



FIGHTING PANDEMIC

Shops to open early to allow customers more time in stores

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MUSCAT: A number of supermarkets and shops in Oman have decided to open early from Thursday, March 4, to Saturday, March 20, so that they remain open to customers for longer during the day, owing to the need to close to the public at 8 pm during this period.

"To help you shop safely and avoid crowds, all our stores will open from 7 am," said a leading supermarket chain in the country. "Our stores close at 8 pm from March 4-20.

"We are committed to the wellbeing of our customers, colleagues and community we operate in," added the store. "Providing a safe and hygienic shopping environment is key to that commitment, and we have put in place some additional measures to ensure your peace of mind."

Businesses in Oman will be required to close to customers from 8 pm today, until March 20, 2021, as part of the measures taken by the Supreme Committee to deal with COVID-19 to stop the spread of the disease in the country.

According to the committee, the temporary closure of businesses also includes closing all



restaurants and cafes, which are also not allowed to provide home delivery services after they've been shut.

The closure, which runs from 8 pm to 5 am, does not include petrol stations, healthcare centres, and pharmacies. Students from public schools will continue to receive their education through online modes of learning from Sunday, March 7, to Thursday, March 11.

Vehicle and individual movements have also been kept out of the purview of the restrictions. The Supreme Committee reiterated to people to take the effects of the disease seriously, asking them not to get together in large numbers, as these have shown to accelerate its spread. **>A4**

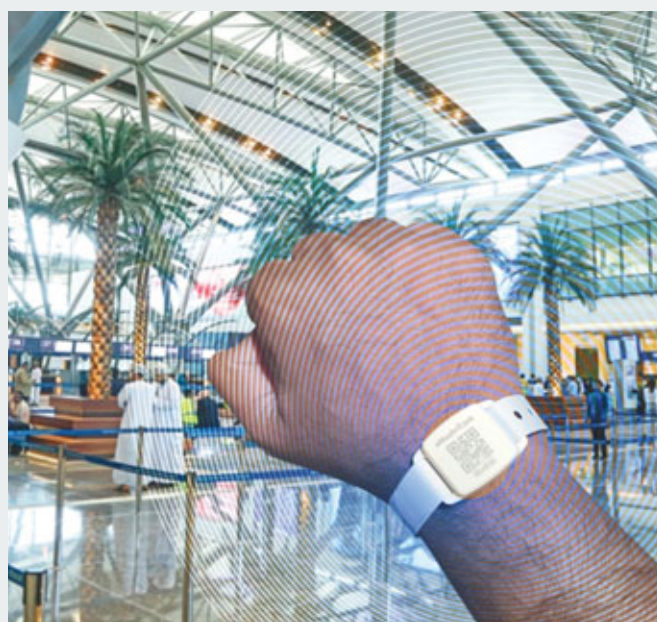
8-DIGIT CODE TO TRACK QUARANTINE VIOLATORS

eMushrif is setting up a new system to make it easy for passengers to book hotels in which they can spend their quarantine period

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MUSCAT: People caught violating home and institutional quarantine while wearing the tracking bracelet can be traced through a number of means, should they break their isolation rules.

eMushrif, the company that makes and supplies the tracking bracelets issued by the Ministry of Health to locals and expatriates who are required to self-isolate during the COVID-19 pandemic, says it coordinates



with the ministry and Royal Oman Police to track those accused of breaking quarantine.

"Each tracking bracelet contains a unique eight-digit code, through which we can track those who have violated home or institutional quarantine," said Haitham Al Shukaili of the public relations

department at eMushrif.

Users of the Tarassud COVID-19 monitoring app can see wearers of these tracking bracelets near their current location. Selecting the icon that depicts each user on the app will reveal his eight digit code.

"When a person takes a screenshot of his code and

sends it to us via the numbers made available for them to file a report, we verify the bracelet wearer's data using the same number," added Al Shukaili.

"This is done in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, through which we can verify whether the person in question really has violated quarantine."

"We then send this to the ROP in case they need to take action," he added.

Tracking location

"We find out the whereabouts of the violator with the help of the person who sent us the screenshot, by tracking his location through his phone."

However, Al Shukaili added that teams from eMushrif first verify whether the person has genuinely broken quarantine. All reports of quarantine violations are first sent to the company's communications centre before action is taken.

"Sometimes, there are genuine, convincing reasons for people to break quarantine," he admitted. "He might be forced to go to the hospital in case of an emergency. **>A5**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN

TB awareness survey launched

1 The Ministry of Health yesterday launched a national questionnaire to measure the levels of knowledge, perceptions and practices related to tuberculosis. **>A4**

WORLD

2 die in Myanmar anti-coup protests

2 Two people reportedly died of gunshot wounds sustained as security forces tried to disperse anti-coup protesters in the city of Mandalay on Wednesday. **>A7**

MARKET

January spending and revenue decline

3 Oman's State's General Budget public spending declined by 17.8 per cent and public revenue fell by 33.1 per cent in January 2021, compared to 2020. **>B1**



Oceanic Shrimp receives first batch of broodstock

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An official statement by the airline said.



Indian flight makes emergency landing in Pakistan

A story on an Indian flight making an emergency landing in Pakistan reached 54,354 people and had 9,519 engagements on Facebook.

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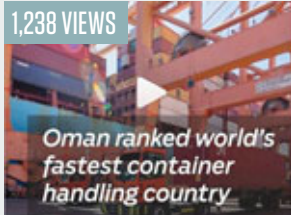


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The Morning Minute video had 1,238 views and 106 likes on Instagram.

FIGHTING PANDEMIC

< FROM A1 Need for caution

"We call on everyone to take maximum care and caution to protect their families, the elderly, and those with chronic diseases," said the government body. "Avoid gatherings, as they have been proven to worsen conditions.

Dangerous

"The analysis of the local epidemiological situation has shown an increase of inpatients admitted to hospitals all over the Sultanate, which increased the nature of the severity of the disease," it added. "This has negatively impacted on a national level, and caused its spread to increase the

danger it poses to everyone."

According to the committee, current data reveals an alarming rise in the number of travel-related cases, owing to the spread of the pandemic in countries of departure. These measures were also adopted owing to a rise in cases relating to mutated strains of the virus in countries to which Oman has established travel links.

"Data suggests that cases of the new, mutated strains, including the South African variant, have been detected in laboratory diagnostics, which is an indication of outbreaks across different locations in the Sultanate," the committee added.

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The questionnaire serves as a local poll measuring public perceptions and pinpoint information gaps that reflect on social stands

and actions pertaining to tuberculosis. It results will help assess and promote social awareness and engage all as partners in the mission to eradicate tuberculosis.

The selected participant will get a phone call from the working

team. In five minutes, the participant is expected to answer a set of questions dealing with general information, as well as specific questions on what the participant knows about tuberculosis, his/her perceptions to it and his/her reactions.

The success of the questionnaire depends to a large extent on the cooperation of all, their credibility and objectiveness in answering the survey questions aimed to activate individual and collective responsibility towards the nation.

Tuberculosis is considered one of the most infectious diseases in the world. The Sultanate rates among countries with low levels of tuberculosis.

The Sultanate strives to revert to the post-TB eradication stage by cutting infection percentage to less than 1 in a million by 2035, cutting infection by 90 percent and mortality rate by 95 percent, compared to the epidemiological situation in 2015. This reflects the National TB Eradication Strategy, which the Sultanate will carry out in stages. -ONA

DATA

Automobile fuel output up by 10.3% in January 2021

MUSCAT: The Sultanate's refineries recorded an increase in the production of automobile fuel during January 2021 by 10.3 percent, compared to December 2020, according to data released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI).

The output of super grade petrol (M-95) reached 1,316,900 barrels until the end of January 2021, a rise by 2 percent.

Of the total production, domestic sales of petrol (M-95) stood at 1,174,300 barrels, an increase by 14 percent, while its exports stood at 119,000 barrels, comprising a rise by 121 percent, compared to the end of January 2020.

The production of standard grade petrol (M-91) by Omani refineries stood at 896,900 barrels comprising a decline by 14 percent till the end of January 2021, compared to the same period in 2020. Domestic sales of petrol (M-91) stood at 687,100 barrels and its exports reached 351,000 barrels, a decline by 16 percent, compared to January 2020.

Gas oil (diesel) output increased by 41 percent to 3,303,100 barrels. Domestic sales of diesel stood at 1,054,800, a drop by 6 percent and its exports reached 1,974,500, an increase by 43 percent, compared to January 2020.

