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ECONOMIC STIMULUS TO BOOST GROWTH IN OMAN

His Majesty the Sultan pointed out that, as part of steps undertaken by the government departments, an Economic Stimulus Plan has been endorsed to achieve high growth rates, as per Oman Vision 2040

MANAH: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik yesterday presided over a meeting of the Council of Ministers at Hisn Al Shumoukh Palace.

At the outset of the meeting, His Majesty the Sultan gave thanks and praise to the Almighty Allah for the bounties and riches He has bestowed on Oman and its noble people. He prayed to the Almighty to eternalise these bounties on Oman, wishing that security and stability shall prevail in the Sultanate and the world at large.

Then, His Majesty the Sultan reviewed the position of the national economy and the challenges posed to it due to the slump in oil prices and the ensuing rise

in fiscal deficit and general debt, coupled with the impact of measures that had to be undertaken due to the prevalence of coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in early 2020, when the Sultanate took quick action through a set of precautionary and preventive measures that overshadowed economic growth in general.

His Majesty the Sultan pointed out that, as part of steps undertaken by government departments, an Economic Stimulus Plan (ESP) aimed to achieve high growth rates, as per Oman Vision 2040, has been endorsed.

Multiple incentives

His Majesty the Sultan reaffirmed that the ESP covers a



variety of incentives and initiatives, such as cutting down taxes and fees imposed on companies that are actively engaged during 2021 in Economic Diversification Sectors of industry, tourism, logistics, agricultural and fisheries resources and mining. The incentives also include cut-

ting down Income Tax for small and medium enterprises during 2020 and 2021, in addition to the reduction of the lease value of lands in the Special Economic Zone in Duqm and industrial estates till 2022.

Other procedures related to the ESP include incentives to spruce

up business and investment through the facilitation of entrepreneurship, offering prolonged residency for a number of foreign investors in line with terms and conditions to be announced later by the Council of Ministers, as well as incentives related to the labour market to generate

employment opportunities for Omani job seekers.

In particular, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his keenness on the steps undertaken by the departments concerned to address labour market developments.

His Majesty the Sultan also stated that the Council of Ministers has endorsed the National Urban Development Strategy (NUDS). He pointed out that NUDS is a prime enabler towards the realization of Oman Vision 2040. It is the first long-term strategy that orients urban development in a manner that strikes a balance between socioeconomic development and the environment over the next 20 years, said His Majesty the Sultan, adding that the NUDS has been the product of wide-scale institutional and societal partnership.

It is worth noting that NUDS is sufficiently flexible to accommodate new developments and future challenges. It charts out a general framework of urban development policies, both at a countrywide level and at the level of each governorate. It also introduces investment programmes and development projects across different sectors. **>A4**

ROYAL DECREE

Royal Decree ratifies pact with Sri Lanka

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik yesterday issued a Royal Decree reading as follows:

Royal Decree No. 24/ 2021 on ratification of agreement between the government of the Sultanate of Oman and the government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on mutual visa exemption for the holder of diplomatic, special, service and official passports, signed in Muscat on 17 February 2021.

Article (1) ratifies the aforesaid agreement as per the version attached to this decree.

Article (2) says that this decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and enforced from its date of issue. **-ONA**

STIMULUS PLAN

Economic diversification plan based on five key pillars

MUSCAT: The Sultanate's Economic Stimulus Plan (ESP) endorsed by the Council of Ministers on Tuesday is based on five main axes, namely:

(A) Incentives pertaining to taxes and fees; (B) Incentives to improve business and investment environment; (C) Incentives to boost small and medium enterprises; (D) Incentives for the labour market and employment; and (E) Banking Incentives aimed to enhance efforts to alleviate the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on the national economy through a set of measures to support efforts of enhancing economic recovery, economic activities and attracting foreign investments.

This plan comes within the framework of procedures of the Fiscal Sustainability Plan (2020-



2024), which aims at improving the financial position of the Sultanate, cut down the country's general debt and ameliorate its global credit rating.

The Economic Stimulus Plan (EPS) targets the diversification of the national economy during the 10th Five-Year Plan. In particular, it lays emphasis on the sec-

tors of converting industries, agriculture and fisheries resources, mining and mineral products, in addition to service, cultural, logistics and educational activities and their supportive and complementary sectors.

(A) Incentives pertaining to taxes and fees are stated in the Plan as follows:

Taxes: 1. Exemption from the Income Tax shall be granted to all firms that undertake their business activities within the Economic Diversification Sectors for five years, right from 1 January 2021 till the end of 2022, in accordance with the terms and conditions to be announced by the Tax Authority (with effect from the date of the firms' registration in the Commercial Register).

2. Exemption of hotel establishments from the Income Tax due for the two tax years of 2020 and 2021.

3. Permission for the settlement of the due income tax and waiving of the additional income tax (for 2021) ensuing from the segmentation of taxpaying (paying by instalments).

4. Deduction of 1 percent of the value of the due tax, to a maxi-

mum of OMR10,000 from the announced tax based on tax declaration for the next year. This applies to all those who adhere to the presentation of tax declaration and process due tax payments within the deadlines stated in the law.

5. Continued suspension of the application of the Withholding Tax related to the distribution of dividends on shares and interests for five years with effect from 2020.

6. Deferring of the loss incurred by firms and establishments, as of the year 2020, to the next year and deducting the same from taxable income in the year 2021 and the subsequent years till such a time that the loss is zeroed, without commitment to the period of five years stated in Article No. 71 of the Income Tax Law. **>A4**



Dhuhr.....	12.22pm
Asr.....	3.46pm
Maghrib.....	6.18pm
Isha.....	7.28pm
Fajr (Tomorrow).....	5.07am

ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN

HM's economic incentives praised by OCCI Chairman

MUSCAT: Eng. Ridha Juma Al Saleh, Chairman of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) has valued the royal blessings of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik to the economic stimulus plan (ESP) that targets supporting the efforts to alleviate impacts of COVID-19 on the national economy.

In a statement to Oman News Agency (ONA), Eng. Ridha affirmed that ESP included many incentives and initiatives to achieve interest of the private sector, enhance economy and encourage foreign investment.

He also praised the ESP incentives pertaining to reducing both taxes and fees, improving business and investment environment, supporting small and medium enter-



Eng. Ridha Juma Al Saleh, Chairman of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry. - ONA

prises, activating labour market and employment, as well as monetary and banking procedures.

OCCI Chairman also valued the approval made by the Council of

Ministers to the National Urban Development Strategy (NUDS), which, he said, would undoubtedly stimulate remarkable economic growth and prosperity. - ONA

NEW OFFERS

Oman Air revises excess baggage rule

Times News Service

MUSCAT: In its ongoing commitment for guests with optimal flexibility, Oman Air has introduced a revised Excess Baggage Policy. By replacing its existing "extra bag" fee with a new weight-based fee, the airline now effectively offers 'More Bags for Less' to passengers who require more baggage allowance.

Previously, economy class passengers (excluding Super Saver) were allowed 2 bags and a total of 30 kilograms and passengers exceeding 30 kilograms were required to pay a fixed excess bag fee. While the revised policy maintains the 30-kilogram free baggage allowance, it differs in the fact that passengers are no longer limited to 2 bags and excess fees are calculated based on 5-kilogram weight increments.

Free baggage allowances have also been revised for Business and



NEW WEIGHT-BASED FEE: Excess baggage is available for advance purchase on omanair.com, as well as through the Oman Air call centre, sales offices, and various travel agencies. — File picture

First Class and aim to provide all Oman Air guests with more convenience at a time when travel behaviours are constantly changing to adapt to COVID-19 measures.

Oman Air reminds passengers that the Standard Bag Specifications are total linear dimensions of up to 159 cm and a maximum weight of 32kg. A single baggage

exceeding 159 cm in dimensions but within 32 kg of weight is subject to the oversized baggage charge over and above any excess weight baggage charges.

Excess baggage is available for advance purchase on omanair.com, as well as through the Oman Air call centre, sales offices, and various travel agencies.

Stimulus plan to help in economic recovery of Oman

The royal blessing of His Majesty to the economic stimulus plan reflects HM's keenness and interest in supporting the economic recovery and tackle the economic effects resulting from the pandemic



and introducing stimulus packages that were designed to ensure economic recovery.

COVID-19 pandemic

The team proposed economic policies and programmes that stimulate the activity of the national economy and enhance the overall economy in light of the challenges and repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic, which have cast a shadow over global economies in general, causing imbalances in supply and demand and affecting export, import and local and foreign trade.

Dr. Said affirmed that during the last period, all efforts were focused on analysing the factors affecting the increase in aggregate demand represented in consumption, investment, government spending and export movement, and analysing the factors affecting the increase in supply represented in augmenting production capacity, increasing economic efficiency and boosting productivity of workers.

After detailed discussions, a set of direct measures were proposed, including those related to taxes and fees, business and investment environment, and others related to labour market and employment incentives, electricity sector incentives and tariffs, in addition to the banking incentives provided by the Central Bank of Oman (CBO).

The Minister of Economy also pointed out that His Majesty the Sultan also gave his blessings to the proposed measures at the long-term, which seek to stimulate the national economy.

The proposed measures include initiatives, projects and programmes for economic stimulation by increasing both aggregate demand and aggregate supply, and determining expan-

sionary fiscal policies aimed at reducing taxes and encouraging spending, and monetary policies aimed at reducing both taxes and interest rates, as well as reviewing some fees and exemptions that facilitate the flow of investment, assist small and medium enterprises, reduce the burden of the economic situation on them, revive the business market, and create an investor-friendly environment in terms of ease of doing business and obtaining licenses.

Dr. Said valued His Majesty the Sultan's support for all efforts made during the past months to establish a suitable framework for these measures.

He expected that these measures would contribute to reviving the local market, stimulating small and medium enterprises, strengthening efforts to improve the business environment, attracting more investments, stimulating the institutions operating in economic diversification sectors identified in the 10th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025), and protecting many institutions from crippling due to the current temporary economic and financial impacts.

The Minister of Economy hoped that these incentives would contribute to stimulating the domestic tourism traffic and enabling the sector to achieve its desired goals. The incentives will also complement the measures aimed at improving the social protection system for individuals, especially those who have been laid off from their jobs and borrowers. He also hoped to see the fruits of these efforts crowned with success through the joint orchestrated efforts of various departments concerned in implementing these incentives to achieve the common interest. - ONA

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Tender Announcement

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Tender No. 1/2021

Oman Charitable Organization (O.C.O.) announces a tender for the supply of 25,900 (twenty-five thousand and nine hundred) food parcels for the "Ramadan Iftar Program" for the year 1442 AH / 2021 AD, and distributing them to all the districts of Al Mahrah Governorate and the surrounding areas according to the attached list of locations (16 locations).

