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## Powering the nation, driving the growth

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman recently inaugurated the Haramain High-Speed Railway, the biggest electric speed train project in the Middle East, one of the strategic projects of the country. The Haramain High Speed Rail Project is designed to satisfy the transportation needs of the pilgrims travelling between Makkah and Madinah which is expected to reach 60 million annually.

As a company associated with Kingdom's landmark projects, alfanar continues its contribution to the development of the infrastructure in the country. The recently inaugurated 448 kms, Haramain High Speed Railway is one of such projects, where alfanar designed, constructed and commissioned 6 extra high voltage substations (380kV) between Makkah to Madinah. The substations were built, starting from, the Knowledge Economic City at Medina, the King Abdullah Economic City at Rabigh, KAI Jeddah Airport and Makkah.

Mr. Wassim Mallouhi, Vice President – Growth & Strategy, said, “alfanar started working on the electrification of the project in 2011 and having completed the same in a record time of 24 months, which considering the distance and number of substations, was a challenge for any national company to undertake. We are happy that the Haramian railway project is now in commercial operation and that the travel distance between the holy cities has reduced significantly”.

As a trusted partner for mega infrastructure projects, alfanar's contribution to it was a major cornerstone for the company's journey towards globalization, with several key projects that are currently under execution, including 132kV substations in Dubai. alfanar is also one of the few organization to have partnered with the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) for the construction of High Voltage and Extra High Voltage level substations (380kV).

Apart from EPC for substations and power plants, alfanar is also working as EPC for renewable projects in the UK, India and Egypt.

Further, the company has made an impact as a renowned renewable projects developer and as a specialized engineering, procurement and construction company with a global portfolio of 1.7GW in a very short period.

alfanar's strong portfolio consists of Electrical Products Manufacturing, Construction, Engineering Services and Renewable projects development. alfanar's facilities and projects are spread worldwide, including Spain, Germany, UK, Italy, UAE, India, Turkey and Egypt.

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