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**International Exhibition for
Advanced Metal Engineering**

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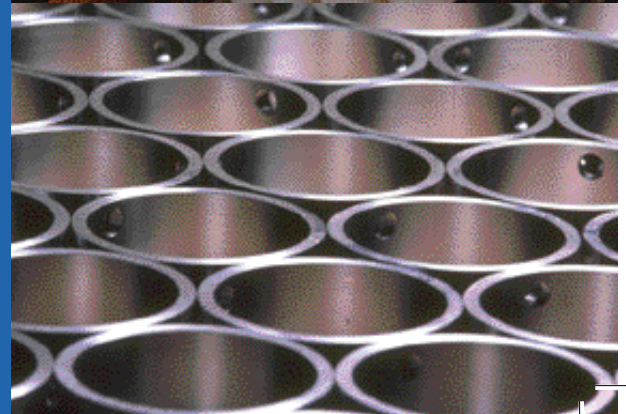
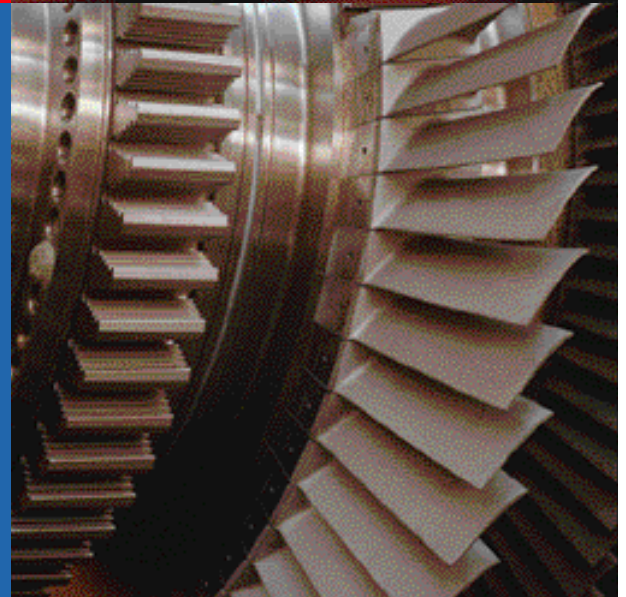
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The Middle East and the Gulf region are fast emerging markets with a population of almost 240 million, which is growing at a rate of almost 4% per annum and will reach accordingly to the UN population forecasts by 2050 almost 500 million.

The region has the largest reserves of crude oil and natural gas and a tremendous potential for future energies such as geothermic, solar and wind energy. Consequently there is a virtually unlimited potential for the creation of energy-intensive industries as primary manufacturing base for the huge markets in East and West. Vaste oil and gas reserves and steady income from massive overseas investments are currently driving the economic development at an average annual growth rate of over 5% with an extraordinary construction boom in commercial, industrial and residential real estate and tourism projects.

This favorable economic climate has created an immense potential for the metalworking industries, especially in the construction, heavy equipment and transport sectors and also in infrastructure development as well as the gas, oil and petrochemical industries. The rapid industrialisation is creating a growing demand for metal engineering and specialized metal products as well as specific metal tools and machinery. Of particular interest are also specialized applications particularly in welding and bonding as well as surface treatment technologies.

The Bahrain government is very keen to support the development of the metal industries in the region and to further develop its role as a business centre and gateway to the Middle East and Western Asia. Bahrain's ideal location between Asia and Europe combined with its proximity and easy access to vast emerging markets in the region are obvious reasons to consider Bahrain as an industrial base and supply centre for the metalworking and machine tools industries especially for the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and other emerging economies in the Middle East, Central and Western Asia.

Bahrain boosts a very efficient business infrastructure combined with a favorable investment strategy, which allows 100% foreign ownership of companies and industrial land. There is no corporate or income tax and no restriction to repatriate capital and profits. The availability of expertise and skilled and well-trained labor as well as land and infrastructure at low costs are good reasons to come and start business in Bahrain.

METAL MIDDLE EAST will fill a vacuum in the regional exhibition calendar. It is therefore my great pleasure to invite all decision makers, experts, professionals and investors to take active part in these prestigious events and to help shape the future of the regional metal industry.

Dr. Hassan Abdulla Fakhro
Minister of Industry & Commerce



TRADE SHOW

- Machinery for Industrial Manufacturing
- Machine Tools
- Metal Construction
- Metal Engineering
- Metal Works, Materials and Supplies
- Surface Engineering and Treatment
- Welding and Bonding Technology
- Research & Development
- Investment & Technical Consultants
- Trade Publications

INDUSTRY FORUM

Exhibitors have the opportunity to introduce their latest products, services and technologies to a specially invited expert audience.

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

Specialized Seminars and Workshops will be organized by the Bahrain Society of Engineers and the UNIDO-ITPO Office in Bahrain with a focus on latest developments in metal technology and investment opportunities.

