

TABREED LAUNCHES TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

*Initiative aims to prepare UAE national university students to excel in
the private sector*

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates – National Central Cooling Company PJSC ('Tabreed'), the leading Abu Dhabi-based district cooling utility company, today launched a new training programme aimed at UAE national university students. The programme will commence in the upcoming academic year 2013/2014 and is a long-term commitment by the company to develop the skills of Emirati university students and prepare them to enter the private sector workforce.

The programme is comprised of three distinct parts including tailored training as well as theoretical and practical components. In addition to internships, students will have the opportunity to participate in a series of engineering lectures by the company's senior management team, while visits to Tabreed's plants aim to give students first-hand industry experience through on-site practical instruction.

The programme will run in partnership with a number of prestigious academic institutions in the UAE, including UAE University, Higher Colleges of Technology, Zayed University, Abu Dhabi University and Khalifa University.

Jasim Husain Thabet, Tabreed's Chief Executive Officer, said: "We are delighted to launch this important initiative and create new career paths for our students. The programme's objective is to make national students aware of the exciting and diverse career opportunities available to them in the private sector, while also fostering a greater understanding of the technology and engineering underpinning our industry and its crucial role in enabling the sustainable development of the UAE. We also want to mentor students and give them real, hands-on experience as they embark on their professional careers."

The internship programme, available to Emirati students in their third or final year of study, will cover a variety of functions including engineering, finance and accounting, communications, human resources, and business development. The programme's lectures and plant visits will be conducted by the company's senior management, and are open to all university students specializing in engineering.

Tabreed currently has 66 plants across the GCC and provides its district cooling services to many of the region's landmark projects including the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, Dubai Metro, World Trade Center Abu Dhabi, Ferrari World Abu Dhabi, Yas Marina Circuit, the Pearl – Qatar, and Bahrain Financial Harbour.

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About National Central Cooling Company PJSC (Tabreed)

Tabreed is an Abu Dhabi-based utility company that provides energy-efficient, cost-effective and environmentally-friendlier year-round district cooling solutions in the GCC. Founded in 1998, and listed on the Dubai Financial Market, Tabreed's cooling infrastructure is an integral part of the region's growth. The company now delivers 813,000 RT to major residential, commercial, government and private projects. Tabreed has 59 plants in the United Arab Emirates, and seven plants in Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

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