

## NCVC Signs A Strategic Cooperation Agreement With The Chinese Elion To Transfer Afforestation Technologies

•Dinged In the presence of HE Eng. Abdulrahman Bin Abdul Mohsen Al-Fadhli, the Minister of Environment, Water, and Agriculture

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA, December 7, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In the presence of His Excellency Eng.
Abdulrahman Bin Abdul Mohsen Al-Fadhli, the Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Center for Vegetation Cover



Signing The Agreement

<u>Development</u> and Combating Desertification (NCVC), Dr. Khalid bin Abdullah Al-abdulqader, CEO of the NCVC, signed a strategic cooperation agreement with the Chinese company Elion (Elion Saudi Co.) represented by Mr Plato K T Yip and Dr Abdulaziz Y. Albabtain to utilize the company's

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extensive expertise in the field of afforestation and desert reclamation in China, and apply its innovative technologies in developing vegetation cover in the Kingdom to achieve the objectives of the Saudi Green Initiative.

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rehabilitation of degraded lands, and stabilizing shifting sands in the Kingdom in accordance with its regulations and legislations.

The common cooperation between both sides involves a number of important topics including establishment and development of specialized nurseries, as well as collaboration in remote sensing and analysis services through satellites for agricultural projects in the Kingdom and monitoring their greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, both sides have agreed on certain

projects to utilizing Elion's knowledge and applications in conformity with the Kingdom's environmental conditions and natural resources including usage of the local plants in environmental afforestation.

Signing of the agreement comes as part of a series of contracts and agreements concluded by NCVC within its efforts to enhance cooperation and integration with many government and private entities, NGOs and international consulting firms like Elion



Group to attract quality expertise, international successful experiences, and the outstanding technologies and applications in the field of cultivation. Moreover, these agreements aim to enhance effective local engagement, unify and regulate national efforts to implement initiatives aimed at developing vegetation cover in the Kingdom and rehabilitating its sites which include forests, grasslands and national parks, as well as increasing green spaces and improving their quality to combat desertification, drought and sand encroachment, and preserve natural resources.

China's Elion Group, is a leading company in afforestation and reclaiming desert and drylands. It has a remarkable UN-recognized record of successful pioneer experiences in agriculture and combating desertification in Kubuqi Desert in China. It also has technology systems and applications, including artificial intelligence, blockchain and clean energy to develop agriculture.

It is worth mentioning that the NCVC works to develop, protect and monitor vegetation sites as well as rehabilitate the degraded ones and detect infringements thereon, combat deforestation in addition to supervision on management of grasslands, regulating grazing besides preserving and investing in forests and national parks to promote sustainable development that improves the quality of life.

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