Aviation fuel oil production fell by 68 percent to 434,600 barrels at the end of January 2021, compared to the same period of 2020,



PRODUCTION: The output of super grade petrol (M-95) reached 1,316,900 barrels until the end of January 2021. -ONA

while its domestic sales declined by 72% to 127,400 barrels. Exports of aviation fuel dropped by 63 percent to 357,300 barrels.

Production of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) dropped by 20 percent to 499,200 barrels until the end of January 2021, while its domestic sales increased by 58 percent to 409,300 barrels. Of the total production, exports of LPG reached 131,900 barrels, a decline by 66 percent.

As far as petrochemicals are concerned, benzene production increased by 11 percent, compared

to January 2020 to reach 18,100 metric tonnes, where its exports stood at 20,400 metric tons, comprising a rise by 30 percent.

Output of paraxylene stood at 46,600 metric tonnes, where its exports reached 50,900 metric tonnes.

Production of polypropylene stood at 10,500 metric tonnes, comprising a decline by 50 percent, as its domestic sales also dropped by 35 percent to stand at 2,100 metric tonnes. Its exports reached 7,800 metric tonnes, a decline by 48 percent. -ONA

ARAB LEAGUE

Oman to support joint Arab efforts

CAIRO: Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser Al Rahbi, the Sultanate's ambassador to Egypt and its permanent representative to the Arab League, reaffirmed that the Sultanate, under the wise leadership of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, would continue to boost joint Arab efforts and adopt peaceful solutions in accordance with the international resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative.

He hoped that this session represents the start of solid Arab relations and a translation for the interests of the people of the Arab countries and for facing the current challenges in the region, mainly in relation to the Palestinian cause.

"The Sultanate expresses its support for any initiatives which lead to common solutions and meet the interests of all parties and protect the rights of Egypt and Sudan on the water of the Nile River," he said, adding that "dialogue is key to reaching the solution with the participation of the international community".

He said that "the Sultanate values the role the Arab League under its Secretary General Ahmed Aboul Gheit, in discharging its duties and responsibilities. He also expressed his greetings and congratulations for him for the second term as Secretary General of the Arab League. -ONA

AQUACULTURE

Oceanic Shrimp receives first batch of shrimp broodstock

MUSCAT: Oceanic Shrimp Company (OSC), a subsidiary of Fisheries Development Oman (FDO), received its first batch of shrimp broodstock on Wednesday.

The broodstock, which are mature shrimp used for breeding purposes in aquaculture, are currently transferred into an aquatic veterinary quarantine facility in Al-Misfat Industrial Area in Bausher.

This batch of broodstock will remain in the quarantine facility that was launched earlier this year for the purpose of ensuring the health and safety of the shrimp that is scheduled to be farmed in OSA farms.

The facility operates in a closed circulation system, utilising recycled seawater for a quarantine period of up to 35 days, during which the broodstock are monitored and examined.

The purpose is to ensure that it is free from any potential harmful elements that may implicate negatively on the Omani environment before transferring them to designated farms on the coast of the Arabian Sea.

OSA is currently in the process of completing a number of shrimp aquaculture farms in the Wilayats of Jaalan Bani Bu Hasan, and Jalan Bani Bu Ali in the Governorate of



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South Al Sharqiyah. One of the key projects that is being finalised is the Quroon project in Jaalan Bani Bu Hassan.

The project is expected to be-

gin operations by next month. These projects come within FDO's planned investments in the sector, which seeks to diversify Oman's economy and strategically develop

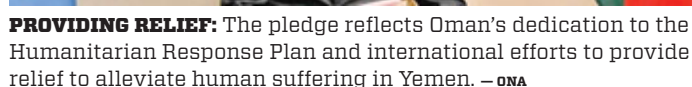
the fisheries sector in the Sultanate to provide job opportunities for the national workforce, and provide support to Omani SMEs, and the local community. -ONA





Oman reiterates commitment to provide aid for Yemen

At the conclusion of the speech,



Oman backs UN Secretary-

General's plea to implement a ceasefire and halt all offensives, said Dr Mohammed Awadh al-Hassan. — **DNA**

Six SQU research proposals chosen for Omantel grant

The three winning research projects of the Centre of Communication and Information were presented by Dr Dhiya Nader, Dr

Bound by this common goal, Omantel and Sultan Qaboos University recently selected research projects for the Omantel Grant, supporting faculty and researchers in the university who wish to pursue research projects identified in cooperation with Omantel in the areas of Information and

The joint committee has put its faith in the outcome of these research proposals and is confident that they will translate into real solutions for issues and challenges facing the Omani society, like the creation of a simple and cost-effective and straightforward water desalination system, an energy-efficient nanotechnology solution to prevent groundwater depletion in addition to creating a mechanism to prevent soil from pollution due to natural and man-made factors, and finding a low-cost and environmentally friendly way of oil extraction.

< FROM **A1** ‘Oman’s efforts to curb COVID-19 spread praised’

"The decision to bring in institutional quarantine has yielded positive results, despite there being a few problems when this first came into effect."



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Joe Biden also announced he would direct states to prioritise teachers in their vaccination plans



WASHINGTON: The United States would have enough Covid-19 vaccine doses for every adult American by the end of May, said President Joe Biden on Tuesday (local time).

Joe Biden also announced he would direct states to prioritise teachers in their vaccination plans, reemphasizing a commitment to returning students to classrooms amid a confusing

administration stance on when and how classrooms can reopen. The new date does not mean all Americans would receive shots by May 31; issues with distribution and personnel mean it could take much longer for all doses to be administered, CNN reported.

"That's progress," Biden said

warning there could still be delays in getting shots in Americans' arms and suggesting the country would not return to full normalcy for much longer.

"There is light at the end of the tunnel, but we cannot let our guard down now to ensure victory is inevitable, we can't assume

that. We must remain vigilant, act fast and aggressively and look out for one another. That's how we're going to get ahead of this virus, get our economy going again and get back to our loved ones," Biden said.

The United States has reported more than 28.7 million confirmed COVID-19 cases and over 514,000 reported deaths. The demand for vaccines still far exceeds supply and these vaccines can't come soon enough.

Biden also announced he was directing states to prioritize teachers in their vaccine distribution plans in a bid to reopen schools.

"Let's treat in-person learning like an essential service that it is," he said, adding his goal was for every teacher or school worker to receive at least the first dose of a vaccine by the end of March.

Biden also announced a collaboration between Johnson & Johnson, Merck, and the federal government to ramp up COVID-19 vaccine production. **ANI**



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MEXICO BORDER

Over a dozen killed in California car crash

LOS ANGELES: At least 13 people were killed in a traffic collision Tuesday morning on the US side of the border with Mexico in the state of California, according to the local police.

The Mexican Consulate in Calexico confirmed Tuesday night that at least 10 of the 13 dead are Mexican nationals, and the identities of the other three people in the accident have not yet been confirmed.

California Highway Patrol Chief Omar Watson said at a press conference Tuesday that 12 people died at the scene just outside of Holtville, which is about

11 miles (17.7 km) north of the US-Mexico border, and another died after arriving at the hospital.

Hospital sources said earlier that at least 15 people were killed in the accident.

Judy Cruz, the El Centro Regional Medical Center's emergency department director, disclosed at a press conference that the accident left 15 dead and several others injured. Fourteen people died at the scene and another person died at hospital, where six others are being treated, Cruz said, adding that at least five others were sent to other medical centers for treatment. **Xinhua**



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Invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting

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Annual General Meeting:

- To consider and approve the Board of Director's Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2020.
- To consider and Approval of the Board of Directors performance report for the financial year ended 31/12/2020. (as per attachment).
- To consider and approve the Corporate Governance Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2020.
- To consider the Auditor's Report and to approve the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Profit or Loss for the financial year ended 31 December 2020.
- To approve sitting fees of the Board and Committee meetings paid to the Board Members for the previous financial year, and to determine the sitting fees for the upcoming financial year (as per attachment).
- To consider and approve the amount allocated and spent for the Company's Corporate Social Responsibilities for the year ended on 31 December 2020 (as per attachment).
- To discuss and approve the proposed allocation of RO 1,000 /- to fulfill the Company's Corporate Social responsibilities for the year ending on 31 December 2021.
- Election of one board of directors member to fill a vacancy in the board form among the shareholders and non-shareholders, anyone who wishes to be nominated for a membership in the Board of Directors must fill in the nomination form which can be obtained from the company, and submit the form after filling it to the company at least five (5) days before the meeting of date, (no later than the end of the business day of Wednesday, 17/3/2021). The company will not accept any application from after that.
- To appoint Auditors of the Company for the financial year ending on 31 December 2021 and to approve their fees.

