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A Tornado to take Doha by storm

QIPCO Holding reveals its signature Tornado Tower

Doha – Qatar, 9th June 2008 – Qatar Investment Projects and Development Holding Company (QIPCO Holding), one of the leading private shareholding companies in Qatar, has today officially unveiled its much-anticipated Tornado Tower project at a press conference held at the Four Seasons Hotel, Doha. Construction on the tower has already been underway for a while, with the projected completion date set for November 2008.

Towering 52-storeys over the West Bay area of Doha, the uniquely designed Tornado Tower is expected to become one of the highlights of the city's skyline. Apart from the distinctive shape created by Munich based architects SIAT Robinson Pourroy, the outer steel structure of the tower will be accentuated by a special lighting system designed especially for the tower by renowned light artist Thomas Emde. The system can be programmed to produce over 35,000 dazzling light displays, making it one of the landmark structures of the city - particularly at night.

The tower will offer 58,029 sq m of the highest grade leasable office accommodation in Qatar Incorporating quality finishes throughout the building, as well as raised floors and flexible, column-free floor plates, occupants will be just as delighted with the attention to detail as with the spectacular views of the city and the Arabian Gulf. Furthermore, its West Bay location puts it right in the heart of Doha's premier business district surrounded by blue chip companies, government ministries and five-star hotels.

A variety of state-of-the-art smart systems provide an environment to meet the ever changing needs of today's business world. 16 high-speed passenger lifts will shuttle people up and down at speeds of up to two floors a second. A media belt in the lobby will continuously display business and financial news from around the world and the sophisticated Building Management Systems will ensure a trouble-free experience for all occupants and visitors. In addition, hi-tech access control systems will allow 24/7 admission to the building and a helipad is located on the 51st floor for VIP entry and emergencies.

Parking will never be a problem at the Tornado Tower, thanks to approximately 1,700 car parking spaces over three basement levels at a ratio of one space for every 35 sq m of leasable office space as compared with the minimum requirement of one space for every 50 sq m. This is particularly significant in West Bay, which is known for its shortage of parking space.

And when it's time to take a break, the tenants of Tornado Tower will be spoilt for choice. Not only does the tower offer a selection of outlets providing sundry services it also comprises a high end restaurant and an exclusive health club. The tower will also offer a dedicated concierge service that will be available for all tenants to take advantage of.

"We have planned and developed Tornado Tower to be the ideal place to work as well as relax," says His Excellency Sheikh Hamad Bin Abdulla Al Thani, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of QIPCO Holding. "We believe occupants of the tower will appreciate our commitment to providing a high quality space as well as the many thoughtful touches that have gone into making the tower one of the best commercial schemes in Qatar meeting the needs and standards of international companies."

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Editor's note

About the Tornado Tower

Qatar Investment Projects and Development Holding Company (QIPCO Holding) is one of the leading shareholding companies in Qatar. Their growing portfolio includes investment in construction, real estate, oil and gas, trading, financial services, healthy care and joint ventures with major international companies such as Siemens.

QIPCO Holding is presently engaged in the development of high rise real estate project, the Tornado Tower. Tornado Tower is a unique 52-storey commercial office tower in West Bay, Doha. Scheduled for completion in November 2008, the tower will stand 200 meters high and have a total leasable area of 58,029 sq m.

One of the highlights of the tower will be its spectacular external lighting system created by renowned light artist Thomas Emde. The system is capable of displaying 35,000 different combinations that will further enhance the hyperboloid structure of the tower, based on dessert storm concept design.

Features and facilities of the Tornado Tower include approximately 1,700 parking spaces at a generous ratio of one per 35 sq m of leasable space, 16 smart high speed passenger lifts, including a VIP lift. In addition there is a dedicated service lift, 24/7 secure access with CCTV monitoring and smartcards, a restaurant, coffee shop, gym, premium retail space, a media belt in the lobby, modern building management systems, a concierge service and an emergency helipad.