

## Dubai to host region's first career zone dedicated to the rail industry

**Dubai- UAE, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016:** The inaugural Rail Career Zone will be set alongside Middle East Rail exhibition and conference taking place on March 9<sup>th</sup> at Dubai International Convention Centre.

The Career Zone will provide current and future engineering graduates with direct access to regional rail operators, government authorities, leading multinational rail suppliers to learn about exciting career opportunities in the region's burgeoning rail sector. Young professionals who have already embarked on successful careers in rail engineering will also be present to share their experiences and answer any questions future students might have.

Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Presidential Affairs, the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of Middle East Rail will be held in partnership with the Ministry of Infrastructure Development UAE and the Federal Transport Authority - Land & Maritime.

Terrapinn, organisers of the Middle East Rail, have partnered with Howarth & Co, founder of National Skills Academy for Railway Engineering in the UK and an international project management consultancy firm to coordinate career advice sessions and interactive workshops, games and videos presentations in the Zone.

H.E. Dr. Abdulla Belhaif Al Nuaimi, Minister of Infrastructure Development and Chairman, Federal Transport Authority - Land & Maritime, UAE: "The region is home to some of the largest railway projects in the world and a number of large and small scale public and private-sector infrastructure projects are currently in progress. As engineering disciplines become more specialized, it is extremely important for the students to understand the industry demands and trends so that they can align their academic field experience and skillset with the opportunities and economic needs of the future. Middle East Rail Career Zone is the perfect platform for current and future graduates to learn about exciting career prospects, as well as establish contacts with regional and international rail industry professionals."

Gil Howarth, Chief Executive, Howarth & Co's said: "We see this initiative as the start of a major ongoing programme of industry promotion within schools,



colleges and universities. People are a nation's greatest asset and we are delighted to have the support of the Federal Transport Authority in moving this localisation programme forward."

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