

NASS TALK

Issue 9 | July 2014 - NASS Group and Corporation's Official Newsletter

Complimentary Copy



04

EAST HIDD CITY PROJECT RIGHT ON TRACK



07

BAHRAIN ORGANIC PRODUCTS

Bridge Construction Revolutionised

U.S. Navy Flyover becomes an instant landmark design-build project.

Follow us on



www.nassgroup.com | www.nasscorporation.com



Cover Story 08

What's Inside ...

April - June 2014 Newsletter | Issue 9

- 03** Director's Message
- 04** Latest News
- 07** Feature Facility:
BOP has Rebranded
- 08** Feature Project:
Contrack NASS J.V.'s Unique Bridge Installation
- 10** Interview with Feryal A. Nass
- 11** Staff News
- 12** Sports News



Get In Touch
Please e-mail or write to us with your views. All NASS employees are kindly urged to participate in further improving Nass Talk by sending their valued suggestions, views, ideas, proposals, articles, or news on their personal achievements, company activities or social events. Any contribution to the NASS photographic and film archive will also be gratefully accepted, please contact the Public Relation Department on pr@nasslogistics.com/1745 6191 so we can safely archive any old Nass Group's film or images.

- Follow us on:**
- www.facebook.com/NassGroup
 - [@nassgroup](https://twitter.com/nassgroup)
 - www.linkedin.com/company/nass-the-group-nass-corporation-bahrain
 - YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/nassgroup
 - Google+: [www.plus.google.com/103028288406756761890/posts](https://plus.google.com/103028288406756761890/posts)
 - www.vimeo.com/user24821179

NASS TALK

NASS Group and Corporation's
Official Newsletter



Director's Message

Welcome to the second edition of NassTalk for 2014.

The past quarter had brought some truly momentous achievements for Nass Group and Corporation, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the joint effort and exceptional contribution, without which none of this would be possible.

This issue's cover story features a very special project led by Contrack NASS J.V. – the cutting-edge “build, lift, move, and install” fixing of the U.S. Navy Flyover Bridge (page 8). This innovative technique has been successfully implemented for the first time in the Middle East, and we are more than proud that the Nass group of companies made it happen.

Last May four of our companies attended the Middle East Petrotech 2014 event, which resulted in some new interesting agreements with UK's Wring Group, and Al Jazeera Shipping Company. Read all about it on page 6.

We continued to raise our own bar during the past three months and once again I can positively say that we succeeded in all our endeavours – through dedication, teamwork, and utmost expertise.

Bashar Nass
Director

NASS BUZZ

Find out what Nass has been up to with some snippets of all the latest news ...



Deal Signed: 483 Villas in East Hidd City

Housing Ministry signed BD18-million deal to implement the first stage of East Hidd City, a project that envisages the construction of 4,523 public housing units. The work of the project, funded by the Kuwait Government, will be carried out in several phases and the first phase will start within a month. The multi-million deal was signed with Kuwait's Khalid Al Kharafi and Brothers and Kingdom's Nass Contracting. The first phase intends to complete 483 housing units within a period of 18 months, while the second phase will witness the construction of 400 units, for which the work is expected to start within the next two months.



15% Cash Dividend Approved

The shareholders of Nass Corporation BSC received cash dividend of 15 per cent for the year 2013. The company paid a cash dividend at 15 per cent of paid up capital amounting to BD 3,226 million on its 215,077 million shares (excluding treasury shares of 4,923 million) held by the shareholders whose name appeared in the Register of Members of the company on the record date (AGM date). The Chairman Mr Sameer Abdulla Nass thanked all the shareholders on behalf of the company management and employees for their continued support and confidence in the company.

GTO 195 Sails Off

Nass Marine Services built three new barges for Al Jazeera Shipping Company, which were launched on schedule during the first quarter of 2014. In picture, barge GT 195 sails off on April 3rd, 2014.



Barge GTO 195 during the launch ceremony

Safety Milestone for Sadara Project

Abdulla Nass & Partners Co. Ltd (ANPC) Scaffolding Division was presented with Sinopec Saudi Sadara Waste Treatment Project Certificate of Appreciation, on June 7th, 2014, in acknowledgement of its valuable contribution and active role towards the achievement of two million safe man-hours worked without lost time incident.



