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Parsons Brinckerhoff's new leadership strengthens commitment to Middle East Region



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) is pleased to announce three key leadership appointments as the company's Middle East operations expand to serve Northern Africa.

Slav Marjanovic has been appointed operations director for PB's Middle East and northern Africa (MENA) region. Based in the United Arab Emirates, Marjanovic is responsible for the company's business performance in the region, as well as for strengthening the company's operations in key growth markets--Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Libya, in particular. Marjanovic has a 20+ year career, including 15 years with PB, serving first in financial management roles for PB in Australia, and since 2007 as finance director for PB's Middle East operations.

Steve Lankester has been appointed director of the Rail, Transit & Aviation practice throughout the region. The move recognises the firm's continued strong commitment to its clients in the public transport sector, and to expanding to bring the firm's global aviation capabilities to airport owners and developers. Lankester is a chartered civil engineer with 23 years' experience in the Middle East, United Kingdom and Asia. His projects encompass a wide range of infrastructure, including high speed rail and metro, tunnelling, viaduct and bridge structures, marine structures and other multidisciplinary projects.

Rob Higgs has been named director of PB's Power practice for the region. In this position, Higgs is responsible for PB's activities related to power generation, power networks, energy and utility consulting, as well as in the region's water and environment sectors. Higgs, a registered professional certificated engineer, has been with PB since 2008 and is based in the United Arab Emirates. He has a 25-year career focused on bringing essential power and utilities infrastructure to communities around the world. This has included technical management of some of the world's largest thermal power plants as well as leadership of large technical and support teams in project and office environments.

Nick Flew, managing director for PB's Europe, Middle East and northern Africa operations, commented, "PB has been serving the region for more than 40 years. These new appointments reflect our continued confidence in the region and our commitment to serving the infrastructure development needs of the people and communities that make up the region."

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Parsons Brinckerhoff puts focus on Qatar with new local leadership



Haitham Saleh, the newly-appointed General Manager at PB.

Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) has appointed Haitham Saleh as general manager for its Qatar operations. Based in Doha, Saleh is responsible for expanding PB's business in Qatar across all market sectors, in particular transportation, buildings & infrastructure and power generation, transmission & distribution.

Saleh brings over 30 years of experience to PB and has held senior roles in public and private organisations, where he was responsible for delivering major infrastructure programs in Qatar and around the world. As a civil engineer, Saleh also has held technical leadership positions, including structures engineer, infrastructure engineer and highways engineer. He has directed and managed successful design works for prestigious clients such as Qatar Petroleum, Abu Dhabi Investment House, the New Doha International Airport Committee, Qatar's Public Works Authority and the Urban Planning and Development Authority.

Saleh joins PB at a time when the organisation is focused on delivering the basic social infrastructure that communities in the Middle East and northern Africa need to meet the demands of their rapidly growing populations. "Having Haitham in Qatar," says Slav Marjanovic, PB's operations director for the region, "means our local clients can access the capabilities of PB's 14,000 global employees easier than ever before. We're enthusiastic about what Qatar has planned for its future, and we're looking forward to helping the nation achieve its ambitious infrastructure goals."

PB has been working in Qatar for over 20 years, with a dedicated, fully staffed office since 2003. The firm's work in Qatar includes owner's engineer services for Qatar's largest Independent Water and Power Plant (IWPP) to date—Ras Laffan C—and the Mesaieed Independent Power Plant (IPP), as well as continuing support to Qatar's Public Works Authority as it looks to implement major contracts as part of the country's infrastructure growth program.

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