

bw-engineers Riyadh - engineering network of Baden-Württemberg, Germany established in Saudi Arabia

bw-engineers, a consortium of engineering companies from Baden-Württemberg, recently established a permanent representation in the Gulf region: Since July 2014, the joint venture with a Saudi partner has been registered in the legal form of a professional partnership and is now fully competent for any kind of engineering consultancy services. Challenging projects are ahead in Riyadh, Jeddah and Medina.

For several years, engineers from Baden-Württemberg have been active in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Based on an initiative of the Chamber of Engineers and the Ministry of Economics Baden-Württemberg, the consortium "bw-engineers" was founded in 2008. bw-engineers integrates design and planning offices of different sizes and disciplines to act together under a joint brand in foreign markets. The network with more than 800 designers and engineers currently focusses its activities on the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Now bw-engineers teamed up with their Saudi partner, Mohammed Al Guwaihes, an engineering company in Saudi Arabia. Engineer Mohammed Al Guwaihes spent over 30 years as an engineer and head of department in the Ministry of Water and later Ministry of Health, followed by twelve years as a member of the Shura Council. Since four years he runs his own engineering firm in the field of project management in the construction sector. He will continue to create business for bw-engineers and coordinate the local activities.

Early July 2014 bw-engineers has been registered as an engineering consultancy company by the Saudi Ministry of Commerce and Industry, further the engineer license has been granted by the Saudi Council of Engineers. Now, the new company reached full legal status and capacity to participate in public tenders in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states. For the coming fiscal year 2015 a sales of engineering services of about € 3-4 million is envisaged.



Saudi Arabia is the largest economy in the Arab world and the world's largest oil producer. The investment boom in Saudi Arabia holds thanks to economic strength and the stable political. A recent development plan of the Saudi government foresees substantial investments in construction and infrastructure, health, transportation, education and energy, amounting to a total 385 billion USD. Bw-engineers will participate in such future projects.

Already now bw-engineers cooperates in projects with Saudi partners, such as the development and implementation of the master plan for public transport in Mecca or the general design and masterplan of the stormwater drainage system in Greater Riyadh. Other smaller projects include road construction, sewage treatment plants, landfill construction and general engineering measure. Further prosperous development is achieved in the health sector. Two projects comprising the design of three hospitals each have been kicked-off in September.

In addition to the cities of Riyadh and Jeddah bw-engineers are now active in Medina too. Here our urban designers, architects and engineers were invited by the governor Prince Faisal Bin Salman and by Mayor Dr. Khalid Taher to run a workshop (see picture) on urban development perspectives. Our experts presented lectures about principles in future urban development and mechanisms for managing complex development projects. Currently, the framework and capacities for the management of such processes are under discussion.



From left to the right. Dr. Taher (Mayor Medina), Mohammed Al Guwaihes (bw-engineers Riyadh), Rüdiger Krisch, Dr. Thomas Ertel (bw-engineers), Prince Faisal bin Salman, Joachim Gass, Thomas Schopf (bw-engineers)

bw-engineers is looking forward to a prosperous company development in the Arab world. The existing network of 21 engineering companies are seeking for growth by additional powerful member companies in the areas of project management, transport, water, construction engineering, MEP/HVAV as well as architecture and urban design.

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