

# Preface

Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi the former minister of Industry & Electricity and the first Chairman of Sabic (1975-82) recalls in his memories (My Government Experience) the initial periods of the development of the petrochemical & iron and steel industries in the Kingdom when a landmark Government decision was made to transfer the responsibilities of supervising the petrochemical and steel industries from the Ministry of Petroleum & Mineral to the newly established Ministry of Industry & Electricity. He writes .....

**“When I looked around looking for qualified young Saudis to follow-up and implement the basic industrial projects in the field of petrochemical and iron steel I found what I wanted at the Industrial Studies and Development Center at that time. A Unit for new projects was established headed by Eng. Abdulaziz Al-Zamil who was at that time the Deputy Director General of the Center and I asked him to supervise those basic projects. That unit consisting of small number of young enthusiastic people was the foundation that Sabic was build on and till today some of them are in the senior management of Sabic.”**

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**“The only colleague who I have considered as a friend before assuming my ministerial post was Eng. Abdulaziz Al-Zamil who had studied with me in the same university in the United States. Luckily, and for the benefit of the task I found him to be the Deputy Director General of the Industrial Studies and Development Center. If I had not found him there I would not have recruited him because of the friendship that bound us and the industrial sector would have lost one of the most capable and honest person.”**

**“When Sabic was established I choose Abdulaziz Al-Zamil to be the Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Sabic. Abdulaziz and his colleagues deserve the full credit for developing Sabic from infancy to an industrial giant, competing with full confidence with world industrial giants. My views on most issues were almost identical with Abdulaziz.”**

Dr. Ghazi Al-Ghosaibi had served his country with dedication and integrity in all governmental posts that he assumed especially the industrial and electricity sector. We pray to God to forgive him and have mercy upon him and reward him for what he has accomplished to his country and its citizens.

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