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Arabtec Holding (PJSC)

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Board of Directors Confirms "Financial results of the First Half are Positive"

ARABTEC's Projects are on Track, Arabtec has a Strategic Relationship with Aabar

- All rumors about delisting Arabtec from Dubai Financial Market are absolutely untrue.
- All projects are progressing in accordance with the determined timelines whether in the United Arab Emirates or abroad; in particular in Egypt.
- Arabtec has financial capacity and expertise which will enable it to stay on track and proceed with its project without any change. The Company will execute well-considered expansive plans.
- Aabar has sold a small portion of the bonus shares and it will not reduce its shareholding in "Arabtec".
- Aabar has faith in Arabtec and its ability to compete and win projects.

Abu Dhabi, 2 July 2014 – Khadem Al Qubaisi, Chairman of "Arabtec Holding" announced today that the Company is proceeding with all projects as scheduled for without cancellation or changes and it enjoys a strong financial capacity, defeating the rumors about the Company's situation.

In a press conference attended by the Board of the Directors in Abu Dhabi, Al Qubaisi commented "Aabar" is determined to maintain its stake in Arabtec and it will continue supporting the Company as a main shareholder, Aabar has sold a small portion of its shareholding and such portion represents a part of the bonus shares which Aabar has obtained recently, hence, its shareholding is now around 19%".

"However, Aabar is determined to maintain its stake in Arabtec and it will not reduce it, as it will continue supporting the Company in the future" Al Qubaisi said.

Regarding the changes in the executive management in "Arabtec", Al Qubaisi commented "the CEO's resignation was due to personal reasons and doesn't have an effect on the Company's business and plans", confirming that the Board of Directors will continue supporting the Company and the executive management which is able to execute its tasks effectively and efficiently.

Regarding the former CEO's shareholding in Arabtec of 28.8%, Al Qubaisi commented "any matter related to any shareholder in the Company is considered a decision of the relevant shareholder only, whether the shareholder decides to sell or to keep his shares this will not affect Arabtec since Arabtec is a public joint stock company. We are looking to achievements, projects and to secure the best turnover, and, and shareholders and their shares in the Company are changeable and not controlled by the executive management of the Company or the Board of Directors and have no effect on the Company's strength and financial position".

On the other hand, Al Qubaisi confirmed that there is a strategic relationship between "Aabar" & "Arabtec", defeating the rumors about lack of support provided by "Aabar".

"Aabar deals with projects on a profitability basis and it awards tenders as per its stipulated conditions and requirements, whether such projects were awarded to Arabtec or any other company. This was the situation in the past and it will remain the same.

However, Aabar has faith in Arabtec and its ability to compete and win projects whether in the United Arab Emirates or abroad and Aabar will continue its support by providing more projects in adherence to its requirements in respect of tenders, moreover, the Board of Directors will continue supporting and boosting the Company and its shareholders in order to achieve best results and turnover" he added.

Regarding the changes that took place recently, The Chairman said "Arabtec is a strong and deep rooted company which has been undertaking and executing strategic projects in the United Arab Emirates and abroad, enjoying financial capacity and expertise which will enable it to stay on track and proceed with its project without any change towards a promising future".

He added "the limited restructuring process which have been undertaken by the Company recently aimed at reducing expenditures and raising productivity, and it will have positive reflections over future performance and results. It's worth mentioning at this point that such restructuring process didn't have any effect whatsoever on Arabtec's capabilities, abilities and its human and financial resources. All projects are progressing in accordance with the determined timelines whether in the United Arab Emirates or abroad. A very limited number of employees, have been laid-off from different departments as we are trying to elevate the performance of the Company to the highest levels".

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Al Qubaisi re-confirmed that Arabtec will continue as a UAE listed company at the Dubai Financial Market and said "no plans, discussions or delisting application have been discussed with or submitted to the Securities and Commodities Authority, Arabtec will continue as a UAE listed Company at the Dubai Financial Market and all rumors in this regard are groundless and not true".

Regarding Arabtec's share price, the price is subject to supply and demand as well as the prevailing political situations in the region, availability of cash in the markets among other elements which are out of Arabtec's control, the same doesn't reflect the Company's financial strength and stability as well as its management's and projects fortitude and its future abilities.

Al Qubaisi confirmed the important role undertaken by the Board of Directors and the executive management to elevate the Company to the highest levels; confirming that the acting CEO Mr. Al Fahim has a vast financial experience by working with several major companies including IPIC. Mr. Al Fahim is exercising his authorities under the supervision of the Board of Directors and in harmony with the executive management team in Arabtec until an agreement regarding the permanent CEO is reached. This matter will be discussed by the Board and a resolution will be passed in this regard shortly.

Regarding the financial results of the first half of 2014, Al Qubaisi commented "the Company's business is progressing thoroughly and we are expecting good performance and vast growth".

"A Board meeting will be convened soon in order to discuss the results which will be announced in due course. We reassure the shareholders that the results are positive and we will always be in continuing growth".

Al Qubaisi confirmed that the Company will proceed with the Egypt project as scheduled for, the project currently is at its planning phases and we will commence execution, as soon as this stage ends, at the determined areas in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Al Qubaisi commented "Communications with officials in Egypt are in progress and we are all optimistic with the project's results aiming at making the dream of millions of Egyptians to find a proper home a tangible reality".

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"The company will execute well-considered expansion plans in a way that would achieve best turnover for the investors and the shareholders in addition to winning projects in accordance with Arabtec's standards and in a manner which serves the best interest of Arabtec and its shareholders".

"We will continue our quest to improve the Company's performance to the highest level, which, definitely, will assist in developing and enhancing our business, as this is the aspiration of any company of Arabtec's magnitude" he added.

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About Arabtec Holding

A leading engineering and construction group of companies specialising in complex projects in the Middle East and North Africa region, including high-rise commercial and residential development, infrastructure and oil and gas.

The UAE-based group's impressive list of completed projects includes iconic buildings such as the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, and Abu Dhabi landmark, the Emirates Palace Hotel; as well as other technically challenging work on airports and related infrastructure.

Arabtec was the first private construction firm to go public when it was listed on the Dubai Financial Market in 2005. Today, Arabtec Holding consists of many subsidiaries, with specialisations spanning all segments of the construction cycle. The group is currently working on some of the most prestigious projects in the Middle East, such as the Louvre Museum in Abu Dhabi, and is expanding into other regions. The group is also expanding in the oil and gas, power and related infrastructure sectors.

Arabtec's strong track record and commitment to timely and cost-efficient delivery has contributed to its rapid growth in recent years and a reputation for quality that has often translated into a market-led pricing premium for completed projects.

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