



## Dubai receives tunnelling bids

Dubai Municipality has received bids for the main tunnel package of its planned Jebel Ali stormwater network project.

The 12 kilometre-long section of tunnel is also referred to as package 2. It is understood that Dubai Municipality plans to award the contract over the summer.

The municipality has also invited contractors to submit proposals for the main pumping station.

The stormwater tunnel network has been identified as a key project to prevent any future flooding of Al-Mak-

toum International airport and the surrounding area, which will include the Expo 2020 site.

The network is one of three major deep-tunnel projects Dubai Municipality is planning to undertake.

The municipality is also preparing to develop two major deep-tunnel sewer networks in the Deira and Bur Dubai areas of the emirate, which will be similar to the under-construction strategic tunnel enhancement programme (STEP) in neighbouring Abu Dhabi.

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### BIDDERS

- **Bouygues** (France)
- **Larsen & Toubro** (India)/**Acciona** (Spain)
- **Porr** (Austria)/**Besix** (Belgium)
- **Salini Impregilo** (Italy)
- **Samsung C+T** (South Korea)/**Ghella** (Italy)
- **Strabag** (Austria)/**Gulermak** (Turkey)

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**Hill to manage Dubai  
Creek Harbour project**

Emaar Properties has selected Hill International to take over as programme manager on its Dubai Creek Harbour development. The US firm replaces the UK's Faithful+Gould.

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***Dubai tenders further  
Expo interchanges***

Dubai's Roads &  
Transport Authority has  
issued tender docu-  
ments for two more  
intersections serving  
the Expo 2020 site.  
The closing date for  
the tenders is 6 June.

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## Spanish firm wins power plant deal

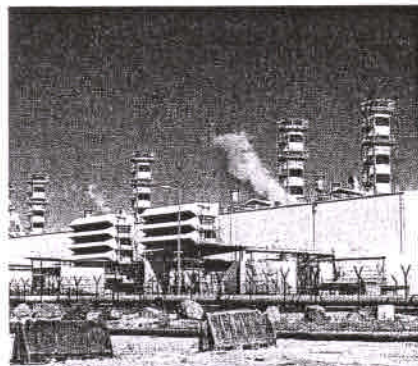
Expansion project will increase the generation capacity of Jebel Ali's K Station by about 500MW

Spain's Duro Felguera has been awarded the contract to build an expansion at the Jebel Ali K Station in Dubai.

MEED reported in April that the contractor had been selected for the main engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contract for the project. Capacity at the power plant is expected to be increased by about 500MW. According to sources close to the scheme, Duro Felguera has now signed the contract and is due to start work imminently.

Twelve groups submitted prices for the EPC tender. The Spanish contractor initially submitted the fourth-lowest price of AED909.7m (\$247.6m) for the expansion scheme.

The lowest initial bid of AED788.9m came from Spain's Tecnicas Reunidas. This was about 8.6 per cent lower than



the AED863.2m price submitted by the second-lowest bidder, China's Sepco 3.

A consortium of Spain's OHL and Italy's Ansaldo offered the third-lowest price of AED896.9m.

Duro Felguera and OHL/Ansaldo were asked to submit new bids in early March.

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**Dewa plans R&D  
facility at solar park**

Dubai Electricity  
& Water Authority

(Dewa) is planning to  
develop a research  
and development  
facility at the emir-  
ate's Mohammed bin  
Rashid solar park.

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