Diyar's Dragon City Deal for Nass Contracting

Urban developer Diyar Al Muharraq has appointed Nass Contracting for the construction of phase one of Dragon City, a multi-million-dollar Chinese-themed retail development, which will take 14 months for completion. The project is being developed by Dragon City, a subsidiary of Diyar Al Muharraq, and the mall will be operated by Chinamex Middle East. It is expected to open in June next year.



In Honour of Bahrain's Movers and Shakers

A feel-good evening aimed at celebrating the achievements of Bahrain's movers and shakers took place at the Sofitel Bahrain Zallaq Thalassa Sea & Spa on May 3rd. During the ceremony, H.H. Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa felicitated Mr Sameer Nass as 'Visionary of Bahrain'. In Picture, Mr. Sameer Nass with HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa during the Felicitation Ceremony.



ASU Job Fair

Applied Science University (ASU) held its annual job fair sponsored by his Excellency Prof Dr Waheeb Al Khaja, the President of Applied Science University on February 26th at the newly opened East Eker Campus.



Nass Donates Ground-breaking Unit to KHUH

Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Shaikh Dai bin Salman Al Khalifa patronised the opening ceremony of a number of new departments at the King Hamad University Hospital (KHUH) on February 27th, marking the Kingdom's celebration of the 46th anniversary of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF). He opened the Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for Wound Healing unit, the first of its kind facility in the Middle East, donated in the name of Late dignitary Abdulla Ahmed Nass.



Garden on Display at BIGS

Nass Landscapes displayed a garden at the Bahrain International Garden Show (BIGS) tenth anniversary event, held at the Bahrain International Garden Show (BIGS).



Petrotech 2014

Middle East Petrotech 2014 was held at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre from May 18th to 21st, under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

Four Nass group companies – Nass Industrial Services, Nass Marine, Sarens Nass, and Gulf Demolition and Recycling Company – took part in this exhibition to display their specialist turnkey capabilities in the fast-growing Petroleum, Oil and Gas Business sector.

Nass to set up Key Joint Venture with UK Group

A Bahrain-based joint venture between Nass Asphalt and Wring Group of the UK is to be set up in the next two months, with aspirations to become a regional pioneer. Gulf Demolition and Recycling Company will carry out specialist industrial demolition, removal of hazardous materials, and recycling.

Nass Group Director Fawzi Nass and Wring Group Director John Wring signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) during the ninth Middle East Refining and Petrochemicals Conference and Exhibition (Petrotech 2014), which is expected to lead to the creation of the company.

"There are existing relationships between the two companies that suggest a natural progression," Mr Wring said, "Health, safety, environment and sustainability will be key focus areas where expertise will be used."



Al Jazeera Lands Barge Construction Deal with Nass

Al Jazeera Shipping Company has entered into a contract with Nass Marine Services Co. W.L.L. to construct two barge units. The contract signing ceremony was held at the Nass Corporation Stand on the last day of the ninth Middle East Refining and Petrochemicals Conference and Exhibition (Middle East Petrotech 2014) show.

"Construction of the two 180-foot barges will start during the month of May 2014 and is expected to be launched after four months", says Mr Ali Hassan Mahmood, Managing Director of Al Jazeera Shipping Company.

Nass Marine Services General Manager Mr David McKay says, "Using the show as a platform to display our industrial competitive capability to the regional market, we guarantee that we comply with the highest standard of construction. This barge order brings additional work and stability to Nass Marine and continues our efforts to provide quality and cost effective shipbuilding and repair services."



ASU New Campus Inaugurated

Deputy Premier His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa inaugurated the new campus of the Applied Science University (ASU), on January 29th, 2014.

The ceremony was attended by Shura Council's Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al-Saleh and several ministers and officials.

His Highness congratulated the ASU officials commending their efforts in developing the University, and the provision of encouraging educational environment suitable for studying, research, and creativity. His Highness emphasised the Government's support and encouragement for educational institutions infrastructure developments.

