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Award of the first Construction Contract for Port Basin and Breakwaters of the New Doha Port Project

Mr Abdulaziz Mohammed Al-Noaimi, the Chairman of the New Doha Port Project Steering Committee, representing the State of Qatar and Mr.Sun Zi Yu, Chairman and President of the China Harbour Engineering Company Limited have signed a construction contract for Port Basin and Breakwaters of the New Doha Port Project.

The 3.2-billion Qatari Riyal contract is one of the largest construction works for the world-class port project. China Harbour Engineering Company Limited will commence construction of the first packages of Phase 1 of the New Doha Port Project, which includes excavation of the harbour basin and construction of the quay walls and inner breakwaters.

The project includes excavation of a 17-metres deep port basin and will require the removal of 63 million cubic meters of granular material and rock. The excavated material will be used to reclaim approximately 10 square kilometers of land included in the port development. The construction of the 2.7 kilometer long inner breakwaters will protect the channel for ships to enter the NDPP basin.

The New Doha Port Project forms part of a multi-billion riyal investment by the State of Qatar for the port and associated transport and industrial infrastructure. The project will create direct employment opportunities for thousands of people in the country.

Project Information

The new port will be constructed at an entirely new inland site located to the north of Mesaieed Industrial City and south of the town of Al Wakrah. It is envisaged that the new port will cater for the expected growth in port demand. The first container terminal of the port will have a capacity of 2 million 20-foot equivalent units per year, as well as increased capacity of general cargo traffic, vehicle imports, livestock imports, bulk grain imports, offshore support vessels, cruise vessels, coastguard vessels and a marine support unit.

The new port is planned to have direct links to the new and upgraded highway systems and also links to the proposed new railway system. This will also locate the port in the neighborhood of major commercial and industrial development areas to provide synergy between such developments and cater for Qatar future needs.