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Emirates Calcium Carbonate in Kizad

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Khalifa Industrial Zone Abu Dhabi, or Kizad, on Wednesday announced the signing of a 50-year Musataha agreement with Emirates Calcium Carbonate Factory, or ECCF, the largest manufacturer of calcium carbonate in the UAE.

The long-term agreement, worth over Dh18 million, was signed by Eng Khaled Salmeen, chief executive officer and managing director of Kizad, and Rushdi G. Saqqa, operations manager and partner at ECCF.

As part of the agreement, ECCF will be allocated a 215,200sqft plot of land in the mixed-use cluster of Kizad Area A, where it will use the land to set up a new plant to manufacture and distribute calcium carbonate products to oilfield industries across the UAE and the region.

Calcium carbonate can also be used in steel production, the manufacturing of paper, paints and dyes, water and industrial waste treatment, sugar extraction and the reduction of acidity of soil used for agricultural purposes.

"Kizad is proud to welcome UAE's biggest calcium carbonate manufacturer in our mixed-use cluster. We are confident that with Kizad's outstanding access to global markets, and its low operating cost environment, ECCF will be well positioned to capitalize on the business potential in the GCC and, in parallel, grow their Mena-region potential," Eng Salmeen said.

"Over the last 20 years, ECCF has established itself as the supplier of choice for quality calcium carbonate to clients across the Mena region. Our expansion into Kizad comes naturally as we grow our offering in a bid to serve clients in the paints, plastics and rubber industries as well as several other specialty product industries," Saqqa said.

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