

Five bid for Dubai Metro contract

Construction work on Route 2020 project is scheduled to start this year

Dubai's Roads & Transport Authority (RTA) received technical bids on 17 January from five groups for the design-and-build of the new metro link connecting to the Dubai Expo 2020 site. The bidders are:

- Mapa Gunal (Turkey)/ China Railway Group (China)/CSR Corporation (China)
- Acciona (Spain)/ Gulermak (Turkey)/ Alstom (France)
- Obayashi (Japan)/ Wade Adams (local)/ Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC) (Athens-based)/ Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (Japan)
- Orascom (Egypt)/ Yapi Merkezi (Turkey)/ GS Engineering & Construction (South Korea)/Siemens (Germany)
- Nurol (Turkey)/ Astaldi (Italy)/ Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles (Spain)

The scheme, known as Route 2020, involves building a 15-kilometre-long line branching off the existing Red Line at

the Nakheel Harbour & Tower station, between the Ibn Battuta Mall and Jumeirah Lake Towers stations.

About 11km of the line will be elevated, with five elevated stations and two underground stations.

In July 2014, the RTA awarded a joint

\$2bn
Funding required for Route 2020

75km
Length of existing Dubai Metro lines

2009
Year Dubai Metro opened

Q2 2016
Expected award date for Route 2020

venture of the US' Parsons International and France's Systra the deal to complete the preliminary engineering for the new metro line. Work on the study began in August that year.

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UK firm awarded Dubai Creek work

Emaar Properties appoints Faithful+Gould to programme manage large-scale Dubai Creek Harbour development

Local developer Emaar Properties has appointed UK-based Faithful+Gould as the programme manager for its Dubai Creek Harbour development in Dubai.

The Dubai Creek Harbour at the Lagoons is Emaar's largest project in Dubai. It was launched by Emaar and another local developer, Dubai Holding, in October 2014. The two companies signed a joint venture agreement to develop the site in 2013.

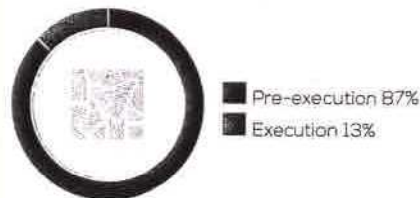
Long-term focus

Unlike many other Dubai projects, Emaar says the scheme is a long-term concern and not based on short-term buying patterns and business cycles.

Located in the Ras al-Khor area on the site that was formerly developed as the Lagoons by Sama Dubai, the project will aim to develop a residential, commercial and leisure destination for Dubai, much

STATUS OF EMAAR PROJECTS

% of \$26bn



Note: Only Dubai projects. Source: MEED Projects

like Emaar's other developments, Downtown Dubai and Dubai Marina.

With later phases it will include 39,000 residential units, more than 8 million square feet of retail space, 3,664 office units, and 22 hotels. The centrepiece of the development will be two tall towers.

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Brookfield Multiplex wins Palm deal

Canada's Brookfield Multiplex has won an estimated AED500m (\$136m) contract to build the One at Palm Jumeirah residential tower in Dubai.

The 25-storey tower will have 90 apartments, swimming pools, a cinema, a cigar lounge, a spa and a yacht club.

The building is designed by Soma from New York. Super Potato from Japan is the interior designer and Vladimir Djurovic from Lebanon is the landscape architect.

In 2014, local developer Omnyat and local contractor Drake & Scull Interna-

tional said they had broken ground on the scheme. The two companies formed a partnership for a development on the Palm Jumeirah earlier in 2014.

The project is the latest on the Palm Jumeirah to move forward. At the end of 2015, Investment Corporation of Dubai selected a joint venture of South Korea's Ssangyong and the local/Belgian Bel Hasa Six Construct for early construction works on the Royal Atlantis Resort & Residences.

Other hotel construction deals were awarded in 2014.

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**Prequalification
extended for Dubai
Union Oasis project**

Dubai's Roads &
Transport Authority
has extended the
deadline for submit-
ting prequalification
documents for the
Union Oasis project.