

ALUMINIUM IN THE GULF

SOHAR ALUMINIUM HOSTS THE 2ND ALUMINIUM RECYCLING FORUM



Held in collaboration with the Environment Authority in Oman, the event brought together Executives, policymakers, and sustainability experts to discuss trends and the future of aluminium recycling in the Sultanate of Oman. The forum focused on the technical, operational, and logistical challenges various stakeholders face in the recycled aluminium industry.

35 MILLION SAFE WORKING HOURS WITHOUT LTI



Alba recently achieved a significant safety milestone: 35 million safe working hours without a Lost-Time Injury (LTI). This is a groundbreaking accomplishment in the global aluminium industry.

Alba's safety achievements result from various initiatives, including safety campaigns, in-house training programs, weekly centralised safety talks, and active engagement on the shop floor.

REBRANDING MAADEN



Maaden's rebranding aims to be contemporary and dynamic. It is intended to reshape perceptions of mining by showcasing Maaden's vital connection to everyday life while celebrating Saudi Arabia's prosperity and the future-focused evolution of the minerals and resources industry.



OARC APPOINT NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR

Omar Al Balushi has been appointed the Managing Director at OARC, effective immediately. He previously worked as the Casthouse Manager at Sohar Aluminium.

QALEX Launches Carbon Calculator and Digitises Compliance Tool



QALEX, in partnership with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MECC), the Qatar Research, Development and Innovation (QRDI) Council, and Enterprise Singapore, has begun developing a customised Carbon Footprint Calculator to address the growing demand for verified environmental reporting. This tool is designed for Qatar's aluminium industry and aims to help QALEX and future industry stakeholders comply with local and international standards, including the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM).

QATALUM RECOGNISED FOR EXCELLENCE IN SAFETY AND QUALITY



Qatalum has received awards for Safety and Quality at the 2024 Hydro Aluminium Metal Summit in Oslo, Norway.

This recognition is attributed to several significant achievements, including:

- The lowest Total Recordable Injury Rate (TRIR) in the company's history
- Zero Lost Time Injuries (LTI)
- The lowest customer complaint rate ever recorded by Qatalum

EGA SUPPORTS THE NEXT GENERATION OF UAE ENTREPRENEURS



EGA has launched the third season of its program, which aims to empower the next generation of entrepreneurs in the UAE in alignment with the Entrepreneurial Nation Strategy 2031.

EGA Ramp-Up, supported by the UAE Ministry of Economy, provides expert insights, mentorship, intensive training, and networking opportunities for entrepreneurs focused on developing impact-driven and sustainability-oriented businesses. This initiative aims to stimulate economic growth and create new job opportunities.

The first two seasons of EGA Ramp-Up attracted hundreds of aspiring entrepreneurs who have collectively created over 1,000 jobs.

SOHAR ALUMINIUM INAUGURATES AN EDUCATIONAL STUDIO



Sohar Aluminium, in collaboration with Sultan Qaboos University Hospital, has inaugurated a state-of-the-art educational studio. This fully equipped facility features the latest video, photography, and audio recording technology. Funded by Sohar Aluminium, the project includes a digital platform designed to empower healthcare professionals by providing enhanced training opportunities within an advanced educational environment.

The studio's primary goal is to transform scientific content into interactive and innovative media, offering flexible training programs that support distance learning. It will host live and recorded scientific seminars, promote research-based and hands-on experiences, and integrate simulation and virtual reality technologies into training modules.



ARABAL 2025 ATTRACTS A RECORD NUMBER OF SPONSORS

Preparations for Arabal 2025, which will take place from **4 to 6 November this year** in Dubai, are progressing very well. A record number of sponsors have signed up, and the booking of exhibition spaces is almost complete. The conference aims to be business-oriented, covering topics relevant to the changing business environment delivered by world-renowned speakers. For more details, visit arabal.com.

MAADEN HOSTED THE GAC CASTHOUSE SEMINAR



Cast house teams from GCC smelters and several technology suppliers attended the two-day event on 15-16 April. Participants shared best practices, addressed common challenges, and explored the latest innovations in the industry. The event concluded with a visit to the Maaden aluminium smelter.

SOHAR ALUMINIUM HOSTED THE GAC MAINTENANCE SEMINAR



Maintenance specialists from GCC smelters and downstream organisations attended a two-day seminar in Sohar on 29-30 April, followed by a plant visit to Sohar Aluminium. They discussed the latest developments in digitalisation, improving equipment reliability, optimisation, preventive maintenance, and the impact of AI on the aluminium industry.

EGA HOSTED THE GAC ELECTROLYSIS SEMINAR



Over 70 participants from all the smelters in the GCC attended the GAC Electrolysis Seminar at EGA Headquarters Al Taweelah on 13-14 May. Presentation and discussion covered several technical issues including emissions control, energy savings, pot turn around, disaster recovery and start-ups. The seminar also included a visit to the EGA plant.