

## Qatar Cool Breaks Ground on 5<sup>th</sup> Cooling Plant on the Pearl Qatar



Qatar District Cooling Company 'Qatar Cool' signed a contract for the construction of its 5<sup>th</sup> cooling plant in Qatar with Gulf Contracting Company (GCC). The new cooling plant will be constructed on the Pearl Qatar and will provide sustainable cooling solutions to the emerging Gewan Island.

The signing ceremony saw senior officials from Qatar Cool and Gulf Contracting Company, including Qatar Cool's Chief Executive Officer Yasser Al Jaidah, GCC's Director Mr. Abdul Rahman Al Darwish and General Manager Grahame McCaig. In addition, Qatar Cool held an intimate symbolic groundbreaking ceremony on-site to mark this significant milestone with its employees.

Once complete the cooling plant will provide 18,000 Tons of Refrigeration (TR) to the 400,000 sqm island serving 659 residential units, 73 varied villas, 11,000 sqm of retail space, and 15 multi-use buildings.

Mr. Yasser Al Jaidah, Chief Executive Officer of Qatar Cool underscored the importance of the company's expansion to Qatar's long-term commitment to sustainable development "it is with great pride that we officially continue our expansion plans with GCC, by growing our reach with our 5<sup>th</sup> cooling plant in Qatar. The benefits of district cooling are increasingly being recognized, and we can share these with the community. District cooling is significantly more cost-effective over the long term than conventional cooling solutions, but at the same time, it also helps reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, consumes less energy, and decreases air pollution. Qatar Cool has ambitious growth plans, and this celebration reinforces our drive to support and make Qatar a sustainable green nation with every district we serve. We look forward to working with GCC and have confidence that the new plant will exceed our expectations."

Mr. Grahame McCaig, General Manager of Gulf Contracting Company comments on the occasion "Gulf Contracting Co. has a long and proud 44-year history in the State of Qatar. Over the past four decades we have compiled an impressive portfolio of projects in Qatar and in doing so have established a solid reputation for delivering excellence. The District Cooling Plant will without doubt compliment that portfolio. The Project is a very important support building serving one of the latest developments at the Pearl – The Gewan Island – under the leadership of Qatar Cool and United Development Company. We are confident that this project will continue to build on the already strong relationship that exists between our respective organizations. I wish all the best of success."