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ALUMINIUM PRODUCTION FIGURES

The Director-General of the General Foundation for Aluminium has announced that the Foundation's plan for 1980 was to produce 1,500 tonnes of different sizes of aluminium. It has been decided to produce 1,650 tonnes of different sizes of aluminium in 1981. The Foundation produced 410 tonnes in the first quarter of 1981. The figure of aluminium sales amounted to £Syr 14 million last year.

PRODUCTION OF PORCELAIN TILES

The Porcelain Factory at Hama produces annually 30 million white and coloured ceramic tiles and 350,000 pieces of sanitary appliances of various kinds. A locally-made complete bathroom set of 5 pieces is sold in the local market at £Syr 450, while its foreign counterpart is sold at £Syr 3,500.

The Porcelain Factory comprises three factories: the first factory specializes in producing white porcelain, the second coloured porcelain, and the third sanitary appliances.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN DEIR EZ-ZOR

Significant economic, social and constructional developments have taken place in Deir Ez-Zor. Projects relating to education, roads and water have been completed. The value of these projects amounted to £Syr 8 billion.

Over the last five years, 50 villages were supplied with potable water in Deir Ez-Zor governorate. A plan was drawn up to supply all the villages of the governorate with potable water by 1983. A station for water purification was completed at a cost of £Syr. 11.5 million. The capacity of the station is 700 cubic metres of water per day.

A 15-km-long water network was constructed at a cost of £Syr 5 million. A project to supply potable water to 26 villages on the right bank of the Euphrates River was carried out at a cost of £Syr 8.5 million.

On the left bank of the river, a project to supply potable water to 11 villages was also completed. A water purification station of a capacity of 700 cubic metres per day was constructed at the Mayadeen district. The cost of the station which will supply the district with potable water, is estimated at £Syr 7 million.

Other water projects are still under consideration. They include the £Syr 11 million station of the Sowa town municipality, the £Syr 10 million station of Al-Kasra sub-district and Abu-Kamal station which will shortly be put into operation.