Specialized merchants and suppliers wishing to submit their bids for this tender can obtain the terms and conditions from the Financial Department of Oman Charitable Organization against payment of nominal fees, during the period from Sunday 7 March 2021 AD to Thursday 11 March 2021. The last date for bid submission and acceptance shall be Tuesday 16 March 2021.

Bids shall be deposited in the tender box at the Financial Department, O.C.O. Headquarters at the Wilayat of Baushar, Muscat Governorate, Al Khuwair 33, Southern Street No. 47, near Sultan Said bin Taimur Mosque.

Bids shall be placed in closed envelopes sealed with red wax and addressed to H.E. the Chairman of the Projects and Tenders Committee of O.C.O. before the specified date.

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ENVIRONMENT

800 native trees to be planted in Muscat, Salalah



UNIQUE CELEBRATION: The plantation marks the opening of BP Oman's Ghazeer gas field, well ahead of its scheduled in October.

Times News Service

MUSCAT: 800 species of trees, native to Oman, will be planted in Muscat and Salalah by employees of BP Oman, to mark the opening of its Ghazeer gas field, well ahead of its scheduled in October.

The first trees were planted by BP Oman president Yousuf Al Ojaili in Muscat. Planting will continue over the course of the next two months in Muscat and Salalah. Employees will be able to track their tree's development via an online portal.

This project will help remove carbon emissions from the atmosphere, supporting BP's net zero ambitions and enhancing biodiversity. The trees will also support Oman's 2040 vision of environmental and natural resources supporting the national economy.

Al Ojaili commented, "The delivery of Ghazeer was a great milestone for BP and the Block 61 partnership. We wanted to find a sustainable and appropriate way to thank our employees for their efforts. The donation and maintenance of these trees will not only be an enduring legacy to the commitment and efforts of our team but will also contribute towards Oman's environment for years to come."



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CABINET MEETING

<FROM A1 His Majesty praises Omani women’s accomplishments

During the meeting, His Majesty the Sultan touched on the latest developments of COVID-19 and the concerted efforts undertaken by the government to provide vaccines and make them available to different segments in society.

His Majesty the Sultan commended those efforts and underscored the need to accelerate the pace of providing the vaccines for the largest percentage of citizens

and residents.

He also laid emphasis on maintaining the ongoing public awareness drive and applying precautionary and preventive measures against the spread of the pandemic.

International Women's Day

On the occasion of the International Women's Day, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere greetings “to the woman in Oman

and in all parts of the world”.

In this context, His Majesty the Sultan commended Omani women’s accomplishments as they attend to their respective families and upbringing the offspring while at the same time performing the tasks entrusted to them in public life.

His Majesty the Sultan reiterated the great attention accorded to women by enabling them to

shoulder responsibilities in the nation building process. He noted that women in Oman proved their mettle in this regard.

Speaking about regional and international relations of the Sultanate, His Majesty the Sultan reviewed Oman’s continuous co-operation and its support for all efforts made to establish security and stability for all countries and nations of the world. -ONA

CABLE

His Majesty receives thanks from Saudi Arabia

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has received a cable of thanks from the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia in reply to His Majesty’s congratulatory cable on the successful surgery underwent by Prince Mohammed

bin Salman Al Saud, KSA Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence.

In the cable, King Salman expressed his thanks for His Majesty’s noble feelings and sincere prayers, praying to the Almighty Allah to grant His Majesty good health and well-being. -ONA



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ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN

<FROM A1 Postponement of premiums of SME sector loans to continue

7. Exemption from the Tourism Tax and the Municipality Tax payable by tourism establishments till the end of 2021.

8. Postponement of settlement of the Tourism Tax and the Municipality Tax payable by tourism establishments till end of December 2021.

Fees:

1. Discounting by 50 percent of environmental permit fees that are renewed in 2021, throughout the period of validity of the permits/licences.

2. Exemption from fines arising from expired environmental permits provided these are renewed within three months. These permits cover commercial and industrial activities that require environmental clearance from the Environment Authority.

3. Discounting by 25 percent of the land lease value in the Special Economic Zone in Duqm and in industrial estates affiliated to the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates (Madayn). The discount applies for the period from January 2020 to the end of 2022.

4. Implementation of the option of “Fixed Tariff” on loads for top-consumption subscribers (consuming 100,000 kilowatt/hour or more) who are subject to the Cost-Reflexive Tariff.

(B) Incentives for the improvement of business and investment

environment are stated in the Plan as follows:-

1. Permission to practice business and investment activities after a business person or investor obtains a preliminary license to engage in business—without having to wait for the final license—after presenting an undertaking to stick to the prescribed terms and criteria governing the selected type of business. The departments concerned will conduct the regular inspection and verification at any later date. The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion will devise terms for the activity within one month of its date.

2. Companies registered as per the Foreign Capital Investment Law will be treated in the same way as Omani-owned companies where it pertains to Commercial Register fees. This applies to the firms’ engagement in business in the Economic Diversification Sectors specified in 10th Five-Year Plan and its enabling sectors.

3. Offering foreign investment companies—as soon as they are founded and automatically—three licenses for the recruitment of expatriate manpower as per the terms set when issuing the Commercial Register.

4. The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion will sign a service agreement

for/with all strategic investment projects valued at more than OMR1 million. The agreement states the rights and duties of the parties (including fees and required Omanisation percentages) during the period of investment.

5. Allowing companies to own land plots of 5,000 square metres or more and properties for practicing the licenced activities in accordance with enforced laws, as per endowment fees. Companies will be given three months to adjust their conditions. Exempted from this are the lands not allowed for investment by non-Omanis, stated below:

1. That the ownership of the lands and properties has to be within land areas suitable for the actual requirements for the licensed commercial activities.

2. That the companies’ ownership of land plots and properties is limited to purchase in residential-cum-commercial, and commercial, industrial and tourism uses.

3. That the companies utilize 50% of the purchased real estates for practicing the activities registered in the Commercial Register. It is allowed to lease or sell the balance of lands, with the exception of real estates purchased for tourism purposes and integrated commercial complexes.

4. Oman Development Bank’s approval for the preparation of a

financing programme to enhance export products and Omani services in cooperation with the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion and Oman Export Credit Guarantee Agency (Credit Oman).

5. That the departments concerned shall, within one month from its date, reschedule municipal fees related to commercial activities licenses through mergers in a manner that streamlines procedures and expedites their finalisation.

(C) Incentives for supporting small and medium enterprises are stated in the Plan as follows:-

1. Cutting down by 15 percent -12 percent the rate of income tax in accordance with the classification set by the Public Authority for Small and Medium Enterprises Development and their counterparts from among establishments not registered at the Authority and those registered at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion—through the two tax years of 2020 and 2021.

2. Continuation of postponement of premiums of loans of small and medium enterprises that are payable to Al Raffd Fund till the end of December 2021.

3. The awarding of government procurement tenders shall be limited to a ceiling of OMR10,000 for small and medium enterprises

whose owners are holders of Riyada Card. Exemptions can be offered by the Head of Unit if convincing reasons are furnished.

(D) – Incentives for the labour market and employment promotion are stated as follows:

1. The allocation of OMR20 million in the 2021 Budget for training job seekers and qualifying them to join the labour market.

2. Reduction of fees for expatriate manpower recruitment, renewal of licences for them to practice professions as stated in the Second Article of the Ministerial Decision No. 12/2021 issued by the Minister of Labour. This applies to higher and medium strata jobs, technical jobs and specialised jobs specified in Clauses 1, 2 and 3 of the paragraph titled “First” and Section (3) of the paragraph titled “Second” about “specialist of information systems security and protection, specialist of geographic and electronic computer network information and commercial agent” as follows: 50 percent for establishments and companies achieving the required Omanisation percentage and 25 percent for the establishments and companies which employ non-Omani manpower.

(E) Banking incentives are stated as follows:

1. Sustained enforcement of procedures on suspending laid-

out citizens till further notice, as well as citizens whose salaries are slashed by their employers/companies till the end of September 2021.

2. Instructing all banks to continue to respond to applications for the postponement of premiums and interest fees by all crippled borrowers affected by the current circumstances. The postponement shall continue for a period of six months more till the end of September 2021, without prejudice to the credit rating.

3. Credit incentive packages shall continue to be offered, including the lending ceilings, the facilitation of borrowing for affected and productive sectors, cutting down percentages of protective capital and other, to help banks, financing and finance leasing companies to shoulder their responsibilities in supporting economic recovery in the country and improving liquidity.

4. The Central Bank of Oman shall work with commercial banks, financing and lease financing companies to reschedule the loans to fit with new fiscal flows from borrowers to secure their ability of repaying and meeting their contractual obligations with financing establishments, in accordance with emerging economic developments, without imposing rescheduling fees. -ONA



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AHMED BIN HAMAD AL KHAROUSI

Omani donates blood 166 times

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Omani national Ahmed bin Hamad Al Kharousi said his self-confidence and belief in helping others increases every time he donates blood, which he has done more than 10 times in the last 34 years.

Having come forward to donate on 166 occasions, Al Kharousi has also provided much-needed blood on 12 occasions to patients who needed it during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Whenever I donate blood, I come to understand just how active my heart and body are,” he said, speaking to ONA.

“The need for blood during the pandemic is great. If the blood donated also has antibodies to fight against COVID-19, then the blood donated from one person can benefit three others.”

“Currently, there is a need for more than 7,000 units of blood, and I ask everyone in the community to come forward and volunteer for this task, if they are able to,” added Al Kharousi.

His first experience of blood donation began in 1986, when he was just 23 years old. While on a trip outside Muscat, he heard of a family member who required a blood transfusion to save his life.

“We found out that my wife had the same blood type, so we immediately returned to Muscat as my wife had offered to perform the donation,” he recalled.

Now 58 years old, Ahmed Al Kharousi donates blood on an average of five times a year. Despite his frequent donations, he has never experienced any associated health problems.

“Donating blood increases your self-confidence, because you understand the value it has in sav-



GREAT SERVICE: The Omani national's blood donation campaign began in 1986, when he was just 23 years old.

ing someone's life,” he explained. “Blood donation also helps identify any potential health issues within you.”

Rest of his family

It's not just Ahmed who has selflessly donated blood to hospitals when required: the rest of his family has also followed in his footsteps, with his wife donating on 24 occasions, while his four daughters have given blood 12 times.

That brings the total number of donations by the family to 202, or 90,450 ml of blood.

Blood donation drives in Oman are often carried out by the Department of Blood Bank Services (DBBS) of the Ministry of Health, which sometimes runs them in collaboration with social and corporate organisations. Urgent requests for blood transfusions to save people whose lives depend on them are also regularly shared

by the DBBS.

As part of efforts to assist blood banks in the country, United Engineering Services and MB Clinic organised on Tuesday, March 9, a blood donation drive.

