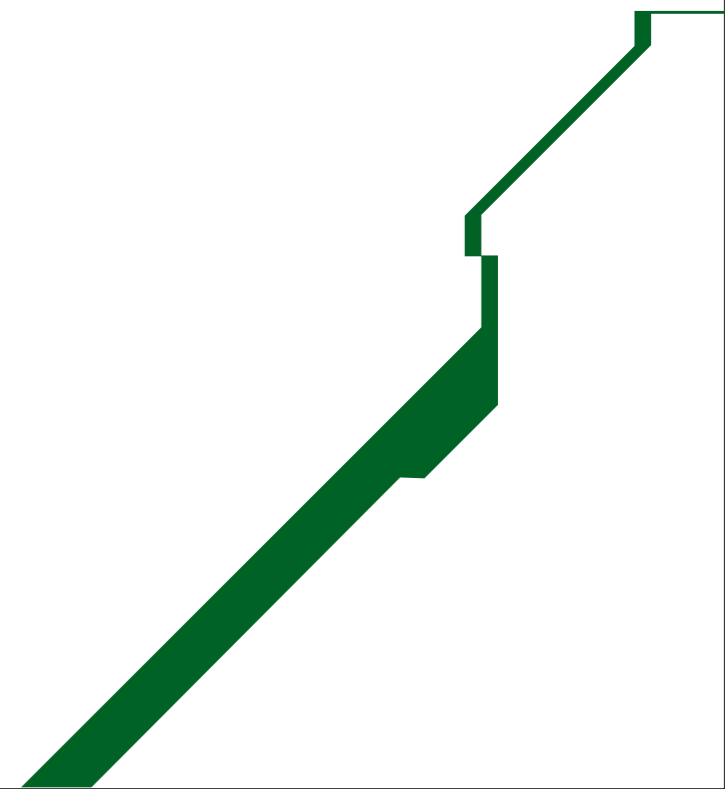
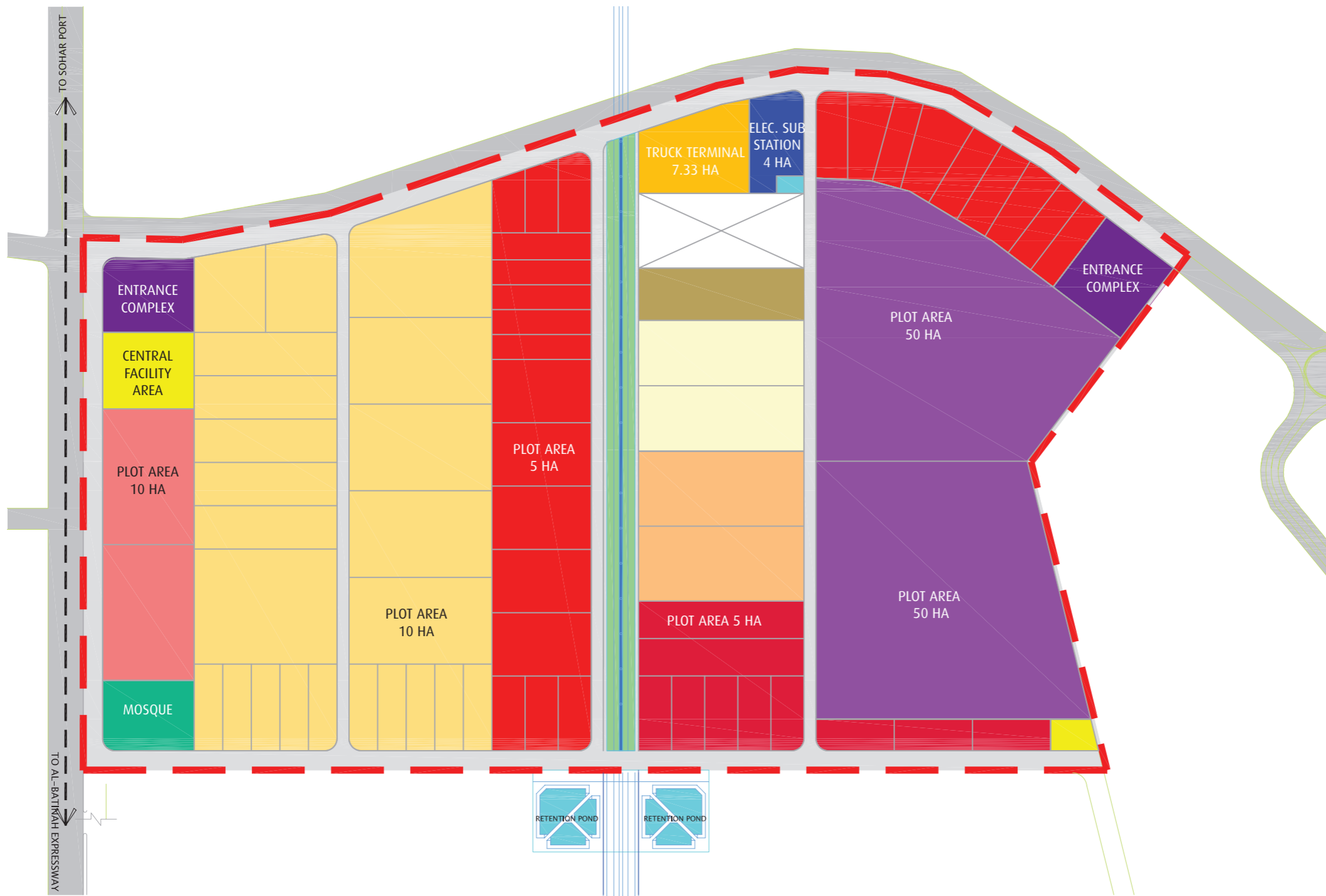




