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Employment bureau 'is a goldmine for employers'

THE Employment Services Bureau is a goldmine for Bahrain's employers, says a Bahraini businessman.

Refreshment Trading Company of Bahrain acting general manager Mohammed Shana'a said the company had recruited a number of Bahraini employees through the bureau, since it was established a year ago.

It was the first Bahraini company to benefit from the services of the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry's ESB when it opened its

doors one year ago.

The company, which produces 7-Up, Crush, and Khaleej Cola, has been so pleased with the bureau's services that every time it looks for new employees it goes straight to the ESB.

Driver Mohammed Mahdi Ibrahim, 20, was just the first of many young Bahrainis to have been found a job by the bureau at the company.

"We've got about 37 Bahrainis at the company now and about 23 of them we recruited from the

ESB," said Mr Shana'a.

"They are all doing very well in their new jobs and co-operate very well with the rest of the staff.

"Whenever we need someone we go straight to them and tell them what we need.

"We are so pleased and thankful for the co-operation that we have had from the bureau."

He said the bureau has been good to the company, helping it in its Bahraini staff recruitment.

In the past two weeks, the company, owned by Ahmed and Isa Jalahma Company, has employed seven new employees from the bureau.

Just over a year ago, the company's percentage of Bahrainis was 15 per cent. This year the percentage has risen to approximately 35pc.

"We're are making a plan that over the next two years we will have at least 60pc of our staff Bahrainis and hopefully we will be able to achieve that," said Mr Shana'a.