THE ORGANIZERS



The Bahrain Convention & Exhibition Bureau (BCEB) is a newly established Government Agency under the umbrella of the Ministry of Industry & Commerce, Kingdom of Bahrain. BCEB is responsible for the promotion of Bahrain as a world-class Convention, Exhibition and Meeting Destination and is also operating the largest Convention and Exhibition Venue in Bahrain.

BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE



THE MARKET

The Kingdom of Bahrain is the only island state in the Middle East, an archipelago of 33 islands that is located in a bay in the Arabian Gulf between Qatar and Saudi Arabia, connected by a 25 km causeway to the Eastern provinces of Saudi Arabia. The prime target market are the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, a single market with over 32 million population and a combined GDP of over US\$ 320 million. The Kingdom of Bahrain has also strong trading links with the entire Arab economic region, stretching from North Africa to the Near and Middle East, a market with a combined GDP of over US\$ 700 million and a total population of over 240 million that will reach almost 500 million by 2050 (UNFPA). Due to cultural and traditional links there are also fast growing trading activities with the emerging economies in Central and Western Asia, a region with a population of 1.5 billion and which is forecast to grow to 2.5 billion by 2050. Many of the regional economies are driven by strong oil and gas revenues which provides the Kingdom of Bahrain with tremendous opportunities to position itself as banking, business and services centre and as gateway to the region.



THE REGIONAL METAL INDUSTRIES

The regional metal industry has started in the 1970s with the production of primary aluminium, taking advantage of the abundant reserves of energy in the region. Today, the regional smelters produce approximately 1.5 million tons of primary aluminium per year of which less than 40% is processed by the regional downstream industries. There are few other producers of primary materials such as iron and steel and the majority of the metalworking industries are concentrating on metal engineering for construction, infrastructure development and on supply to the Oil, Gas and Petrochemical Industries. The Middle East economies are currently in rapid transition for a future life with less dependence on oil and gas and therefore immense efforts are made to create a manufacturing and supply base for major industrialized economies in East and West. The economic development is driven by a continuous and growing revenue from oil and gas with heavy investments in infrastructure development and manufacturing. The regional economies are facing extreme challenges due to the hot and dry climate and the lack of know-how and primary materials as well as the

shortage of industrial water and utilities. These are great opportunities for the international business community to accelerate know-how and technology transfer, which has started in recent years with large-scale outsourcing and sub-contracting to the regional metal industries. The international metal industries can further benefit and contribute with new products and technologies and as co-operation partners with the Middle East Metal Industries.



