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Hill Int'l "bidding on opportunities on The Red Sea" project in KSA

EXCLUSIVE: Raouf Ghali reveals to Construction Week that the construction consultancy has been bidding on opportunities under JV on the gigaproject



Hill International has a strong presence in Saudi Arabia, having worked on projects such as Riyadh Metro, King Abdullah Financial District, among others.

New York Stock Exchange-listed construction consulting firm Hill International' has been "bidding on opportunities on The Red Sea" project in Saudi Arabia, CEO Raouf Ghali told *Construction Week* in an exclusive interview.

In the Kingdom, Hill International has been working on projects including Riyadh Metro and King Abdullah Financial District, King Faisal Medical City and Prince Mohammed Bin Salman Medical City, in addition to the King Salman Park and Sports Boulevard.

Talking to *Construction Week* about working on gigaprojects in Saudi Arabia, Ghali said: "We are part of the gigaprojects. We are also bidding on some of the opportunities [that] are coming up on the Red Sea, together with other firms, in joint venture with them."

He added: "In general, we are also bidding on other key and important projects within the country."

"We were just awarded a school project, both on the project management side, as well as on the facility side. These are the two major programmes that we are really very proud to be a part of."

Ghali spoke as part of the Expert Interviews series, where he also revealed about Hill International's plans for 2021.

He explained that despite all the challenges in 2020, due to the global pandemic, the company recorded major contract wins, including the Cairo Monorail, project management contracts in New Cairo, bank construction projects, among others.

"We expect that there is going to be a headwind in early 2021, probably the first quarter till the latter part of the second quarter. And I think then it'll be over and we can have our new normality because nobody really knows what the new normality will be. It is going to be a lot easier going forward, hopefully than what we've seen. We are optimistic on 2021."