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Sembcorp Salalah IWPP supports Omani internship

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By A Staff Reporter – MUSCAT – Sembcorp Salalah Power and Water Company, the owners and operators of Salalah Independent Water and Power Plant (Salalah IWPP), have launched an internship programme for local students. Currently seven engineering students from Salalah College of Technology are working at Salalah IWPP as part of the programme which lasts eight weeks. The students, from the College's Electrical and Mechanical courses,

undertake an intense and in depth programme working full-time during the internship.

The first four weeks of the programme focuses on equipping students with a thorough understanding of the plant's health, safety and environmental practices, as well as introducing them to specific features of the workplace environment. All will be required to show an understanding of the mechanism of operating equipment and apparatus and finally to acquire a broader knowledge of the plant's processes, inputs and outputs as well as quality issues.

The second four weeks includes exposure to the operational parameters of the plant, further interaction with people throughout the business, and getting acquainted with the functionalities of all services and departments of Salalah IWPP.

Lim Yeow Keong, General Manager of Sembcorp Salalah Power and Water Company said, "These young people represent the future of Oman and we are proud to host them at the Salalah IWPP. I along with all of my colleagues have been incredibly impressed with their initiative, work ethic and interest in the programme and I have no doubt that each of our interns will go on to long and successful careers.

At Sembcorp, we believe that we must recognise our role in society, beyond our operating objectives. The Salalah IWPP provides water and power to a region, and I also believe we can contribute even more through vital initiatives such as our internship programme."

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Salim Ahmed al Rawas – Head of Engineering Dept at Salalah College of Technology added, “Programmes such as the internship at the Salalah IWPP work by building self-confidence and converting academic knowledge to tangible industry skills. We thank Sembcorp Salalah for its support of our students”.

The Salalah IWPP was successfully completed in May 2012 and consists of a gas-fired power plant with a total gross capacity of 490 megawatts (net capacity of 445 megawatts) and a seawater desalination plant with a total water production capacity of 15 million imperial gallons (69,000 cubic metres) per day.

It will provide power and water under a 15-year power and water purchase agreement with the Oman Power and Water Procurement Company, which is wholly owned by the Government of Oman.