His Highness unveiled the curtain off the Memorial Plateau announcing the opening of the University's new campus before touring the university campus including library, laboratories, auditoriums, and recreation facilities.

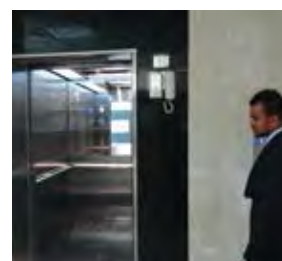
ASU Board of Directors Chairman Sameer Abdulla Nass delivered a speech, in which he stressed that with the new campus, the university has facilitated the most advanced academic environment for its educational needs, administrative staff, and students. "The university always seeks to generate qualified workforce in line with highly competitive job market," Mr Nass added.



Elevated to the Exclusive Dealer

Nass International Trading (NIT) has delivered and installed two new machine-roomless elevators at the Sh. Khalifa bin Salman Institute of Technology, Busaiteen. This new installation was tested and commissioned on by the Ministry of Education Engineering Department Director, Mr Khalid Ghareeb. Among the officials present were Mr Adel Nass, Mr Bashar Nass, and Mr Mohammed Hasoona.

NIT engages in the trade, installation and servicing of "The Mobility Solutions" provided by Hyundai Elevator Co. Ltd, which has led the market with its full line of moving systems, meticulous in detail, bringing together some of the most advanced technologies and progressive designs in the industry.



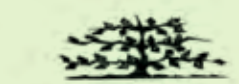
BOP has Rebranded

Bahrain Organic Products (BOP) was established in 1997 as a trading name of Middle East Agriculture & Animalism Co. W.L.L and remains Bahrain's only manufacturer of organic fertilisers for landscaping and agricultural applications. The company produces high quality compost from green waste and wood shavings.

In order to better distinguish its product offering and keep its corporate identity in line with the modern trends, BOP has implemented a comprehensive corporate rebranding project for two of its most successful products: Animal Manure and Organic Fertilisers, including restyling of the trading logo and redesign of its product bags.

Commenting on the newly reinvented brand, BOP Director Mr Bashar Nass said: "Brands cannot survive without keeping up with new design implementation."

Since BOP's inception, the company has grown from a small entity to Bahrain's only manufacturer of organic fertiliser servicing a wide range of industries and their varying requirements. We believe that by implementing these branding changes, we will be able to further strengthen our brand position and make our products clearer to the end user".



Bahrain Organic Products
مصنع البيرين للأسمدة الطبيعية

After
Before

BOP's Products Include:

- Processed animal manure (aged, cleaned, and powdered animal manure)
- Organic fertiliser (based on compost made from green waste)
- Specialised mixes to customers' specification (e.g. roof garden and planter media, potting mixes, etc.)
- Imports Peat moss from Germany
- Exclusive dealer for Sanoplant from Sanoway GmbH of Austria (the leading water-saving material widely used in Bahrain and UAE)

Contact: Tel: +973 3961 8853
Email: bop.salesbh@gmail.com

BOP-
New
Branding

BOP-
Old
Branding



Contrack NASS J.V.'s Unique Bridge Installation

Contrack NASS J.V., the main contractor at the Waterfront Development Project, was leading the unique U.S. Navy Flyover Bridge construction effort, with cutting-edge "build, lift, move, and install" approach, unlike any bridge installation undertaken in the Middle East.

The flyover is a tied arch cable suspension bridge with a roadway and pedestrian walkway, and the deck is a concrete post-tensioned construction. The entire bridge was constructed at an offsite facility about 250 metres away from the permanent location across Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Highway, and was moved by a team of experts from Contrack NASS J.V. and Sarens Nass Middle East to be placed at two end piers with highway completely open, which is known as the 'SPMT (Self-propelled Modular Transporter) Bridge Move'.

"The use of self-propelled modular transporter technology provides the ultimate flexibility and speed in moving and installing bridge structures and reducing construction related impacts to the traveling public as a major priority for the nation's highway program", says Mr Ayman El Gayar, Regional Manager of Contrack International.

"Construction on the bridge began in September 2012, and the actual movement of the bridge to the highway started on January 30th, 2014 from 12:30 pm till 8:30 am the next day," says Project Manager, Mr Ali Chahine.

