Strategic Partnership with Private Sector

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Inaugural Ceremony

Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud, Chairman of the Board of Directors at the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA), a forum entitled “The Strategic Partnership with the Private Sector” was held on the 4th and 5th of April 2011 at Park Hyatt Hotel - Jeddah. His Royal Highness Prince Fahad bin Abdullah Al Saud, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors at GACA, hosted the first session of the conference, as well as an accompanying exhibition which witnessed the participation of Almabani General Contractors as a Silver Sponsor along with an array of major players in the civil aviation sector such as XENEL, HIDADA, Saudi Binladin Group, Thales, APSCO, BTC Networks, Adel Abduljadayel Flight Catering and ARABASCO.

Welcome Address of His Royal Highness

In his welcoming speech, His Royal Highness Prince Fahad bin Abdullah Al Saud revealed that the government has outlined the important role the private sector can play as an economic partner. His Highness highlighted the benefits that can be achieved by strengthening the Public-Private Partnerships concept and engaging the private sector in several economic and social activities, ensuring the fulfillment of the privatization goals.
Objectives Attained by the Forum

The two-day conference witnessed the attendance of local and international experts and speakers, who shared best practices, challenges and insights and presented their comments on Public-Private Partnerships.

In a step towards advancing the role of private sector and its involvement in government projects, the Forum outlined potential investment opportunities in the civil aviation sector. It offered an unrivaled platform for practitioners to discuss the implementation of Public-Private Partnerships. Additionally, it focused on attracting foreign and local investors who are actively seeking to invest in the sector, enabling their investments to have an additional value on the gross domestic income. Moreover, it highlighted how such projects can help in improving the role of banks and financiers in these investments and encourage them to participate in financing investments in the sector.

Almabani Reassures its Commitment to GACA

With this sponsorship, Almabani once again establishes itself successfully as a key player in the airport and civil aviation sectors, further extending its long-term commitment to GACA as one of its top and most privileged Client.

Mr. Joseph Daher, EVP for Operations, receiving an award on behalf of the company for its participation in the Forum.

From left to right: Regional Director of Bouygues, EVP for Operations Mr. Joseph Daher, Regional Manager of Stesa/Thales Mr. Andre Mamier, Eng. Hikmat Herro, Assl. EVP for Operations Mr. Jean Akari.
From left to right: Jordanian Minister of Transport Mr. Mohannad Salman Qudah, HRH Prince Fahad bin Abdullah Al Saud, President of the General Authority of Civil Aviation Dr. Faisal H. Al-Sugair.

Almabani’s stand at the Forum