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## **TAQA pledges 150,000 USD to Ease Gaza Suffering**

**Abu Dhabi, 28th January 2009:** The Abu Dhabi National Energy Company PJSC (TAQA) today announced that it has donated 150,000 US dollars (USD), through the United Nations Global Compact, to help ease the suffering of the people of Gaza.

As the armed conflict drags on, current estimates suggest that at least one million people are without electricity and 750,000 without water in Gaza. Many are also in dire need of shelter, food and emergency healthcare. Reports estimate that the cost of repairing Gaza is already in excess of US\$ 1.9 billion.

Peter E. Barker-Homek, CEO of TAQA said, "TAQA is fully committed to help ease the suffering of the people of Gaza. Over 1.5 million people are known to have been drastically affected by the current humanitarian crisis in the region. By supporting the United Nations, we hope to make a valuable contribution to improving the lives of the huge number of people whose lives have been turned upside down by the devastating events."

TAQA has pledged the donation to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), the UN's central donation facility, who collect contributions year-round to help ensure that funds are on-hand to allow for immediate humanitarian relief in emergencies.

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### **About Abu Dhabi National Energy Company PJSC (TAQA)**

Founded in 2005, TAQA (Abu Dhabi National Energy Company (PJSC)) is a global energy company with a growing asset base of AED 85 billion (US\$ 23.4 billion). One of the largest companies listed on the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX), with 2007 revenue of more than AED 8 billion (US\$ 2 billion), TAQA is a flagship corporation for the Government of Abu Dhabi.

TAQA's strategic goal is to build and operate a geographically diverse global portfolio of energy businesses across the value chain. It has operations in power generation, water desalination, upstream oil/gas, pipelines, and gas storage.

TAQA employs approximately 2,800 people from 38 different nations and operates from its offices in: Abu Dhabi; Ann Arbor, Michigan; Aberdeen; Amsterdam; Calgary and The Hague. This footprint is further extended through alliances with partners across Africa, the Middle East, Europe, North America and India.

TAQA carries Aa2 and AA- credit ratings from Moody's and S&P respectively.