Explaining the impact donated blood has on people who receive life-saving transfusions, the DBBS said in a statement, “Blood being safe depends on many factors. It begins by choosing people who donate blood voluntarily, and are not paid for such a service. Safe blood is guaranteed to patients by ensuring conditions under which blood is obtained meet strict hygiene standards.”

“Donors’ blood quality is first tested. Several tests to verify the quality of the blood are conducted, measures are taken to ensure the blood is stored properly, and they are given to people under the correct conditions,” the DBBS further added.



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AS OF 31.12.2020
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ASSETS	31.12.2020	31.12.2019	LIABILITIES	31.12.2020	31.12.2019
1. Cash in hand	306	577	1. Capital & Reserves	1,053	1,007
2. Deposits with Central Bank of Oman	100	100	2. Borrowings from Banks	71	92
3. Precious Metals	-	-	3. Balances due to Branches	-	-
4. Balances due from Banks and Money Changers	583	273	4. Balances due to banks and Money changers	139	143
5. Balances due from Branches	-	-	5. Loans and Advances payable	-	-
6. Cheques and drafts purchased	-	-	6. Cheques and Drafts issued & outstanding	-	-
7. Loans and Advances	-	-	7. Other Liabilities	213	237
8. Investments	-	-			
9. Fixed Assets	57	53			
10. Other Assets	430	476			
TOTAL	1,476	1,479	TOTAL	1,476	1,479

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2	13/2021/MM/HQ-10	Maintenance of Water Dispenser and Filters	25/- OMR	28/03/2021	14/04/2021	18/04/2021
3	14/2021/MM/HQ-11	Supply of Painting Materials	25/- OMR	28/03/2021	14/04/2021	18/04/2021
4	15/2021/MM/HQ-12	Supply of Building Materials	25/- OMR	28/03/2021	14/04/2021	18/04/2021
5	16/2021/MM/HQ-13	Supply of Electrical Materials	25/- OMR	28/03/2021	14/04/2021	18/04/2021
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Tender at The Serial	The box's location for Tender Bonds
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3 , 4 , 5 , 6 , 7	Third floor at The Directorate General of Quantity Surveying & Contracts in Muscat Municipality, Head Office, Darsait

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INVITATION TO ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
NATIONAL LIFE & GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY SAOG

The Board of Directors of National Life & General Insurance Company SAOG are pleased to invite the shareholders for the company's Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 28th March 2021, through the electronic platform for holding General Meetings, which can be accessed through Muscat Clearing and Depository Company ("MCDC") website (www.mcd.gov.om). In the event that the quorum for the first AGM is not met, Sunday, 04th April 2021, at 3 p.m will be the date of the second AGM, to consider the following agenda:

- To consider and approve the report of the Board of Directors' on Company's activity and its financial position for the financial year ended 31st December 2020.
- To consider and approve the report of the Board of Directors' on corporate governance for the financial year ended 31st December 2020.
- To consider the statutory auditors' report and to approve the financial statements and the profit and loss account for the financial year ended 31st December 2020.
- To consider and approve distribution of cash dividend to the shareholders as on the date of the meeting at the rate of 35 baizas per share.
- To ratify the sitting fees paid to Directors' for attending meetings of the Board and sub committees for the previous financial year and to determine the Directors' sitting fees for the upcoming financial year.
- To consider and approve the proposed Directors Remuneration of RO 179,900/- for the financial year ended on 31st December 2020.
- To consider the transactions carried out with related parties during the financial year ended 31st December 2020
- To inform the Shareholders of the amounts paid towards social responsibility activities during the year ended 31st December 2020.
- To consider and approve the allocation of RO 100,000 for Corporate Social Responsibility programs during the financial year ending on 31st December 2021.
- To appoint statutory auditors for the financial year ending 31st December 2021 and determine their fees.
- To elect the Board of Directors for a new term of office (from the shareholders and/or non-shareholders). Any person wishing to be elected to the Board of Directors may fill out the nomination form that can be obtained from the company's head office. The completed form should be delivered to the company's head office at least 5 days prior to the Annual Ordinary General Meeting, not later than Monday, 22nd March 2021.

Pursuant to the Company's articles of association and General Meeting regulations, by means of modern technology issued by the Capital Market Authority, we would like to draw your attention to the following:

- A juristic person, exclusively, has the right to authorize a natural person to attend the General Meeting and vote on its behalf through technical means, provided that this natural person has an investor number in MCDC.
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Any questions relating to this Notice should be addressed to Mr. Mohamed Jawad (Telephone No. +968 24730626).

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COMPANY REPORT

Respected Shareholders,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all on behalf of my colleagues and the Board of Directors of Muscat Gases Company SAOG to the 31st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the company.

A summary of the results of the company performance for the year ending 31st December 2020 is presented below.

Operating Performance:

Revenue:

Company's Sales for the year ended 31st December 2020 stood at 16.114 million OMR as compared to 11.833 million OMR for the year ended 31st Dec 2019.

Net Profit:

Net Profit after tax for year ended 31st December 2020 is 415,471 OMR compared to 389,384 OMR for the year ended 31st Dec 2019.

Earnings per Share (EPS) for the year ended 31st December 2020 is 0.014 OMR compared to 0.013 OMR for the year ended 31st December 2019.

The board of directors has proposed a cash dividend of 435,000 OMR, per share amounting to 0.0145 OMR subject to the approval of shareholders at the AGM to be held on 28th March 2021.

The board also reviewed the related party transactions as mentioned in note-24 which are within the normal business relationship.

Associate Companies:

United Industrial Gases Company LLC: MGC sold 30% shares in UIGC on 25th October 2020 for 2,050,000 OMR.

Market Share:

Muscat Gases is the biggest player in the LPG business in Oman offering a wide range of products (Cylinder Bottling, Bulk Gas Delivery, MGAP [Deodorized Gas], and export). MGC is planning a steady growth by increasing its products and service portfolio and opening new sales channels. MGC has been and shall be fully committed to play its national role in serving the customers with the necessary LPG needs. MGC continues focus on customer service and operational efficiencies.

Human Resources

Human Resources plays an important strategic role in the continuous development of MGC and employees are our key assets in this journey to success.

Omanization

Omanization and continuous development of National workforce has been given top priority. Majority of the functions and divisions are being headed by Omanis. Company achieved 42% Omanization as on 31st December 2020 and we believe that the Omanization will be adding more value to the Company.

Health Safety & Environment

Muscat Gases Company is committed to high HSE standards and promote HSE culture among its employees and distributors.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR):

As part of its ongoing commitment to support the society and environment, Muscat Gases has embarked on number of CSR initiatives and programs related to its mandate and operating field as part of its commitment to protect the safety and foster convenience of customers. During the year 2020, the Company spent 3,000 OMR for the CSR Programme.

Future Outlook:

LPG: The Company formulated a 5 years growth strategy in different areas to increase the Company's performance in coming years.

The Management's total focus on the LPG business has started yielding better results and the Company is committed to put all its efforts to maximize the shareholders return.

Thanks, and Appreciation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, and the staff, we are honored to express our gratitude to His Majesty Haitham Bin Tariq Bin Taimoor Al Said for His visionary leadership. We pray to Almighty Allah to grant him all the health & blessings to continue to lead the country on the path of sustainable development. We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to our shareholder & customers for their continued support that enabled us to achieve the results. With their support, we are confident that Muscat Gases will continue its performance and will be able to reach new heights of excellence.

Engr. Omar Ahmed Salim Qatan
Chairman

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020 RO	2019 RO
Revenue	16,114,242	11,833,448
Cost of sales	(15,233,234)	(10,875,314)
Gross profit	881,008	958,134
Other income	219,675	149,787
Allowance for inventories (net)	24,578	(3,000)
Allowance for expected credit loss (net)	(3,622)	7,147
Administrative and general expenses	(744,119)	(631,951)
Profit from operations	377,520	480,117
Share of (loss)/profit of an associate	(253,003)	9,519
Gain on disposal of investment in an associate	453,610	-
Finance charges	(98,183)	(59,825)
Profit for the year before taxation	479,944	429,811
Income tax	(64,473)	(40,427)
Profit for the year	415,471	389,384
Other comprehensive (loss)/income		
Revaluation of land	(420,000)	-
Deferred tax (on revaluation of land)	63,000	-
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	58,471	389,384
Basic earnings per share	0.014	0.013

Note: The complete account will be sent by email to any shareholders who request them in either Arabic or English as requested within 7 days of the request.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT
31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020 RO	2019 RO
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	2,749,566	3,138,365
Right-of-use assets	239,944	268,681
Investment in an associate	-	1,849,393
Trade receivables	531,063	-
	3,520,573	5,256,439
Current assets		
Inventories	232,260	175,850
Trade and other receivables	2,051,995	2,475,345
Cash and bank balances	4,540,051	2,538,938
	6,824,306	5,190,133
Total assets	10,344,879	10,446,572
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Share capital	3,000,000	3,000,000
Statutory reserve	1,000,000	1,000,000
Special reserve	1,457,067	1,457,067
Land revaluation reserve	753,887	1,110,887
Retained earnings	436,728	621,257
Total equity	6,647,682	7,189,211
Liabilities		
Non-current liabilities		

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WORLD



Death toll from massive explosion in Equatorial Guinea rises to 98

The new death toll is more than triple the earlier estimate of 31 killed in the Sunday afternoon blasts

MALABO: At least 98 people have died from injuries sustained in a series of explosions in Equatorial Guinea, the health ministry said on Monday after volunteers searched the rubble for bodies.

The new death toll is more than triple the earlier estimate of 31 killed in the Sunday afternoon blasts at a military complex in the coastal city of Bata. Both civilians and military personnel were among the victims.

At least 615 people were injured, out of which 299 remained hospitalized, the health ministry wrote on Twitter, citing the vice-presidency.



Television station TVGE showed Vice-President Teodoro Nguema Obiang Mangue visiting a hospital in Bata where the victims of the blast were being treated.

Local media reports showed children being pulled out from underneath the piles of broken concrete and twisted metal,

as well as bodies wrapped in sheets lined up on the side of the road.

Mental health professionals deployed

The health ministry also tweeted earlier in the day that it had prepared a "mental health brigade" made up of psychiatrists, psy-

chologists, and nurses to attend to the victims of the explosion in Bata. "Because the damages are not only physical but also mental," the ministry said.

What do we know about the explosion?

There were four explosions that rocked the Central African country's largest city and main economic hub on Sunday. The initial explosion happened around 1 pm local time (1200 UTC/GMT).

A fire near a weapons depot at the city's Nkoantoma Military Base is believed to have caused the blasts.

President Teodoro Obiang Nguema, the vice president's father, attributed the blasts to "negligence and inattention" related to the handling of dynamite.

Depots holding explosives ignited "when neighbors at nearby farms lit fires," and flames spread to the barracks, he said.

