

RAK power plant to start next week

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Ras Al Khaimah's new 84-megawatt Al Ghail Power Plant will start commercial production next week and will meet the energy needs of companies located at the Al Ghail Industrial Park.

The gas-based power plant, set up by Ras Al Khaimah Investment Authority (Rakia) has been successfully test fired and is ready to be connected to the grid powering the industrial park.

Rakia will also fully commission the 45MW open cycle gas-fired power plant, Al Hamra-1 within a week. The plant has already started supplying 22.5MW of power using one of its two turbines.

The two new power plants were set up with an investment of about \$130 million (Dh477m). While the Al Ghail power plant would serve the industrial park, Al Hamra-1 would supply power to Al Hamra Industrial Zone, Rakia Free Zone and residential projects in Al Hamra village.

Rakia has been fast tracking the implementation of the four new power projects it announced last year to meet the emirate's surging energy needs.

"Rakia is making sincere efforts to enhanced the emirate's proven competitiveness in the industrial and manufacturing sectors by developing self sufficiency in power and water supplies. The two plants would contribute an additional 130MW capacity to the emirate and Rakia is on track to meet its promise of providing reliable power and water availability to all investors," N Zakkir Hussain, Advisor, Power and Water Projects, Rakia, said.

Zakkir Hussain said the tendering process for the 120MW Al Hamra-2 power plant was in the final stages and the plant will be set up in 12 months time.