

## Qatar Cool's 50th tower operational in West Bay

Qatar District Cooling Company, also known as Qatar Cool, a major district cooling company in the region, has its 50th tower operational in West Bay, amidst rapid growth in demand for its innovative and eco-friendly cooling solutions.

In line with Qatar's National Vision 2030 for sustainable development, West Bay already boasts a comprehensive district cooling system delivered by Qatar Cool. However, the country's ambitious development programs, particularly the large residential and commercial developments in the West Bay area, have continued to drive demand for district cooling services.

Mr. Hasan Sultan, MEP Manager, MZ and Partners, a leading consultant company in Qatar which has designed many of the towers in West Bay commented, "We would like to congratulate Qatar Cool for starting operations on its 50th tower in the West Bay area with district cooling. MZ and Partners have long been advocates of district cooling and we are delighted that it is increasingly being recognized by governments, developers and end users alike. Not only does it allow them to save on capital and long-term operational costs, but they will also see an increase in their buildings' value by improving the overall appearance and through other factors such as noise reduction and better-quality indoor climate. Building floor space savings are also a result with it estimated that an average of 75% of plant space in a building can be saved, not taking into account the space savings related to electric transformer room."

Qatar Cool's operations have been steadily growing over the past few years. To satisfy the overwhelming demand, Qatar Cool is preparing to open its third plant in the West Bay area which will provide residential and commercial towers with nearly 40,000 TR of cooling, of which big part of this capacity is sold even prior to starting the construction.

Mr. Ahmad Shehadeh, Chief Financial Officer (Acting CEO) of Qatar Cool said, "Developers prefer district cooling. Not only does it reduce operating costs and building maintenance costs, but it also helps reduce carbon footprints, which is in line with the country's national objectives. To support this growth in demand we will be opening our fourth plant in Qatar, which is the third in the West Bay area. There is still a lot of scope for expansion, so we want to make the best use of it. We are passionate about this industry and offering our clients the highest service standard."

Qatar Cool has received multiple international awards and was especially proud that its district cooling services in the West Bay area was recognized by the International District Energy Association (IDEA) as having the Best district cooling System in the world in 2012. In addition to that, Qatar Cool landed the 'System of the Year Award' again earlier this year for its district cooling services in The Pearl Qatar district, from IDEA.