He said the explosion had damaged nearly all homes and buildings in Bata, a city with just over 200,000 residents, adding that he had ordered a probe to hold those responsible to account. **DW**



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Al Awadi Gifts & Perfumes ENT. LLC. hereby announces that Mr. John P. John holder of Indian Passport No. M1043441, Oman's Resident Card No. 74473226 and whose photograph is given alongside will continue his service with our establishment until 31st March 2021.

He is not authorized to represent the company after the aforesaid date; anyone who deals with him does it at their own risk and responsibility.

NEW GUIDELINES

Vaccinated Americans may meet indoors in small groups, says US CDC

WASHINGTON: The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Monday issued guidance to Americans fully vaccinated against Covid-19, freeing them to take some liberties include gathering indoors with others who are fully vaccinated without precautions while still adhering to wearing masks and maintaining social distancing in public spaces.

According to The New York Times, the agency offered "good news" to grandparents who have refrained from seeing children and grandchildren for the past year, saying that fully vaccinated people may visit indoors with unvaccinated people from a single household so long as no one among the unvaccinated is at risk for severe disease if infected with COVID-19. The recommendations arrived as state officials move to reopen businesses and schools amid a drop in virus cases and deaths. Federal health officials repeatedly have warned against loosening restrictions too quickly, including lifting mask mandates, fearing that the moves may set the stage for a fourth surge of infections and deaths, the news outlet further reported.

However, the CDC did not rule out the possibility that fully vaccinated individuals might develop asymptomatic infections and spread the virus inadvertently to others, and urged those who are vaccinated to continue practicing certain precautions.

"We know that people want to get vaccinated so they can get



back to doing the things they enjoy with the people they love... There are some activities that fully vaccinated people can begin to resume now in the privacy of their own homes," said Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky, director of the CDC as quoted by NYT.

She added, "Everyone, including those who are vaccinated, should continue with all mitigation strategies when in public settings." The CDC director and other officials said that more Americans will need to be fully vaccinated before mitigation measures can be suspended.

The CDC said on Monday that "a growing body of evidence" suggests that people who are fully vaccinated are less likely to have asymptomatic infections and "potentially less likely to transmit the virus that causes Covid-19 to other people."

The guidelines say that the fully vaccinated people must wear masks, practice physical distancing, and adhere to other preven-

tion measures when visiting with unvaccinated people who are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease or who have an unvaccinated household member who is at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease.

"Wear masks, maintain physical distance, and practice other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple households; avoid medium- and large-sized in-person gatherings," the guidelines added.

NYT further reported that the agency did not revise its travel recommendations, continuing to advise that all Americans avoid unless absolutely necessary.

The advice is not legally binding, but the agency's recommendations are usually followed by state public health officials. The recommendations seem likely to incentivize vaccination for many hesitant Americans by promising modest liberties after months of restrictions. **ANI**

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Oman Cricket celebrates Women's Day



WOMEN POWER: Apart from having Oman Women's Cricket Academy with world class facilities, Oman Cricket has a dedicated league for its female players.

Recognising the importance of female participation in cricket, OC officials presented purple colour ribbons to all the players

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Reiterating its commitment to promotion of women's cricket in the country, Oman Cricket (OC) celebrated the International Women's Day on March 8 by holding a ceremony during a Women's League game at OC Turf 1 in Amerat.

Recognising the importance of female participation in cricket, senior OC officials presented purple colour ribbons to all the players and match officials before the start of the game between In-

dian Social Club and Wadi Kabir Women teams.

Apart from having Oman Women's Cricket Academy with world class facilities where players are trained by qualified coaches, Oman Cricket has a dedicated league for its female players, providing them a platform to showcase their talent and skills.

"Women's Day is a very special occasion for us and our female players. We are glad to see that various schools and social clubs are coming forward and supporting the development of women's cricket in Oman. During the last ICC World Cup final in Australia, 86,000 supporters were present in the stadium to support their teams which itself proves that cricket is growing at world stage.

Oman Cricket will leave no stone unturned for the development of women's cricket in the country," said Madhu Jesrani, Secretary, Oman Cricket. Paul Sheridan, Advisor Oman Cricket, said: Women's cricket is one of the fastest growing sports in the world. In Oman, cricket is growing and thriving. We are fortunate to have such world class facilities available for all the budding cricketers. Oman Cricket is

regularly organising international tours and matches for Oman women's team. We are also proud to have a women's cricket team sponsor TM! Done. Their support is helping us in developing women's cricket."

Speaking on the occasion, Duleep Mendis, Chief Development Officer at OC and national team coach, said; "I am proud to say that OC has always endorsed the development of women cricket. ICC is also supporting all the nations to achieve this goal. We have provided our facilities to all our women cricketers for their development and growth."

Vaishali Jesrani, Lady Coordinator, Oman Cricket, was pleased to see the Women's Day celebration.

"Women are in the forefront of all major activities including business, career or sports. Women in Oman are now coming forward and participating in all sports such as cricket, taekwondo, badminton and boxing, which were earlier known only as men's sports. It is heartening to see that Oman Cricket is committed to offering regular cricket to all our female players and provides them quality.

Solskjaer plays down title race revival after victory

MANCHESTER: Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has played down the talks regarding the late Premier League title push after his team defeated Manchester City.

Goals from Bruno Fernandes and Luke Shaw gave Manchester United a 2-0 victory against Manchester City on Sunday which ended the leaders' 15-match winning run in the Premier League. With this, Manchester City remain at the top of the Premier League table with 65 points while Manchester United are now second on the table with 54 points. While Solskjaer is delighted with the victory, he insisted that Pep Guardiola's side is "too far ahead".

"We just take one game at a time. City are too far ahead for us to think we can catch them. Last year we caught 15 points up on Leicester, but City are a different proposition," Goal.com quoted Solskjaer as saying.

"Even today they put us under



so much pressure you could see we were playing against a very good team. When you come away with a 2-0 win and another clean sheet and a performance like this then you are delighted," he added.

During the match, Manchester United got off to a flying start and took the lead thanks to a second-minute penalty from Fer-

nandes, awarded after Gabriel Jesus had fouled Anthony Martial. Manchester City threatened after the break but Manchester United defended well to maintain their lead.

Shaw doubled Manchester United's lead in the 50th minute and with this, Solskjaer's side sealed a 2-0 win in the match. **ANI**

UPCOMING ODI

Williamson ruled out of ODI series due to left elbow injury

AUCKLAND: New Zealand Cricket (NZC) on Tuesday confirmed that skipper Kane Williamson has been ruled out from the upcoming ODI series against Bangladesh due to a left elbow injury. Williamson has a small tear in his left-elbow tendon and he had been experiencing irritation in the back-half of the summer. NZC Medical Manager Dayle Shackel said it was clear the injury now needed targeted intervention.

"Kane's been managing the elbow injury to varying degrees this summer and unfortunately it hasn't improved. He obviously has a high volume of training and playing across the three formats, which has inhibited his ability to recover. We believe he now needs a period of rest and rehabilitation to



get the injury right," Shackel said in an official NZC release.

BlackCaps coach Gary Stead said it was a blow to lose his captain for the three-game ODI series against Bangladesh, but knew it was the right call.

"Kane loves playing for his country - so it hasn't been an easy decision to step back. A batsman's

front elbow is crucial to his game and with the injury not improving it was clear something needed to be done," said Stead.

"We've got a huge year of cricket ahead with an England Test tour and ICC World Test Championship Final first up in May and June, and we want to make sure we have Kane fit and firing for that. We will certainly miss his class and leadership in the upcoming Bangladesh series, but his omission will no doubt present an opportunity for someone else when the ODI squad is named," he added.

The Kiwis ODI squad will be released first thing on Thursday morning. The first ODI against Bangladesh is on Saturday, March 20 at the University of Otago Oval in Dunedin. **ANI**

CRICKET

'Really slack, says Langer on MCG fine costing Australia spot in WTC final

MELBOURNE: Australia head coach Justin Langer on Tuesday admitted that his side was really slack in not completing their overs on time during the second Test against India at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

This slow over-rate fine ultimately cost Australia a spot in the final of the World Test Championship (WTC).

Tim Paine's side was docked four points due to a slow over-rate for being two overs behind in the second Test against India. If Australia wasn't docked these four points, then they would have stood at the second spot in WTC standings and they would have clashed



against India in the finals.

"This might be the silliest thing I've ever said, but our manager Gavin Dovey, he'd been away, he'd gone home for Christmas to be with his family. It wasn't until after the game that we realised our over rate was down. Now, that's

really slack on our behalf. It was relevant at the time and it certainly became incredibly significant over the weekend," Langer told SEN, as reported by cricket.com.au.

"I remember we were in the team room afterwards and I spoke to skipper Tim Paine and Dene Hills, our analyst, about it. I was a bit grumpy about it and I thought 'imagine if this cost us the World Test Championship'. And I mentioned to the players afterwards that two overs down could cost us the World Test Championship. And so, we have to get better at that and make sure it doesn't happen in Sydney and Brisbane," he added.

Earlier this year, Cricket Australia postponed the three-Test series against South Africa. As soon as the series was postponed, the fate of Australia reaching the final of WTC was dependent on the series result between India and England.

"How often do you get docked points in Test cricket these days? Rarely. And we had that in our control, that's an attitudinal thing. At the time, we probably thought it's not that big a deal - the players get fined - but that cost us the World Test Championship (Final) after what had been two really good years for Australian cricket where we were ranked number one again," said Langer. **ANI**

HOCKEY

Olympic year has well and truly started, says Graham Reid

ANTWERP: The Indian men's hockey coach Graham Reid has expressed satisfaction following his team's successful outing in Europe where they remained unbeaten.

The two-week tour was India's first assignment since 2020, a year marred by the coronavirus that disrupted normal life and restricted the team to nearly ten months of training in a bio-secure environment in SAI Centre, Bengaluru. "I'm pretty happy with the performance; I'm very happy with the way the tour was -- from point of view of getting some international competition. That was really important," said Reid in an official Hockey India release. In the four-match tour, India secured a 6-1 win and 1-1 draw against Germany in Krefeld. They followed this up with a 1-1 draw and 3-2 win against Great Britain in Antwerp, Belgium. The experience, Reid feels will be critical in their lead up to the Olympic Games in Tokyo.

"We go back to Bengaluru from here and will be training there for a



SUCCESSFUL OUTING: The two-week tour to Europe was India's first assignment since 2020, a year marred by the coronavirus.

few weeks before we set out on another tour of our FIH Pro League matches in Argentina. I believe the next few months leading up to Tokyo are going to be busy for us with competition and some training in between where we will work on the things we need to.

The Olympic year has well and truly started now for us and we need to accelerate our learnings," he said.

While the team will analyse each game against Germany and Great Britain in detail once they regroup in Bengaluru this week, Reid feels there were plenty of takeaways from the tour.

"Our performances against Germany were mixed. It was pretty good beating them 6-1, we took them by surprise and made good use of the opportunities, but we let too many penalty corners in."

