the sewage is filtered carefully. Thirdly, the water is treated with small quantities of chlorine. This then comes back to the city for irrigation purposes" Mr. Fayyad explained.

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Over 17% of the pipe laying work within Ajman and work on treatment plant has been completed. The areas served include parts of Al Nakheel, Al Rumeilah, Al Suwan, Al Bustan, Al Rashidiya, Al Nuemiyah , the New Industrial Area, and Al Jurf. It is estimated that by the end of 2004, more than 20% of properties will have access to the piped network which is designed to link houses to pumping stations and from there on to the central treatment plant. The project will be completed by February 2007.

Once completed, the new system will minimise risks to health and the environment. The recycled water will be used to increase the greenery in Ajman, and in the long run, will develop the economy of the Emirate and lay the foundations for future inward investment and prosperity.

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