# SOHAR ECONOMIC ZONE





**Drawing Title:**  
**ALTERNATIVE (AS PER DELOITTE)**

- Industrial Clusters**
- [CL-A] Education and Services - (Area = 20.00 ha)
  - [CL-B] Trading & Logistics - (Area = 121.42 ha)
  - [CL-C] Other Light Manufacturing (Area = 68.00 ha)
  - [CL-D] Cement (grinding unit)- (Area = 7.00 ha)
  - [CL-E] Aluminium (Area = 17.50 ha)
  - [CL-F] Ceramic Tiles (Area = 20.00 ha)
  - [CL-G] Petro-Chemicals (Tertiary Units) - (Area = 26.00 ha)
  - [CL-H] Iron and Steel - (Area = 101.00 ha)
  - ⊠ ADDITIONAL PLOT (Area = 10.00 ha)

- Social Amenities**
- Entrance Complex - 2 No's (Area = 11.40 ha)
  - Mosque (Area = 5.00 ha)
  - Central Facility Center (Area = 6.77 ha)

- Landscape Greens/Open Spaces**
- Wadi Channel with Green (Total Area = 14.00 ha)
  - 10m Wide Peripheral Buffer (Total Area = 1.50 ha)
  - Roads (Internal) (Total Area = 63.48 ha)

- Services/Infrastructure**
- Truck Terminal-Facility building (Area = 7.33 ha)
  - Electric Sub Station (Area = 4.00 ha)
  - Elevated Service Reservoir (Area = 0.40 ha)

**TOTAL AREA = 504. 80 HA.**

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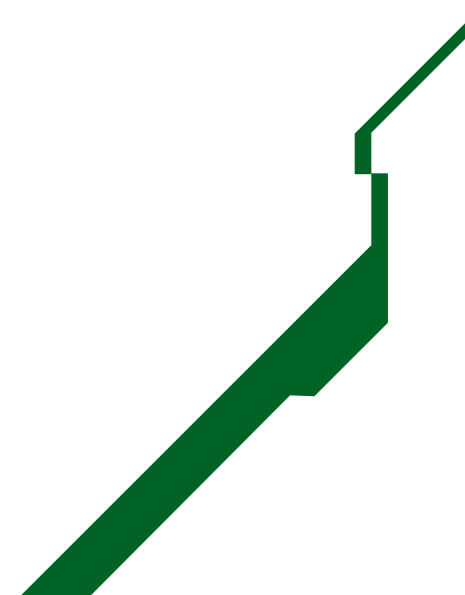


Pilot Phase Development (as per Deloitte Demand)  
 Special Economic Zone at Sohar, Oman.

## THE CROSSROADS OF EAST AND WEST

SSEZ is strategically placed on the crossroads of east and west and lies just before the Strait of Hormuz. This means that business is freed from the usual cost premiums associated with passing through this waterway. Easy access to the world's markets is available and SSEZ operates alongside the flourishing Port of Sohar, giving it access to the world's shipping lanes. Its competitive edge is founded on geopolitical stability, lower insurance premiums, reasonable land lease rates, a keen workforce and highly efficient logistics.

