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GPLN member Almajdouie handles one of the world's heaviest evaporators

Almajdouie Heavy Lift Transport & Engineering, a GPLN member from Dammam in Saudi Arabia moved recently an evaporator, weighing 5,736.8 tons to the Yanbu 3 Desalination Plant in Saudi Arabia.

The evaporator is considered the world's largest and a total of six evaporators will be transported by GPLN members Almajdouie. Four of these evaporators will be fabricated in Vietnam and shipped to the jetty site at Yanbu, where they will be rolled off the vessel and transported to the foundation by use of self-propelled modular transporters.

The remaining two will be locally fabricated in modules Bilfal Heavy Industries and transported to the site for assembly. The first evaporator sailed on April 24 from Dung Quat port in Vietnam and reached Yanbu Red Sea port in the Al Madinah province of western Saudi Arabia on May 18. GPLN member Almajdouie met the vessel at the Yanbu jetty with 200 axle lines of SPMT's and six power packs to execute the roll-off operation. The mammoth evaporator measured 138 meters long, 32 meters wide and 11.4 meters high.

After the berthing, custom clearance and removal of sea fastening procedures, a steel plate bridge was placed between the vessel and the jetty to facilitate the roll-on of the SPMT's, which were already fitted with temporary intermediate steel supports. After the jack-up of the evaporator using the SPMT's integral hydraulic system, the roll-off procedure over the steel plate bridge began in conjunction with the vessel ballasting to maintain the level of the barge to the jetty.

Doosan Heavy Industries & Construction is building the Yanbu Phase 3 Seawater Desalination Plant under a contract worth US\$ 1 billion from the Saline Water Conversion Corporation Site of Saudi Arabia. The plant is located about 350 miles north of Jeddah and will produce 550,000 cubic meters of water each day.

To see some of Almajdouie's moves please go to their album on the GPLN Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150283626896595.327564.250416211594&type=3>

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