

BDC Notes



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BDC Chairman**

As our Autumn programme of business and social activities gets going this is a good time to remind all members that membership of one or more Special Interest Groups (SIGs) is open to all paid up members of the RGBB. The SIGs provide an opportunity to meet with all levels of management and staff in similar Industries to help promote better understanding of the local market, trading conditions and share matters of mutual interest and concern. The objective is to benefit not only the individuals themselves but also the Companies and Franchises they represent.

As a result of demand from members we are currently establishing two additional SIGs to reflect the growing involvement of British people and British Companies in two key areas within the Kingdom.

Oil, Gas and Petrochemicals. Recent developments have greatly increases British participation in this core activity. We are all affected by what happens in this sector and a dedicated SIG is long overdue. We are sure that this group will prove to very active and of interest to a wide range of members.

Healthcare. An SIG covering providers of Healthcare, whether in the hospitals, for medical equipment and supplies or Insurance, should be of great interest to many existing members as well as of benefit to potential members. We are all interested in this sector, even if only as users of their services.

Volunteers to actively help run these SIGs and to become members are currently being sought and we hope to have the Groups in place within the next month. If you are interested in becoming involved please contact the RGBB Secretary or myself

RGBB Privilege Card and SNAS/DHL

Now that we're all back at work, a timely reminder to members of the offer from Simon Tarrant at DHL.

Simon has offered a 25% cash discount from the published tariff to all Priviledge Card holders on all cash paid shipments / products through any one of the 5 Express Centres located in Riyadh.

The Express Centre locations are as follows:

- 1 Olaya (behind the Al Khozama Hotel) 465 2255
- 2 Malaz (off Siteen St)477 4997
- 3 Industrial Area294 1361
- 4 City Centre (Batha opposite PTT)405 6003
- 5 Sulemaniya (Near French Corner)462 1919

This initial offer is valid until 31st Dec 2001

Any queries should be addressed to the Central Province Customer Service Manager:
Marwan Hejazin on462 1919



HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Most of the membership will know David Riley , the Factory Manager for Al Rabie Saudi Foods Factory. Not many will know though that David and his engineers have built themselves a Fire Engine!

For some time now, workers on the Industrial Estate have rallied-round to help each other if there has been any need to supply water to supplement the Civil Defence Force supplies when Fire Fighting.

David's team initially took along a water tanker and a separate pump and soon found themselves battling fires alongside the professionals. After consultation with the specialists at the Civil Defence Forces HQ in Riyadh, the team have now combined their equipment to make the Fire Engine pictured above.

David's team of volunteers which include local Saudi staff, have received specialist training and now have their own protective clothing as well.

The engineers from Al Rabie operate on a round-the-clock basis and they and the equipment have already been called out twice this year.

In addition to the Fire Engine, the team have also equipped their own Ambulance which can also attend emergency situations as required. A qualified Doctor and Nurse run with the team.

