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Science & Technology Park Qatar

Owner:	**Qatar Petroleum**
Main Contractor:	**Al Darwish Engineering | Contrack International, Doha, Qatar**
Floor systems:	**38,000 sqm of access floors, 6,000 sqm of which were fitted with "Travertine 40 mm" rock floor panels**
Total order value:	**Euros 50 million**
Completion:	**2008**

The Qatar Science & Technology (QSTP) offers technology companies suitable office space, services and support as well as serving as some kind of a "germ cell for business" which creates a platform for business men to face new technological challenges. This science park is a free trade zone where foreign companies settle down and enjoy the benefit of freedom from taxes.

Companies such as EADS, ExxonMobil, GE, Microsoft, Rolls-Royce, Shell, and Total have moved there. QSTP is also one of Qatar's first free trade zones featuring simple and attractive possibilities for starting a business of one's own in the country. By fostering technological developments right there, QSTP creates the conditions for researchers and businesses of the Gulf region, triggering innovations which will benefit both the industry as well as the society of the country.

MERO-TSK was commissioned with the construction of the so called "Shadow Roof" as well as the fitting of the 38,000 m² of access floors, 6,000 m² of which were fitted with "Travertine 40 mm" rock floor panels.

The challenge for MERO-TSK was gluing "Travertine", a 40 mm rock surface, onto MERO calcium sulfate panels (MERO Type 6). For this purpose, the edge band goes all the way up to the upper edge of the rock surface. This required a special gluing and manufacturing technique. The weight of each panel was 53 kg, a particularly tall order for the workers mounting them.