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Message from Tim Clarke, CEO of WWMC

Welcome to the May 2024 edition of the WWMC newsletter, marking our third anniversary! It's been an eventful month, and I'm delighted to provide you with an update on our progress.

Following the heavy rains on the 15th and 16th of April, our operations were significantly impacted. The downpour damaged our high voltage supply cable, limiting our ability to receive and process waste as usual. Despite these challenges, our team leapt into action and ensured the Plant could return to waste operations the very next day following the rains! Throughout April, we continued to play a crucial role in assisting Dubai Municipality with city cleanup efforts and ensuring that citizens were not exposed to uncollected rubbish during this critical time.

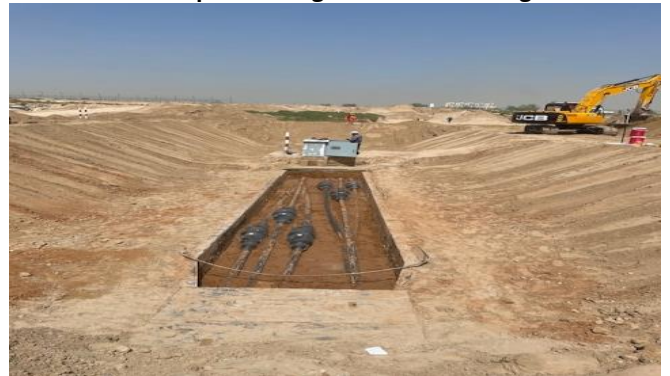
The unforeseen event was classified as a 'Force Majeure,' providing us with relief from delays to the project schedule as we focused on remedial works. Our collaboration with project insurers has been integral, ensuring that necessary documents and progress reports are submitted for validation of claims. Initial efforts involved clearing the site of sand deposits and repairing damaged cable troughs and cables, sourced from KSA and Europe, respectively. Forensic analysis of the damaged infrastructure has been conducted to determine the cause of failures, with all findings retained for inspection by insurers. I'm pleased to share that by the end of May, we successfully completed the final tests of the replacement cables and re-connected to our 132 kv supply. Full waste deliveries have resumed, and we anticipate a return to full operations on all five boilers early in June. Once operations are back to normal, we'll commence the final plant performance and reliability testing.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire project community for their unwavering support and determination in resolving this unfortunate situation swiftly. Thanks to your collective efforts, we've minimised subsequent delays, and we're confident that final testing will be underway in June.

As we celebrate our third anniversary, let's reflect on our resilience and commitment to overcoming challenges, knowing that together, we can accomplish anything.



Excavations to expose damaged cables and troughs



Damaged cables and joints isolated ready for replacement.



Replacement HV cable was sourced from KSA.



Cable jointing is carried out in special shelters to protect sensitive equipment.

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