



## RO 1,000 in cash prizes with Sohar International's 49th National Day competition

**MUSCAT:** Celebrating the 49th National Day with its followers and the nation at large, Sohar International launched a new competition on their social media pages. Offering a total of RO 1,000 in cash prizes distributed amongst 5 lucky winners, the competition will consist of five questions focusing on Omani personalities with outstanding achievements that contributed to

raising the Omani flag high. Having launched in collaboration with the young Omani formula 4 champion — Shihab al Habsi, the competition will run from November 17 till November 21, 2019 and is open to all of the Bank's social media followers to participate and get chances to win cash prizes. The competition platform will enable the bank to further shine light on some of the Omani

individuals that have contributed towards the progress of this nation and pay tribute to them. Commenting on the launch of the competition, Mazin Mahmoud al Raisi, Sr AGM & Head of Marketing & Customer Experience at Sohar International, said: "In conjunction with the celebrations taking place across the country on the occasion of the 49th National Day, we were keen to extend the celebration

to the followers of Sohar International. The idea of the competition was to bring focus on introducing followers of some prominent Omani personalities who have a track record of honourable achievements in various fields and who have contributed actively to the journey of development and growth witnessed by the country since the dawn of the blessed Renaissance led by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos."

# Oilfield casing accessories manufacturing plant launched

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Omani oilfield services firm Gulf Energy SAOC opened on Sunday its first cementing casing accessories manufacturing facility in the Sultanate to support Petroleum Development Oman's (PDO) operations and other customers in Oman and the GCC region. The main objective of this investment is to boost the Omani economy by creating more jobs and training opportunities, saving costs and enabling custom-made solutions and adequate lead-time delivery of goods and services.

Complementing PDO's In-Country Value strategy, the centre, located in Nizwa, will support PDO's operations by locally manufacturing cementing casing accessories and associated services including centralisers, stop collars and floats equipment. Established in an area of over 9,600 square metres, the complex has over 1,400 m2 allocated for workshops.

Underlining Gulf Energy's commitment to promote localisation, the \$2.4 million facility achieves about 92 per cent Omanisation by creating 24 jobs for Omanis so far.

PDO Well Engineering Contracts Manager Salman al Maimani said: "In addition to supporting existing projects of Gulf Energy with PDO, this new facility in Nizwa can also support other



**THE CENTRE, LOCATED IN NIZWA, WILL SUPPORT PDO'S OPERATIONS BY LOCALLY MANUFACTURING CEMENTING CASING ACCESSORIES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES INCLUDING CENTRALISERS, STOP COLLARS AND FLOATS EQUIPMENT.**

customers in the country and wider region, underscoring the added value Gulf Energy is bringing to the

oil and gas supply chain in Oman. "At the same time, this plant further reinforces PDO's own localisation efforts and In-Country Value strategy which aims to create more jobs, training and learning opportunities for Omanis and enhance domestic supply chains. The facility will provide efficiencies to PDO as well as minimise any delays in equipment delivery and installation."

The opening of the facility, under the auspices of Salim bin Nasser al Aufi, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Oil and Gas, marks the completion of another of the opportunities outlined in the Ministry of Oil and Gas ICV strategic blueprint which was unveiled in 2013. PDO is leading on 43 out of the 53 originally unveiled

to Oman's oil and gas industry. Vice President of Gulf Energy SAOC in Oman Sultan al Ghafri said: "We are pleased to expand our manufacturing activities in Oman and enhance the In-Country Value of our business. We believe in Omani talents and are committed to contributing to the Omani economy throughout the value chain. The new facility will allow us to expand on hiring and training local talents and providing the industry with excellent casing accessories made in Oman."

He added: "I would like to thank PDO for their support of Gulf Energy, an Omani National Champion for the region, and we look forward to delivering top quality, locally designed and produced products to the region."

