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Local/French JV awarded Raha marine works

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The local/French joint venture (JV) NSCC and Soletanche Bachy has been awarded two marine works packages on the Al-Raha beach development planned by local real estate developer ALDAR Properties. The two packages are worth an estimated AED 1,000 million (\$272 million) and cover the Khor al-Raha, Al-Seef, Al-Bandar and Al-Wateed communities, also known as precincts A, B and C (MEED 21:7:06).

Construction for Khor al-Raha involves a 3-kilometre long diaphragm wall. Work in Al-Seef and Al-Wateed entails the construction of conventional rubble and concrete block quay walls, ground treatment works and the dredging of marine channels. All works are scheduled for completion within 14 months. ALDAR is also evaluating its options for a package covering the remainder of the waterfront communities, for which two companies submitted bids in July.

The contract is the largest to be awarded so far at Raha beach which, when complete, will comprise a series of mixed-use buildings set alongside canals, parkland and community facilities. Tenders for the first building packages are expected in 2007.

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