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## Calling for Graphite Electrode **Manufacturers and Suppliers**

Arvand Jahanara Steelmaking Company (AJS) is intends to invite high quality suppliers and manufacturers to supply 1000 tons of electrodes with the mentioned specifications (the following table).

AJS has located in southwestern of Iran, Khuzestan Province, Khorramshahr. Therefore, all interested company can send its request to participate in the tender.

Last deadline for sending your reference list to the following address email is December 16, 2024. Email: Ebrahimian-E@ajs.co.ir

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Typical electrode physical properties Electrode diameter (in.) EAF Property Units Bulk density g/cm3 1.68-1.76 Real density g/cm3 2.22-2.25 Porosity 21-25 10-5 Ohm in Specific resistivity 17.0-21.5 Bending strength min Psi 1000 Bending strength max Psi 1400 Psi x 10<sup>6</sup> 1.0-1.3 Young's modulus Coefficient of thermal expansion 10<sup>-6</sup>/°C 1.25-1.65 0.1-0.6 Ash content





# Iranian films set record with 4m viewers in one month



#### **Arts & Culture Desk**

The Iranian cinema industry broke a post-coronavirus record, with four million viewers attending movie theaters in the month from October 22 to November

According to reports, the industry sold nearly \$3 million in the one-month period, with 3,954,000 viewers attending 86,241 screenings. This represents a 37% increase in sales and a 46% increase in viewers compared to the previous month, IRNA reported.

The top-grossing film of the month was 'Pressure Cooker,' directed by Rambod Javan, which attracted 1,836,000 viewers and grossed approximately \$1 million.

The second-highest-grossing film was 'Breakfast with Giraffes,' directed by Soroush Sehat, which attracted 1,063,000 viewers and generated approximately \$864.000.

The third most successful film was the animation 'Woolina and the No Birds.' which attracted 607,000 viewers and earned approximately \$334,700.

The Iranian motion picture industry achieved its best monthly performance since the COVID-19 pandemic in the onemonth period due to the release of two popular comedies and notable films in the fields of social and children's cinema. It is expected that these records will be broken in the current Iranian month with the release of the comedy 'Seventy Thirty' on November 27, which will form a formidable triad between this film and the two comedies 'Pressure Cooker' and 'Breakfast with Giraffes'.

In addition, the cold weather will encourage audiences to make more frequent visits to cinemas, ending the current relative recession.

The month starting November 21 is usually one of the best months for Iranian cinema and leaves a strong impression on the country's annual box office. This year, there are high hopes that the number of viewers this month will exceed four million and the annual box office will surpass \$21.7 million.

## Minister warns Iran's birth rate to plummet to all-time low

### **Social Desk**

Iran's Health Minister Mohammad-Reza Zafarqandi issued a stark warning that the country's birth rate is expected to drop below one million for the first time in history by the end of the current Iranian year (March 20, 2025).

This alarming trend has sparked concerns about a demographic crisis, with the minister emphasizing the need for a national effort to address the issue. IRNA reported.

According to Zafarqandi, the total fertility rate (TFR) declined from 2.01 in 2016 to 1.66, and if it drops to 1.1, the country will be trapped in a demographic crisis. He stressed that the current situation is a national crisis that requires a scientific approach and collective effort from all sectors.

The minister pointed out that many Western countries, as well as some Asian nations like South Korea and Japan, have fallen into a demographic trap, making it challenging for them to recover. He warned that if Iran falls into this trap, it will be difficult to escape.

Zafarqandi emphasized that addressing the demographic crisis requires a comprehensive approach, encompassing cultural, economic, social, and health aspects.

He called for a national movement to re-



verse the declining trend, which should involve all sectors of society.

The minister's warning comes as the country grapples with a rapidly aging population and a shrinking workforce. The demographic crisis has significant implications for Iran's economic growth, social security, and overall development. In light of these concerns, Zafarqandi urged all relevant authorities to take their responsibilities seriously and work together to address the demographic cri-

He emphasized that superficial measures will not suffice, and a fundamental shift in cultural and social attitudes is necessary to reverse the trend.