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## **EGA partners with Emirates Environmental Group to open new recycling centres in schools**

- *EGA will also plant 150 trees as part of the initiative*
- *Centres aimed at increasing awareness of recycling amongst students*

**United Arab Emirates:** Emirates Global Aluminium, the largest industrial company in the United Arab Emirates outside oil and gas, celebrated the opening of a new recycling centre at Ibin Seena School in Abu Dhabi. The initiative is part of a waste management awareness campaign and will be conducted in five schools in collaboration with Emirates Environmental Group (EEG). Additionally, EGA will plant a total of 150 trees at the schools this year.

The placement of the centres is aimed at increasing awareness of recycling amongst students and to encourage the habit of segregating waste at source. The centre will have facilities for three types of disposals: paper, plastic and aluminium cans. Monthly and end-of-year reports will be generated by EEG to track the volume of materials collected for recycling, along with the carbon emissions mitigated, trees saved, and landfill avoided.. At the end of the year, the top three schools will be awarded for their recycling efforts.

Khalid Buhmaid, Senior Vice President, Government Relations said: "As a major recycler of industrial waste, EGA has always sought to operate in a sustainable way as we aim to meet our environmental and social responsibilities. The opening of this new recycling centre is part of EGA's strong commitment to protecting the environment. Through this initiative, we aim to raise awareness about recycling and waste management amongst students, while also taking action into limiting waste."

Habiba Al Mar'ashi, Chairperson of Emirates Environmental Group, said: "The tree planting and the implementation of these Recycling Centres highlight the strong partnership between EEG and EGA. It is an excellent example of a multi-stakeholder engagement to help local communities and promote sustainability in the UAE and the Arab World. As His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of UAE, declared 2018 as the 'Year of Zayed', I truly believe initiatives and partnerships such

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as these truly capture the commitment and passion that Sheikh Zayed envisioned our society to attain."

Since 2010, EGA has invested almost \$1 billion in environmental technologies and facilities to reduce and manage its emissions and waste. EGA's long term aim is to send zero process waste to landfill, and the company engages with other industries to find productive uses for its waste streams.

EGA's biggest single contribution to environmental sustainability is the continuous improvement over decades of its core industrial processes, reducing costs and environmental emissions.

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## About EGA

*Emirates Global Aluminium is equally-owned by Mubadala Investment Company of Abu Dhabi and the Investment Corporation of Dubai.*

*It is the largest industrial company in the United Arab Emirates outside the oil and gas industry, and the largest company jointly owned by the two Emirates.*

*EGA's aluminium is the second largest made-in-the UAE export after oil and gas. In 2017, EGA produced 2.6 million tonnes of cast metal. EGA is the only UAE producer and makes the UAE the fifth largest aluminium producing nation in the world.*

*EGA has more than 350 customers in over 60 countries. About 80 per cent of EGA's production is value added products, one of the highest proportions of any aluminium company in the world.*

*EGA's aluminium is primarily used in the construction, automotive, packaging, aerospace and electronics industries.*

*Over 10 per cent of EGA's production is sold in the UAE to around 26 downstream aluminium companies that make products with EGA's aluminium. The growing broader aluminium sector in the UAE already employs around 30,000 people, making it the largest employer amongst the UAE's energy intensive industries.*

*EGA itself employs around 7,000 of these people including almost 1,200 UAE Nationals.*

*EGA has focused on technology development for over 25 years. EGA has used its own technology for every smelter expansion since the 1990s and has retrofitted all its older production lines. In 2016 EGA became the first UAE industrial company to licence its core industrial process technology internationally.*

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*As a corporate citizen of the UAE, Emirates Global Aluminium aspires in all its operations to be measured amongst the world's leading metals and mining companies in meeting its environmental and social responsibilities.*

*In 2017, EGA became the first Middle East headquartered company to join the Aluminium Stewardship Initiative, a global programme to foster greater sustainability and transparency in the aluminium industry.*

*EGA was formed in 2014 through the merger of Dubai Aluminium and Emirates Aluminium.*

*DUBAL's Jebel Ali aluminium smelter began production in 1979. At almost five square kilometres, EGA's Jebel Ali site is five times bigger than Dubai Mall.*

*EMAL started production in 2009 and its Al Taweelah aluminium smelter was the largest single-site aluminium smelter in the world when completed. EGA's Al Taweelah site is five times bigger than Al Maryah Island at six square kilometres.*

*EGA has its own power stations at both sites, producing electricity to meet its needs. EGA's electricity generation capacity is 5,450 megawatts, making EGA the third largest electricity generator in the UAE after the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority and the Abu Dhabi Water and Electricity Authority.*

*EGA also produces water through desalination units at its power plants. In addition to meeting its own water requirements, EGA supplies 1.5 per cent of the water needs of Dubai as well as commercial water customers and bottlers.*

*Today EGA is expanding upstream and internationally to secure the natural resources the UAE's aluminium industry needs and create new revenue streams.*

*EGA's wholly-owned subsidiary Guinea Alumina Corporation is building a bauxite mine and associated export infrastructure in the Republic of Guinea in West Africa, in one of the largest greenfield investments in that country in over 40 years.*

*In the UAE, EGA is building the country's first alumina refinery at Al Taweelah. The project will reduce the UAE's dependence on imported alumina and supply 75 per cent of the Al Taweelah smelter's needs.*

*For more information on EGA please visit [www.ega.ae](http://www.ega.ae).*

### **About Emirates Environmental Group (EEG):**

*Emirates Environmental Group (EEG): EEG is a professional working group established in 1991 devoted to protecting the environment through the means of education, action programs and community involvement. The organization is open to men and women of all nationalities. EEG is actively encouraged and supported by concerned local and federal government agencies. It is the first environmental NGO in the world to be ISO 14001 certified and the only organisation of its kind in the UAE with accredited status to the United Nations Convention to Combating Desertification (UNCCD) and the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), EEG is the member of the UN Global Compact, the International Union of Conservation for Nature (IUCN) and the GEF-CSO Network. For more information contact us: email: [eeg@emirates.net.ae](mailto:eeg@emirates.net.ae); Tel: 04-3448622; Fax: 04-3448677 and please visit our bi-lingual website: [www.eeg-uae.org](http://www.eeg-uae.org)*