## BUSINESS ALERT

### Ooredoo celebrates Oman's 49th National Day with non-stop WhatsApp for 3 days

**MUSCAT:** In celebration of the Sultanate's 49th National Day, Ooredoo is giving customers to three whole days of non-stop WhatsApp absolutely free. From November 17 to 19, all prepaid, postpaid and B2B users can get access to the world's most popular social media app, to share the happy occasion with family and friends.

Feras bin Abdallah al Sheikh, Consumer Director at Ooredoo, said, "National Day is extremely special to everyone in Oman and we are delighted to be able to share the fun with this exclusive promotion. WhatsApp remains the number one application in the Sultanate, and by giving our customers non-stop data to use on the App, we are giving them a way to go all out and celebrate and share the spirit of the occasion in their own way."



### Charriol partners with Muscat Watch Centre to open boutique at Oman Avenues Mall

CHARRIOL, globally renowned Swiss watch brand partnered with Muscat Watch Center to launch their mono-brand boutique at Oman Avenues Mall on November 13th 2019. Situated in a prominent location at city's most premium mall, the boutique offers an attractive selection of Charriol's latest collections. The store is a mono-brand boutique offering everyone with an interest in watches – from watch enthusiasts to collectors, and everyone in between with an exclusive in-store experiential centre to appreciate the outstanding beauty and excellence of these exquisite timepieces in flesh.

Speaking at the store launch, Falah al Lawati, General Manager, Muscat Watch centre said, "Being a watch collector and aficionado myself, I feel excited to launch the new Charriol boutique at Oman Avenues Mall, Muscat. The brand has been one of growth driver and significant catalyst in the global watch making industry."



### Johnny Rockets opens first outlet in Oman

THE first Johnny Rockets outlet in the country was inaugurated in Al Khoud at Al Shabbab Street in Al Khoud Oasis Building on November 7 by Sayyid Mohammed bin Salim al Said, Chief of Protocol Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Johnny Rockets is an American restaurant franchise operating in over 30 countries that offers high quality, innovative menu items including fresh, never frozen 100 per cent halal beef cooked-to-order burgers, veggie burgers, chicken sandwiches, crispy fries and rich, delicious hand-spun shakes and malts.

This dynamic lifestyle brand offers friendly service and upbeat music contributing to the chain's signature atmosphere of relaxed, casual fun.



INVITATION TO TENDER	
Sohar Aluminium LLC (SA), PO Box 80, PC-327, Sohar, Sultanate of Oman hereby invites qualified Suppliers/Contractors for the following tender:	
<b>Tender No. :</b>	<b>2019-ENG-SOW-0072</b>
<b>Tender Title :</b>	Forklifts replacement
<b>Scope :</b>	Contractor shall do design, supply, and Commissioning of forklifts (8-tons and 6-tons) suitable for Aluminium Smelter.
<b>Tender No. :</b>	<b>2019-ENG-SOW-0092</b>
<b>Tender Title :</b>	Briquetting Machine for carbon wastes
<b>Scope :</b>	Contractor shall do turnkey design, supply, installation and commissioning of Briquetting Machine for carbon wastes.
<b>Tender No. :</b>	<b>2019-ENG-SOW-0120</b>
<b>Tender Title :</b>	SCM Office extension
<b>Scope :</b>	Contractor shall do design, construct (Civil, MEP and Fire fighting), initial and final civil defence approval of SCM Office extension.
<b>Tender No. :</b>	<b>2019-ENG-SOW-0122</b>
<b>Tender Title :</b>	RCC STP cool room for operators
<b>Scope :</b>	Contractor shall do design, construct (Civil, MEP and Fire fighting), initial and final civil defence approval of RCC STP Cool room for operators.
<b>Tender No. :</b>	<b>2019-ENG-SOW-0124</b>
<b>Tender Title :</b>	Machine Guarding and Mobile Equipment Separation Modifications
<b>Scope :</b>	Contractor shall do survey, design, fabricate, supply, install and commission of Machine Guarding and Mobile Equipment Separation Modifications.
<b>Tender No. :</b>	<b>2019-ENG-SOW-0122</b>
<b>Tender Title :</b>	54 T Crane Insulation Upgrade
<b>Scope :</b>	Contractor shall do design, supply, and Commissioning of 54 T Crane Insulation Upgrade & New Insulation Monitoring System in pot line area.