The Omani government actively encourages the growth of business and offers generous incentives in order to support its long-term strategy to diversify economically and provide employment for the population. Furthermore, the Omani workforce is young and keen to contribute to the prevailing growth of industry. All in all, these benefits make Sohar the ideal location to establish your business.



## THE NEW POINT OF ENTRY TO THE GULF

The proximity of SSEZ to the booming markets of the Gulf offers superb growth potential, together with attractive and competitive cost advantages. Sohar serves as the first point of entry into the vibrant Gulf markets and further afield by several modes

### **Roads**

An excellent road system ensures that every major market in the Gulf is less than twenty-four hours away. International road networks connect Sohar to the Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and beyond.

### **Air**

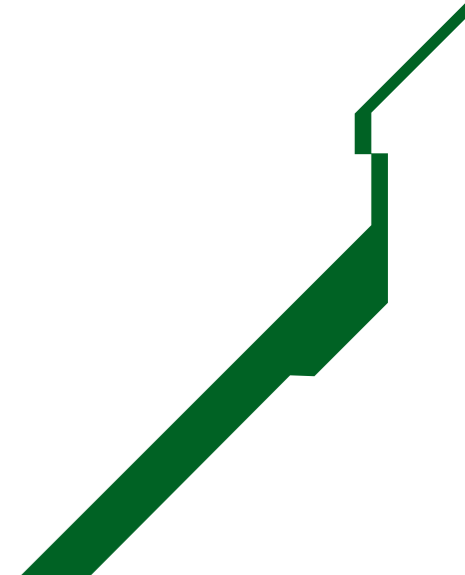
International airports in Muscat and Dubai are less than 220 km, or a couple of hours away. More importantly, construction plans are firmly afoot for the development of Sohar International Airport with operations scheduled to commence in 2011. This airport will be strategically located next to SSEZ and Sohar's Industrial Port thereby optimally serving nearby industry and making the world instantly and easily accessible.

### **Sea**

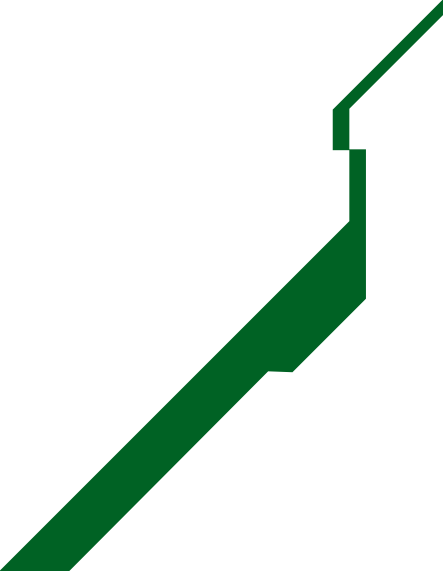
SSEZ sits immediately alongside the rapidly expanding Port of Sohar. This not only gives it first point of entry in the Gulf beyond the Strait of Hormuz but also provides easy access to major shipping routes.

### **Rail**

A rail link between Muscat and Sohar is being planned. This will connect with the dry bulk port in Barka..



## INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS

- 100% foreign ownership
  - Free repatriation of capital and profits
  - Corporate Tax Holiday for 10 years, with possibility to extend this period depending upon criteria based extension (e.g. level of Omanisation)
  - No personal income tax
  - No currency restrictions
  - No duty on imports and exports
  - Sales to Omani market allowed on payment of 5% duty
  - No minimum capital requirements
  - All permits and consents to be granted by One-Stop-Shop operated by the SEZ authority
  - Relaxation in level of Omanisation (“Omanisation” refers to the induction of local Omani population in the workforce) relaxed.
  - Extension of the corporate tax holiday period may be considered for increased Omanisation levels as an additional incentive. Therefore education and training schemes are encouraged.
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## MAKING BUSINESS EASY

The One Stop Shop (OSS) takes care of major administrative obligations related to the start-up of your company at the Sohar Economic Zone (SEZ). Offering ease, speed and transparency, the OSS serves as a pivotal intermediary between yourself and government agencies. The services include:

- Organising the legalities of company establishment and arranging the specific permits required
- Identifying, planing and executing the relevant important governmental obligations so that set-up can proceed smoothly.
- Arranging joint meetings with utility and service providers

