



Emirates Palace Going Green in Abu Dhabi, the Garden City of UAE

2009 heralds a first for Abu Dhabi as Emirates Palace aims to fulfill its goal to provide the first luxury 5 star hotel Environmental Management System fully implemented and obtain the ISO 14001:2004 certification.

Mr Olbertz, General Manager of Emirates Palace advises, “Achieving this global standard of excellence is a top priority for us as we look to translating into real action, the concept of the Environment Issue. In this regard, we are now actively engaged across a spectrum of subjects, from energy efficiency, pollution control, the avoidance of hazardous chemical use to a comprehensive waste management program whilst providing the highest standards of luxury hospitality service to our guests”.

Emirates Palace has already implemented a number of new initiatives through their Eco-Management policy which aims to educate and engage all employees at every level in all aspects of their duties.

In the first four months of 2009, Emirates Palace reduced electricity consumption by 2.1 Million kilowatt-hours and LP Gas consumption by 111,500 Litres, and has set itself high targets to continue to enhance the processes throughout 2009. Saving natural resources is not at the expense of providing world class service as Executive Director of Engineering at Emirates Palace, Ranjit Gunewardane explains. “Technological advances mean that wise purchasing for example LED lighting over metal halide lighting can provide a significant enhancement by increasing the life cycle of lighted areas, so reducing the maintenance and ensuring reliable guest services in addition to energy saving. Emirates Palace covers a total area of 100 hectares and given the scale of our site and operation; there are many opportunities to improve our carbon footprint, whilst enhancing the services to our guests”

During 2009, Emirates Palace will be providing regular progress information on their eco programme to their guests and clients, so providing them with an opportunity to discover more about this project at the iconic landmark in Abu Dhabi. With expertise, advance planning and education awareness programmes, Emirates Palace aims to add to its

significant number of hospitality awards and unique facts and figures and lead the hospitality industry in Abu Dhabi, the Garden City and capitol of UAE.

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