

Tanmiah Food Company partners with MHP Group to boost Saudi poultry production

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Tanmiah Food Company, an established market leader in the provision of poultry and other meat products, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with MHP, the leading European producer of poultry. The agreement is the first step in establishing a joint venture between Tanmiah's wholly owned subsidiary, Desert Hills for Veterinary Services Company Ltd and MHP SE the parent company of the leading international food & aggrotech group headquartered in Ukraine.

Supported by the government of Saudi Arabia, and in line with the food security goals of Saudi Vision 2030, the memorandum sets out the principles of establishing a joint venture with the aim of accelerating efforts to close the existing production gap in KSA's domestic poultry sector.

The joint venture's primary focus will be developing and operating poultry breeding facilities and includes the establishment of a greenfield hatchery in Saudi Arabia to hatch 108 million hatching eggs per annum. It will also invest in feed milling facilities with the target of producing 137 thousand tonnes of feed per annum.

The initiatives will be primarily funded by the Agriculture Development Fund of Saudi Arabia. MHP is set to provide a wide spectrum of industry expertise across the value chain to capture long-term opportunities and design best-in-class facilities fully adapted to local market conditions.

The establishment of the joint venture company remains subject to necessary regulatory approvals including the clearance by the General Authority for Competition of Saudi Arabia and other applicable authorisations.

Zulfiqar Hamadani, CEO of Tanmiah, said, "The new partnership with MHP is yet another important step, demonstrating our resolve to contribute towards KSA's poultry self-sufficiency whilst reinforcing our pioneering role in supporting the Kingdom's food security and self-sufficiency objectives. In addition, as Europe's largest poultry producer, MHP brings a wealth of industry expertise that will advance Tanmiah's production capabilities and efficiencies, whilst enhancing our sustainability agenda."

Dr John Rich, MHP SE Executive Chairman, added, "This memorandum represents an important milestone in MHP's international strategy. I am confident that Tanmiah's excellent operational track record in combination with MHP's industry-leading poultry expertise can bring transformational results to the Kingdom on its way to achieving the food security goals of

2030 Vision. The agreement also brings closer together the people of Saudi Arabia and Ukraine."