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Alba acquires Aluminium Dunkerque

A milestone step in its strategy to build a global low-carbon.
Once the transaction is completed, Alba will acquire the largest aluminium smelter in the EU – to be fully financed by a consortium of Alba's banking partners.
The French investment bank Bpifrance is to take a 6 percent stake under a memorandum of understanding.

Located in Loon-Plage in the Dunkerque region, Aluminium Dunkerque's smelter produces approximately 300,000 tonnes of aluminium annually. With advanced automation, integrated production capabilities, and a highly skilled workforce, the company is well positioned to capitalise on the growing European demand for sustainably produced aluminium.

The transaction is subject to customary approvals.

TALCO to develop rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) systems across its industrial facilities in Riyadh

TALCO has entered into a Project Development Agreement with Tarshid Energy Efficiency Company to implement rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) systems at TALCO's industrial facilities in Riyadh.

The project will utilise approximately 37,000 m² of rooftop area across four industrial sites, with a planned total solar capacity of around 4.5 MW. These systems are designed to generate clean, on-site electricity, reduce reliance on the grid, and facilitate the transition to renewable energy in the industrial sector.

This initiative aims to support environmental sustainability, enhance energy efficiency, and improve long-term operational performance.

Balexco obtains Saudi Quality Mark (SASO) Certification

Balexco obtained the Saudi Quality Mark (SASO) issued by the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organisation after successfully fulfilling all conformity, technical testing, and quality management system requirements.

This certification supports Balexco's commitment to implementing the highest international quality standards for the manufacture of aluminium profiles and systems required in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

EGA builds STEM labs in UAE schools and universities

EGA has established laboratories in schools and universities across the UAE to encourage students to pursue careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

These STEM laboratories provide students with hands-on experience using methods and equipment commonly used in engineering, fabrication, and product development. The goal is to help students develop essential technical skills while fostering interest in future STEM careers.

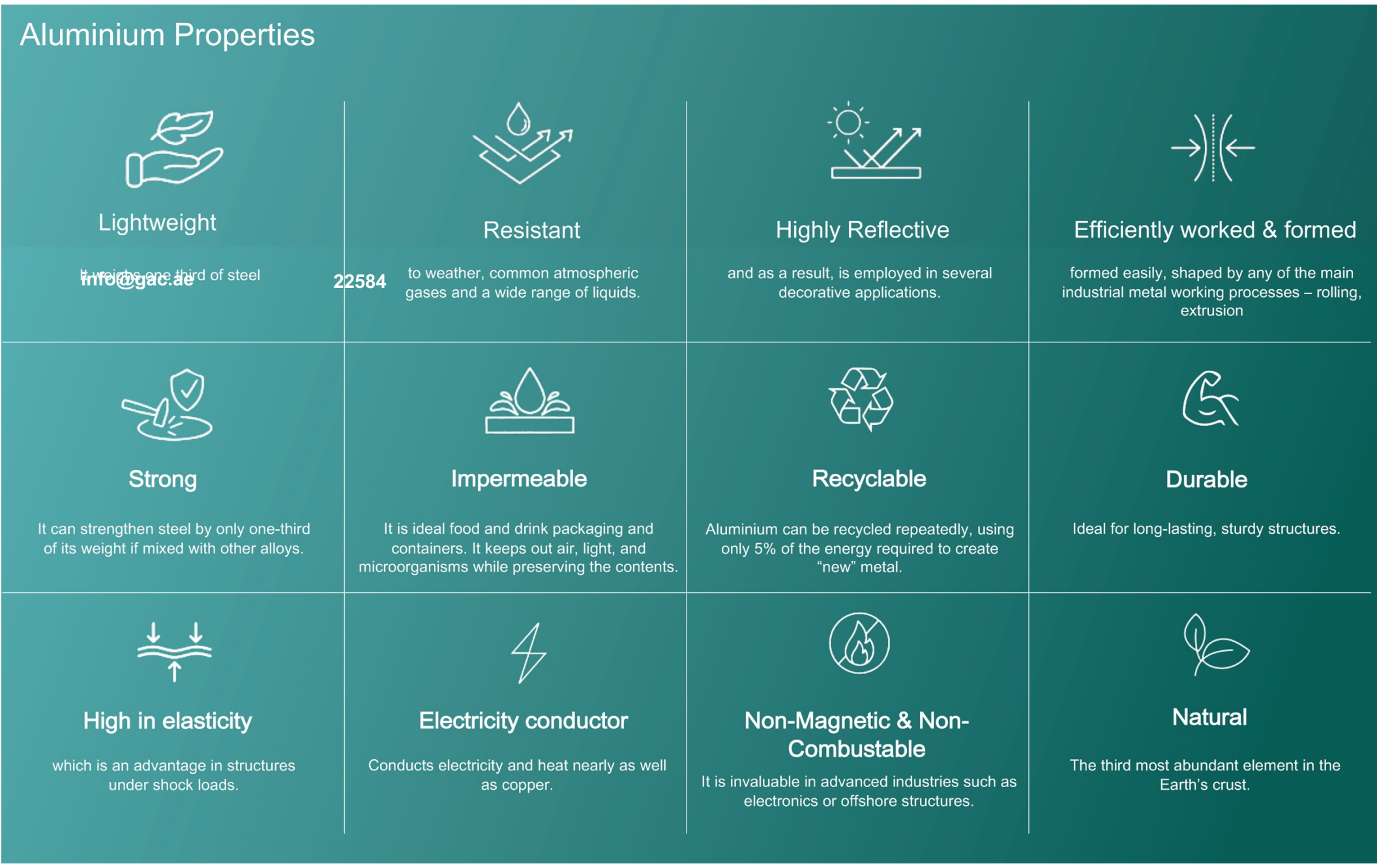
In addition to constructing new facilities, EGA is training teachers and instructors to use the new equipment effectively. Each year, over 2,600 students are expected to benefit directly from this initiative.

This effort complements EGA's existing student outreach programs and EGA Aluminium Design and Innovation Challenge, which is part of a partnership with the UAE Ministry of Education.

Sohar Aluminium wins the Gold ESG Awards 2026

Sohar Aluminium received the Gold ESG Award during Oman Sustainability Week (OSW) 2026. This award recognises the company's significant contributions to the implementation of robust Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices.

The OSW Awards are co-organised by be'ah (Oman Environmental Services Holding Company) in partnership with the Chicago-based Center for Sustainability and Excellence (CSE).



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