

Falck and CNIA enter safety training centre partnership in Abu Dhabi

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Falck and the Critical National Infrastructure Authority (CNIA) have signed a long-term agreement for the operation and management by Falck of the former Navy Safety and Security Training Centre in Musaffah, Abu Dhabi.

Falck will utilise the centre to provide a comprehensive range of internationally certified water survival, fire-fighting, rescue and medical training courses. Falck will upgrade the existing centre to achieve an internationally accredited training facility for the benefit of CNIA, the armed forces, government agencies and a range of hazardous industries, especially the offshore and onshore oil and gas sector.

The CNIA is the government authority tasked with handling the protection and security of Abu Dhabi's vital assets and infrastructure. The authority works to ensure that critical facilities are secure from potential threats, possible disruption and imminent destruction.

Falck is the world's leading provider of safety and maritime training to the offshore oil and gas sector. The combination will provide a platform for the implementation of training, such as helicopter underwater escape training, together with offshore rescue and safety training for employees from CNIA and the oil and gas industry.

In addition, the centre will provide all levels of industrial and public fire-fighting training as well as maritime, search and rescue and coastguard training. Falck will introduce courses and curriculum accredited with international standards such as OPITO and STCW95.

CNIA's director general, Brigadier Engineer Muhair Ali Al Khateri, said: "The agreement with Falck will help CNIA achieve its goals of training human resources and providing them with the necessary skills to carry out their duties of protecting critical facilities."

Falck's head of Middle East, Marc de Beer, said: "We are proud that a significant organisation such as CNIA has chosen Falck to operate the Safety and Security Centre. We look forward to providing world-class training to CNIA and the oil and gas sector, together with the wider government and corporate community in Abu Dhabi. Falck is pleased to establish a strong presence in the region, which will pave the way for future opportunities for the Falck Group."

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