

ACES Appoints a Deputy CEO for Financial , Legal and Administrative Affairs

ACES is pleased to announce that it has recently appointed Mr. Fares Awwad as Deputy Group CEO for Financial, Legal and Administrative Affairs.

Mr. Awwad joins ACES following a long career in financial and general management, where he held several executive and leadership positions in distinguished international companies including being the Chief Financial Officer and General Manager for USA-based Hikma Pharmaceuticals from 1991 through 2008.

"We are very delighted to have someone of Mr. Awwad's caliber join ACES," said both Dr. Omar Abdulhadi and Dr. Izz Eddin Katkhuda, the founders and directors of ACES. "His distinguished leadership experience and impressive record of driving performance at large international companies comes at challenging and exciting times for us as we move to strengthen our leadership position in our markets of operations and establish a strong global presence as a provider of specialized engineering services."

Mr. Awwad holds a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) in Finance & International Relations from the American University, Washington, D.C., a Global Executive (MBA) degree in Management Strategy and Leadership from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., and a Bachelor of Science and Business Administration-Accounting (BSBA) degree from the American University, Washington, D.C. His work experience covers several industry sectors including banking, pharmaceuticals, IT, oil & gas servicing, general commercial trading and agricultural products trading.

ACES takes this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Awwad on his new appointment and wish him all the best and continued success at ACES.



ACES Jeddah Moves to a New Location



ACES Jeddah is pleased to announce that it has recently relocated its offices from Mushrifah District to Basatheen District (3) in North Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

The new location is larger and more spacious with a surface area of approximately 1060 square meters.

"We are fortunate to find such a nice location with such a good space, which is close to our clients and has attractive amenities for our employees. The new location will help us to accommodate our expansion in ranges of services and testing, enhance our operational efficiencies, help us to continue to grow and keep pace and evolve with our client's needs to offer exceptional and superior services", said Eng. Farid Ghadieh, ACES Jeddah Manager.

ACES Jeddah's contact have not changed, and the team can be contacted on the same telephone numbers and email addresses.

Eng. Ahmed Yaghi Attends NDT Training Courses in India

Eng. Ahmed Yaghi ACES Riyadh Quality Manager, recently attended six training courses on non-destructive testing (NDT) held by the Trinity NDT Institute, a leading expert in NDT testing services in Bangalore, India.

Eng. Ahmad was successfully awarded Level II Certifications for Dye Penetrant, Magnetic Particles, Ultrasonic, Visual, Radiation and Eddy Current Tests.

"These kinds of training courses show our commitment to invest in training and continuously develop the skills and capabilities of our personnel in specialized areas which are important to ACES such as NDT testing," said Eng. Musa Afaneh, ACES Riyadh Manager, "it helps our personnel to perform their work competently and serve their client's needs professionally."



Eng. Yaghi's training is one of several initiatives being conducted at ACES to enhance our NDT service offering in KSA and the region.

A Training on Foundation Design for ACES Branches

Geotechnical training courses on foundation design were carried out for ACES geotechnical engineers and geologists. The first course was conducted in Riyadh from 15-16 September, 2015, for staff from ACES KSA branches (Riyadh, Jeddah, Khobar, Najran, Bredah, Madinah), whereas another course was carried out in Abu Dhabi from 20-21 September, 2015, for staff from ACES Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Al-Ain, Doha and Muscat branches. In total more than 40 engineers and geologists attended those training courses.



The courses covered a wide range of topics including bearing capacity and settlement in soil and rock as well as pile design. The content of this course was based on the newly drafted "ACES Foundations Guidelines". The course was delivered by Dr. Amjad Barghouthi (Regional Manager for KSA & Jordan) and Dr. Ahmad Elkadi (Business Development Manager for KSA) in Riyadh and by Dr. Amjad Barghouthi and Eng. Emad Sherif (Branch Manager for Dubai and Muscat) in Abu Dhabi.