He added, "Our subcontractor Sarens Nass M.E. provided 96 axles of self-propelled modular trailers for transporting the 3,000-ton bridge and jacking it to the bearing points on the highway. Bahrain's Ministry of Works had ordered the

The Bridge Specifications

Length: 122.5 metres
Width: 16 metres
Height: 21.4 metres (from ground 27.5 metres)
Weight: 2650 metric tons (with lifting beam 2850 metric tons)

closure of the highway to carry out this ambitious operation, the first in the Middle East. Off-site construction of the bridge results in safer working conditions and shortened road closures."

Mr Sami Nass, Managing Director of Sarens Nass Middle East and Nass Corporation B.S.C., says Sarens Nass is one of the few heavy lifting companies in the Middle East that has established itself as a prime specialist in the past ten years, working to meet a seemingly insatiable demand for heavy lift operations. "Even though we have 1,000 axles working every day in the Sarens Nass fleet, this project was unique and challenging because of the engineering aspects involved in the movement and jacking process. Every millimeter of precision on the move is important to ensure safety of the bridge. Our team of experts worked three days to move the bridge from its actual location to fixing position and six hours of carefully planned and programmed movement to ensure precision, maneuverability and stability while moving the bridge along the main highway," he explained.

He also added that Nass Mechanical Contracting Company, which is also a Nass Corporation company, served as the subcontractor to fabricate and erect the 2,850-metric-ton lifting beams to carry the bridge, and also erected all steel structures including the bridge arch.

Sarens Nass M.E. provided 96 axles of self-propelled modular trailers for transporting the 3,000-ton bridge and jacking it to the bearing points on the highway.



Subcontractors

- **Nass Mechanical Contracting Company** – Fabrication and construction of the lifting beams to carry the bridge, as well as all steel structures including the bridge arch
- **Tony Gee and Partners** – Third party bridge designer for bridge modeling and design of temporary works
- **Cleveland Bridge and Engineering Middle East (Private) Limited** – Fabrication and installation Structural Steel Arch Rib
- **Mekano4 MK4 for installing and tensioning the hangers** - Hangers supplied by Redealli thru Contrack Nass JV
- **VSL Middle East LLC** – Bridge deck post tensioning, jacking of the bridge, and stressing of PT bars between lifting beams and bridge deck
- **Sarens Nass Middle East W.L.L.** – Bridge movement
- **Nass Mechanical Contracting Co W.L.L.** – Fabrication and installation of lifting beams and installation of arch ribs under Cleveland Bridge and Engineering Middle East (Private) Limited
- **RMD Kiwiform (Almoayyed) Bahrain W.L.L.** – Formwork supplier



One on One with Feryal A. Nass

General Manager of Artland &
Owner/ Managing Director of Ma Maison Interiors

Nationality: Bahraini

Expertise: Interior Designing

Hobbies: Charity and volunteering work

How did you get involved with interior design?

The interior design was my passion ever since I remember. Although I got my Bachelor's degree in business administration, I actually planned to take up a design course, but it wasn't available at the time. I later joined the Artland Galleries, our family business, and that's how my journey with interior design began.

You are behind starting Artland's new interior design drafting division. Was it a successful move?

At the time of my joining, Artland's portfolio did not leave much room for creativity. I felt it could be a refreshing change, so I decided to diversify our offer. Now we are ready to handle all kinds of design projects, including VIP villas and palaces. One of our recent clients was the Applied Science University.

Can you tell us about your creative process?

I always keep my client's vision in mind, but at the same time I make sure to incorporate some unique touches from our side. My design is tailored to the type and functionality of the space, so I never stick to one concept. It can be contemporary, vintage, or even mix of both. I believe that neutral base works great with eclectic mix of different elements, be it artwork or other pieces. Colours and lighting play very important roles in creating the right ambience. And that – in my opinion – is the main purpose of interior design: to build the right atmosphere for the place.

You're also a business owner. How would you describe your company?

