

Hafilat wins Dhs30m deal

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Hafilat Industries, the region's leading manufacturer of quality aluminium buses licensed by Australia's Volgren, has won a Dhs30 million contract to produce and export European-quality buses to Australia.

Production will commence this month at Hafilat's 10,000 sq metre factory located in ICAD, Mussafah, Abu Dhabi, and will take approximately four months to complete before the buses are exported to Australia.

Hafilat Director, Obaid Sughair Qubaisi said: "This agreement is a major milestone in the bus manufacturing industry of the UAE. It will also ben-

efit the UAE's basic industries through the purchase of locally-manufactured glass and aluminium and materials from small to medium businesses.

"We have won this contract because of our commitment to the highest standards of manufacturing, a commitment which will continue to benefit the country as the UAE develops its own intensive public bus network."

The contract states that Hafilat will build Volgren's new generation city bus on a Euro IV Mercedes Benz chassis originating from Spain, all of which will feature multiplexed electrics, sophisticated video surveillance, electronic signage, and a full aluminium body.