Those events were also a great opportunity to share experience and knowledge among ACES branches.

ACES RCE for Geophysical Studies Expands into Marine Geophysical Survey

ACES Regional Center of Excellence (RCE) for Geophysical Studies is pleased to announce that it has recently expanded its services into marine geophysical surveys. The new services include state-of-the-art equipment for Side Scan Sonar, Sub-Bottom Profiling, Marine Magnetometer and Marine Electrical Resistivity Tomography.

"Our new expansion into marine geophysics survey demonstrates our strong commitment to provide our clients with complete range of geophysical studies services that are tailored to their needs and requirements," said Eng. Mahmoud Harb, ACES Geophysics RCE Manager. "The new expansion will help us to grow and increase our size of business in geophysical studies in our targeted markets. It is already showing strong signs of success and delivering great results, as evident by the latest major projects awarded to us, such as "Al Dabb'iya ASR Gas Development project", in Abu Dhabi, UAE, which we successfully completed for Technip France and Abu Dhabi Company for Onshore Petroleum Operations Ltd (ADCO)."



Marine ERT



Sub Bottom Profiler



Marine Magnetic Survey

Mr. Jaffar Recognized for 25 Years of Service

Mr. Jaffar Obaid, ACES Amman Laboratory Supervisor, was recognized in a ceremony honoring his 25 years of dedicated services and commitment to ACES in ACES Amman earlier this year.

A plaque recognizing the quarter century of service was presented to Mr. Obaid by ACES Founder & Director, Dr. Izz Eddin Katkhuda, Regional Manager for Jordan, KSA and Yemen, Dr. Amjad Barghouthi, and ACES Jordan Manager, Dr. Thaer Wahshat.

ACES takes this opportunity to thank Mr. Jaffar for his loyalty and commitment, and wish him continued success with ACES.



Selected Major Projects

ACES Doha



ACES Doha is proud to announce its continued involvement in completing the world class facilities for the Qatar World Cup 2022. To date, ACES has successfully completed the geotechnical investigations for Al Rayyan Stadium, Al Khor Stadium and Khalifa International Stadium. Additionally, ACES is conducting the material testing for Wakra Stadium and the quality control works for Khalifa International Stadium. ACES clients on these prestigious projects include Dar Al Hanadasa, AECOM, KEO, Engineering Consultants Group, Midmac Six Construct JV and Hamad Bin Khalid (HBK).

ACES Jeddah

ACES Jeddah has been awarded the geotechnical investigation for the preliminary engineering design phase for Jeddah Metro in May 2015. The work undertaken by ACES includes the multimodal iconic station Al-Muntalqa, Light Rail Transit (LRT) lines B, C, and D with a total of 37km and 39 stations, and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lines with a total of 27km. The project owner is Jeddah Metro Company (JMC) and the consultant Systra and Khatib & Alami. The scope of work consists of drilling a total of 150 boreholes to depths ranging from 10 to 45 meters below existing ground surface, installation of piezometers, and performing field and laboratory tests.



ACES Jordan



ACES Jordan has recently completed the preliminary site investigation for the Jordan Nuclear Power Plant Project to be constructed in Al-Azraq for the Jordan Atomic Energy Commission (JAEC). This investigation was carried out in order to provide sufficient information required to confirm and demonstrate the acceptability of the selected area and to assist in the selection of a detailed investigation program to be conducted within the second phase. The consultants are Dar Al-Handasah & KEPCO E&C.

The scope of work includes drilling of two deep boreholes down to a depth of 200m and thirty three boreholes down to depths ranging from 50m to 100m with a total drilled meters of 2220m. An intensive field and laboratory testing were carried out in addition to some geophysical well logging tests (PS Suspension, fluid temperature and conductivity and Downhole Camera) followed by submitting a factual geotechnical report.