"The second game saw better defensive efforts from us. The 3rd against GB was OK. It was a bit colder in Antwerp, different pitch and perhaps we didn't play

as well as we should have. But the last game (where India beat GB 3-2) was first-class! We led most of the game, came back twice from a stalemate, scored in the last few minutes which is a really important thing to get over," said Reid.

The coach also pointed out the team's niggles that need to be addressed when they return to the training pitch in SAI, Bengaluru.

"We will go over the data from this tour once we return to SAI, Bengaluru but the first thing that require attention is: making sure we tighten our defence. We allow them (opponents) to come back in the middle (of the game) a bit too much.

"We are getting into the 25-mark a lot, we found that during our FIH Pro League matches too but we need to get better returns from our 25 entries. Covert them into circle entries, goal shots, and PCs. We have tried some different things here in Europe. Some things worked, some didn't. Overall, I am quite happy," stated Reid. **ANI**

OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS

The price of Oman oil has declined, with prices for delivery by May 2021 reaching \$66.42, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil declined by \$1.93 from the price of Monday, which was \$68.35. - **ONA**

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MSM INDEX ENDS HIGHER

MSM index closed at 3,697.06 points, up 0.80 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended up 0.24 per cent at 541.57 points. Oman Investment & Financials Bonds, up 8.33 per cent, was the top gainer while Raysut Cement, down 6.67 per cent, was the top loser.

Treasury bills worth OMR162mn issued

The treasury bills are for a maturity period of 91 days, starting from March 10, Wednesday until June 9, 2021

MUSCAT: Oman's central bank raised OMR162 million by way of allotting treasury bills on Tuesday.

The treasury bills are for a maturity period of 91 days, starting from March 10 until June 9.

The average accepted price reached 99.802 for every OMR100 and the minimum accepted price arrived at 99.800 per OMR100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 0.79415 per cent and 0.79573 per cent, respectively.

Treasury bills are short-term highly secured financial instruments issued by the Ministry of Finance, and they provide licensed commercial banks the opportunity to invest their surplus funds. The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) acts as the Issue Manager and provides the added advantage of ready liquidity through discounting and



AVERAGE ACCEPTED PRICE: The average accepted price reached 99.802 for every OMR100 and the minimum accepted price arrived at 99.800 per OMR100. - **ONA**

repurchase facilities (Repo).

It may be noted that the interest rate on the Repo operations with CBO is 0.5 per cent while the discount rate on the Treasury Bills

Discounting Facility with CBO is 1 per cent.

Furthermore, treasury bills promote the local money market by creating a benchmark yield curve

for short-term interest rates. Additionally, the Government may also resort to this instrument whenever felt necessary for financing its recurrent expenditures. - **ONA**

TARIFFS

EU, US suspend tariffs in Airbus-Boeing dispute for 4 months

BRUSSELS: The European Union and the United States have agreed to suspend all tariffs related to the Airbus-Boeing dispute for an initial period of four months, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced.

In a statement following a phone call with US President Joe Biden, von der Leyen said both sides were committed to solving the dispute, dpa reported.

"As a symbol of this fresh start, President Biden and I agreed to suspend all our tariffs imposed in the context of the Airbus-Boeing disputes, both on aircraft and non-aircraft products, for an initial period of four months," she said.

The commission's announcement is the latest move in a dispute between Brussels and Washington that dates back to the early 2000s. They accuse each other of unfair state support for the world's two largest aircraft companies, the European Airbus consortium and its US rival Boeing.

The two sides have imposed tariffs on aviation and non-aviation goods worth billions of dollars.

"This is excellent news for businesses and industries on both sides of the Atlantic, and a very positive signal for our economic cooperation in the years to come," von der Leyen said.

The US imposed tariffs on cer-

tain EU products following a ruling by the World Trade Organization (WTO). Declaring European subsidies for Airbus illegal, the trade body had permitted the US to raise tariffs on products worth 7.5 billion dollars.

Just in November, the European Commission imposed additional tit-for-tat tariffs on US products worth some 4 billion dollars (3.36 billion euros) following another ruling by the WTO. The tariffs will be scrapped on both sides for a four-month period, as soon as internal procedures on both sides are completed.

The move marks an improvement in transatlantic relations that were strained under Biden's predecessor Donald Trump, who accused EU countries of harming US interests.

European Commission Executive Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis, who holds the trade portfolio, welcomed the announcement as a "major breakthrough." In a similar vein, Franck Riester, French minister delegate for foreign trade and economic attractiveness, said the suspension of tariffs was "excellent news" for the French economy and its winegrowers.

Certain non-sparkling wine from France and Germany had been among the products hit by US tariffs. - **BNA**

GOVERNMENT REPORT

Japan's economic growth revised down by 1% in fourth quarter

TOKYO: The Japanese economy grew at an annualised rate of 11.7 per cent in the October-to-December period, downgraded from a preliminary figure of 12.7 per cent, a government report showed on Tuesday.

The reading, which marked the second straight quarter of economic expansion following a historic recession, was below the median forecast of 12.6 per cent growth by analysts surveyed by the Nikkei Business Daily, Deutsche press agency (dpa) reported.

In 2020, the economy shrank by 4.8 per cent due to a consumption tax hike and the COVID-19 pandemic, marking the first contraction in 11 years, the Cabinet Office said in a statement.

In the last quarter of 2020, corporate spending grew 4.3 per cent quarter-on-quarter, revised down from an initial reading of 4.5 per cent reported last month, and an increase from a 2.4 per cent contraction in the July-to-

September period, the office said.

Private consumption rose 2.2 per cent following a 5.1 per cent increase in the third quarter.

Exports soared 11.1 per cent, thanks to China, the biggest trading partner, following a 7.4 per cent rise in the third quarter, while imports rose 4 per cent, marking the first increase in the second quarter.

The economic recovery is unlikely to continue as Japan extended a coronavirus state of emergency in Tokyo and three neighbouring prefectures on Monday by two more weeks. The measure has been in place since early January due to a resurgence of infections.

The government requested that residents in the regions avoid unnecessary outings and that bars and restaurants close by 8 pm.

Japan has never imposed a mandatory lockdown over the pandemic. - **BNA**

BENEFITING COMMUNITIES

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) on March 9 officially opened Al Wusta Sports Hall, Haima Slaughterhouse and Livestock Market and the revamped Haima camel racetrack under the auspices of Sheikh Sulaiman bin Salim bin Saif Al Mahrouqi, Wali of Haima.

The projects were funded by PDO as part of its Social Investment programme to benefit communities and boost sustainable development across the Sultanate.

Jointly funded by PDO and the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth, Al Wusta Sports Hall serves the youth in Haima and the surrounding villages and aims to supplement the sports and culture sectors in the area. The facility, which also includes a dedicated seating area for spectators, is suited for five different sports and can be used to host cultural events.

The slaughterhouse and livestock market is a municipality managed project aiming to centralise livestock sales and meat processing activities to promote hygienic practices. The project, which will serve Wilayat Haima and the surrounding



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: The projects were funded by PDO as part of its Social Investment programme to benefit communities and boost sustainable development across the Sultanate. - **Supplied picture**

areas, has a compound for selling livestock and meat cutting stations along with a waiting room.

The maintenance of the Haima camel racetrack, which was funded by the company, included a number of improvements such as setting up a new podium, installing shades and adding new areas for spectators.

The company has been actively supporting local communities and is currently developing a number of infrastructure projects in partnership with governmental bodies to provide communities with better access to key services and amenities as part of its social investment programme.

In Al Wusta Governorate specifically, the company has also provided specialist medical equipment and ambulances for Haima and Al Jazir hospitals, and is currently working on several projects in the area including a food and water control laboratory and a fish market in Haima.

STAY ALERT TO STAY SAFE

Bank Muscat continues anti-fraud campaign to raise public awareness

Times News Service

MUSCAT: In line with its commitment to social responsibility, Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate, is continuing its anti-fraud campaign to raise awareness amongst the general public against instances of electronic fraud.

With digital payments building momentum over the past, especially in the aftermath of COVID-19, fraudsters from across the globe have increased efforts to defraud the general public. Continuing its yearlong activities from last year, the bank has released its latest anti-fraud educational video in 2021 to help its customers and the general public easily recognise fraudulent practices.

This campaign advises people to always verify who it is they are dealing with before conducting a transaction and also follow 'best practices' for their digital safety. The bank's special educational campaign is being carried out using various methods including



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Oman TV, radio, print and online media, and various social media channels. The message provides examples of how fraudsters are perpetrating fraud and its consequences of blindly trusting people,

especially when making purchases through the Internet without being sure of the seller's credentials. The bank has reminded the public that they can contact the Royal Oman Police at 800777444 for

advice and queries regarding electronic fraud.

Global emergencies

Bank Muscat has also reminded its customers that times of global

emergencies are almost always exploited by fraudsters. It has requested all customers as well as the general public to stay alert at all times and follow safe banking practices including not divulging their banking details to others. In particular, customers have been advised to double-check and verify the account details for fund transfers using alternative means of communication like telephone calls before initiating a fund transfer or payment. The bank pointed out that legacy communication channels like email need not be secure as fraudsters can use their technical know-how to hijack emails between a customer and a legitimate business.

In such instances, they replace the details mentioned for fund transfers with those of the fraudster such that funds are transferred to the wrong account.

The bank also pointed out that fraudsters may also pose as bank officials and pressure victims to share OTPs, CVV numbers, passwords and PINs of bank accounts

and credit/debit cards. Once these details are shared, the victim's bank account may be accessed by the fraudster and funds transferred out of the account. The bank has reminded all its customers that it never asks for any of these details and that these should never be shared with anyone, including those claiming to be a bank employee or an official.

Cases of electronic fraud have been increasing globally over the past few years and often cause tremendous financial and psychological harm to both individuals and businesses alike. Bank Muscat has been collaborating on a regular basis with a number of institutions and authorities including the Royal Oman Police and the Information Technology Authority in the past to combat electronic fraud. It has been part of a number of anti-fraud awareness campaigns over the years. The bank will continue to post educational videos and messages on its social media channels to help everybody remain vigilant and fight fraud.

MARKET

MSM index ends higher

Oman Investment & Financials Bonds, up 8.33 per cent, was the top gainer while Raysut Cement, down 6.67 per cent, was the top loser



MUSCAT: The MSM index closed at 3,697.06 points, up 0.80 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended up 0.24 per cent at 541.57 points. Oman Investment & Financials Bonds, up 8.33 per cent, was the top gainer while Raysut Cement, down 6.67 per cent, was the top loser. Shares of Ahli Bank were the most active in terms of the number of shares traded while Oman United Insurance was most active in terms of turnover.