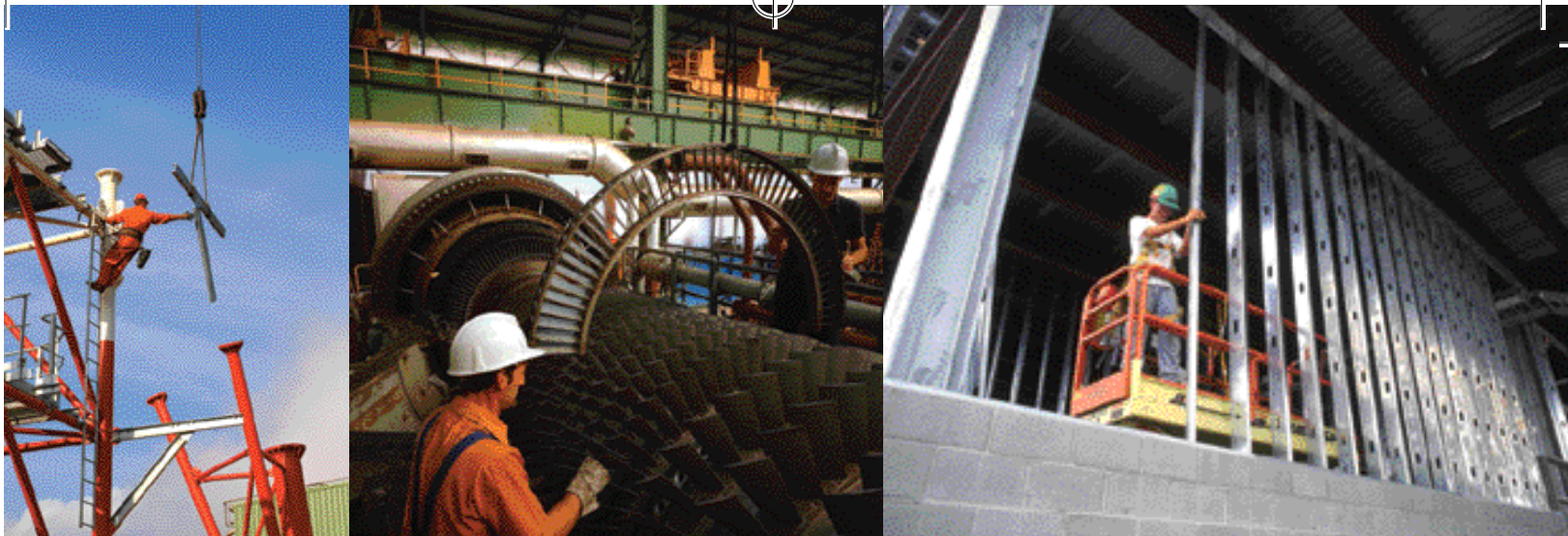
BAHRAIN - REGIONAL CENTRE FOR MANUFACTURING AND TECHNOLOGY

The Gulf region and the Middle East economies are ready for a regional industrial revolution that has already started with the Aluminium industry. Metal Engineering and Metal Construction will be crucial business sectors for the further development of the regional industries. The most important business sectors are the construction industry, heavy equipment and factory installations, the oil and gas sector, the petrochemical industries as well as handling of goods and transportation.



The Advantages of Made In Bahrain

The Kingdom of Bahrain's perfect geographic location between Europe and Asia combined with proximity and easy access to vast emerging markets in Central and Western Asia as well as South East Asia and Africa are obvious reasons to consider Bahrain as a convenient manufacturing base for the metal industries. Bahrain boasts a very efficient business infrastructure combined with a favorable investment strategy, which allows 100% foreign ownership of companies and industrial land. There is no corporate or income tax and no restriction to repatriate capital and profits. Regional trading is facilitated by low Customs duties and by the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the United States of America. The availability of expertise and skilled and well-trained labor as well as land and infrastructure at low costs are other convincing reasons. The Kingdom of Bahrain also offers a truly cosmopolitan lifestyle, excellent educational infrastructure and first-class medical services for a comfortable and convenient expatriate way of life.



METAL MIDDLE EAST 2005

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5-7 December 2005 - Bahrain International Exhibition Centre

OPENING HOURS

Exhibition Daily from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm
Admission free for all genuine trade visitors and invited guests
Industry Forum Daily from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm - Admission free for trade visitors

EXHIBITION

Machinery for Industrial Manufacturing and Manufacturing Technology
Machine Tools
Metal Engineering
Metal Works, Materials and Supplies
Surface Engineering and Surface Treatment
Welding and Bonding Technology

INDUSTRY FORUM

The exhibitors have the opportunity to introduce and demonstrate new and sophisticated technologies, applications and solutions to a specially invited expert audience from the region and beyond to promote their products and services most efficiently.

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

Specialized Seminars and Workshops will be organized addressing the use of new materials, new manufacturing processes as well as work safety and cost-saving procedures.

**Application
Deadline
30th June 2005**

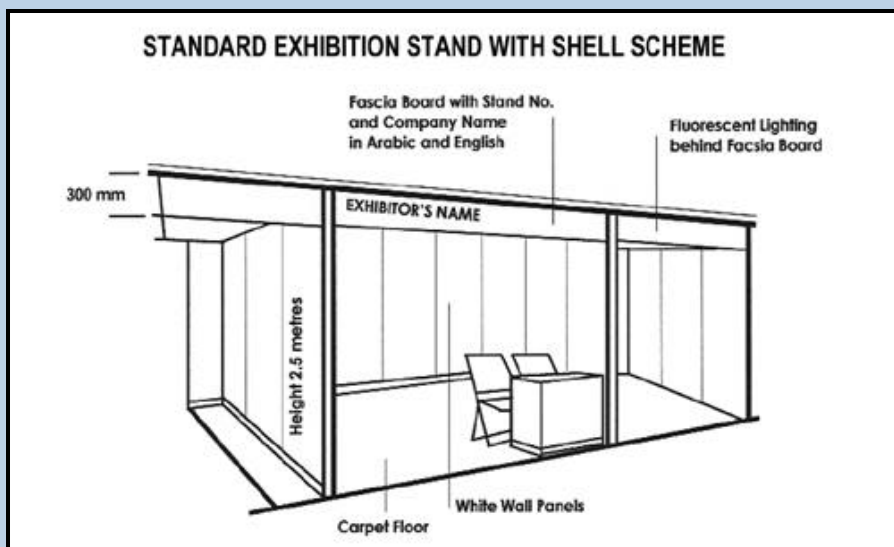
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Exhibitors have the choice between

Option A:
Unfurnished Stand Space Only
(minimum 30 m²)
at US\$ 320 per m²

or

Option B:
Standard Exhibition Stands
(minimum 9 m²)
at US\$ 370 per m²
White Wall Panels (2.5 m high)
Carpet Floor
Reception Counter with Chair
Table with 3 Chairs
2 Fluorescent Lights
One 220 V Power Point (3-Pin)
Waste Paper Basket

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