

Iron and Lathe Co.

Located along Ma'an's desert road, Iron & Lathe Co. was founded in 1985 by Nabil Abu Rekheyeh. It provides heavy machinery maintenance, lathing and metalwork services to quarries and mining companies operated by Jordan Phosphate Mines Company in Al-Shideyeh, as well as to a variety of other sectors including transportation.

Due to the limited number of quarries in Ma'an, the Company has suffered from inconsistent work opportunities and fluctuating production levels, which urged Marwan, Director of Iron & Lathe Co. and son of owner Nabil, to find sufficient funding to replace old machinery with new, state-of-the-art technology. During his search for financial support, Marwan heard about the grants that Jordan Enterprise Development Corporation (JEDCO) and the European Union (EU) were offering. His application was approved in early 2012.

With JEDCO and the EU's support, Iron & Lathe Co. was able to renovate and replace its old machinery, significantly increasing its productivity, enhancing its service quality and providing a safer work environment for all workers and employees. Support also extended to cover the Company's marketing activities, whereby JEDCO and the EU fund financed the printing of Iron & Lathe Co.'s promotional materials such as brochures and newspaper ads.

Marwan's dreams are big. He is keen on keeping his Company abreast of the latest developments within the heavy machinery maintenance industry, expanding its scope of work and increasing the number of its staff, which currently stands at 11 employees residing in Ma'an.

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