A total number of 748 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR2.8 million, with more than 18.6 million shares changing hands. Out of 47 traded stocks, 18 advanced, 11 declined and 18 remained unchanged. At the session close, Omani investors were net sellers for OMR190,000 while foreign investors were net buyers for OMR118,000 followed by GCC & Arab investors for OMR72,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 5,699.11 points, up by 1.29 per cent. Sohar International Bank, Oman Arab Bank, National Bank Oman,

United Finance and HSBC Bank Oman were up 7.06 per cent, 4.29 per cent, 2.86 per cent, 2.38 per cent and 2.33 per cent respectively. Ominvest was the only loser by 1.78 per cent.

Industrial Index closed at 4,665.87 points, down 1.36 per cent. National Aluminum Product was the only gainer by 6.31 per cent. Raysut Cement, Oman Cement, Dhofar Cattle Feed, Jazeera Steel Product and Al Maha Ceramics were down 6.67 per cent, 4.82 per cent, 4.35 per cent, 3.14 per cent and 1.44 per cent respectively.

Services index was up by 0.26 per cent before closing at 1,534.74 points. National Gas, Ooredoo, Oman Investment & Financials and Sembcorp were up 3.76 per cent, 2.50 per cent, 2.47 per cent and 1.16 per cent respectively. Oman National Engineering, Al Suwadi Power, Renaissance Service, Oman Telecommunication and Muscat Gases were down 2.06 per cent, 1.92 per cent, 1.76 per cent, 1.08 per cent and 0.49 per cent respectively.

— United Securities

OMAN STOCKS

MUSCAT SECURITIES MARKET

INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSM 30 INDEX	3,700.14	3,659.95	3,697.06	3,667.71	29.35	0.80
FINANCIAL INDEX	5,699.12	5,627.46	5,699.12	5,626.77	72.35	1.29
Services Index	1,534.74	1,525.31	1,534.74	1,530.74	4.01	0.26
Industry Index	4,730.18	4,665.87	4,665.87	4,730.18	-64.31	-1.36
MSM Shariah Index	542.21	541.10	541.58	540.31	1.27	0.24
MSM TR INDEX	4,270.28	4,223.91	4,266.74	4,232.86	33.87	0.80

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
18,680,339	2,856,721	748	20,440,850,509	18	11	18	47

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 9

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST BD	LAST OFFER	PUR VALUE	MARKET CAP
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REGULAR MARKET

OM0000003398	SOHAR INT BANK	848,844	77,393	33	0.088	0.093	0.088	0.091	0.085	0.006	7.059	0.092	0.091	0.092	0.100	221,540,113
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	5,010	891	3	0.138	0.138	0.138	0.138	0.133	0.005	3.759	0.138	0.135	0.138	0.100	11,730,000
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	287,155	117,672	65	0.406	0.414	0.406	0.410	0.400	0.010	2.500	0.414	0.400	0.414	0.100	296,887,134
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST & FIN.	385,829	32,014	31	0.082	0.084	0.082	0.083	0.081	0.002	2.469	0.083	0.080	0.084	0.100	19,671,000
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSUR.	2,730,759	1,091,259	12	0.400	0.400	0.394	0.400	0.382	0.008	2.041	0.400	0.394	0.400	0.100	40,000,000
OM0000002440	AL SHARJIA INV.	49,900	2,781	7	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.067	0.001	1.493	0.068	0.068	0.069	0.100	6,120,000
OM0000001772	ALANVAR INVESTMENT	1,612,102	125,757	38	0.078	0.079	0.078	0.078	0.077	0.001	1.299	0.078	0.077	0.079	0.100	15,600,000
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	644,857	276,247	25	0.430	0.430	0.424	0.428	0.424	0.004	0.843	0.424	0.424	0.426	0.100	1,390,795,647
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	1,235	46	1	0.037	0.037	0.037	0.039	0.039	0.000	0.000	0.037	0.037	0.038	0.100	11,978,707
OM0000003077	AL OMANIYA FIN.	62,128	4,769	10	0.077	0.079	0.075	0.077	0.077	0.000	0.000	0.077	0.075	0.079	0.100	22,475,008
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	43,350	31,750	11	0.724	0.736	0.724	0.732	0.740	-0.008	-1.081	0.732	0.732	0.752	0.100	549,000,000
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	84,050	22,916	18	0.277	0.277	0.270	0.273	0.277	-0.004	-1.444	0.277	0.277	0.277	0.100	15,015,000
OM0000002224	RENAISSANCE SER.	152,000	50,768	6	0.334	0.334	0.334	0.334	0.340	-0.006	-1.785	0.334	0.334	0.342	0.100	78,960,940
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	66,680	22,144	13	0.326	0.334	0.326	0.332	0.338	-0.006	-1.775	0.334	0.334	0.338	0.100	268,180,413
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	295,400	63,730	20	0.220	0.220	0.215	0.216	0.223	-0.007	-3.139	0.216	0.209	0.219	0.100	28,977,959
OM0000001740	OMAN CEMENT	53,619	12,694	15	0.240	0.240	0.236	0.237	0.249	-0.012	-4.819	0.238	0.238	0.242	0.100	78,416,832
OM0000001418	RAYSUT CEMENT	652,218	182,848	60	0.286	0.286	0.275	0.280	0.300	-0.020	-6.667	0.280	0.276	0.280	0.100	56,000,000
Total		7,966,136	2,115,519	368												

Parallel Market

OM0000003139	ALUMINIUM PROD.	1,118,886	132,550	80	0.117	0.121	0.116	0.118	0.111	0.007	6.306	0.116	0.116	0.117	0.100	3,961,431
OM0000005260	OMAN ARAB BANK	15,000	2,550	1	0.170	0.170	0.170	0.170	0.163	0.007	4.294	0.170	0.000	0.170	0.100	283,799,700
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	1,154,279	166,629	12	0.144	0.146	0.144	0.144	0.140	0.004	2.857	0.146	0.146	0.150	0.100	234,136,275
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	207,500	9,898	15	0.042	0.043	0.042	0.043	0.042	0.001	2.381	0.043	0.042	0.043	0.100	15,013,210
OM0000001517	HSBC BANK OMAN	2,872,751	253,936	35	0.086	0.094	0.086	0.088	0.086	0.002	2.325	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.100	176,027,526
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	248,004	11,853	12	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.047	0.001	2.128	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.100	5,850,000
OM0000006912	AHLIA INSURANCE	23,930	7,945	1	0.332	0.332	0.332	0.332	0.326	0.006	1.840	0.332	0.332	0.000	0.100	33,200,000
OM0000004735	SEMBORP SALALAH	6,400	556	4	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.087	0.086	0.001	1.163	0.087	0.084	0.087	0.100	83,047,760
OM0000004789	MADINA TAKAFUL	647,845	64,581	43	0.100	0.100	0.099	0.100	0.099	0.001	1.010	0.099	0.099	0.100	0.100	17,500,000
OM0000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	9,266	815	6	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.000	0.000	0.088	0.088	0.090	0.100	11,000,000
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	5,875	629	4	0.107	0.107	0.107	0.107	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.107	0.108	0.115	0.100	208,613,349
OM0000002226	AL JAZEERA SERVICES	3,200	973	2	0.304	0.304	0.304	0.300	0.300	0.000	0.000	0.304	0.302	0.312	0.100	18,361,282
OM0000002372	OMAN OIL MARKETING	200	142	1	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.000	0.000	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.100	43,393,700
OM0000003000	AI MAHA MARKTING	200	109	1	0.546	0.546	0.546	0.558	0.558	0.000	0.000	0.546	0.546	0.558	0.100	38,502,000
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV H	3,209	160	1	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.051	0.051	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.000	0.050	0.100	10,200,000
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	787,024	37,784	32	0.048	0.049	0.047	0.048	0.048	0.000	0.000	0.047	0.047	0.048	0.100	13,919,071
OM0000004689	SHARQIYAH DESALIN.	60,000	7,740	5	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.000	0.000	0.129	0.128	0.129	0.100	12,616,479
OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	1,860	96	4	0.082	0.082	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.000	0.000	0.081	0.049	0.051	0.100	34,419,250
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	111,258	5,192	17	0.048	0.048	0.046	0.047	0.047	0.000	0.000	0.046	0.046	0.047	0.100	68,742,269
OM0000007284	MCT DESALINATE	3,446	303	2	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.000	0.000	0.088	0.086	0.088	0.100	13,688,435
OM0000007090	ARABIA FALCON INS.	1,111	111	1	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.100	0.105	0.100	10,330,166
OM0000007910	AMAN REAL ESTATE	20,000	1,900	3	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.000	0.000	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.100	19,000,000
OM0000008447	OMAN RETI FUND	500	47	1	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.000	0.000	0.094	0.101	0.100	0.100	61,547,240
OM0000001178	MUSCAT GASES	99,175	19,984	15	0.207	0.207	0.200	0.202	0.203	-0.001	-0.493	0.200	0.193	0.200	0.100	6,060,000
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	41,813	2,135	11	0.052	0.052	0.051	0.051	0.052	-0.001	-1.923	0.052	0.050	0.052	0.100	34,434,723
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT. ENG.	16,953	1,615	5	0.095	0.096	0.093	0.095	0.097	-0.002	-2.062	0.093	0.093	0.097	0.100	11,400,000
OM0000001301	DHOFAH CATTLE	14,408	1,579	2	0.092	0.092	0.085	0.088	0.092	-0.004	-4.348	0.085	0.086	0.095	0.100	7,714,800
Total		7,475,293	730,511	317												

COMMENTARY



Peter Garnry

E-COMMERCE stocks are continuing their strong momentum this year, with the two biggest companies in the global e-commerce industry, Amazon and Alibaba, both reporting strong fourth quarter (Q4) earnings which bolstered sentiment in the industry, propelling e-commerce to new all-time highs.

The E-commerce theme basket from Saxo Bank, the leading fintech and regtech specialist is up 14.8 per cent year-to-date driven by strong investor demand and positive Q4 earnings.

The basket was topped by Amazon and Alibaba, and online traders in the GCC are already on board as both e-commerce giants came first on the most traded stocks in the e-commerce industry among GCC Saxo Bank clients in 2020.

“The pandemic turbo-charged investor demand for e-commerce stocks as the underlying companies were the big winners of the pandemic and lockdowns across every major economy.

It forced consumers to buy goods online lifting growth rates and profitability,” said Peter Garnry, Head of Equity Strategy at Saxo Bank. While growth rates and profitability were lifted by consumer behaviour caused by the pandemic, the next stage of growth for e-commerce companies will be driven by a move into the three biggest retail categories of groceries, health and cars, as the spending power and habits of the under the 40s continue to be shaped by the internet.

Growth lying ahead E-commerce penetration in electronics is now over 50 per cent and clothing is above 25 per cent and will likely continue to grow. This indicates where online in per cent of total retail sales will go in the future as the rest of all retail categories moves online. In cars, Tesla has shown that a lot of car orders can be done online with less physical store footprint.

There are two trends to look at on a bigger macro level. In the US and Europe, e-commerce will deliver its future growth from penetration of existing categories such as electronic and clothing, with the biggest growth set for grocery, health, and cars.

