

### Rail network to boost Ras Al Khaimah economy

A number of rail developments are occurring across the GCC region which is a boost to both the rail industry in the region and the local economy.

The United Arab Emirates have plans for investment in a \$3billion, 700km network connecting Ras Al Khaimah and Fujairah to Ghewaifat through Sharjah, Dubai and Abu Dhabi. Ras Al Khaimah is currently experiencing growth and the opening of the new rail network will be a huge boost for the economy.

The GCC states are also currently carrying out a feasibility study on a proposed \$6 billion rail network linking all six countries which would further boost the region's economy.

Sami Alfaraj, president of the Kuwait Center for Strategic Studies has recently discussed the possibility of an international rail network taking the economic opportunities to yet another level.