According to the Company's Articles of Association and the controls for holding General Meetings using modern technology issued by the capital market authority, we would like to draw your attention to the following:

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- Voting on any of the agenda items begins no more than three days before the date of the General Meeting until the voting process ends on the day of the General Meeting. If the shareholder's shares are increased or decreased, the voting process will be canceled, and the shareholder will have to vote again on the day of the General Meeting.

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Texas becomes biggest US state to lift COVID-19 mask mandate

—Xinhua

Demonstrators shot dead in anti-coup protests in Myanmar

were believed to have been killed and others injured in the central town of Myingyan.

"They opened fire on us with live bullets. One was killed, he's young, a teenage boy, shot in the head," student activist Moe Myint Hein, who was wounded in the leg, told Reuters by telephone from Myingyan.

The coup brought to a halt Myanmar's decade-long experiment with more democratic governance and sparked daily mass protests. **dw**





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Raysut Cement Company S.A.O.G

DIRECTOR REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

PARENT COMPANY AND CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

Dear Shareholders,
It gives me pleasure to welcome you all to the 40th Annual General Meeting of the Company.

On behalf of Board of Directors of the Raysut Cement Group of Companies, I gives me pleasure, albeit in these difficult and uncertain times, to present the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020 of the Company along with the Auditor's report presented for your perusal.

The prevailing COVID-19 Pandemic has created an unprecedented situation throughout the globe. All mankind, business both at domestic and international levels, are passing through a critical phase, your company is no exception to it hence has suffered significantly. RCO revenue was maintained for the year however profitability took a severe hit.

Review of operations and financial performance:

Production:

Group:
The Group as a whole has produced 3.599 Million Tons of Clinker and 4.110 Million Tons of Cement during the year against 3.523 Million Tons of Clinker and 3.523 Million Tons of Cement during last year respectively. The overall production of Clinker is higher by 4.23% and Cement by 16.67%.

The higher production of cement is mainly due to the additional production from one of the newly acquired subsidiary company Sohar Cement Factory LLC which was acquired on 19 May 2019.

Parent Company:

The Parent Company in its Salalah plant produced 2.212 Million Tons of Clinker and 2.000 Million Tons of Cement during the year against 2.052 Million Tons of Clinker and 1.926 Million Tons of Cement in the last year. Overall, there is an increase of production of Clinker by 7.27% and Cement by 3.84% as compared to last year. The performance is extraordinary in spite of the impact of COVID 19 pandemic, which changed the trend reported till Q3, 2020.

Subsidiary companies:

At Pioneer Cement, a subsidiary company, plant in UAE, the productions of Clinker and Cement stood at 1.387 Million Tons and 0.803 Million Tons respectively during the year, against 1.391 Million Tons of Clinker and 1.039 Tons cement respectively in the last year. Clinker productions is lower by 0.29% and Cement by 22.71% as compared to last year. This is due to the impact of COVID 19 pandemic and stiff competition in UAE.

At Sohar Cement Factory LLC, the productions of Cement stood at 1.307 Million Tons against 0.558 Million Tons during the year which is higher by 134%. The higher production of cement is mainly due to the fact that Sohar Cement Factory LLC was acquired on 19 May 2019 and last year represents only seven months' production.

Sales:

Group:
The Group as a whole has sold 4.031 Million Tons of Cement during the year against 3.558 Million Tons of Cement in the last year. Overall, there is an increase of cement sale by 13.30%. Further, the Group have sold 0.640 Million Tons of Clinker against 0.732 Million Tons in the last year, it does not include internal consumption of 0.685 Million Tons of Clinker at Sohar Cement Factory LLC.

The higher sales of cement is mainly due to the additional sales from one of the newly acquired subsidiary company Sohar Cement Factory LLC.

This is a significant achievement considering major business in the region is only operating at 20% to 30%.

Parent Company:

The Parent Company has sold 2.742 Million Tons of Cement (including 0.820 through Subsidiaries) and 0.585 Million Tons of clinker during the year against 2.389 Million Tons of Cement and 0.524 Million Tons of clinker in the last year, an increase of cement by 14.30% and clinker by 11.64%.

Subsidiary companies:

At Pioneer Cement, a subsidiary company, plant in UAE, has sold 0.810 Million Tons of Cement and 0.740 Million Tons of clinker against 1.034 Million Tons of cement and 0.632 Million tons of clinker in the last year, a decrease by 21.66% in cement and an increase in clinker by 17.10% during the year. Clinker was mainly sold to Sohar Cement Factory LLC.

At Sohar Cement Factory LLC, the sale of Cement stood at 1.300 Million Tons during the year against 0.583 Million Tons during the period from 20 May 2019 to 31st December 2019. The higher sales of cement are mainly

due to the fact that Sohar Cement Factory LLC was acquired on 19 May 2019 and last year represents only seven months sales only.

RCO Trading DMCC is involved in trading activities of sale of cement and clinker have sold 0.888 Million Tons of Cement and 0.377 Million Tons of clinker. The higher sales of cement and clinker are mainly due to the fact that RCO Trading DMCC was incorporated on 29 April 2019 and last year represents only seven months sales only.

Lafarge Maldives Cement Pvt. Ltd, a new acquired subsidiary company in Maldives where the Parent Company has acquired 75% shareholding, renamed as Raysut Maldives Cement Pvt. Ltd. has made a Cement Sales of RO 0.013 Million MT for the post-acquisition period from 1st September to 31st December 2020.

The major markets for the Parent company are domestic, Yemen and East African Markets, for Sohar Cement Factory it is northern Oman and for Pioneer, the main markets are UAE and Oman. RCO Trading DMCC has added many new markets such as Zanzibar, Comoros, Madagascar and Raysut Maldives Cement Pvt. Ltd. has added new market of Maldives in the group's geographical coverage in line with the Group Strategic Plan.

Revenue and profit:

Group:
During the year, the Group has earned a Revenue of RO 90.38 Million against RO 84.05 Million in the last year, an increase by 7.50%. An increased in sales is due to sales from newly acquired company Sohar Cement Factory LLC.

The Loss before Tax of the Group stood at RO 15.78 Million as against profit of RO 2.88 Million in the last year. The Group operating loss for the year is RO 11.67 Million in the current year against a profit of RO 7.77 Million in the last year mainly due to the following reasons:

- Decline in sales volume in local market due to lack of projects specifically in Dhofar region;
- No salary cut for local manpower during pandemic;
- Increase in local manpower cost by 3% per annum;
- Lower sales realization per ton of Cement and Clinker sold in export market due to stiff competition from UAE, Saudi Arabia and Iran
- Increase in fixed selling and distribution cost is due to the underutilization of hired ships due to COVID 19;
- Increase in finance cost due to higher amounts of term loan and utilization of additional working capital facilities;
- Reduction in fair market value of securities;
- Mobilization constraint due to COVID 19 pandemic; and
- Provision for Derecognition of Ship to Be Disposed.

The Loss after Tax for the Group is RO 14.06 Million against a profit of RO 2.28 Million during the last year.

Parent Company:

In spite of severe price competition from the UAE suppliers, and the volatility in the export market, the Parent Company could achieve an overall Sales revenue of RO 60.78 Million during the year against RO 60.39 Million during the last year, an increase by 0.74%.

The Loss after tax of the Parent Company has stood at RO 12.38 Million against a profit of RO 0.18 Million during the last year.

Subsidiary companies:

During the year, the Sales Revenue, earned by Pioneer Cement, a subsidiary company in UAE amounted to RO 24.03 Million as compared to RO 27.66 Million achieved in the last year, a decrease by 13.12%.

Pioneer Cement has made a profit of RO 0.37 Million against a profit of RO 0.89 Million during the last year, a decrease by 58.42%.

Sohar Cement Factory LLC has made a revenue of RO 23.70 Million against a profit of RO 1.40 Million during the year against last year revenue of RO 10.18 Million and made a profit of RO 0.72 Million during the post-acquisition period.

