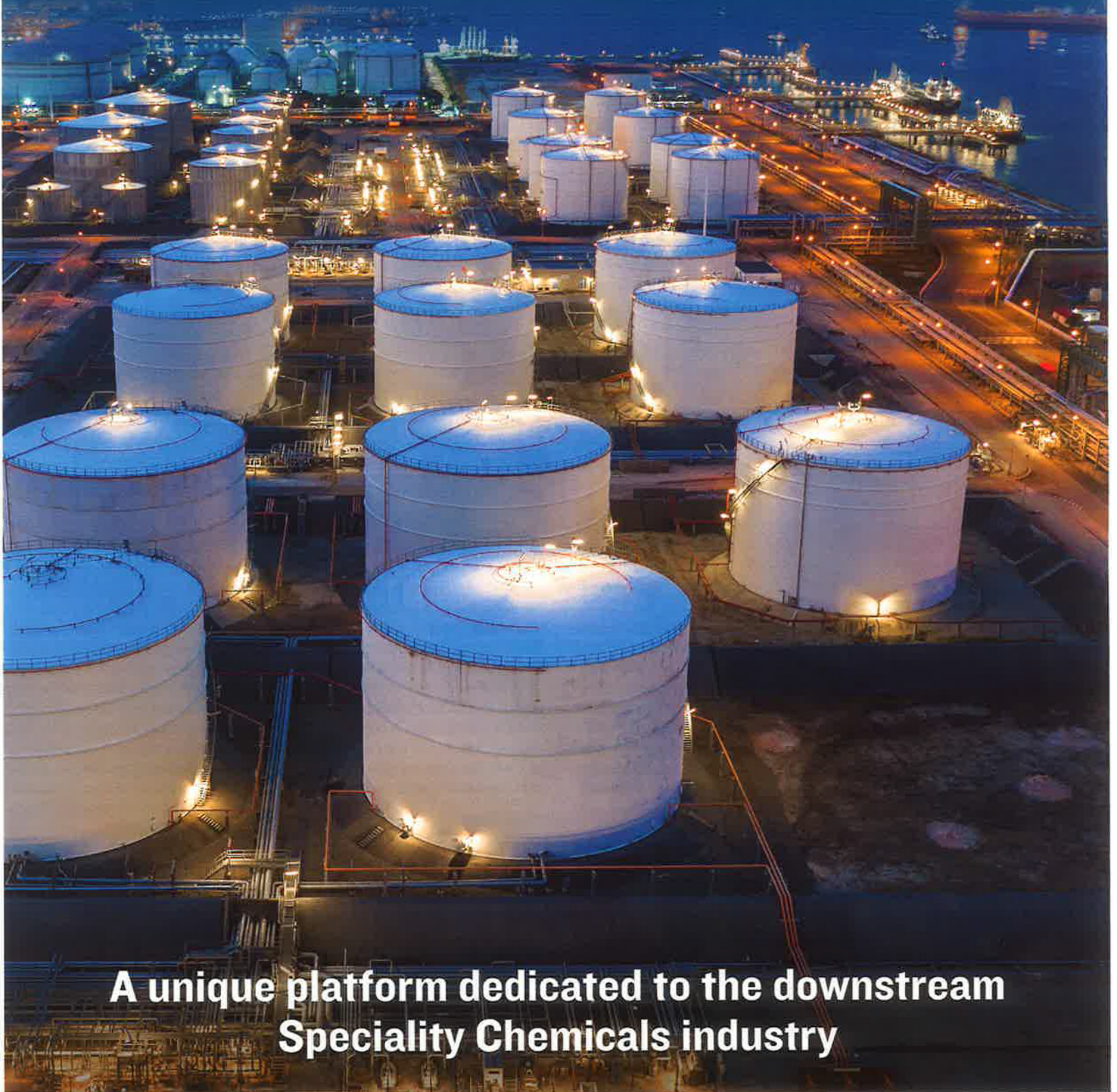




SPECIALITY CHEMICALS SECTOR AT KEZAD

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DEFINING CRITICAL ROLES FOR CALCIUM CARBONATE IN THE SPECIALITY CHEMICALS SECTOR

In conversation with **Ghassan Saqqa**, Founder & CEO, Emirates Calcium Carbonate Factory

Why did Emirates Calcium Carbonate Factory (ECCF) decide to set up base at KEZAD?

ECCF is a family business that was founded and launched in Ajman in 1993. Today, it is the leading supplier of very fine high-quality ground calcium carbonate and treated /coated calcium carbonate to multiple industries.

In 2015 ECCF expanded to open another production facility in Abu Dhabi to boost the ecosystem that supports our growth targets by building on our achievements and our ambitious revenue plans.

ECCF decided to set up in KEZAD for its strategic location between Dubai and Abu Dhabi and its outstanding access to global markets with Khalifa Port close to our doorstep whilst maintaining its low operating cost environment.

Over the last 20 years, ECCF has established itself as the supplier of choice for quality calcium carbonate to clients across the Mena region. KEZAD's unique service offering and unparalleled connectivity, paired with our experience and state-of-the-art machinery has no doubt contributed to ECCF's aggressive growth plans to achieve 500,000 tons production capacity by 2031.

Could you elaborate on Emirates Calcium Carbonate Factory's product portfolio and the kind of client base you cater to?

ECCF started with a single equipment with a production capacity of 8,000 metric tons. Today it is the leading supplier of very fine high-quality ground Calcium Carbonate (GCC) & coated Calcium Carbonate to multiple industries running its operations from across Abu Dhabi & Ajman bringing ECCF's production capacity to 200,000 metric tonnes.

We offer a variety of products such as uncoated natural calcium



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microns, and also bigger grain sizes for other applications. ECCF is the first manufacturer to pack and deliver ground Calcium Carbonate in the form of loose bulk in the UAE.

We cater for clients from a variety of industries ranging from:

- Paints
- Plastics & Rubber
- Construction Chemicals
- Petrochemicals
- Oil & Gas
- Agriculture
- Carpet Industry

ECCF is pioneering the local production of calcium carbonate in the UAE. How do you read demand growth for the product in the country and the region over the next decade?

Despite the challenges facing global economies, the UAE's agile government has emerged wiser, stronger and more than ever action driven to provide a global platform for knowledge-based, sustainable and innovation-focused businesses, of any size and background whilst providing a transparent and forward-thinking business environment to business owners.

The UAE's ecosystem is committed to stimulating entrepreneurship, foreign trade and partnerships, attracting investments,

carbonates and coated calcium carbonate which is a premium product targeted specifically to the plastics industries and for filler masterbatch manufacture. All our products are manufactured from calcium carbonate procured from high quality selected sources.

Our product range also includes Aggregates & Minerals such as Barite and Talc Powder. Our aggregate grades are course particle size versions of our standard range for

inclusion in a wide range of filler applications.

Typical applications are water treatment, industrial fillers, texture paints, and drilling fluids and many more. Our mineral ranges include coarse aggregates of all our calcium carbonate grades, marble chips, and bespoke customer offerings.

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