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## **QGBC** signs MoU with Pakistan Engineers Forum to promote sustainability

**Doha, 26 November 2013**: Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC) and the Pakistan Engineers Forum (PEF) in Qatar signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) today, intended to maximise utilisation of their collective resources and expertise. The agreement will help deliver relevant education, training and promotion to enhance sustainability efforts within the construction industry, to the benefit of industry stakeholders and the wider community. This goal will be achieved through joint research projects and outreach activities undertaken by both organisations.

The MoU signing was attended by Ahmad Al Jolo, founding member of QGBC, and Engineer Meshal Al Shamari, Director of QGBC, alongside other senior representatives from both organisations.

Commenting on the alliance, Al Jolo said, "We are delighted at the opportunity to team up with the Pakistan Engineers Forum in Qatar, as this agreement will allow us to collectively raise awareness on key sustainability issues regarding the built environment, and we will achieve this through various upcoming outreach activities."

Mohammad Riyad, Vice President of the Pakistan Engineers Forum in Qatar, said, "We believe it is through partnerships with prestigious organisations such as QGBC that the Pakistan Engineers Forum is able to contribute towards the environmental and human development goals of the Qatar National Vision 2030, by raising industry and public awareness through premier training, education, research and development."

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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 HH Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser and is helping Qatar on its journey to establish a post-hydrocarbon, knowledge economy and a progressive society. Through QGBC, Qatar will join a network of 80 different 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, construction, 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.