Raysea Navigation, a subsidiary company which provide with shipping services, has earned revenue of RO 1.45 Million against a revenue of RO 1.43 Million and made a loss of RO 2.47 Million which includes a provision for impairment against a ship of RO 2.51 Million.

RCO Trading DMCC, a subsidiary company in UAE which is engaged in the trading activity has earned a revenue of RO 28.65 Million and incurred a loss of RO 3.80 Million against revenue of RO 3.15 Million and a profit of RO

0.08 Million for a post registration period of seven months.

Raysut Maldives Cement Pvt. Ltd, a new acquired subsidiary company in Maldives has earned a revenue of RO 0.59 Million and made a profit of RO 0.014 Million for the post acquisition period from 1st September to 31st December 2020.

Capital Structure Change: During the year under review, no capital restructuring like increase or reduction in capital or issue of bond has happened.

Gas Price

Management is thankful to Ministry of Energy and Mineral for rolling back the gas price and charging us now at the rate of earlier agreement. We are awaiting the same treatment for the year 2020 gas prices for the smooth operations of company.

Dividend Policy:

The Company has been following a dividend policy based on performance achieved, market as well as investors' expectations.

The dividends declared during last five years are tabled below:

Year	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Dividend on paid up capital	-	12.5%	29%	65%	50%

Future Outlook

Various cost reductions initiatives coupled with optimization of distribution of cement keeping market share and profitability in mind, exploring export market for optimum utilization of available resources would be the major area of attention. With those internal and external initiatives the Company is hopeful to minimize the market pressure to a great extent.

The management continues to focus on the dynamic and competitive market for cement, additionally emphasis on operational excellence is an important factor to achieve success for the company. The company has highly experienced management and will continue to strive on a strategy that focuses on the creation of long term value for all stakeholders while ensuring sustainability in the operations.

Expansions:

The Parent Company is building a Cement Grinding Unit in Dugm with a production capacity of seven hundred and fifty thousand tons of cement per annum and related financing arrangements are made with local bank. The estimated project cost is about USD 30 million.

Employees:

The Company is always on the lookout for professionally qualified staff members in the management to enrich its base, and is striving for training and development of employees for a sustainable growth focused organization. The Company continues to sponsor employees on training to various institutes both within and outside the country, apart from holding large number of in house training program.

Social Responsibility:

The Company does recognize its social responsibility and need for environmental protection. Maintaining pollution free environment as per international standards and continuously endeavoring to its improvement has been the guiding principles of Company.

Company has contributed RO 500,000 to the Ministry of Health Fund for supporting the fight against COVID-19.

The Company has become a Centre for many Institutions of higher learning and Technical Colleges to train their students under the guidance of our executives with practical hands on experiences.

Internal Control:

Internal control system is being regularly assessed by the Internal Audit Team as well as by the management.

Acknowledgement:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and on my personal behalf, I take this opportunity to express our deep sense of gratitude to His Majesty and His Government for their unstinted support and guidance.

I would like to thank you for your support and confidence in us. I would also like to thank our associates, dealers, customers, the management team and all our employees for their loyalty, integrity contributions, commitment and continued support to the overall success of the Company.

Ahmed bin Yousuf bin Alawi Al Ibrahim
Chairman of the Board of Directors

	Parent		Consolidated	
	2020 RO	2019 RO	2020 RO	2019 RO
ASSETS				
Non-current assets				
Goodwill	-	-	49,134,458	46,617,068
Property, plant and equipment	61,106,313	64,153,295	115,022,746	114,356,388
Right-of-use assets	10,396,053	29,050,726	4,885,520	21,577,594
Investment in subsidiaries	82,557,978	79,171,563	-	-
Receivable from a related party - non-current	-	1,300,000	-	-
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Deferred tax asset	-	-	124,627	-
Total non-current assets	154,185,344	173,800,584	169,292,351	182,676,056
Current assets				
Inventories	23,484,845	26,619,382	34,141,733	32,764,017
Trade receivables - net	13,761,503	15,462,336	19,290,412	26,045,240
Advance to a subsidiary	-	849,000	-	-
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	2,244,585	2,616,102	2,244,585	2,616,102
Prepayments, advances and other receivables	11,274,017	11,411,140	8,783,837	9,757,438
Cash and bank balances	49,543	203,465	1,414,210	952,464
Total current assets	50,814,493	57,151,434	65,874,777	72,165,261
Total assets	204,999,837	230,952,008	235,167,128	254,841,317
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
EQUITY				
Share capital	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000
Share premium	13,456,873	13,456,873	13,456,873	13,456,873
Legal reserve	6,666,667	6,666,667	6,666,667	6,666,667
Asset replacement reserve	3,647,566	3,647,566	3,647,566	3,647,566
Voluntary reserve	6,352,434	6,352,434	6,352,434	6,352,434
Foreign currency translation	-	-	31,643	-
Retained earnings	66,862,988	79,245,056	81,617,215	95,671,606
Equity attributable to Owners of the Parent Company	116,998,528	129,368,596	131,772,398	145,795,146
Non-controlling interest	-	-	312,726	74,740
Total equity	116,998,528	129,368,596	132,085,124	145,869,886
LIABILITIES				
Non-current liabilities				
Borrowings	21,608,287	24,064,280	21,546,243	15,950,821
Leases liabilities	9,774,308	23,576,604	5,048,084	15,434,471
Deferred tax liability	2,015,000	4,113,000	2,015,000	4,113,000
Due of service benefits	642,836	672,155	1,213,869	1,287,139
Total non-current liabilities	34,040,431	52,426,039	29,823,196	36,765,431
Current liabilities				
Borrowings	9,026,855	9,101,528	18,230,702	25,721,093
Leases liabilities	1,552,232	6,470,828	208,130	6,596,836
Trade and other payables	29,077,962	18,723,765	35,334,939	22,425,452
Short term borrowings	14,315,809	14,417,254	19,399,905	17,009,613
Income tax payable	-	454,000	85,132	454,000
Total current liabilities	53,972,878	49,817,373	73,258,808	72,205,994
Total liabilities	88,013,309	101,593,412	103,082,004	108,971,425
Total equity and liabilities	204,999,837	230,952,008	235,167,128	254,841,317
Net assets per share	0.585	0.647	0.660	0.729

PARENT COMPANY AND CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020					
	Parent		Consolidated		
	2020 RO	2019 RO	2020 RO	2019 RO	
Revenue	60,782,611	60,333,591	90,383,395	84,055,760	
Cost of sales	(53,248,176)	(47,220,534)	(85,596,670)	(64,991,186)	
Gross profit	7,534,435	13,113,057	4,786,725	19,064,574	
General and administrative expenses	(10,225,521)	(8,543,601)	(11,398,583)	(8,011,187)	
Selling and distribution expenses	(8,045,305)	(7,586,851)	(5,489,811)	(8,477,523)	
Other income	419,901	4,509,880	433,426	5,190,348	
Operating (loss) / profit	(10,316,490)	3,492,485	(11,668,243)	7,766,212	
Finance cost - net	(3,451,425)	(4,143,163)	(3,781,336)	(4,235,568)	
Investment income	51,608	2,184,273	51,608	199,273	
Impairment of investment in associates	-	(113,343)	(5,587)	(234,759)	
Fair value loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(371,517)	(612,900)	(371,517)	(612,900)	
(Loss) / profit before tax	(14,087,824)	807,352	(15,776,075)	2,882,258	
Income tax	1,705,756	(622,527)	1,719,413	(622,527)	
Total (loss) / profit for the year	(12,382,068)	184,825	(14,056,662)	2,259,731	
Other comprehensive income					
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss					
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	-	31,643	-	
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	31,643	-	
Total comprehensive (loss) / income for the year	(12,382,068)	184,825	(14,025,019)	2,259,731	
Total (loss) / profit for the year attributable to:					
Owners of the parent company	(12,382,068)	184,825	(14,054,391)	2,259,731	
Non-controlling interest	-	-	(2,271)	-	
Total comprehensive (loss) / income attributable to:					
Owners of the parent company	(12,382,068)	184,825	(14,022,748)	2,259,731	
Non-controlling interest	-	-	(2,271)	-	
Total comprehensive (loss) / income	(12,382,068)	184,825	(14,056,019)	2,259,731	
Basic and diluted (loss) / earnings per share	0.082	0.001	0.070	0.011	

The complete accounts of the company will be delivered or sent by mail to any shareholder who requests them, in either Arabic or English as requested, within seven days of receipt of the request. Requests to be sent to the following address : Raysut Cement Co.(SAOG), P.O.Box 1020 Salalah-211, Sultanate of Oman.