In emerging markets, e-commerce in electronics and clothing will be the key drivers as emerging market countries catch up with the developed world. These trends are important to get right for an investor in terms of key trends to watch in 2021 for the e-commerce industry.

“It is important to be aware of as an investor, so do not focus too much on performance but rather on

the theme and its outlook and research the individual names,” added Garnry.

Risks to consider

While e-commerce stocks have been rallying the past year, generating unprecedented returns for investors, this equity theme does not come without risks as well. An obvious key risk is the rising shipping rates that are currently at level three times above the normal and last-mile delivery costs are also soaring due to extraordinary demand which the supply side was not prepared for. This could squeeze operating margins in the short term. The reconfiguration of the global supply chain due to rising US-China tensions could longer-term push input costs and prices on goods higher which again could put margins under pressure. Many e-commerce companies have had a first-mover advantage but with big profits come more competitors and Amazon is a good case on this phenomenon as it experiences much more tough competition in regions such as Asia and South America.

Saxo Bank's 'E-commerce theme basket' consists of 40 stocks with a global focus, excluding travel and leisure stocks such as travel sites and travel recommendation sites, which have been put in a separate travel and leisure theme coming later this year.

The list represents almost \$4trn in market value and the group of companies has an average revenue growth rate of 40 per cent the past year with divergence within the group on y/y change in EBITDA.

Peter Garnry is the Head of Equity Strategy, Saxo Bank

REPORT

COVID-19 accelerates shift towards digitalisation

NEW YORK: A new report by digital services major Infosys shows that American employees like working remotely, employers cite greater workforce productivity but how to increase diversity remains a top concern.

The Milken Institute and Infosys report titled 'Future of Work: Insights for 2021 and Beyond' highlights insights about remote work based on original research. It examines the pandemic's impact on the workforce and offers recommendations for employers and employees moving forward.

The report, based upon surveys of employees and managers of large US-based companies, found that 80 per cent of respondents are very or somewhat satisfied with remote work despite higher workloads and a lack of social interactions with colleagues.

Nearly 82 per cent of managers said their employees are working more than they were before the pandemic with over half saying employees were working a lot more.

However, access to remote work options remains inequitable across income brackets with lower-income employees seeing fewer

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ACCOUNTANT

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Renault Oman unveils ‘refer and earn gift voucher’ programme

As part of this ‘refer and earn gift voucher’ programme, a refereee can win a gift voucher worth OMR50 for each reference once successfully converted into a sale

MUSCAT: Renault Oman, from the house of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles, has launched the ‘Refer-A-Renault’ programme. As part of this ‘refer and earn gift voucher’ programme, a refereee can win a gift voucher worth OMR 50 for each reference once successfully converted into a sale. All existing customers of Renault who have purchased a vehicle from an SBA facility will be able to participate in the programme. Referrals can be made by logging on to the website.

A spokesperson for SBA said, “We are delighted to announce the ‘Refer-A-Renault’ programme. A reference can be given by any resident of Oman who is an existing Renault customer and owns a Renault vehicle that was originally sold by Suhail Bahwan Automobiles (Oman) as a new vehicle. The refereee will be entitled to the OMR 50 gift voucher provided the reference completes a Renault vehicle purchase and takes delivery of same on or before March 25, 2021.” The refereee will be eligible for



the incentive if the reference buys a new Renault vehicle from any outlet of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles in Oman. A pre-owned Renault car purchase / Renault purchase from any other outlet will not qualify under this programme. A refereee can submit multiple references, but only successful refer-

ences will be considered for incentivization. The gift voucher of the refereee is non-transferable. The OMR 50 gift voucher can be redeemed by the successful refereee at any SBA premises for vehicle service, parts/accessories purchase or any other consumable purchase. However, the voucher

cannot be redeemed for cash and needs to be used all at once. The voucher such issued will be valid for six months from the date of issue. SBA is largely committed to supporting Renault Oman’s growth in the Sultanate through the major emphasis on customer satisfac-

tion and by providing world-class after-sales services in Oman. With a national network of 9 showrooms, 16 service centres & 23 spare parts outlets, SBA has further built upon its legacy of trust, excellent customer service and providing value for money to each of its customers.

PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN

Omran Group launches #DoubleYourDelight

MUSCAT: Omran Group, the executive arm of the Sultanate for tourism development, launched #DoubleYourDelight, a one-off promotional campaign aimed at encouraging locals and residents to focus on domestic travel opportunities. Designed to foster staycations, this promotion invites people to benefit from its exclusive and flexible offers; ‘Pay 1 Stay 2’ or ‘Half Your Money Back’ that could be spent at the hotel’s in-house services and facilities. The promotion aims to motivate people to explore and rediscover the beauty of Oman whilst introducing new tourism products that support reviving the tourism and hospitality sector amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The group is offering curated and personalised deals across 14 of its operating hotels to escape and relax while staying safe. Guests can book and indulge in



a peaceful getaway starting from March 9 until May 11 at one of the 14 participating hotels including, InterContinental Muscat, Millennium Resort Mussanah, Alila Jabal Akhdar, Crowne Plaza Resort

Salalah, Crowne Plaza Muscat OCEC, W Muscat, Atana Khasab, Atana Musandam, Masira Island Resort, Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve, Dibba Beach Resort, Atana Stay Salalah, Atana Stay Ashkara and

Hilton Salalah Resort. This exciting promotional offer will run through Ramadan, enabling the guests to enjoy a wide range of options that suit the needs of all types of travellers and offer them customisable experiences to spend unforgettable moments during public holidays and special occasions. These include dhow cruises, turtle watching, diving adventures, culinary and dining options, as well as sophisticated relaxation spa experiences. Guests are invited to book at their preferred hotel destination directly through the dedicated #DoubleYourDelight online platform via Omran’s website. In light of the current situation, Omran hospitality assets have taken extensive steps to minimise the chances of infections. All hotels will continue following relevant guidelines set by the Supreme Committee for dealing with COVID-19.

TRAINING COURSE



Gulf Security Services hosts award ceremony

MUSCAT: The Oman Electricity Transmission Company (OETC) recreation centre in South Mawaleh was the venue for a recent awards ceremony. The ceremony was hosted by Gulf Security Services (GSS), a local security consultancy based in Muscat that is part of Bahwan International Group (BIG). Since 2013, OETC has undertaken a programme of works to improve the security of their sites which are located throughout the Sultanate. GSS has assisted OETC in this programme, and as a part of their contract, GSS has developed five training courses with subjects ranging from Security Control Room Operations and Management to Incident Response. Course attendees included OETC Security Engineers and Officers as well as operators and supervisors from the Security Control Room. Courses ranged from 3 to 5 days and attendees were educated on a range of topics such as surveillance techniques, situational awareness, the control room environment, and how to cope with workload and stress. A particular highlight for some attendees was the opportunity to participate in

incident response training exercises. Videos produced by GSS displayed suspicious behaviour and even fictional intrusions into sites. Course attendees had to decide what actions to take, what information should be recorded and whether to escalate the incident or not. As John O’Connor, GSS Operations Manager explained, “The success of any security programme or project is largely dependent on three components: effective security systems, detailed security policies and procedures, and a well-trained security team. GSS see many companies make a significant investment in security systems but sometimes overlook the importance of the other three components. OETC have not and have continued to develop the security function within their organisation.” A summary of the five training courses was presented during the awards ceremony attendees and then guest speaker, Brigadier Jameel Siraid Al Hasani, gave a well-received speech on his time as the head of the ROP Oil and Gas Division, the importance of security standards and some of the security issues that can arise.

APPOINTMENT

Kims appoints new chief operating officer

MUSCAT: The Kims Oman Hospital, one of Muscat’s leading private sector healthcare institutions, has appointed a new Chief Operating Officer, Stefan James MacMillan Skrzywanek. Stefan is a healthcare professional with over 25 years of experience in managing and operating hospitals as well as working as a healthcare consultant, including five years as Head of Healthcare Advisory Services for the Middle East & North Africa for Ernst & Young. Originally from Scotland, Stefan started his career in the National Health Service (NHS) in London at a large teaching hospital and has over 25 years’ experience in managing public, private, and not-for-profit hospitals as well as valuable healthcare consultancy and hospital management experience in the GCC. Talking about his new assignment, Stefan says: “I am thrilled and proud to lead Kims Oman Hospital, which remains a well-known healthcare institution for its clinical expertise and excellence, quality of service and patient safety. Healthcare is all about touch-



ing the lives of our valued patients and their families, and through our continued efforts, usage of advanced diagnostics and medical equipment, as well as dedicated teamwork and innovation, I look forward to leading Kims Oman Hospital on to greater successes.” Asked about his vision for Kims Oman Hospital (KOH), Stefan replied, “KOH is already a good hospital, but I believe that by channeling the efforts of the talented staff and working together, we can make it a great hospital.” He continued, “KOH is a multi-speciality hospital offering a wide range of medical and surgical services, and

I want to expand and build upon this foundation by adding much-needed services to our clinical offerings. In the coming months, you can expect to see the addition of a brand new kidney dialysis unit, and plans are already underway to introduce chemotherapy oncology services to the hospital, both much-needed and in-demand services which will be a major benefit for the people of Muscat. Stefan continued, “In the short to medium term, I also have plans to strengthen our Orthopedic and Rehabilitation services by offering spine surgery with improved physiotherapy services, including a Health at Home service where a nurse or physiotherapist will come to the comfort of your own home to assist you with dressing changes or physiotherapy. Moreover, I want to build on the amazing talent that we have in the house, and you can expect to see the introduction of a cath lab, a stroke clinic, bariatric surgery, cancer screening, improved invasive and minimally invasive surgical packages, as well as new dental, cosmetic and dermatology packages in the months ahead.”

“Additionally, we have recently launched a new Executive Health Check programme which is proving to be very popular with our patients who are full of praise for the service. The Executive health checks – which include a plethora of checks including an in-depth analysis of blood, urine and liver profiles, ultrasound, chest x-ray, ECG, pap smear (for females), dental, hearing, and vision tests, as well as a dietary consultation and a comprehensive follow-up and analysis with one of our GPs – are doing what they are supposed to do, and detecting early signs of possible future health problems, allowing the patient, under the guidance of our GPs – to take corrective action, whether that be a change in lifestyle such as altering dietary or exercise habits, or in certain cases, intervening early to help identify and control issues such as diabetes or high blood pressure. In certain cases, the tests have also revealed polyps or cysts which need to be surgically removed, so the patients are understandably relieved that the early detection systems are working.

