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Alba eyes product expansion, US market

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Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) is actively seeking to expand its products' portfolio and increase sales with a major emphasis on the US market, said Alba Chairman yesterday.

Shaikh Daij Bin Salman Bin Daij Al Khalifa, during Alba's fourth quarterly Board meeting, said the company aims to have a strong finish in 2019, with production to top 1.35 million metric tonnes for the first time in Alba's history, thanks to the ramp-up of Line 6.

Alba also "intends to achieve 15 million working-hours without Lost Time Injury by year-end 2019."

On the Line 6 Expansion project, Shaikh Daij said the project is a game-changer and marks "a turning point for Alba and a new era of growth and prosperity for the Kingdom of Bahrain".



Alba's fourth quarterly board meeting

His Majesty's official inauguration of Alba's mega-project on 24 November 2019 places Alba in the lead within the aluminium industry with its transformation

- making it the world's largest smelter ex-China.

Line 6 was inaugurated by His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa accompanied

by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, First Deputy Prime Minister and Deputy Supreme Commander.

Alba board approved its 2020 Annual Operating Plan and Q3 2019 financial statements. Updates were also given by the Executive Management on Safety,

Operational and Financial Performance on the back of current market conditions and Project Titan - Phase IV as well as overall Industry Outlook.



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CHAIRMAN OF ALBA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BCCI forum on Bahrain's Economic Outlook 2020

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The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) represented by its Studies and Initiatives Center is holding on Thursday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in Al Majlis Hall of Bait Al Tijjar, the second edition of its economic forum on "Bahrain's Economic Outlook for 2020."

The forum will deliberate about the economic performance of Bahrain in 2019 and



will shed light on the country's economic outlook for 2020. Speaking at the forum will be Shura Council member Dr Redha Abdulla Faraj and economic researcher, former head of Bahrain Economists Society Dr Abdulla Mohammed Al Sadeq.

BCCI calls on its members to attend the forum and gain insight into the national economy, promising sectors, main economic changes and the requirements of the next stage.



National Audit Office (NAO) celebrated Bahraini Women's Day on its premises. Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Auditor-General, and senior officials of NAO congratulated female staff and praised their outstanding performance and achievements.



Gulf Air yesterday celebrated Bahraini Women's Day at the airline's headquarters in Muharraq. The celebration included a 'talk show' featuring Bahraini female staff from Gulf Air and two Bahraini women guest sharing their career experiences. Bahraini Women's Day is celebrated annually on first December as part of an initiative by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) to honour the achievements and valuable insights and contribution made by Bahraini women towards the development and progress of the Kingdom of Bahrain.



Bahrain Airport Company (BAC), the operator and managing body of Bahrain International Airport (BIA), reaffirmed its commitment to female empowerment as it celebrated this year's Bahraini Women's Day. Female team members attend a teambuilding event on the theme 'Proud, Efficient, and Friendly'. Acclaimed Bahraini artist and entrepreneur Amina Al Abbasi shared her success story. BAC Chief Executive Officer, Mohamed Yousif Al Binfalah, Chairman of the Equal Opportunity Committee, said: "At present, 39 per cent of the company's 123 female team members hold leadership roles."



Al Baraka Banking Group and Al Baraka Islamic Bank Bahrain staff jointly celebrated Bahraini Women's Day on 1 December 2019 at the Al Baraka Headquarters, Bahrain Bay in the presence of President & Chief Executive, Adnan Ahmed Yousif and other senior management officials. Yousif said the banking sector has a major role to play in the economic empowerment of women, "with the great patronage and support of the political leadership of the country". The function was marked with a cake cutting and gifts distribution

