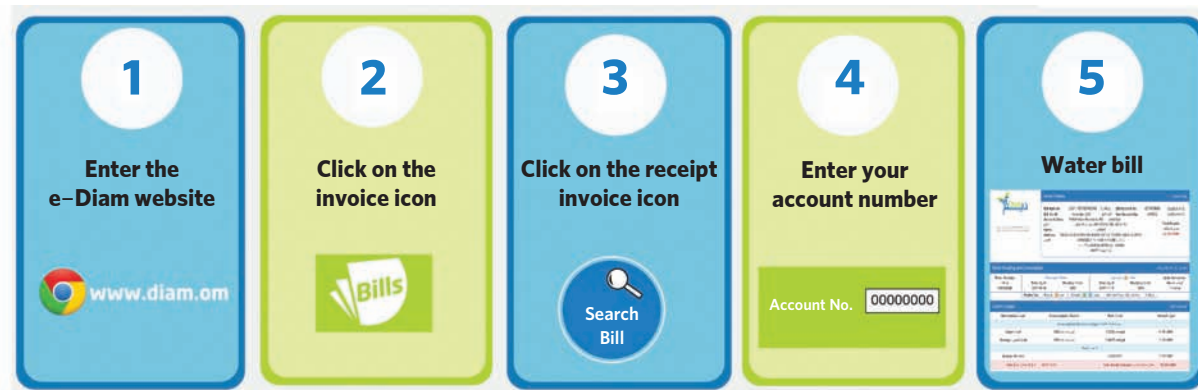
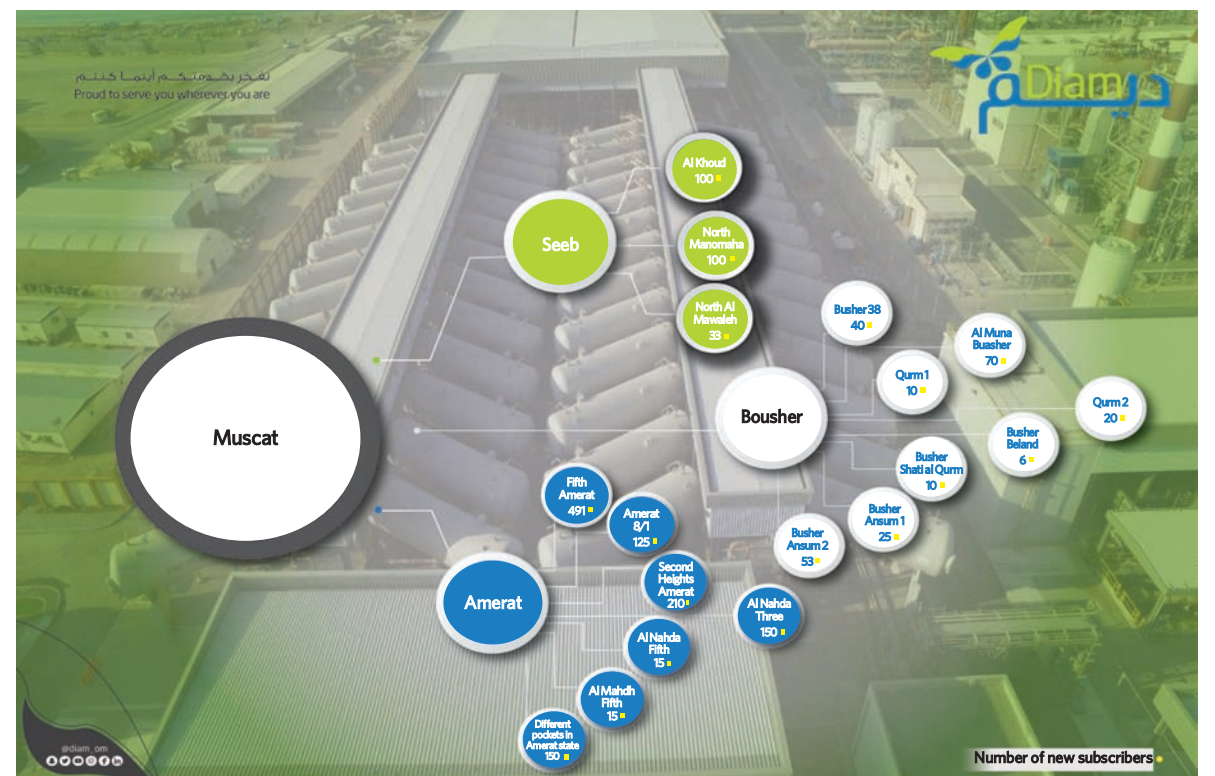


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DIAM SPECIAL FEATURE



**Over 54,000 to benefit from new water projects in around Sultanate
Diam is planning to set up new water projects in 17 wilayats**



DIAM continues to invest in the development and improvement of its networks to extend supplies to new areas and improve services to its customers. In 2018, DIAM invested 63 million OMR (a reduction of over 20% compared to 2017); this is mainly due to the rescheduling of project implementation priorities inline of the Government's policy of rationalizing expenditure covering locations such as Halban and Al Khoudh.

As part of its plan to provide high-quality service to the Sultanate's population Diam has announced the establishment of new water projects across the country as part of its 53 different schemes in 17 different locations across eight governorates in the Sultanate.

The projects will serve more than 10,797 properties and facilities in various residential, commercial, industrial and governmental uses. Diam stated that the number of beneficiaries at various stages of these projects is estimated to be around 54,000. The second stage of these projects will be announced soon.

The sultanate is trying to establish a network of pipes across the country to help citizens overcome the difficulties faced by them due to inadequate access to potable water. These projects and schemes taken by them will also help in reducing their reliance on tanks.

Diam explained that the number of beneficiaries of the first phase projects is estimated at more than 53,985 beneficiaries. In the second stage, which includes a number of new projects, the water network is expected to be extended to other regions in the

sultanate. Diam stated that there are a number of water projects currently being implemented and funded with the help of the private sector. Diam has urged participation of private sector in implementing water projects across all governorates of the sultanate.

It has been working to ensure water supply across various governorates of the sultanate since its inception. It recently completed the work on its fourth project in Seeb and is currently implementing 11 projects worth RO16mn in various

The new project includes the wilayats of Ibra and Al Qabel in North Sharqiyah, and Al Kamil W'Al Wafi, Jalaan Bani Bu Hassan and Sur in South Sharqiyah. It will serve 2,815 properties and establishments.

The project also includes the wilayats of Nizwa, Izki and Adam in Dakhilyah, the wilayat of Buraimi in Buraimi governorate, and the wilayat of Ibra in Dhahirah, serving 3,766 properties.

The project will also include the wilayat of Barka and Musannah in South Batinah governorate and the wilayat of Madha in Musandam governorate and will serve 2,593 properties and facilities.

The new networks project will also cover the wilayats of Seeb, Basher and Amerat in the Muscat governorate and will serve 1,623 properties and facilities.

