



QATAR – SEMINAR MISSION ON CONSTRUCTION, DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND RISKS

- Gain local insight and network with major Qatari and international developers
- Understand risk management from local and international perspectives and learn about options for effective alternative dispute resolution (ADR)

31 October – 2 November 2010

Why construction risks and dispute resolution in Qatar?

Qatar's economy is growing faster than almost any other in the world, with a forecast real GDP growth of 19.4% in 2010 as new LNG plants come on stream. Qatar has made no secret of its ambitions to be a regional leader in the modernisation of its infrastructure, including high-profile bids for the World Cup and construction of a rail network from scratch. Construction projects continue apace, providing excellent opportunities for the UK construction sector and associated professional service providers.

The rapid and dramatic rise in this sector has presented an increasing risk of disputes in construction projects. The Qatari authorities, construction and legal sectors are looking at various mechanisms to mitigate the effect of these. While Qatari courts are reliable, they lack specific expertise in construction law. One focus of this mission will be a seminar with key local stakeholders to explore the reasons why such disputes arise, methods for alternative dispute resolution and practical and legal risks within construction projects.

UKTI is looking for a balanced delegation of UK construction companies and law firms to take part in the mission. At the seminar, some delegates will be asked to deliver a formal presentation, and others will be invited on to panels or round-tables as part of the event. There will also be a series of group meetings and briefings on 31 October, and opportunities for follow-up meetings on 2 November.

Overseas Market Introduction Service

UK Trade & Investment offers a service to provide targeted research to companies under the Overseas Market Introduction Service (OMIS). This could include useful business contacts in defined sectors, and assistance in setting up meetings with contacts. Delegates, especially those new to the market, are strongly recommended to use this service in preparation for this mission. Contact Bassam Tahtamouni at the British Embassy in Doha: email bassam.tahtamouni@fco.gov.uk or telephone: +974 4962075

WHY CHOOSE A SEMINAR MISSION?

One of the main events of the mission will be the seminar in Doha. This is expected to be attended by high level delegates from both the public and private sectors in Qatar, with a key note speech being given by a senior official from a Qatari company or organisation. A mission brochure will be produced featuring all companies accepted by UKTI on to the mission. This will be widely distributed at the mission events. Although not all companies will be invited to make a keynote speech, there will be opportunities for all to either be on a panel or lead a round-table discussion. Please note that UKTI reserves the right to restrict participation in the mission in the interests of getting a balanced construction and legal delegation.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME
(subject to change)

Saturday 30 October
Delegates arrive in Qatar

Sunday 31 October
Mission Briefing & Group Meetings

Monday 1 November
Construction Risks and Dispute
resolution seminar
Evening reception

Tuesday 2 November
Opportunities for 1-1 meetings

PLEASE SEND YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
FORM TO:

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM – QATAR
CONSTRUCTION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION
MISSION, 31 OCTOBER-2 NOVEMBER 2010**

Name:

Position:

Company and address:

Phone number:

Fax number:

Email:

Proposed seminar paper:

Return form to Sue Davie by **1 October 2010**

FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

UK Trade & Investment (UKTI) will fund group costs associated with this seminar mission (including organisation of the seminar, group meetings, city travel and a mission brochure). Companies will be responsible for the cost of travelling to Qatar and hotels. There is no management fee. SMEs new to exporting, or exploring Qatar for the first time, may be eligible for a travel grant from their regional UKTI office. Contact details will be given on receipt of your booking form.

BOOKING PROCEDURE

Complete this expression of interest form (including a proposed title for your seminar paper) and return to Sue Davie, fax 020 7824 1929 or email: sd@britishexpertise.org

Please direct any general enquiries on the mission to the Mission Manager Dominic James, telephone 020 7824 1924 or email: dj@britishexpertise.org

The closing date is Friday 1 October, but you are advised to express interest as soon as possible. Please do not book any travel until we confirm your place. A mission booking form, further information (including recommended flights and hotels) and the date of a briefing meeting will be given on receipt of your expression of interest form.