

# Khalifa Economic Zones Abu Dhabi signs agreement with Dana Steel



Officials of Khalifa Economic Zones Abu Dhabi and Dana Steel signing the agreement.

Khalifa Economic Zones Abu Dhabi (KEZAD Group), the integrated trade, logistics, and industrial hub of Abu Dhabi, has signed a preliminary agreement with Dana Steel, the flagship manufacturing unit of industrial conglomerate Dana Group, for the establishment of its first hot and cold rolling steel complex in Abu Dhabi.

Under the terms of the agreement, Dana Steel will invest to develop a 50,000 square metres facility in KEZAD. The new complex will facilitate backward integration of the company's continuous galvanising and continuous colour coating lines and will have 500,000 Metric Tonnes Rolling Capacity. This approach will help boost Dana Steel's manufacturing capacity in the GCC by replacing imported raw materials, such as cold rolled full hard coils, with a new 'Made in UAE' supply.

By providing a base for Dana Steel first facility in Abu Dhabi, KEZAD Group is extending its support for the Abu Dhabi Industrial Strategy, which looks to more than double the size of the emirate's manufacturing sector to DHSr72 billion by 2031 through a series of transformational programmes.

Mohammed AlKhodor AlAhmed, Chief Executive Officer, KEZAD Group, said, "Owing to the modern infrastructure and efficient transportation network

offered by KEZAD and Khalifa Port, investors such as Dana Steel are selecting our industrial ecosystem as a base from which to grow their operations in the UAE and globally. By enabling vertical integration of their manufacturing supply chain, we look forward to supporting Dana Steel on its journey to serve customers and expand its international reach."

Dr. Ankur Dana, CEO of Dana Steel Industry, said, "With worldwide demand for quality steel products set to grow, we are quite excited to start this milestone project in KEZAD, which builds upon our efforts to enhance value for our customers across continents. This project will be our 9th Industrial Facility within the UAE, several unique factors led us to choose KEZAD for this venture including the world-class infrastructure on offer, in addition to seamless connectivity to global markets and easy access to natural gas at competitive rates."

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Khalifa Economic Zones Abu Dhabi Group advances emirates's industrial strategy with 500,000-metric tonne Dana Steel project

products manufacturing in KEZAD Group's Metals Hub, the plant will also have capabilities to recover and recycle waste acid, enabling the company to pursue a circular economy approach. In phase 2 of the expansion, Dana Steel will install a Continuous Galvanising Line (CGL) and Colour Coating Line (CGL) in the same KEZAD complex.

Last week Khalifa Economic Zones Abu Dhabi (KEZAD Group) has announced the signing of a 50-year land lease agreement with speciality tissue manufacturer, Star Paper Mill, for the establishment of a new facility to manufacture recycled Kraft Paper Jumbo reels, diversifying the company's product offering to serve a growing demand for biodegradable packaging papers in the UAE.

Under the agreement, Star Paper Mill in collaboration with RC Paper Machines, will expand its existing capacities with an investment of Dh2800 million in a 59,000 square metre site in KEZAD to manufacture recycled kraft paper jumbo reels and high in demand, 100 per cent eco-friendly biodegradable bog papers out of recycled raw materials.

Promoting the UAE capital's environmental initiatives, the announcement comes on the back of Abu Dhabi's milestone ban on single-use plastic bags, effective from June 1, 2022, the first

in the region to introduce an integrated use plastic policy to cut down the overuse plastics to drive an eco-friendly future

Abdullah AlHameili, Chief Executive Economic Cities and Free Zones Cluster Group, said, "AD Ports Group is committing sustainable manufacturing through partnerships and investments within line with our wise leadership's vision to industrial competitiveness while maintaining long-term positive impact on the environment."

"Today, the Green Agenda in Abu Dhabi is moving ahead with ambitious initiatives which are already underway, such as the one-based bottle return scheme. Adding to are honoured to support Star Paper Mill diversification efforts in KEZAD to create a cleaner environment for the community support a circular economy in the UAE."

Hussain Adam Ali, Chairman of Star Paper Mill, said, "In line with the vision of UAE and create long-term value in the future sustainable and adopting a circular model. We are using this opportunity advantage for us to create products reduced carbon emissions and open sustainable industry."