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**The following is in response to the article, UAE migrant workers 'trapped' in construction jobs on man-made Yas island, published in the INDEPENDENT on Monday, July 11, 2016:**

EllisDon is a Project Management Consultant for the project in question and is engaged to provide project management consulting services for the design and construction of a number of projects across the Middle East.

EllisDon does not directly or indirectly hire the construction workforce for the project, arrange living conditions or conduct wage negotiations. This is the obligation of the General Contractor.

At EllisDon, we value a working environment that is safe and secure and abides by applicable labour laws. Our goal is to ensure that all projects in which we are involved, anywhere in the world, are safe for all workers. We are committed to achieving this result.

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