I own Ma Maison, which is fully dedicated to interior design, including lighting, accessories, and custom-made furniture. We are doing really well. In fact, we are now in a process of expanding to a new company, Design District, which will bring new franchises to Bahrain such as Missoni Homes, soon to be launched at Al A'ali Mall.

How do you spend your free time?

I like to keep myself busy. Getting involved in charity drives and other volunteer activities is very important to me, as it helps me fulfill my social responsibilities. I want to contribute to empowering women in business and in general. I believe we can achieve a lot if given the right support.



The Spirit of Ramadan

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Management and team of VIVA Bahrain for their generous distribution of Iftar meals to our Eker labour camps, on July 6th, 2014.



Staff Training

ECITB Environmental Awareness Course

Nass Contracting conducted ECITB environmental awareness courses from June 12th to 19th, 2014, at the Al Safir Hotel. The courses covered environmental legislation, environmental management, environmental protection, and the environmental audit processes that form an integral part of a sustainable environmental management system. A total of 55 staff members, divided into three groups, attended the courses and received certificates upon completion.



Staff It Up! (STAFF NEWS & VIEWS)

Bidding Farewell !

Rayammakkaru Veetil Abdulla Abubacker

A farewell function was held on April 14th, 2014, for Mr Rayammakkaru Veetil Abdulla Abubacker, a very polite and friendly figure who took good care of our labour force requirements as a Senior Labour officer for the past 17 years of service. We would like to express our utmost appreciation for Mr Abubacker's many contributions to the organisation and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.



Qasim Ali Abdulrab Yafeai

Mr Qassim – who joined Nass Family on July 28th, 1975 – has now retired, having completed nearly 40 years of service. During a farewell function, held at the Nass Asphalt's Office on 3rd June 2014, the Management sincerely thanked Mr Qassim for his loyal contribution, and presented him with a Certificate, a gift, and a set of gift vouchers.



Upgrading Qualifications

As part of our regular training programmes, Nass Commercial conducted hands-on training for the CASE products with the aim of improving the qualifications of its service team members and increasing overall efficiency.



Shaikh Mohammad Iqbal

One of our long-term employees, Mr Shaikh Mohammad Iqbal, bid farewell to the Nass Family on April 4th, 2014, after serving 20 years as an Admin Clerk at our headquarters office. We would like to extend our appreciation for Mr Iqbal's loyal service and wish him the very best for his future endeavours.



Sameer Nass: The Value of Sports



In an exclusive interview for Akhbar Al Khaleej Mr Sameer Nass, member of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) and Chairman of Nass Group and Corporation's Board of Directors, expressed his full support for the sports sector in Bahrain, indicating the utmost importance of sports for the youth and the country in general.

SCYS has been involved in various sports programmes and donations with the aim of strengthening the sports sector, which – according to Mr Nass – needs improvement. “We need to address the issue by giving full support to the schools,” he said, “With the right P.E. programmes, expert teaching staff, advanced equipment, and funding from the federations and clubs – we would be able to mould our future home-grown sports champions.”



Mr Nass commended Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, SCYS Chairman and President of National Olympic Committee, for his continuous dedication to developing passion for sports among the young people. “The Olympic Committee's 2014 activities were a 200 per cent success. I thank Shaikh Nasser for his active role in this achievement,” he said.



Cricket Win

Nass Group cricket team won the Runner-up title, scoring 70 runs in 10 overs, at the tournament “2nd Cricket Championship Trophy” organised by Yokogawa Bahrain.

The final match in the one-month league tournament featuring 16 teams was played between “DC Volts” and “Nass Group”. Mr Naeem Said of Nass Group was felicitated as the best batsman in the tournament.

Nass Group extends special thanks to all the players and the tournament organisers.



Social Corner

Sudoku Here is the puzzle. Good luck!

	9							8
2						1	9	
4			2		1			
	3				6		8	7
			7		9			
7	1		8				3	
			5		3			6
	8	6						1
5							7	

Nass Medal Golf Tournament

The Awali Golf Club hosted the 10th running of the Nass Medal competition on March 21st. With the crowd in boisterous mood, the charity raffle collected several hundred dinars, donated by David Anthony to Dreena's Charity and the AGC Captain's Charity.