Kindly send your email and company profile to: [tenders@sohar-aluminium.com](mailto:tenders@sohar-aluminium.com)  
For list of active tenders visit: <https://www.sohar-aluminium.com/en/content/tender-listing>

## GFH posts 27.1 per cent increase in Q3 total income

**MANAMA:** GFH Financial Group (GFH) yesterday announced its results for the third quarter and first nine months of 2019 ended September 30, 2019. For the third quarter of 2019 net profit attributable to shareholders was \$24.4 million versus \$30.9 million in the third quarter of 2018, a decrease of 21.0 per cent, while earnings per share was US cents 0.74 compared to US cents 0.87 in the third quarter of 2018.



Consolidated net profit for the third quarter was \$21.8 million compared with \$31.3 million in the third quarter of 2018, a decrease of 30.1 per cent. Profit from continuing operations for the third quarter of 2019 was \$21.8 million compared to \$29.6 million in the third quarter of 2018, a decrease of 26.2 per cent.

Total income for the third quarter of 2019 increased by 27.1 per cent to \$90.5 million versus \$71.2 million in the third quarter of 2018. Total expenses including provisions for impairment for the third quarter of 2019 were \$68.7 million compared to \$41.6 million in the third quarter of 2018, an increase of 65.1 per cent. For the third quarter, operating expenses were \$21.4 million versus \$28.4 million in the prior-year period, a decrease of 24.6 per cent.

Commenting on the results, Jassim al Seddiqi (pictured), Chairman of GFH, said, "We're pleased to announce another period of solid growth and improvements in income generation and operating performance at GFH. Quarter after quarter, we see the Group's strategy to diversify the business and focus on investments and activities that can support steady income generation paying off. For the period, we saw revenues increase once again by a substantial 23.7 per cent aided by strong performance in investment banking, real estate and treasury activities. For the remainder of the year, we will continue to focus on maximising the performance and returns derived from both new and existing assets and remain committed to deliver stronger performance by year-end."

## Oman Aviation Group

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### Tender Notice

**Oman Aviation Group SAOC hereby announces the following Tenders:**

The Tender documents can be obtained from the main office of Oman Aviation Group, Supply Chain Department, located at the Old Airport terminal site (close to the arrivals gate), First Floor, A' Seeb, Sultanate of Oman, from the date of publication of this announcement. (Office Hours: 08:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M., Sunday to Thursday).

Bid Bond must be obtained from a bank registered in the Sultanate of Oman and should be addressed to the Chairman of the Internal Tender Committee of Oman Aviation Group.

A hard copy of the same must also be submitted manually to the Contracts Department, Oman Aviation Group, located at the aforementioned address.

All participating companies shall submit a Bid Bond of 1% of the bid value along with their offer.

**Consultancy Services for the Production of Krookies and Topographical Survey for the Sub Division of Development Areas**

<p><b>Tender No. (T-037-19)</b></p> <p><b>Closing Date of Setting:</b> 21/11/2019</p> <p><b>Submission Date:</b> 19/12/2019</p> <p>Certify all companies wishing to bid must submit a value of (1%) of the bid value by a bank operating in the Sultanate and validity of Bid Bond shall be for (90) days.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility:</b> Locally registered companies in the list of approved contractor in the Ministry of Housing whom are they experienced and specialized in these types of services.</p>
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Sealed Bid, along with all required documents, shall be placed in the Tender Box at the main office of Oman Aviation Group, Supply Chain Department (Ground Floor), Public Authority for Civil Aviation building...

at the west side area of Muscat Int'l Airport at A' Seeb, no later than 10:00 A.M. on the specified submission date.

For more details, email us at: [tenders@oag.om](mailto:tenders@oag.om) [oag.om](http://oag.om)