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The officials from Ociped and Brigade Group.

## Brigade Group to buy Omani marbles worth \$750,000

MUSCAT India based Brigade Enterprises will buy around 40 containers of marbles valued at approx \$750,000 from an Omani company, the Omani Centre for Investment Promotion and Export Development (Ociped) said on Monday.

This fits in well to the Ociped's objective to promote non-oil Omani origin products and export strategy, which has identified thrust products and target markets. The centre has been inviting buyers for the thrust products to visit the Sultanate of Oman and have been organising one-to-one meetings with the exporters.

In this regard, two officials from Brigade Enterprises India visited Oman in December 17 and held meetings with exporters of marble, case goods and mattresses, said the Acting Director-General of Export Development of Ociped Faris Al Farsi.

Brigade Enterprises (Brigade Group) is a listed company and one of the

leading real estate developers in South India. They are presently executing more than 12 million sq. ft. of development. Their flagship projects Brigade Metropolis and Brigade gateway in Bangalore boasts of international level facilities such as residential, school, tallest office tower in Bangalore, mall, hospital and a hotel. They work across all the verticals namely residential, commercial, retail, malls, hospitals, schools, hotels, resorts, special economic zone.

They are currently constructing a 5-Star business hotel with Sheraton at Bangalore. They also have six upcoming Hotel and Resort projects at Mysore, Chennai, Bangalore International Airport, Cochin and Chikmangalur. Brigade have tie-ups with leading hotel chain such as Holiday Inn, Sheraton, Accor and Banyan Tree.

Brigade proposes to use polished Omani Beige Slabs for use in the Sheraton Hotel Project and their requirement will be around

15,000 sqm of first quality spotless marbles over a period of three months starting from December 2009, added the release.

Projects vice-president Shivanand Shirol and Commercial of Brigade Group GM S Venugopal said they have placed an initial order for six containers of marble with an Omani company and have intentions to buy 34 containers more in the next two to three months.

Venugopal informed Faris Al Farsi that Brigade Group is also negotiating to buy kitchen and laundry equipments valued at \$1 million (approx.) from an Omani company for the Sheraton Hotel being built by them in Bangalore.

Shivanand and Venugopal assured Ociped that Brigade Group will continue to focus on Oman to buy various products being manufactured in Oman. Venugopal thanked Ociped for the cooperation extended making it easier for them to deal with Omani exporters.

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