

## Vital construction industry issues to be discussed at Middle East Construction Forum



*Forum running alongside Hardware+Tools Middle East to feature leading industry experts*

*Make-up of the world's tallest building and green buildings management amongst some of the key topics*

**Construction industry professionals, including architects, engineers, developers, project managers, consultants and contractors, are all expected to benefit from the Middle East Construction Forum. The Forum will be held alongside the region's specialised trade event for the hardware, tools and machinery industries, Hardware+Tools Middle East - which takes place next week from Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre.**

A series of workshops and seminars on the issues and problems impacting the construction industry will make up the Forum which aims to throw light on new developments, innovations and legislation that are changing the way the industry functions in the international arena. As well as a presentation on the make up of the world's largest tower, new insights into green buildings management, safety management systems and best practices in construction will be discussed, to name a few topics. The Forum is being organised jointly by the UAE Society of Engineers - UAE and Epoc Messe Frankfurt, and features a series of internationally renowned industry experts on the panel of speakers.

"The construction industry is a vital part of the economy in this region and the Middle East Construction Forum serves to highlight the challenges and issues facing the industry," said Ahmed Pauwels, Chief Executive Officer of Epoc Messe Frankfurt. "The Forum gives an opportunity for industry professionals to examine and discuss in detail some topics particularly relevant to them. It also gives an authoritative take on the latest trends that are impacting the industry," he added.

Eng. Essa Al Maidoor, Chairman, Society of Engineers, said: "The forum will explore the latest innovations, trends and developments in the construction field across the region.

We are very proud of the partnership of Society of Engineers - UAE and Epoc Messe Frankfurt as we try to bring greater access to professional and international standards of expertise. This Forum will give you the opportunity to explore best practices in the construction world. This forum contribute significantly towards a best relationship between the government sectors, private entities and engineers that mobilize the vision of all the engineers in the UAE towards a motivated path of professional success."

Among the panel of speakers at the Forum are: Essa Al Maidoor, Chairman, Society of Engineers - UAE and Asst. Director for Engineering and Planning, **Dubai MunicipalityDubai Municipality**; Dr. Khalid Khir bin Khir, Accreditation Engineering, Emirates National Accreditation System; Alan Milin, Head of Technical Services, Mace Macro International; Waddah S. Ghanem, EHSQ Compliance Director, ENOC; Maged Farouck Hanna, General Manager, Society of Engineers - UAE; Nabil Shehadeh, Owner of Oquod for Contracts and Project Management; Jafar M. Khair, Group Planning Manager of Al Habtoor Leighton; John Mills, Project Director, Burj Khalifa; Amin Ahmed, Head of Certification and Inspections Dubai Central Lab, **Dubai MunicipalityDubai Municipality**; Mohammed Hassan Al Ali, Director of General Projects Department, **Dubai MunicipalityDubai Municipality**; Mohamed Taher Arafa, Chief Specialist, Strategic Planning Department of RTA; Mamoon Atout, Deputy General Manager of Al Turath Consulting Engineers and Zakaria M. Abdul-Aleem, owner of Aleem Building Evaluation and Services.

Other topics vital to the regional industry that will be discussed include; the Dubai Central Laboratory Accreditation Services; Developing Best Practices in construction projects; The Project Team and Make up of Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest tower; Causes of project delays in the Gulf Region and an Overview of Best Practices in Hardware, Machinery and Tools in the construction industry.

The Forum will run for two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> as an added feature to this year's edition of Hardware+Tools Middle East. Each participant will be awarded certificates for attaining PDU's (professional development units) from PMI (Project Management Institute).

Hardware+Tools Middle East will also feature a live demo area where visitors will get the opportunity to test first hand the latest technologies in drilling, grinding, welding and cutting. Also co-located with Hardware+Tools Middle East is a snap shot of the international trade event for garden, landscaping and outdoor living industries - Garden+Landscaping Middle East.

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