

Siemens in Egypt

A historical review

The first project for Siemens in Egypt was in 1859, when Werner von Siemens came to Suez to lay the first telegraphic cables beneath the Red Sea to link Europe via Suez and Aden with West India. After the successful implementation of this first turn-key project, Siemens established in 1901 a permanent Technical Office in Cairo. To further develop and expand its business and to serve the customers in Egypt, in 1924 Siemens bought its former agent, A. Brühlmann & Co., Electricite.



Werner von Siemens:
inventor and founder
(1816 - 1892)

In 1928, Siemens supplied the first Hydro-Power Plant in Fayoum and the Technical Office in Cairo was renamed to Siemens Orient S.A.

In 1951, Electrical & General Contracting Co. (Elgeco) became Siemens' sole agent in Egypt. And in 1957, Siemens founded the joint-venture Egyptian Electric Manufacturing Co. (Elmaco) for the production of transformers and switchgear in Egypt. Production of Elmaco started in September 1959 and the factory was inaugurated then by President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

In 1961, activities continued through the public sector trading company Engineering General Company. In the 1970's and as a result of the open policies of President Anwar El Sadat, diplomatic relations with then West-Germany were re-established and a new era of investment, trade development and cooperation started.

In 1975, Siemens appointed CENTECH as its agent in charge of activities in the filed of energy. At that time, the electro-medical equipment was managed by the public sector company Al Gomhouria Co. Service and maintenance activities in this field were provided by the Siemens Scientific Office.

In 1976, Siemens won the project for the supply of the transformer substation for the port and industrial area of Dakhila, west of Alexandria. In 1978, Siemens was entrusted with a project for the modernization of Egypt's national railways. This project included the supply and installation of state-of-the-art interlocking systems and automatic and centralized control systems for the Nile-Delta line. In the same year, a new joint-venture was founded between the Egyptian German Electrical Manufacturing Co. (EGEMAC) and Siemens for the production of electrical switchgear.

In the late 1970's and during the next decades, Siemens performed major projects for the overhaul and expansion of the telecommunication infrastructure in Egypt. These activities lead also to the establishment of another joint-venture. The Egyptian German Telecommunication Industries S.A.E. (EGTI) was created as a joint-venture together with the Government of Egypt with the scope of manufacturing the latest telecommunication technologies and servicing of such.

In 1992, Siemens Limited Egypt was founded to act as the sales and service organization responsible for the Siemens activities. In 1993 Egytech, a joint-venture with Egyptian partners was established for the manufacturing of telecommunication and fiber optical cables.

Since 1995 till present, Siemens has designed, delivered, installed, and commissioned a number of steam and gas turbines as well as combined cycles for several power plants such as Cairo-West, Sidi Krir, Nubaria, New Talkha, and Kureimat.

1996 was the year of the foundation of the Egyptian Turbine Co. (ETC) and the Ayoun Moussa power plant near Suez was equipped with turbines assembled in this joint-venture.

In 2004, Siemens delivered on turn-key basis the first Gas Insulated high-voltage switchgear station to connect Cairo-North power plant to the national electricity grid.

Telecommunication projects represented a good part of the Siemens activities till 2006 when Siemens carved out its public telecommunications business into the joint-venture with Nokia Siemens Networks - on a global scale.

In 2007, Siemens established a license agreement with the Egyptian Advanced Systems (EMAS) for low and medium voltage switchgear.

To cope with the expanded activities in Egypt, in 2008, Siemens Limited changed its legal form to the joint stock company Siemens Technologies S.A.E.

Over the years, Siemens became well respected in Egypt for its innovative and high quality products, solutions and services. Always near to its customers in Egypt. As a green infrastructure giant, Siemens is a reliable long-term partner due to its experience, technological expertise and solid financial position. Throughout more than 100 years in Egypt, Siemens has always supported and developed important and critical projects in the fields of Energy, Industry, and Healthcare and has positively affected and improved the quality of life in Egypt.



Electrical Power Train Set Cairo - Helwan, 1958



Siemens Premises in 1960, Cairo