Press Release

Empower Continues Environmental Excellence

DLRC District Cooling Plant achieves LEED Gold Certification for Green Buildings

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, May 5, 2025: The U.S. Green Building Council has awarded the Gold LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification to Empower's DLRC District Cooling Plant. Empower, the world's largest district cooling services provider, received this certification after the DLRC district plant successfully met the Council's rigorous sustainability standards. This achievement further reinforces Empower's leadership in environmental protection and carbon footprint reduction, adding yet another prestigious recognition to its growing list of accomplishments. The company has previously earned similar certifications for it's other plants as well.

DLRC is one of Empower's newest district cooling plants, with a production capacity of 47,000 refrigeration tons. It serves the Dubai Land Residence Complex, a prominent residential destination in Dubai known for its diverse community facilities, including parks, libraries, mosques, hotels, educational institutions, medical centers, community shopping malls and more.

It is worth noting that Empower's DLRC district cooling project comprises four next-generation plants, including three planned for the future. These plants will serve more than 250 mixed-use buildings with a combined cooling capacity of 120,000 refrigeration tons.

H.E. Ahmad Bin Shafar, CEO of Empower, stated, "Empower is committed to reinforcing its ongoing contribution to accelerating the transition toward green buildings and establishing a sustainable model for energy delivery that protects the environment and its resources. We work closely with various government entities to help Dubai exceed its targets under the Carbon Abatement Strategy".

The DLRC cooling plant is a new-generation, modern facility that operates using smart and innovative technologies developed by Empower, technologies that have received global recognition. These include Thermal Energy Storage (TES) systems that help conserve large amounts of electricity. The company also uses Treated Sewage Effluent (TSE) water in its operations, contributing to reduced freshwater consumption and the preservation of natural resources.

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