

QATAR'S FIRST GREEN DIRECTORY LAUNCHED BY QATAR GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL AT INAUGURAL CONFERENCE

Online Guide Lists Local And Regional Green Products And Services To Bridge The Gap Between Supply And Demand In Qatar's Green Building Industry

Doha, Qatar, 26 April 2015: Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), has launched the Qatar Green Directory, an online interactive platform, aimed at increasing awareness and education of green products and services in Qatar and the region.

The first of its-kind in the country, the Qatar Green Directory features a comprehensive search engine and database providing information and analysis about existing and new green building products and services provided in Qatar and the region.

The directory forms a major part of QGBC's support of Qatar Foundation's commitment to deliver the sustainability goals set out in the Qatar National Vision 2030 by raising awareness and promoting best practices in Qatar's green building sector. The Green Directory was launched at the official opening of the inaugural Qatar Green Building Conference, which is taking place over the next two days at the Qatar National Convention Centre.

Engineer Meshal Al Shamari, QGBC Director, said: "The Qatar Green Directory is aimed at filling the existing gap between supply and demand in Qatar's green buildings market. The directory will greatly help local manufacturers and distributors of green building materials make their products and services easily available and accessible to the industry.

"Within the last month, we have received over 1,000 listings from local and regional companies, indicating the overwhelming interest and demand available in the market. We look forward to welcoming on board manufacturers and suppliers operating in Qatar and the region to join QGBC's online comprehensive platform," he added.

The Qatar Green Directory is available online and can be accessed at <http://qatargreendirectory.com/>.

Dr Alex Amato, Head of Sustainability at QGBC, said: "The Qatar Green Directory is a direct outcome of QGBC's innovative research of the green building industry in Qatar. QGBC is working closely with other stakeholders in Qatar and the region to identify the mainstream needs and suggest innovative solutions. The directory is one of these solutions that will revolutionise the green buildings market."

“Our team looks forward to receiving feedback from the directory’s registered and prospective members to further improve this valuable online platform.”

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About Qatar Green Building Council

Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC) is a non-profit, membership-driven organisation providing leadership and encouraging collaboration in conducting environmentally sustainable practices for green building design and development in Qatar. QGBC also aims to support the overall health and sustainability of the environment, the people, and economic security in Qatar for generations to come. The council, a member of Qatar Foundation, was formally established in 2009 by a decree signed by H.H. Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser and is helping Qatar on its journey to establish a post-hydrocarbon, knowledge economy and progressive society. Through QGBC, Qatar joins a network of 80 countries that run active national green building councils under the umbrella of the World Green Building Council.

QGBC’s members include, representatives from government, real estate developers, investors, facilities managers, consultants, constructors, manufacturers & suppliers, oil & gas, professional firms, financial services, telecom/technology, academia, NGOs & media.

QGBC is setting up operations from its HQ, organising awareness events, knowledge seminars, training, forums, and networking sessions with the like-minded. To learn more visit www.qatargbc.org.