

## Al Kazemi Group



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- Subsidiary GMTC awarded \$18-million contract for onshore transportation for KNPC's \$12-billion Clean Fuel Project
- Clean Fuel Project will add 64,000 bopd to refinery capacity at Mina Al Ahmadi and Mina Abdullah
- Responsible for 762,000 tonnes of cargo associated with Clean Fuel Project onshore transportation
- Conglomerate composed of 10 companies and has generated \$8 billion in profits since 1970



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In April 2015, international Kuwaiti conglomerate Al Kazemi Group's subsidiary Gulf Maritime General Trading and Contracting Company (GMTC) was awarded an \$18-million contract. This deal was for onshore transportation associated with the Kuwait National Petroleum Company's \$12-billion Clean Fuel Project at the existing Mina Al Ahmadi and Mina Abdullah refineries.

GMTC, which specialises in shipping agency services and project logistics, is responsible for Customs clearance and transportation of around 762,000 tonnes of break bulk cargo and about 7,750 units of containerised cargo from the port to the job site.

Once completed, the plants' combined refining capacities will reach 800,000 barrels of oil per day (bopd), up from 736,000 bopd.

JGSK, an engineering, procurement and contracting consortium, awarded the contract. JGSK is comprised of three East Asian companies, South Korea's GS Engineering & Construction and SK Engineering & Construction, as well as JGC Corporation of Japan.

**MORE EXPANSION UNDERWAY:** The Clean Fuel Project is representative of larger expansion and development plans in the country's oil and gas industry that are being put into action in the country. "Mega-projects worth billions of dollars are expected to start in 2016 and 2017, which will revamp Kuwait's

ageing assets. Initiatives such as the construction of the Al Zour refinery and the Clean Fuel Project are not just economically important, but will also strengthen Kuwait's position in the region alongside Saudi Arabia or the UAE," Tarek Al Kazemi, president and CEO of Al Kazemi Group, told TOGY.

**GOOD CHANCES:** Despite the downturn in oil prices, the Al Kazemi Group has been able to participate in Kuwait's mega-projects. "The future will be an interesting period for ourselves and for the oil and gas market in general. Kuwait has launched projects amounting to \$22 billion, making its efforts in the industry unique," Al Kazemi added.

**ABOUT AL KAZEMI GROUP:** The conglomerate was founded in Kuwait in 1940. It owns three marine logistics companies. GMTC engages in trading and ship channelling, while United Business International and United Shipping Trading & Contracting Services both conduct shipping and freight forwarding.

Al Kazemi Group also includes business ventures in real estate, travel and tourism, food services, investment and hospitality. Owned by four brothers, Al Kazemi Group is composed of 10 different companies. Since 1970, the conglomerate has been involved in business ventures and projects that have exceeded a combined total of \$8 billion. ■