

## Abu Dhabi's Adwea Mulls 35M Gallons/Day Fujairah Water Plant

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Abu Dhabi Water and Electricity Authority, or Adwea, is looking at building a 35 million gallons per day reverse osmosis water treatment plant in the emirate of Fujairah, as the state utility looks to develop water desalination plants on a stand-alone basis, its director of privatization said Monday.

"We are thinking of building one at Fujairah, we are talking to our partner," Abdullah Al Nuaimi told a conference, without specifying who the partner is. The water treatment plant would be an extension of Adwea's Fujairah 1 independent water and power project, or IWPP, Al Nuaimi later told Zawya Dow Jones on the sidelines of the conference.

Adwea develops power and water projects for Abu Dhabi, the U.A.E.'s largest emirate, under an IWPP model that gives foreign operators 40% ownership of the projects.

"We are trying to rationalize and to be more efficient to reduce the cost to procure the water and the power," Al Nuaimi told the conference.

Adwea's latest project, a 1,600 megawatt independent power project, is slated to come online in 2014, he said.