

Press release

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Foster + Partners to transform Sharjah landfill with new sustainable masterplan for Bee'ah

Foster + Partners is set to redevelop Sharjah's principal landfill site for Bee'ah, the Middle East's leading environmental energy and waste management company. The masterplan is in anticipation of the landfill becoming redundant once the city reaches its 'zero waste to landfill' target by 2020.

Located in the Al Saj'ah district of Sharjah, the site is situated on a plot adjacent to the company's headquarters, and will be transformed to reflect Bee'ah's vision of a world where clean energy is generated sustainably and utilised both sparingly and efficiently by employing innovative technology. The reuse of the site is an illustration of how Bee'ah has adopted and is implementing the model of a circular economy. Through this model Sharjah's resources are retained by the community via waste diversion, reclamation, and recycling, creating both jobs and materials from which society directly benefits.

Giles Robinson, Senior Partner at Foster + Partners explained how the tie-up with Bee'ah was something of a meeting of minds. "It is with a sense of excitement and anticipation that we are entering into a partnership agreement with Bee'ah as we have been deeply impressed by their vision to go far beyond what might be considered the standard transformation of a landfill site. We believe that this vision, as interpreted through our masterplan, represents a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate just what can be achieved at sites like this which feature in every

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industrialised nation on the planet. The project will also serve to further showcase Bee'ah's waste management centre as a place where innovation, environmental best practice and good design take centre stage."

His Excellency Khaled Al Huraimel, Group CEO of Bee'ah highlighted the significance of the project. "The masterplan which will be developed by Foster + Partners will come to fruition as a direct result of Sharjah vigorously pursuing its target of becoming the first city in the Middle East to send zero waste to landfill. We are proud of the part we are playing in the creation of a sustainable and circular economy in Sharjah that has resource efficiency and environmental responsibility at its heart.

"Through strategic partnerships with some of the world's most innovative, creative and forward-thinking companies such as Foster + Partners we are confident that we can apply this approach elsewhere, bringing sustainable development in new markets and promoting a circular economy in communities that are ready and willing to commit to resource recovery. In this way, we will play a substantial role, regionally and globally, in accelerating the pace of change as we move towards a more sustainable future."

Note to editors

Bee'ah was established in 2007 to tackle the region's environmental challenges in accordance with the vision of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah, around sustainable development. In the intervening ten years the company has grown rapidly to establish itself as the leader in environmental management regionally while developing an increasingly important profile on the global stage.

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