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Trane Outlines Benefits of Energy Efficiency in Power Short Environment

Dubai, UAE, 26 February 2006: The booming property development sector, coupled with the rapidly growing population, is placing unprecedented demands on power supply in the UAE, according to Trane, a leading global provider of indoor comfort systems and comprehensive facility solutions

Efficient use of energy in buildings is now becoming essential if the country is to avoid further increasing its already generous investment in power generation. And the energy efficiency of air conditioning systems is the first area that should be examined.

“Heating, ventilation and air conditioning is estimated to consume up to 65 percent of the power in any building which is why energy efficient equipment, controls, service and facility solutions are increasingly imperative,” said Talal Hasan, regional leader for Trane’s Gulf Region.

Adopting energy efficient measures will help solve the problem, reducing the need to build more power plants as well as contributing to the reduction of CO₂ emissions from those plants.

“Energy savings are a great way to cut costs without eliminating services or staff. By incorporating energy efficient measures, owners of facilities can improve their bottom line and investors will benefit from better returns,” Mr. Hasan added.

He urged the employment of energy efficient systems not only in new projects but also in older properties. Thousands of old, inefficient systems - estimated to consume up to 40 percent more power than newer, more efficient ones - are still working in the region, thus aggravating the situation.

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