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- **Drew Wensley, Executive Vice President, Moriyama & Teshima Planners Limited**

“This has been a 10-year process that has never been done on this scale,” said Drew Wensley. “Through this project we have learned a great deal about environmental restoration. This skill set can now be used to proactively seek out solutions to environmental challenges around the world.”

- **George Stockton, George Stockton, President, Moriyama & Teshima Planners Limited**

“This project breathes new life into the Wadi. The idea was to bring it back to life so after decades of neglect we are now seeing this amazing rebirth and transformation of Wadi Hanifah as a naturalized park system.”

- **Aga Khan Jury Award Committee**

“The Award has been given in recognition of the project’s vision and persistence in developing a sustainable environment. Using landscape as an ecological infrastructure, the project has restored and enhanced the natural systems’ capacity to provide multiple services, including cleaning the contaminated water, mediating the natural forces of flood, providing habitats for biodiversity and creating opportunities for recreational, educational and aesthetic experiences.”

- **Abdullatif bin Abdulmalik Al-Sheikh, Member of the High Commission for the Development of Arriyadh and President of the Arriyadh Development Authority**

“Buro Happold along with Moriyama and Teshima Planners Limited deserve unmeasurable recognition for the master plan's focus on restoring the Wadi's natural beauty, which had been spoiled by decades of unrestricted dumping and development, and also for harnessing and rehabilitating its water. The plan has restored and developed the Wadi as an environmental, recreational and tourism resource.”

“With this project we will create awareness for future generations, educate and show our youth that the environment is our main wealth. These benefits can increase if we are good stewards and conserve our environment.”

- **King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz**

“We will not jeopardize the future of coming generations for the comfort of the present generation. Similarly, we will not impose suffering on the present generation for the comfort of the future generations. We will create a balance between the present and the future for the benefit of all.”

- **Visitors to the Wadi**

“The Wadi is now a great attraction for family visits”

“What has been done to restore the valley could not be better”

“Our families find comfort and pleasure when they come here”

“The valley is once again a beautiful environment”

“The restoration of the valley brings joy to my heart” – Ibrahim Alsalim, farmer

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