ACES Abu Dhabi

ACES Abu Dhabi has been awarded two major jobs in Ruwais Housing Complex Expansion Phase - IV Project, for Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) in the field of quality control of construction projects which includes wide range of materials tests on all types of earth & construction materials.

ACES Abu Dhabi was recently awarded the ADCO-Al Dabb'iya Surface Facilities-Phase III Project located in Abu Dhabi, UAE by Tecnimont. The scope of work includes onshore and offshore geotechnical Investigation, topographical survey and underground detection.

Langan awarded ACES Abu Dhabi the Geotechnical Investigation for the Yas South Development Project, Abu Dhabi, UAE. The scope of works includes more than 130 onshore and 27 offshore boreholes in addition to variety of field tests including cone penetration tests, installation of piezometers, trial pits, falling head permeability, packer test, pressure-meter, down hole seismic test, plate load test, electrical resistivity tests, thermal resistivity tests and CBRs.



ADNOC Ruwais Housing Complex
– Expansion Project
Construction of Villas, Package 3

ACES Appoints a Materials Business Development and Quality Manager

ACES is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Rafat Ahmad as Materials Business Development and Quality Manager at ACES corporate headquarters.

Dr. Ahmad holds a PhD degree in industrial chemistry from the Freie University of Berlin in cooperation with Fritz-Haber-Institute/Max Planck Gesellschaft /Germany in 2003. He held several posts at Royal Scientific Society (RSS) since 1997; his last position was an executive director of testing sector at RSS where he was responsible administratively and technically for the operation of 26 multi-disciplinary testing laboratories covering a wide spectrum of specialized testing. He is skilled in ensuring that testing systems in the laboratory are providing the quality services which comply with all required international testing standards. He is specialist in material characterization and has published over 20 scientific papers in international journals.



ACES takes this opportunity to welcome Dr. Ahmad and wish him all the best in his new position at ACES.

ACES Dubai Awarded Certificate of Recognition by ENOC



ACES Dubai is proud to announce that it has received a certificate of appreciation from Emirates National Oil Company (ENOC). The certificate was awarded in recognition of ACES long-term cooperation and collaborative partnership with ENOC, particularly on the site investigation works completed for the proposed Jebel Ali Refinery Expansion Project No. EPCL-NI-3315 at Jebel Ali Free Zone Area, Dubai in Q4 of 2014.

The scope of works included drilling of 25 boreholes, 100 CPTs, trial pits, PMT, DMT, down-hole seismic tests, thermal and electrical resistivity tests, in addition to comprehensive laboratory test program. The interpretative report included detailed site characterization and geotechnical evaluations and design of the selected foundations following latest geotechnical

techniques which was prepared in close co-ordination with the feed design consultant KBR, UK and to their fullest satisfaction.

The ceremony was held at Intercontinental-Festival City in Dubai on October 18th, 2015 and was attended by more than 25 leading consultants and contractors companies in the oil and gas industry. It is important to note that ACES Dubai was the only Site Investigation company invited to the award ceremony.

Eng. Emad Sharif, ACES Dubai & Muscat Manager, received the certificate of appreciation from ENOC CEO, Mr Sina Khoory.

ACES takes this opportunity to congratulate the ACES Dubai staff for this great achievement and thanks them for their exceptional work in ENOC's Projects.

ACES Operation Officers First Meeting

ACES first operation officers meeting was held in Abu Dhabi office on 11 October 2015. Operation officers from all ACES branches attended this meeting to discuss important operational issues such as drilling methodologies and productivity, operation organization and management, fleet management and inventory system, and operation cost control. A presentation was given by Dr. Naeem Abdulhadi (Deputy CEO for Operations & Coordination affairs) comparing operational data and practices at ACES branches. This event were also a great opportunity to share experience and knowledge among ACES branches.

It is worth mentioning that ACES has recently commissioned a drilling consultant from the USA to improve drilling productivities and upgrade drilling practices at ACES Group. The drilling consultant also attended the operation officers meeting and provided fruitful and enlightening insights.

