

# New resolution on green building specifications by Dubai Ruler



His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE & Ruler of Dubai.

WAM DUBAI, Oct. 24th, 2007: A new resolution on the implementation of green building specifications and standards in the emirate of Dubai has been issued Wednesday by H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Vice-President and Prime Minister of UAE and Ruler of Dubai. As per the new resolution, effective January 2008, all owners of residential and commercial buildings and properties in the emirate of Dubai must comply with the internationally recognized environment friendly specifications to turn Dubai into a healthy city that meets the demands of best practices and benchmarks of pollution-free sustainable development.

The said resolution will boost Dubai's continuous efforts to promote global endeavors to face environmental challenges, Chairman of The Executive Office Mohammed Abdullah Al Gergawi said citing efforts by Dubai to bring climate change and global warming under control.

"Through implementing this resolution, Dubai becomes the first city in the Middle East to adopt green building specifications", added Al Gergawi who is also the UAE Federal Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs. "The resolution falls in line with Sheikh Mohammed's keen interest in dealing with the current environmental challenges. The move is also part of The Dubai Strategic Plan 2015 announced earlier by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid. Meanwhile, Al Gergawi inaugurated Wednesday a new building of Pacific Controls Systems LLC, which becomes the 16th building in the world to comply with green building specifications and standards.

"The inauguration of this building in Dubai has its significance and is in line with the relevant instructions by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid." For his part, Secretary General of the Dubai Executive Council Ahmed bin Bayat said "the adoption of the green building specifications will contribute to the reduction of operational cost of buildings through reducing electricity and water bills and ensuring a model healthy environment".

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