

Press Release

Orascom Development Egypt receives a letter of compensation claim from Ministry of Environment

Cairo, 3 August 2021 – Orascom Development Egypt (ODE) has received a letter from the Environment Protection Agency, a department of Egypt's Ministry of Environment, claiming an environmental compensation in the amount of USD 33.9 million in relation to ODE's Egyptian destination El Gouna.

The Environment Protection Agency has not substantiated the claim or provided any information on the background and the reasons, and it has failed to respond to ODE's request for further information. Furthermore, ODE has not been given the opportunity to respond, whether technically or legally, to the alleged allegations before issuing the claim. ODE is therefore currently unable to provide any further background on the matter.

ODE has always been strongly committed to the environment and compliance with all environmental laws in all of its destinations. This is evidenced by the fact that El Gouna was the first destination in the Africa and Arab region to receive the Global Green Award under the United Nation's Environment Programme.

ODE will continue to try and engage with the authorities and assess the best course of action, once further information becomes available, we will provide it in due course.

About Orascom Development Egypt (ODE):

Orascom Development Egypt (ODE) is the largest subsidiary of Orascom Development Holding AG (ODH). ODE is an integrated developer of resort towns in Egypt, with a vertically integrated business model involving the development of residential units, hotels, and recreational facilities such as golf courses, town centers, and marinas, in addition to supporting infrastructure, such as hospitals, schools, and utilities. ODE currently owns a land bank of 49.9 million square meter and 24 hotels with a total of 4,950 rooms within four operating destinations. El Gouna, on the Egyptian Red Sea Coast in Hurghada, Taba Heights, on the Sinai Peninsula, Makadi Heights in Hurghada and Byoum in Fayoum. ODE launched O West, the latest addition to its portfolio and its first project in Cairo, Egypt, located in the 6th of October City.

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