

Rebuild Iraq Exhibition in Jordan

The 3rd edition of the Rebuild Iraq Exhibition took place in Amman, Jordan, between 8-11 May 2006 and saw the participation of some 1,000 exhibitors from 52 countries. Among them for the first time, 7 companies from Luxembourg showed their products and services on the Luxembourg Pavilion. They were: Arcelor, Cargolux, Secalt, St-Gobain Abrasives, Astron Buildings, Rotarex and Soludec.

The Exhibition is the world's leading Trade Fair for Iraq's Reconstruction and Development and offered its participants unique networking opportunities. Numerous Ministers and top-government officials from Iraq visited the various national pavilions and offered the exhibitors detailed knowledge of the Iraq economy, projects, rebuilding programmes and investment needs.

Because of a difficult political environment in Iraq, the Exhibition took place in Amman, Jordan. The Kingdom is becoming an increasingly attractive market for global trade and investment. Furthermore Jordan is ideally located to establish itself as a base for regional trade and Iraq is traditionally Jordan's largest trading partner. A large number of Iraq nationals, which have left their country of origin during the 90's, now live in Jordan and help the Kingdom to benefit from the booming trade with a newly resurgent Iraq economy.



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Companies, such as Secalt and Rotarex have over the past decade developed regular business transactions with Iraq and pursue to further expand their commercial transactions. For the other Luxembourg participants St.Gobain, Soludec, Astron Buildings, Arcelor and Cargolux the Exhibition offered a unique opportunity to witness the economic prospects of Iraq and to get into contact with middle-men which will permit Luxembourg goods and services to enter the Iraq markets.

Official mission to Sweden and Finland

From 14-18 May 2006 a multi-sectoral economic mission to Sweden and Finland was conducted, organised by the Chamber of Commerce in close cooperation with the Ministry of the Economy and Foreign Trade and the Board of Economic Development. This mission was led by Minister Jeannot Krecké, taking in Stockholm and Helsinki. The Chamber was also grateful for the strong support from H.E. Gaston Stronck, Luxembourg Ambassador in Copenhagen

who organised the match-making between Luxembourg and Swedish financial firms. As for the manufacturing sector, Belgian attachés in Stockholm and Helsinki found contacts for Luxembourg firms.

Sweden has large reserves of natural resources such as metal and wood, and has now developed a major high technology sector in aviation, automobiles and telecommunications. Its economy is decidedly open to foreign trade. Finland too has specialised in wood, metal, engineering and telecoms. In particular, it excels in the export of

high technology products such as mobile telephones. The Luxembourg economic delegation consisted of the following 21 varied companies. They took this opportunity to make potential business partnerships in these Nordic countries.

- Agroprim S. à r. l.
- IT-Solutions
- Arendt & Medernach
- Astron Buildings S. A.
- Bank Sal. Oppenheim Jr & Cie (Luxembourg) S.A.
- Banque de Luxembourg
- Banque et Caisse d'Epargne de l'Etat
- Banque Invik S.A.
- Dexia Insurance and Pensions Services S.A.
- Educdesign S.A.
- Elvinger, Hoss & Prussen
- Equity Trust Co. (Luxembourg)
- European Fund Administration
- European Geophysical Services S.A.
- Fideos
- Fortis Banque Luxembourg S.A.
- Instal-Fit S.à r.l.
- Linklaters Loesch
- MPS S.A.
- Prefueled.com Online Music Store S.à.r.l.
- RBC Dexia Investor Services Bank
- SEB Fund Services S.A.



Networking during the trip to Sweden