

TRANSPORT UAE

China State secures work on Dubai road junction

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has awarded Beijing-based China State Construction Engineering Corporation a AED482m (\$131m) contract to build a new flyover crossing Sheikh Zayed road.

The new intersection will be built between interchange 2 at Safa Park and interchange 3 at Al-Manara and will connect to Umm al-Sheif Street, Latifa bint Hamdan Street and Al-Zomorrud Street.

The award is the latest road deal to be let by the RTA. In early December, it awarded the local Wade Adams Contracting the AED474m contract for the second phase of the extension to Academic City road.

Due for completion by the fourth quarter of 2017, the 25-kilometre-long extension will have four lanes in each direction and will run from the intersection on the Dubai to Al-Ain highway to Yalays Road.

Other road projects are being tendered. They include an intersection as part of the Shindagha corridor scheme, as well as new roads and junctions in the Business Bay area.

For the Shindagha corridor junction, Wade Adams submitted a low bid of AED611m in early November. That contract involves the upgrade of the Sana junction in the Karama area next to Zabeel Park on the road leading from World Trade Centre to the Burjuman Centre.

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Ssangyong tie-ups win Dubai projects

Contracts cover work on Palm Jumeirah and at Dubai International Financial Centre

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The Investment Corporation of Dubai (ICD) has selected contracting joint ventures for early works contracts for two of its projects in Dubai. These initial agreements are expected to lead to main construction contract awards later this year.

Both joint ventures include South Korea's Ssangyong Engineering & Construction. ICD bought a controlling stake in the firm for about \$181m in February 2014.

For the expansion of the Atlantis resort on the Palm Jumeirah, ICD has selected a joint venture of Ssangyong and the local/Belgian Bel Hasa Six Construct. For the ICD Brookfield Place at Dubai International Financial Centre, which ICD



is developing with Canada's Brookfield, a joint venture of Ssangyong and Brookfield Multiplex has been selected. Brookfield bought Australian contracting and development firm Multiplex in 2007.

Known as the Royal Atlantis Resort & Residences, the Atlantis expansion will be built next to the existing Atlantis hotel, which opened in 2008 on the crescent of the Palm Jumeirah.

The new 800-room, 46-storey hotel will be managed by Bahamas-based luxury hotel developer and operator Kerzner International. The development will also include 250 luxury residences, as well as retail outlets. The property is scheduled for completion by 2017.

New York-based Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates is the architect for the project, and Canadian-owned WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff is providing a broad range of engineering and environmental consultancy

services. London-based GA Design has been appointed to do the interiors for the resort and US-based SM Design is working on the interiors for The Residences.

UK-based Faithful+Gould is the project manager. Kerzner International is the development manager. The project client is the Investment Corporation of Dubai. ICD bought an equity stake in Kerzner International Holdings in 2014.

The ICD Brookfield Place project involves building a 50-storey office tower, with a hotel and retail outlets. It is understood the UK's Foster+Partners and US-based Aecom are among the consultants working on the project.

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**Dutco to repair fire-damaged
Address Downtown Dubai hotel**

Local developer Emaar Properties has engaged contractors to repair the damage done to The Address Downtown Dubai hotel by a fire on New Year's Eve. The work is expected to be carried out by the local/UK Dutco Balfour Beatty and its subsidiary BK Gulf.
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