
APPENDIX 6:

IT PARKS IN EGYPT

APP. 6.1. MUBARAK CITY FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS (MuCSAT)

Mubarak City for Scientific Research & Technology Applications (MuSCAT) is the newest addition of research institutes in Egypt that was directed to the development and renovation of industry. A decision to develop a science park in the Alexandria region was reached in 1993 in order to acquire and improve scientific technologies in different areas of human life.



The Muscat occupies 250 acres in the industrial area located at New Borg El Arab City, west of Alexandria. This region also inhabits about 40% of the Egyptian industry. The science park comprises 12 research centers to be developed at different intervals.

The first stage of Muscat was inaugurated on the 13th of August, 2000 and included Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology Research Institute (GEBRI), Informatics Research Institute (IRI) and Institute of Advanced Technologies and New Materials (IATNM). In addition, a Technology Capabilities Development Center is fully functioning in the Dekhlia Branch.



The MuSCAT is managed by a board of trustee headed by his Excellency Dr. Mofied Shehab, Scientific Research Minister.

The objectives of Muscat institutes were clearly categorized to serve the development and renovation of industry in Egypt. These objectives can be summarized as follows:

- Develop centers of scientific Excellency that aim to serve both economic and social developments of the Egyptian society.
- Develop new technologies and provide new scientific methods in different fields of industry in order to link research programs to national development plans.
- Provide training consulting and technology transfer to different production and services agents in Egypt.
- Conduct applicable projects to ensure better performance in different areas that can benefit the Alexandria region and the national economy.
- Cooperation with different national and international institutes in the various areas of technology.

It is extremely clear from the different objectives of the city that Muscat is engrossed to both scientific researches in addition to the application of technologies. This is the foremost spirit that distinguishes the city from other scientific research in Egypt.

Moreover, the technology centers in the city are unique in their aim to spread the modern technology application and to provide the training in order to

develop small industry and develop new jobs which is the leading concern of the government at this moment.

APP. 6.2. EGYPT'S SMART VILLAGE (ESV)



Founded in 2001 to lead and foster branded chain of Technology clusters and Business Parks on the local and regional level. Smart Villages Company is a successful model of “**Public Private Partnership- PPP**” investment model, with 80% ownership to the private sector and 20% to the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.

The Company’s main objective is to offer a hassle free business environment through which creativity, innovation and business development are enhanced, in addition to creating synergies between the park’s communities.



Smart Villages Company's teams of experts works on offering a prestigious quality of business environment that has been safeguarded by the high-quality urban plan, in which emphasis is placed on the relationship between architecture, landscape, durability and innovation. A Smart mix of business and leisure spots in addition to top notch services and facilities including a nursery, School, Club, Restaurants, clinic and a number of business support services.

Spread over 3 Million Square meters, in Cairo's west suburb and stands as Egypt's prime Communication and Information Technology (CIT) Cluster and Business Park.

Smart Village Cairo was launched in 2003 as the first fully operational Technology Cluster and Business Park in Egypt that accommodates Multinational and Local Companies, Governmental, Financial Authorities and Organizations, as well as Educational Institutions and Research & Development Centers all of which share the sophisticated state of the art infrastructure, up to date facility management and a full range of business and recreation services. It offers not only an excellent infrastructure, but also a thriving environment full of innovative spirit. This in addition to a growing number of business services to assist their business process.

By the end of 2009 Smart Village Cairo hosted with pleasure more than 28,000 professionals in more than the 120 Companies enjoying their presence in the park. With the growing number of new buildings and companies joining the Smart Village Cairo, the Park is expected to host more than 500 companies and more than 100,000 employees by 2014.

Smart Villages Company is expanding its presence, experience and know how in different locations locally and internationally, with a concept plan for Smart Village Damietta Business and Logistics Park, and Smart Village Alexandria Business Park, this as well as the Smart Villages Company's Franchise and consultancy Services.

APP. 6.3. SINAI TECHNOLOGY VALLEY (STV)

The Sinai Technology Valley is one of the major projects for socioeconomic development in Egypt. It is a techno pole and is located at the northwestern access to Sinai Peninsula, on the east bank of the Suez Canal within the territorial jurisdiction of Ismailia governorate, covering an area of 72 square kilometers.

The "*Technology Valley*" project will be implemented in five stages, in which the investments in the first stage amounted to nearly 500 million Egyptian pounds. The Focus sectors are as follows:

- ICTs
- Microelectronics
- Biotechnology
- New materials
- Fine tools
- Renewable energy

APP. 6.4. NORTHERN COAST TECHNOLOGY VALLEY (NCTV)

This proposed techno pole is still at the study stage. The project is being considered by Alexandria Governorate, the Ministry of Higher Education, the Ministry of State for Scientific Research and the Social Fund for Development.