BUSINESS EXPANSION

Zubair SEC member’s company Al Zahi Al Shamelah expands laundry business



MUSCAT: Zubair Small Enterprises Centre (Zubair SEC) member Imad Ali Saif Al Ghafri has expanded the laundry business section of his company Al Zahi Al Shamelah. Imad Ali Saif Al Ghafri, the founder of Al Zahi Al Shamelah, was among the 10 winners of the Zubair SEC’s flagship Direct Support Programme (DSP) for the year 2018. Al Zahi Al Shamelah offers carpet, upholstery, curtain and sofa cleaning services. As part of business expansion, Al Zahi Al Shamelah will be launching an exclusive automatic laundry specialised in carpets and

furniture cleaning in the Governorates of Al Batinah. The laundry will also be offering home delivery services for cleaning curtains and sofas. Over the years Al Zahi Al Shamelah has gained the expertise to provide customers with superior standards of cleanliness, hygiene, and customer service. Its extensive experience guarantees quality service with optimal results and accuracy in work. The company serves the governorates of Al Batinah South, North, Muscat and Al Dhahirah and offers laundry services for carpets, curtains, sofas, mosque car-

pets and furnishings. **Alternative investment** Commenting on his decision to expand, Imad Ali Saif Al Ghafri said, “Market studies have indicated that the laundry industry offers great small business opportunity versus alternative investment choices. That is why I decided to expand my laundry business which is already doing well. I truly appreciate the unstinted support I have received from Zubair SEC. The advisors at Zubair SEC have been providing me with guidance and advice on how to take my business forward. The centre has played a

crucial role in my success as an entrepreneur. I have profited enormously from the variety of services the centre has been rendering. The centre has been a champion of aspiring entrepreneurs.” Adel Al Hubaishi, Executive Manager of Zubair SEC said, “We are delighted that Imad Ali Saif Al Ghafri has decided to expand his business after achieving success in his business. One of the greatest benefits of business growth is the fact that expansion normally gives entrepreneurs the chance to offer a diverse range of products and services. We are committed to helping budding entrepreneurs

reach great heights by assisting them to endure in the face of challenges. At Zubair SEC, we inspire our members by creating a conducive atmosphere for them to operate and excel.” To reflect the company’s continued innovation and growth, Zubair SEC has created a new brand identity for Al Zahi Al Shamelah. The new brand identity and marketing strategy for Al Zahi Al Shamelah were developed after extensive research and concept testing with the help of experts from Zubair SEC advisors. The new branding has been printed on all vehicles belonging to Al Zahi Al Shamelah.



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Amazing offers from Dhofar Automotive

The offers, which last until March 15, provide customers with guaranteed cash gifts of up to OMR 5,110, free registration, warranty for 5 years/100,000 km, five years roadside assistance and several other benefits

MUSCAT: Dhofar Automotive, the official distributor of Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, RAM, Fiat and Alfa Romeo vehicles in the Sultanate, announced the launch of its amaz-



ing offers on a wide range of its distinctive models from Jeep, Dodge and RAM brands.

The offers, which last until March 15, provide customers with guaranteed cash gifts of up to OMR 5,110, free registration, warranty for 5 years/100,000 km, five years roadside assistance and several other benefits.

The offer includes a wide range of models with cash gifts from OMR 2,100 to 5,110. The Jeep Compass Longitude starts at OMR 7,490, Cherokee Longitude at OMR 9,990, Grand Cherokee Limited Laredo at OMR 13,900, Jeep

Wrangler from OMR 14,990, Jeep Wrangler Unlimited (4 doors) from OMR 16,290, Jeep Gladiator Launch Edition at OMR 22,990 and Jeep Gladiator Sport at OMR 16,490. Additionally, as part of the offers, the Dodge Charger SXT comes at a starting price of OMR 9,990, Dodge Challenger SXT at OMR 12,990 and the Dodge Durango SXT at OMR 12,490. The RAM 1500 Bighorn Crew cab model year 2021 starts at OMR 17,990. All the above-mentioned prices post-reduction of the cash gift.

Commenting on the offers, Hatem El-Naggar, General Man-

ager at Dhofar Automotive, said, "Dhofar Automotive offers a wide range of its amazing models as part of the current offers. All cars included are renowned for the distinctive and incredible capabilities that position them as leaders among other models in their class. These models have earned the trust of car enthusiasts looking for strong performance due to their international quality. Through these valuable offers, we can provide our customers with the opportunity to purchase one of Jeep, Dodge and RAM vehicles at exceptional prices. These models can be purchased through affordable instalments and customers can receive a wide range of valuable benefits. Apart from including guaranteed cash gifts, they can enjoy a peaceful everyday drive and enhanced ownership experience with Dhofar Automotive."

The current offers are on selected models. The value of the aforementioned monthly instalments is calculated on the basis of a down payment of 20% after calculating the value of the cash gift for a period of 7 years. The financing process is subject to the approval of the bank or the financing company.

More than 100 winners in first draw of OAB Hasaad Savings Scheme



MUSCAT: Oman Arab Bank (OAB) announced the results of the first draw of its Hasaad Savings Scheme for 2021.

101 customers won prizes of OMR 500 each, alongside 5 winners of OMR 1,000 each from the salary transfer segment. As for Elite account holders, two customers won OMR 10,000 each from the Ruwi and City Center branches.

Commenting on the launch of the new scheme, Rashad Al Shaikh, Acting Head of the Retail Banking Division at OAB, said, "We are delighted to announce the first batch of winners for the latest edition of the Hasaad Savings Scheme 2021. This is the largest scheme in the Bank's history, specifically designed to encourage our valued customers to save more and ensure a stable future for them and their families."

"The Hasaad Savings Scheme is a motivational programme aimed at enabling individuals to manage their finances wisely and save every month so that they can deal with any emergency or unforeseen circumstances. We, in turn, reward them for their efforts by offering several prizes each month. The more they save, the greater their chances of winning."

The Hasaad Savings Scheme 2021 will see 101 lucky winners each month from the 54 branches winning OMR 500 each, as well as 5 winners of OMR 1,000 each, from those who transfer their salaries to Oman Arab Bank. This is in addition to a Big Prize draw which will see two winners of OMR 10,000 each, every quarter.

The Elite Draws will see two winners every month of OMR 10,000 each. This is replaced by an Elite grand prize draw conducted every three months with one lucky winner of OMR 25,000.

"I would like to congratulate all the winners of the first Hasaad Savings Draw for January. We wish our valued customers the best of luck in the upcoming monthly draws, which will take place till the end of the year. We foresee over 1,300 customers winning incredible prizes, ranging from OMR 500 to OMR 25,000."

Oman Arab Bank has a rich and proud history as one of the first financial institutions to be established in the Sultanate. Today, the bank operates a nationwide network of 54 branches and representative offices with 160 ATMs spread across Oman.

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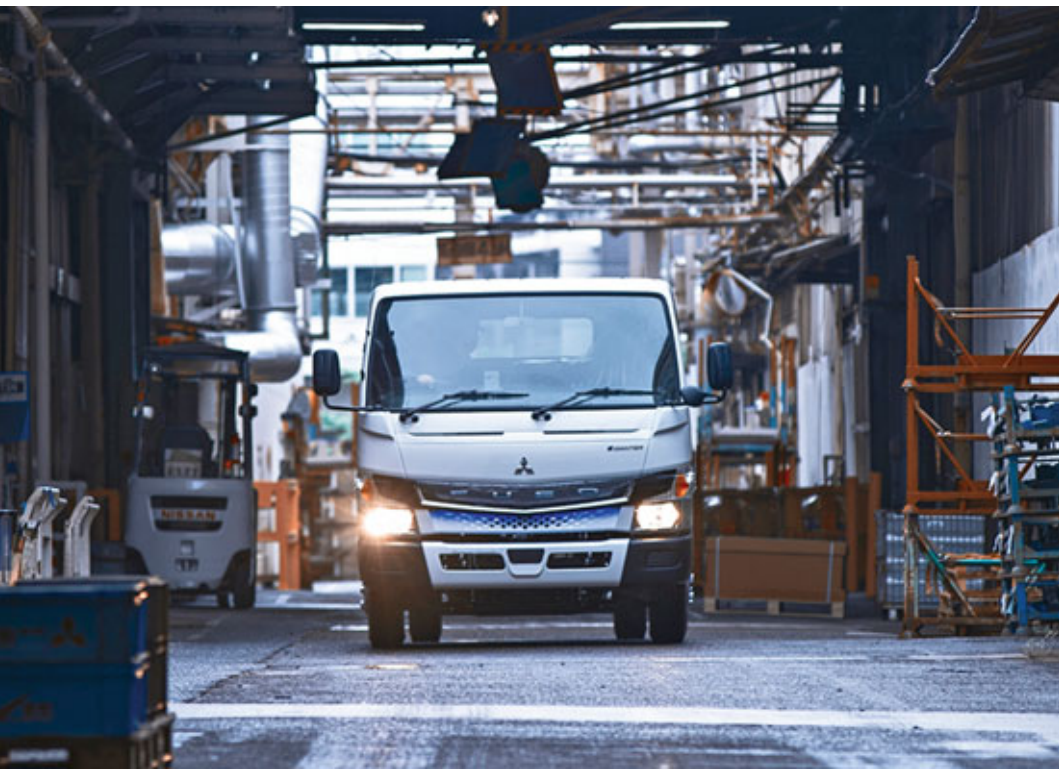
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MFTBC to participate in Tokyo Zero-emission Innovation Bay

KAWASAKI, JAPAN: Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation (MFTBC; headquarters: Kawasaki City, Kanagawa Prefecture; President and CEO Hartmut Schick) announces its participation in the Tokyo Zero-emission Innovation Bay (hereinafter referred to as the "Zero-emission Bay"), a council established as part of the Japanese government's "Progressive Environment Innovation Strategy".

The Zero-emission Bay was established to make the Tokyo Bay area the first zero-emission innovation hub in the world through collaborations among different locally-based companies and research institutions. With its vision to provide solutions toward the global issue of climate change, the Zero-emission Bay plans to support information exchange and collaboration among members on research, demonstrations or business development related to zero-emission technologies.

MFTBC promotes zero-emissions through electrification in the commercial vehicle industry, with its vision to make all new vehicles in the Japanese market "tank-to-wheel" CO₂-neutral by 2039. As a pioneer of electric trucks, MFTBC launched its first series-produced all-electric light-duty truck, the eCanter, in 2017. Since then, over 200 eCanters



have been running in customer's hands inside and outside of Japan, with the total driving distance exceeding 3 million kilometres worldwide.

In addition, MFTBC will begin the series production of fuel-cell trucks by the late 2020s, a commitment underscored by the unveiling of the light-duty fuel-cell concept truck, the eCanter F-Cell, and its driving demonstration in June 2020. As interest in shaping de-carbonized societies gains momentum within governments both inside and outside of Japan, the zero-emission eCanter, as well as fuel cell trucks to be produced

in the future, will play a significant role in achieving carbon-neutral transportation. In support of the Zero-emission Bay mission, MFTBC will collaborate with its fellow council members in the research and development of zero-emission technologies for commercial vehicles.

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