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Australia thrash New Zealand in 3rd T20I

New Zealand was 109/3 at one stage, but Agar wreaked havoc and picked six wickets to bundle out the hosts for 144

WELLINGTON: Skipper Aaron Finch and Glenn Maxwell smashed half centuries before Ashton Agar spun a web over the Kiwi batsmen to steer Australia to a 64-run win over New Zealand in the third T20I on Wednesday.

New Zealand was 109/3 at one stage, but Agar wreaked havoc and picked six wickets to bundle out the hosts for 144. Agar turned the game in Australia's favour with three wickets in the 13th over.

New Zealand now lead the five-match series 2-1. For James Neesham it was an unforgettable night as he not only went wicketless, but also leaked runs at an economy rate of 15. The all-rounder was also dismissed for a golden duck despite coming in the game on the back of a stellar performance in the second T20I.

Chasing a mammoth 209, New Zealand got off to a bad start as



AUS VS NZ: Australia had posted 208/4, courtesy half-centuries from Finch and Maxwell.

they lost opener Tim Seifert in the second over. Debutant Riley Meredith conceded a six and a four in his first over, but took a wicket off the last ball.

Martin Guppitt continued from where he left the other night but Meredith again stole the show when he dismissed skipper Kane Williamson in his second over.

However, New Zealand seemed well on track as the hosts ended the powerplay with 59 runs on board. In the ninth over, Adam Zampa got the wicket of

the dangerous Guppitt.

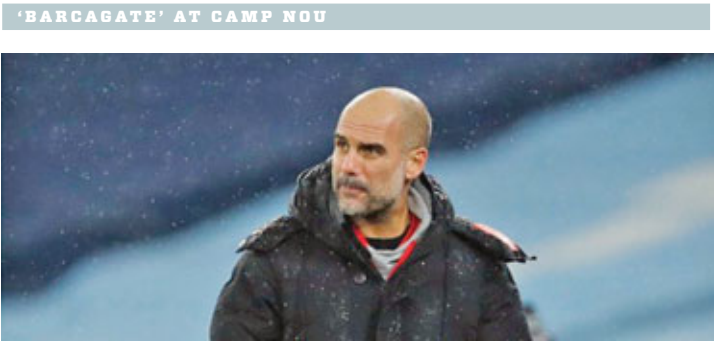
Devon Conway and Glenn Phillips then played risk-free cricket to ensure the hosts didn't suffer any more hiccups during the chase. Just when their partnership started flourishing, Agar put Australia in control by dismissing both batsmen in the same over.

The left-arm spinner then dismissed Neesham for a golden duck to end New Zealand's hopes of winning the game. Agar kept accounting for wickets to record best figures as New Zealand folded for 144.

Earlier, Australia had posted 208/4 from their 20 overs courtesy half-centuries from Finch and Maxwell, and a quickfire 43 from Josh Philippe

If Maxwell smashed 28 runs off a Neesham over, it was a welcome return to form for skipper Finch as had faced the wrath of former cricketers in the last few weeks.

Brief Scores: Australia 208/4 (Glenn Maxwell 70, Aaron Finch 69; Ish Sodhi 2-32); New Zealand 144 (Martin Guppitt 43, Devon Conway 38; Ashton Agar 6-30). **ANI**



'Uncomfortable situation': Guardiola on Bartomeu's arrest

MANCHESTER: Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola has labelled former Barcelona president Josep Bartomeu's arrest as an "uncomfortable situation."

After spending a night in jail, Bartomeu on Tuesday was provisionally released. Guardiola is regarded as one of Barcelona's best-ever players and managers. He played for the club until 2001 and then he returned as a manager of Barcelona B in 2007 before taking the reigns of the senior team. Guardiola won three La Liga titles and two Champions League crowns as manager of Barcelona before leaving the club in 2012.

"It's an uncomfortable situation but I hope it will finish well. He's already innocent until the court proves he is guilty," Goal.com quoted Guardiola as saying.

"I'm concerned that in one week we'll have a new president. It's a difficult situation in Barcelona but the new man needs to have the courage to lead in the next years. As many people as possible can vote and lead the best club in the

world. I'm pretty sure they'll come back stronger. The new president has to lead with confidence and get the fans together and that will make them the club they are. I'm looking forward to the election and, hopefully, the president will be okay," he added.

As per the report, Bartomeu was provisionally released, with the 58-year-old invoking his right not to testify. The news of the former members of the club's board being taken into custody following a raid on offices by regional police officers was broken by Cadena SER.

Bartomeu was arrested in a case related to 'Barcagate' at Camp Nou. Chief Executive Officer of the club, Oscar Grau, a former adviser to the presidency Jaume Masferrer, and head legal counsel Roman Gomez Ponti were also arrested.

According to the report, Bartomeu's administration has been accused of paying PR company I3 to oversee online work for the club and it is alleged that I3 was paid to clear up Bartomeu's image. **ANI**

COMMENTARY

Will England spoil India's party?

Anis Sajan

WITH THE FOURTH TEST match set to begin today at the iconic Narendra Modi Stadium, which will be a day game and played with the traditional red ball, there is a lot at stake for this test match for both the teams.

Team India, which is leading 2-1 after bouncing back from the loss in the first test, needs either a draw or a win to qualify for the World Test Championship and play New Zealand in the final at Lords this June.

Knowing Virat Kohli and his team, and the aggressive brand of cricket they have played over the years, it won't be surprising if the team will go for a win rather play for a draw.

It will be interesting to see what sort of surface the groundsman will dish out this time at the Motera after getting a lot of flak for the way the last test match ended in less than two days' time. Moreover, being a day game, will the red ball be as effective for Indian



Anis Sajan, Managing Director, Danube Group.

spinners specially Axar Patel who picked up 11 wickets and whose arm ball was difficult for all the English batsmen to counter as the Pink Ball hurried on to them and did not give them enough time and were either clean bowled or LBW.

Sunil Gavaskar had mentioned that England players hardly used their feet and that

was one of the main reasons they found it difficult to pick the straighter Pink Ball of Axar.

The great champion had said that English players are first taught to sweep than to use their feet and that proved to be their nemesis against both Axar Patel and Ashwin.

It will be interesting to see whether England will pick Dom Bess, the extra spinner and replace him with either Stuart Broad who has been wicketless in the two test matches he has played in this series or will England pick an extra batsman and make their batting strong.

With the last match getting over in two days, England had almost a week to plan how to counter India's spinners who have picked 36 wickets out of the 40 in the last two test matches and Root would definitely like his team to put up an improved performance and win the last test match.

A drawn series in India is as good as a win for any touring side and England would go all out to spoil India's party.

FELICITATED

Top Asian Hockey Federation official visits Sports Museum

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The CEO, Secretary General of Asian Hockey Federation, member of the FIH Executive Committee and IOC Committee, Dato Sree Tayyab Ikram, visited SAS Naqvi, Sports, Olympics and Hockey Museum, on Tuesday.

He was accompanied by top hockey officials, including Mohamed Shambah Al Raisi, former Member of FIH/AHF and treasurer of Oman Hockey Association, Abdul Rahman Al Raisi, former National Hockey Coach of Oman and International Hockey Umpire and Munir Shakir, Coach and Technical Adviser, OHF.

Dato Sree Tayyab Ikram was greeted by SAS Naqvi, former Technical Adviser Oman Olympic Committee and National Hockey Coach of India and Oman and Golaf Rehman, the Museum Curator. Dato Sree Tayyab Ikram was felicitated and presented a memento by SAS Naqvi.

The CEO and Secretary General of the Asian Hockey Federation had flew in from Switzerland to



MUSEUM TOUR: The CEO and Secretary General of Asian Hockey Federation, Dato Sree Tayyab Ikram, visits visited SAS Naqvi, Sports, Olympics and Hockey Museum.

attend the inauguration ceremony of the Sports Museum. He had also signed on the visitors book with great admiration.

Dato Sree Tayyab had awarded Life Time Achievement Award to SAS Naqvi on behalf of Asian

Hockey Federation and FIH in 2016 during his visit to Muscat.

He had also presented the AHF award to SAS Naqvi for his services to hockey in Oman During Asian Champions Trophy at Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex.

