

Alba initiates controlled and safe shutdown of reduction Lines 1, 2 and 3

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Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba), the world's largest aluminium smelter on one site, has initiated a controlled and safe shutdown of Reduction Lines 1, 2 and 3, which together represent 19% of Alba's total production capacity of 1,623,000 metric tonnes per annum, as an operational measure



to preserve business continuity amid ongoing supply and transit disruptions affecting the Strait of Hormuz.

This targeted, line-specific action is designed to optimise the utilisation of Alba's existing raw materials inventory and prioritise operational stability across Reduction Lines 4, 5 and 6. By concentrating strategic raw materials' inputs on the most sustainable operating configuration, Alba aims to maintain production resilience, manage working capital prudently, and develop alternatives to reduce exposure to near-term supply volatility.

As part of the controlled and safe shutdown strategy, Alba will use the opportunity to implement structured asset care and maintenance for Reduction Lines 1, 2 and 3, including comprehensive housekeeping and cleaning activities, to maintain equipment integrity laying the

foundations for the decision to safely restart the affected lines, once overall conditions improve. The controlled and safe shutdown is being executed in a manner intended to minimise health, safety, environmental, and operational risks, while safeguarding the long-term performance of the affected assets.

Alba continues to monitor and respond to the situation

and will provide updates to the market as appropriate. The Company is also working closely with suppliers and customers to manage commitments and mitigate disruption.

The safety of Alba's employees and contractors' personnel, the protection of its assets, and the reliability of supply to customers remain Alba's highest priorities.

Zain Bahrain holds Annual General Assembly meeting virtually

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Zain Bahrain B.S.C., a leading Bahraini provider of innovative technologies and digital lifestyle experience held its annual general assembly meeting (AGM) virtually.

The meeting was chaired by His Excellency Shaikh Ahmed bin Ali Al Khalifa, Zain Bahrain Chairman, attended by the shareholders, members of the board of directors, representatives of the regulatory authorities, and the external auditors.

During the meeting, shareholders reviewed and approved several agenda items, including the minutes of the



also discussed and approved the Board of Directors' report on the Company's activities for the financial year ended 31 December 2025 and listened to the external auditor's report on the financial statements for the same period. Shareholders further approved the Company's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025, as well as the Board of Directors' recommendation for the allocation of net profits for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.

Commenting on the occasion, His Excellency Shaikh Ahmed bin Ali Al Khalifa, Zain Bahrain Chairman, said: "In 2025, Zain Bahrain continued to play a key role in advancing the Kingdom's national digital transformation, directly supporting Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 and enhancing the Kingdom's competitiveness both regionally

and globally.

Zain Bahrain also maintained its leadership in technological innovation through a strategic investment of USD 100 million to further develop its digital infrastructure, in alignment with the Telecommunications, Information Technology, and Digital Economy Sector Strategy.

The Company also continued its commitment to supporting Bahrainization as a strategic priority and a key pillar of long-term sustainability, achieving a Bahrainization rate of 93.33%."

The meeting concluded with shareholders reaffirming their confidence in Zain Bahrain's strategy and its continued commitment to delivering sustainable value to shareholders while supporting the Kingdom's digital transformation journey.

previous Annual General Assembly held on 19 March 2025. The meeting



AGM Reminder and Virtual Meeting announcement

Delmon Poultry Company announced that the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting will be held in Al Dana Hall at the Gulf Hotel, in addition to holding it via electronic means at 11:30 on Tuesday, March 17, after it was scheduled to be held in person only at the same time and date.

The company explained that the decision to change the meeting came in light of the current exceptional circumstances and situation, as it was decided to hold the meeting virtually, allowing shareholders to participate remotely, through the following steps:

- Send an e-mail request titled "Delmon Poultry Company B.S.C. Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting with the Investor's Number/Shareholder Number and a copy of a valid passport or ID card of the shareholder or the person representing him as an agent by e-mail to Bahrain.helpdesk@kfintech.com at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled date of the meeting. Please also include the contact number and email address of the person who will be participating in the online meeting.
- After receiving the required documents and information, an electronic link will be provided to enable those wishing to participate to take the necessary steps to join the session through the electronic communication network, noting that the device used to participate in the session must be compatible with the requirements of operating video and remote communication services.

We also urge shareholders to adhere to the instructions to ensure that the meeting runs quickly and smoothly in line with applicable laws and regulations.

Takaful International Earns Great Place to Work Certification for the Fourth Consecutive Year



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Takaful International Company is delighted to announce its achievement as a Certified™ Great Place to Work® for the fourth year in a row following a comprehensive evaluation conducted by Great Place to Work® Middle East. This prestigious certification is based on direct feedback from employees through an ex-

tensive and anonymous survey, reflecting their workplace experience.

Great Place to Work® is a renowned global authority that specializes in recognizing high-trust and high-performance workplace cultures. With its exclusive assessment tools, advisory services, and

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programs,

Great Place

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Commenting on the achieve-

ment, Mr. Essam Al Ansari,

Chief Executive Officer of

Takaful International, said: "Re-

ceiving this certification re-

fects Takaful International's

ongoing commitment to fos-

tering a workplace culture built

on trust, collaboration, and the

empowerment of talent. Our

employees remain the corner-

stone of our success, and we

are dedicated to providing a

motivating work environment

that encourages innovation and

professional growth, enabling

the company to achieve its aspi-

rations and continue its journey

towards greater excellence."

Al Ansari added that the com-

pany will continue investing in

the development of its human

capital and strengthening a po-

sitive and sustainable workplace

culture, supporting the achieve-

ment of its strategic

Strategic oil stocks to be released 'immediately' in Asia and Oceania: IEA

AFP | Paris, France

Strategic oil reserves will be released "immediately" in Asia and Oceania, and as early as the end of March in America and Europe, the International Energy Agency said yesterday.

IEA members agreed on March 11 to tap oil stockpiles to cushion the surge in prices caused by the war in the Middle East, in by far the largest-ever response of its kind.

Individual implementation

plans have been submitted to the IEA by Member countries.

These plans indicate that stocks will be made available by IEA Member countries in Asia Oceania immediately," said the IEA.

"Stocks from IEA Member countries in the Americas and Europe will be made available starting from the end of March," it added.

The IEA said a total 271.7 million barrels of government-managed stocks would be released worldwide.

"The war in the Middle East is creating the largest supply disruption in the history

of the global oil market," it said.

It called the emergency stockpile release -- the sixth in the history of the global energy body, and the first since Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022 -- a "significant and welcome buffer".

The announced releases have not had a significant impact on the price of oil, which hovers around \$100 a barrel, the highest since 2022 and up from below \$70 before the start of the war.