

# EIC aims to be eco-friendly



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Al Hanoo Holding has provided Emirates Industrial City (EIC) in Sharjah with natural gas in its efforts to attain global standards for sustainability.

Unveiling plans for environmental preservation in Emirates Industrial City, General Manager, Mohammed Al Hazaa, said: "Sustainability is one of the company's top priorities. And from the early plans, we sought to design the project according to the latest and most compatible findings in terms of protecting the environment, as well as keeping in mind the climatic conditions of our country. We continually stay up-to-date with the latest in sustainability."

According to him the project was provided with natural gas as it is not only a clean source of energy, but is also environmentally friendly.

"Also, the usage of gas reduces the need for diesel. We have maintained all the measurements that serve the environment, such as distributing project areas in an evenly manner, in which roads fit in with the total project area and treating and preparing soil to be ready for construction work, without affecting the environment. Investors were told to maintain these points during the development process," he said.

There has been a significant rise in interest among industry players about the usage of natural liquid gas as a clean source of energy, mainly due to the rise of global consumption and the increased demand for gas.

According to statement by Al Hanoo, global statistics have shown that the cost of reducing about four million tonnes of hazardous material would be only Dh1.1 billion, while the cost for clearing the same quantity would exceed Dh3.6bn.

"Average cost per tonne can be estimated, according to the type and depth of the cleaning process, and will range between Dh270 and Dh720.

Many economical and energy-related initiatives are calling for countries to join treaties, such as the Kyoto Treaty on climate change, which seeks to reduce pollution between 2008 and 2012 with a percentage of 5.2 per cent, as opposed to the percentage recorded in 1990.

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