CRICKET ROUND-UP

Alpha edge out IT Works in sensational super over

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Arm Alpha rode on Aqib Ilyas's amazing power-hitting prowess to beat IT Works in a sensational super over contest after both the teams tied the Premier Division T20 League game played under the floodlights at OC Turf 1 in Amerat on Tuesday.

Requiring 17 to win in the super over, Alpha saw its talisman Aqib tonk two big sixes off Sha-keel Ahmed in a successful chase off the last ball, sealing a nail-biting win.

Earlier, IT Works bowled exceptionally well to dismiss Alpha for 116 in 19.2 overs, Khawar Ali and Muhammed Nadeem taking three wickets each while Zeeshan Maqsood bagged two. Aqib and Sanuth Ebrahim were Alpha's main scorers with 29 and 26 runs respectively.

Defending a small total, Alpha came back hard on their opponent to set the tone for a pulsating contest.

Teetering at 35 for 5 in the 9th over, IT Works was staring at defeat before Oman captain Zeeshan Maqsood began to lead its fight-back.



Aqib Ilyas of Arm Alpha.

Facing a menacing attack full of Oman bowlers, IT Works had to rely on Zeeshan's experience and skill to tie the game off the last ball of the final over, taking the contest to a super over that they lost on the last ball. Zeeshan was 61 not out and IT Works 116 for 9 when the 20-over tussle ended in a tie.

Brief scores (Premier Division T20 League): Arm Alpha 116 all out in 19.2 overs (Aqib Ilyas 29 - 3x4, 2x6, Sanuth Ebrahim 26 - 3x4, 1x6, Khawar Ali 3-11, Muhammed Nadeem 3-22, Zeeshan Maqsood 2-08) tied with IT Works 116 for 9 in 20 overs (Zeeshan Maqsood 61 not out - 7x4, 2x6, Waseem Akhtar 12 - 2x4, Sanuth Ebrahim 3-14, Bilal Khan 2-14, Kaleemullah 2-19). Super Over: IT Works 16 for 1 (Zeeshan Maqsood 16 not out) lost to Arm Alpha 17 for 1 (Aqib Ilyas 17 not out).

OWCA too good for PSM

Oman Women's Cricket Academy (OWCA) thrashed Pakistan School Muscat Women by 9 wickets in a one-sided Women's League game at OC Turf 1 in Amerat on Tuesday.

PSM was bundled out for a paltry 22 inside 12 overs. Shreya Dhuri started the slide with her

magnificent spell of 4 overs in which she gave away only four runs and took three wickets. Anshita Lalit and Saya Channa bowled well too, taking two wickets each.

OWCA raced to the target in just 2.4 overs, scoring 23 for 1 with Nayan Anil unbeaten at 8 with two boundaries. OWCA has won two of the three games it has played so far, occupying second position behind leaders ISC Women which has won all the three games it played so far.

Brief scores (Women's League T20): PSM Women 22 all out in 11.2 overs (Sadiah Hussain 6 not out, Shreya Dhuri 3-04, Anshita Lalit 2-02, Saya Channa 2-10) lost to OWCA 23 for 1 in 2.4 overs (Nayan Anil 8 not out - 2x4) by 9 wickets.

MCCC Yellow top U-16

Aaryan Nishit struck an unbeaten 109 off 76 as MCCC Yellow trounced MCCC Blue by 159 runs, ending its Junior League Under-16 campaign without losing a game with a maximum 10 points to emerge on top of the table.

Indian School Muscat ended up second with 8 points from 5 games. Aaryan's century and Dhy-

an Deepak's 82 were the highlights of MCCC Yellow's 253 for 5 in 30 overs.

Muhammed Hamza then picked up 3 for 8 as Yellow dismissed Blue for a meagre 94 in 30 overs. Pranaav Chintala bagged 2 for 18. Hardik Umesh topscored with 18.

Brief Scores (Junior League U16): MCCC Yellow 253 for 5 in 30 overs (Aaryan Nishit 109 - 13x4, Dhyana Deepak 82 - 11x4, Jagan Sreekanth 2-42) beat MCCC BLUE 94 all out in 30 overs (Hardik Umesh 18 - 3x4, Muham-mad Hamza 3-8, Pranaav Chintala 2-18) by 159 runs.

Brief Scores (Junior League U13): INDIAN SCHOOL MUS-CAT 297 for 0 in 20 overs (Pachisia Ojjus 143 - 22x4, Shah Jeet 116 - 17x4) beat ISWK-B 118 for 8 in 20 overs (Gautham Midhun 28 - 3x4, Kuttiraja Giriharan 2-16) by 179 runs.

Brief Scores (Junior League U13): Boshor Sports Centre B 138 for 5 in 20 overs (Nausad Nalla 56 - 7x4, Asad Kashif 2-11) lost to PSM 139 for 6 in 19.2 overs (Syed Taha 28 - 1x4, Haseeb P 27 - 3x4, Mohammed Hanif 26 - 3x4, Yukta Muchandi 2-12) by 4 wickets.

OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS

The price of Oman oil has declined, with prices for delivery by May 2021 reaching \$61.36, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil declined by 9 cents from the price of Tuesday, which was \$61.45. - ONA

MARKET BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSM INDEX ENDS HIGHER

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Oman's public spending and revenue fall in January 2021

According to the Fiscal Performance Bulletin of the Ministry of Finance, Oman's public revenue in January 2021, decreased by 33.1 per cent as compared to the same period of 2020



FISCAL PERFORMANCE: The report said that public spending in January 2021, totalled OMR755.6 million including expenses under a settlement with an amount of OMR457.7 million, down by OMR164.1 million as compared to the spending over the same period of 2020. - File picture

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman's State's General Budget recorded a decline in public spending by 17.8 per cent and a reduction in public revenue by 33.1 per cent in January 2021, compared to 2020, according to a new report.

According to the Fiscal Performance Bulletin of the Ministry of Finance Oman's public revenue in January 2021, decreased by 33.1 per cent as compared to the same period of 2020. This is mainly due to a decline in net oil revenue by 42.9 per cent, and a decrease in gas revenue by 13.8 per cent. In addition to a decline in current revenue by 18.8 per cent.

The report further said that public spending in January 2021, totalled OMR755.6 million including expenses under a settlement with an amount of OMR457.7 million, down by OMR164.1 million as compared to the spending over the same period of 2020.

This was attributed to transferring the ownership of State-owned enterprises and government investments from the Ministry of Finance to Oman Investment Authority and a decline in current expenditures of civil units by OMR41.1 million.

According to the Fiscal Performance Bulletin of the Ministry of Finance in January 2021, the deficit stood at OMR370.8 million, up by 7.7 per cent as compared with the actual deficit over the same period of 2020.

"As part of the government's plan to finance the 2021 budget deficit, Oman has obtained during this year finance of OMR1.35 billion through external and local borrowings. An additional amount of OMR600 million has been withdrawn from Oman Investment Authority," the report added.

National economy
The Ministry of Finance report quoting the recent World Bank's Global Economic Prospects issued in January 2021 pointed out that Oman's gross domestic (GDP) is projected to recover to 0.5 per cent in 2021. However, the World Bank predicts Oman's GDP to be among the nations with the highest GDP

growth in the Middle East and North Africa (Mena) region during 2022, with projected GDP growth of 7.9 per cent.

The Concluding Statement of IMF Staff Visit under 2021 Article IV Consultation indicated that Oman's GDP will rise to 1.8 per cent and 7.4 per cent in 2021 and 2022, respectively. This is attributed to rapid response to contain the spread of COVID-19, and several measures are taken to mitigate the implications of lower oil prices to achieve fiscal sustainability.

Public-Private Partnership

The Ministry of Finance seeks to finalise the study of 5 projects, out of more than 50 projects, planned to be implemented under PPP. The selection of these projects based on the following:

- The projects should be implementable under PPP, and consistent with Oman Vision 2040 and the relevant strategic plans.
- The selected projects shall not create any additional burden on the budget.
- The implementation of these projects under PPP should either help to reduce the construction cost or operating expenses.

Global economy

World economic activity is anticipated to experience a significant boost in 2021 driven by the latest developments in COVID-19 vaccines.

According to the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) World Economic Outlook Update and the

World Bank's Global Economic Prospects issued in January 2021, the world output is projected to see a growth during 2021 led by positive developments in the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

While the World Bank forecasts the global economy to grow by 4 per cent in 2021, the IMF projects the global economic growth to record 5.5 per cent and 4.2 per cent in 2021 and 2022, respectively. The IMF has revised its 2021 forecast upward 0.3 percentage point relative to the previous forecast.

However, the global economy is surrounded by uncertainty concerning the renewed waves and new variants of the virus, besides vaccines distribution, which all may cause the global economic growth to decline to 1.6 per cent, according to the World Bank.

Oil markets

The Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) and International Energy Agency (IEA) anticipate oil production to slightly increase at the beginning of 2021, while oil demand is expected to continue to increase until the end of the year.

This is primarily a result of lifting border closures and travel restrictions. Thus, the crude oil prices have increased by the threshold of 2021. However, oil prices are expected to gradually decline until the end of the year but will recover by 2022. Opec also projects a decline in oil demand in Middle East countries during the second quarter of 2021.

NATIONAL BANK OF OMAN

NBO employees selected for national leadership programme

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Three of the National Bank of Oman's (NBO) staff members have been selected to participate in Etimad, a national leadership programme to upskill and empower Omanis for middle and senior management positions.

Emerging from the recommendations of the Labour Market and Employment Lab at the National Programme for Enhancing Economic Diversification, 'Tanfeedh', the programme aims to train a total of 10,000 Omanis through a series of six-month sessions.

Three promising individuals from the bank's IT, brand division and investment banking departments were chosen for the latest batch, part of NBO's commitment to cultivating a nurturing work environment that provides its employees with the opportunity to grow in their respective careers.

Abdullah Zahran Al Hinai, Chief Executive Officer at NBO, said, "National Bank of Oman firmly believes in the role of the private sector in empowering young Omanis to take their place as future business leaders while supporting the government's vision for economic development. As our organisation's most important assets, we are also committed to the professional development of our employees at every level. Serving as shining examples of the huge pool of talent we have at the bank, we look forward to seeing our candidates continue to take their careers from strength to strength and lead



EMPOWERING OMANIS: Emerging from the recommendations of the Labour Market and Employment Lab at the National Programme for Enhancing Economic Diversification, 'Tanfeedh', the programme aims to train a total of 10,000 Omanis through a series of six-month sessions. - Supplied picture

Oman into the future."

Maram Al Busaidi, Head of Corporate Communications & Change Management at NBO, and Etimad participant, added, "With new technologies and evolving business practices transforming the way we work, it is more important than ever for us to upskill and adapt to the challenges that lay before us.

"I am delighted to be a part of Etimad, which is providing us with new tools to keep up with the rapid

pace of change, helping us to pursue our career aspirations, and be the leaders our country needs."

Etimad objectives are aligned with NBO's strategy to develop the skills of its employees, build on the partnership between the private and public sectors, and support the nation's development. As such, it organises and supports a range of educational and youth-led programmes to empower local talent and strengthen its position as a future-ready, world-class bank.

MINISTERIAL DELEGATION



OFFICIAL TOUR: Khazaen's executive management also shed light on the main government projects that are envisaged to be implemented during the next phase. - Supplied picture

Ministers tour Khazaen Economic City to review its strategic projects

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Khazaen Economic City hosted a ministerial delegation along with key government officials toured the city to review its progress, infrastructural works, and study the scope it holds for varied domestic and foreign investments.

Khazaen Economic City received Qais bin Mohammed Al Youssef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, Dr Saud bin Ahmed Al Habsi, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, and Dr Khalfan bin Said Al Shuali, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning. They saw the readiness of the city's infrastructure and learned more about the key strategic projects that Khazaen will host, such as the dry port and the Khazaen's Food City including the Central Fruits and Vegetable

market, in addition to the investment opportunities it will offer in the manufacturing, logistical and residential sectors.

As they toured the city to learn about Phase I of infrastructural works which was completed before its deadline of 2020 year-end, they were briefed on the various components of the city. This was followed by a comprehensive presentation by Khazaen officials on the city's main components, incentives and facilities provided to various categories of domestic and foreign investors. Khazaen's executive management also shed light on the city's plans and programmes and highlighted the importance of this ambitious national project and its contribution towards supporting the government's goals and efforts in diversifying revenue sources for Oman's economy.

Commenting on this visit,

Khalid Al Balushi, CEO of Khazaen Economic City, said, "The visit of their excellencies the ministers to Khazaen is of great importance to us and pushes us forward to achieve greater milestones in developing this city as one of the main pillars that will support the national economy and contribute towards achieving goals of Oman Vision 2040."

The CEO added, "During this visit, Their Excellencies were briefed on the most important achievements of the city and the development it has witnessed, especially since the completion of Phase I and the relocation of several investors as well as businesses to Khazaen. Khazaen's executive management also shed light on the main government projects that are envisaged to be implemented during the next phase according to plans approved by the government."



MUSCAT: Oman's benchmark MSM 30 Index closed on Wednesday at 3,644.54 recording an increase of 21.1 points representing a 0.582 per cent rise compared to the last trading session.

The total value of traded securities reached OMR1.141 million with a decline of 71.3 per cent compared to the last trading session which was recorded at OMR3.946 million.

The market capitalisation increase by 0.192 per cent against the last trading day reaching around OMR20.35 billion.

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INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSM 30 INDEX	3,646.21	3,629.52	3,644.54	3,623.46	21.08	0.58
FINANCIAL INDEX	5,330.75	5,303.47	5,527.78	5,498.28	29.50	0.54
Services Index	1,550.61	1,543.58	1,549.20	1,541.60	7.60	0.49
Industry Index	4,710.77	4,673.16	4,710.77	4,673.16	37.61	0.80
MSM Shariah Index	541.44	540.64	541.11	541.44	-0.32	-0.06
MSM TR INDEX	4,203.57	4,184.32	4,201.64	4,177.34	24.30	0.58

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap.....	Up.....	Down.....	Equal.....	Sec. Traded
6,965,828	1,141,122	483	20,352,018,292	21	5	22	48

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

ISIN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADER	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR.	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PAR VALUE	MARKET CAP.
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Parallel Market

000000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	870,809	91,485.	38	0.089	0.094	0.088	0.094	0.086	0.008	9.903	0.094	0.083	0.094	0.100	3,155.716	
000000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO	576,256	256,447	43	0.042	0.045	0.042	0.044	0.041	0.003	7.317	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045	5,362.500	
000000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	17,221	5,653	5	0.120	0.126	0.120	0.124	0.116	0.008	6.897	0.122	0.125	0.126	0.100	10,093.941	
000000004031	AHLIA INSURANCE	24,930	7,992	0	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.000	0.328	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.000	1,446.460	
000000001707	OMAN CABLES INDSTRY	21,655	10,203	9	0.460	0.480	0.460	0.472	0.448	0.024	5.587	0.480	0.470	0.470	0.400	42,338.400	
000000004925	ALBATRAIN POWER	101,000	5,151	8	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.050	0.001	2.000	0.051	0.050	0.051	0.300	34,419.259	
000000004031	AL WADAI POWER	10,000	296	0	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.000	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.000	1,000.000	
000000002549	BANK DHOFAR	18,000	18,900	3	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.103	0.002	1.942	0.105	0.105	0.110	0.100	316,616.901	
000000001517	HSBC BANK OMAN	350,000	21,250	4	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.084	0.001	1.190	0.085	0.085	0.090	0.100	170,026.587	
000000001517	ARABA PALCOON	10,000	1,000	0	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.000	0.100	0.100	0.105	0.100	0.100	1,000.000	
000000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	688,483	91,859	31	0.132	0.132	0.131	0.132	0.131	0.001	0.763	0.132	0.132	0.132	0.100	216,624.919	
000000001822	UNITED POWER	62	56	1	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.000	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.100	720.000	
000000001822	AL BUILDING	30,000	700	0	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.000	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.000	300.000	
000000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	150,725	48,235	10	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.000	0.000	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.100	19,748.738	
000000002200	AHLI BANK	5,000	500	0	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.105	0.105	0.000	0.104	0.104	0.105	0.105	0.100	20,974.714	
000000002200	SHARQIYAN OMN MKR	28	24	0	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.000	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.100	977.000	
000000002572	OMAL OIL MARKETING	4,200	2,974	2	0.708	0.708	0.708	0.708	0.708	0.000	0.708	0.708	0.708	0.708	0.000	41,332.700	
000000003000	AL MAHA MARKETING	240	155	1	0.644	0.644	0.644	0.586	0.586	0.000	0.644	0.644	0.646	0.640	0.100	40,434.000	
000000003000	TAGAZER FINANCE	910	78	0	0.985	0.985	0.985	0.985	0.985	0.000	0.985	0.985	0.985	0.985	0.100	910.000	
000000003521	GALFAR ENGINEERING	389,699	18,720	23	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.000	0.048	0.048	0.047	0.049	0.100	13,919.071	
000000003711	SEHAR POWER	1,050	47	0	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.000	0.045	0.045	0.042	0.045	0.100	9,945.450	
000000003711	SMN POWER HOLDING	20,200	1,273	0	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.000	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.100	15,577.480	
000000004735	SONPCORP SALALAH	49,450	4,260	6	0.089	0.089	0.086	0.088	0.086	0.000	0.089	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.100	82,093.188	
000000004788	MADINA TAKAFUL	164,300	18,321	14	0.100	0.100	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.000	0.100	0.099	0.099	0.100	0.100	17,325.000	
000000004788	FINEXIM POWER	275,000	12,922	27,047	0.046	0.046	0.046	0.046	0.046	0.000	0.046	0.046	0.046	0.046	0.100	88,742.400	
000000006920	VISION INSURANCE	68,994	5,530	2	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.000	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.081	0.100	7,900.000	
000000007084	MCT DESALINATE	200	18	2	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.000	0.990	0.990	0.984	0.990	0.100	13,999.538	
000000007084	DAIWA SERVICE	191,477	57,175	3	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.001	0.333	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.000	3,330.000	
000000004420	BANK NIZWA	54,565	5,232	6	0.097	0.098	0.097	0.097	0.098	0.001	1.020	0.098	0.097	0.101	0.100	145,500.000	
000000002374	UNITED FINANCE	210,301	8,849	17	0.042	0.043	0.042	0.042	0.043	0.001	2.326	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.100	12,686.075
000000004669	SHARQIYAH DESALIN	20,000	2,340	2	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.138	0.009	0.622	0.129	0.125	0.125	0.129	0.100	12,616.475
Total		4,413,192	454,173	283													

CERA WEEK

Low carbon oil to play central role in energy transition

ABU DHABI: Dr Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and Managing Director and Group CEO of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (Adnoc), said that low carbon oil will play a central role in the energy transition.

Speaking at CERA Week alongside Vicki Hollub, CEO of Occidental, during a virtual panel session, Dr Al Jaber explained that the UAE is uniquely positioned to provide lower-carbon oil and gas for as long as the world still relies on hydrocarbons energy.

"When it comes to low carbon oil and gas, the UAE has a dual advantage; a leadership that has always put environmental protection first, and a natural advantage, because our geology gives us some of the least carbon-intensive oil in the world," Dr Al Jaber said. - WAM

PMI REPORT

Strengthening demand boosts India's business activity growth in February

NEW DELHI: Indian service providers expanded business activity at the fastest rate in a year during February due to a quicker increase in new orders, according to the latest IHS Markit Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) released.

Moreover, the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines led to an improvement in business confidence towards growth prospects. Worryingly, however, employment declined for the third month in a row and companies noted the sharpest rise in overall expenses for eight years.

Rising from 52.8 in January to 55.3 in February, the seasonally adjusted India Services Business Activity Index pointed to the sharpest rate of expansion in output in one year. Moreover, the latest reading extended the current growth sequence to five months.

Survey participants linked the upturn to improved demand and more favourable market conditions. New work intakes expanded for the fifth straight month and at the fastest pace over this sequence. According to monitored companies, marketing efforts and increases in new clients led to sales growth. **-ANI**

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ROUND-UP



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Toyota conducts ground-breaking ceremony for ‘Woven City’ Project

As part of Toyota’s shift from an automobile manufacturer to a mobility company, Woven City will bring new technology to life in a real-world environment across a wide range of areas including automated driving, personal mobility, robotics, and Artificial Intelligence

MUSCAT: Toyota Motor Corporation (Toyota) and Woven Planet Holdings, Inc. (Woven Planet), the Toyota Group company responsible for a wide range of mobility development projects anchored in software, held a ground-breaking ceremony (Jichinsai) recently for the construction of Woven City at the old vehicle yard adjacent to the former Higashi-Fuji Plant site of Toyota Motor East Japan, Inc. (TMEJ).

Along with the Governor of Shizuoka Prefecture Heita Kawakatsu, Mayor of Susono City Kenji Takamura and other guests representing the local community, the ceremony was attended by Toyota President Akio Toyoda, Woven Planet CEO James Kuffner, TMEJ President Kazuhiro Miyauchi and others involved in the project. To-



gether, the leaders expressed their hopes for a safe and successful start to construction.

“The Woven City project has officially started,” said President Toyoda. “Taking action as one has decided is never an easy task. I must express my deepest gratitude to all who have provided their wholehearted support and cooperation to the project through today. The unwavering themes of the Woven City are ‘human-centred,’ ‘a living laboratory’ and ‘ever-evolving.’ Together with the support of our project partners, we will take on the

challenge of creating a future where people of diverse backgrounds are able to live happily.”

TMEJ President Miyauchi added, “I am deeply grateful for having had our Higashi-Fuji Plant operate here for 53 years with the support of the local community. The knowledge and expertise we acquired from all of the people who worked at the plant must be carried on into the next chapter. With the conviction that Woven City will stand not on mere empty land but where the history of the Higashi-Fuji Plant lies, I will offer

the greatest possible collaboration in the future.”

Toyota announced the construction of the Woven City in January at CES 2020 in Las Vegas, United States, to prepare for an era in which all ecosystems that support everyday life are connected with data. Woven City aims to continuously create advancements that will help better society by accelerating the cycle of technology and the development of services.

The project aims to demonstrate a human-centred approach to community development. As

part of Toyota’s shift from an automobile manufacturer to a mobility company, Woven City will bring new technology to life in a real-world environment across a wide range of areas including automated driving, personal mobility, robotics, and Artificial Intelligence (AI). It is expected to provide a number of exciting opportunities for businesses and researchers around the world.

Woven City will have three types of streets, which will be interwoven with one another on the ground level; one dedicated to au-

tomated driving, one to pedestrians, and one to pedestrians with personal mobility vehicles. There will also be one underground road used to transport goods. The community will start with roughly 360 residents, mainly senior citizens, families with young children, and inventors, and will eventually have a population of more than 2,000 individuals including Toyota employees. The infrastructure of Woven City aims to create an environment where inventions with the potential to solve social issues are created on a timely basis.

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RECOGNITION

Bank Muscat receives Wells Fargo Operational Excellence Award

MUSCAT: In keeping with its role as the leading financial services provider in Oman, Bank Muscat has won the Wells Fargo Operations Excellence Award for 2020.

Bank Muscat’s exceptional quality of SWIFT messages on dollar payment and an outstanding error-free rate for remittances were among the main criteria for receiving this award. The bank had won two similar awards from JP Morgan in 2020 and was recently named by Global Finance as the Best Foreign Exchange Provider in Oman.

International payments are an integral component of banking relationships in today’s global economy. The accountability for quick and efficient processing is a shared effort by all financial institutions involved.

Wells Fargo, which is among Bank Muscat’s prominent correspondent banks for dollar payments and provides Bank Muscat with high-quality payment processing, seamless and efficient servicing and outstanding customer service, highly appreciated the partnership. It recognised the bank’s commitment to the highest standards of quality, in particular Bank Muscat’s outstanding transaction processing quality and dedication to operational excellence. Most importantly, this award is a recognition of the com-



mitment to serving in line with its customer-centric vision.

Wells Fargo representatives commended the operational teams involved in processing dollar payments at Bank Muscat for the error-free rate maintained consistently throughout the high volume of remittances processed during the year.

Bank Muscat which has more than 500 correspondent banking relationships across the world is

a multiple award winner whose performance has been recognised both at the international and local levels. The bank’s Central Operations Electronic Payments department, Treasury back office and Global Trade Services department handle fund transfer operations.

As a prolific innovator in the financial sector, Bank Muscat won more than 30 international and local awards and accolades in 2020 continuing its excel-

lent performance from previous years. The bank regularly wins multiple awards across its different lines of business and operations in recognition of its outstanding achievements and commitment to offering world-class banking services to all its customers. The bank is working steadily to further improve its excellent portfolio of services and provide greater financial inclusion across the Sultanate.

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