

PRESS RELEASE

SENER awarded Engineering Company of the Year in The European Energy Awards 2013

Abu Dhabi, January 20, 2014 - The engineering and technology group <u>SENER</u> has been awarded in <u>The European Energy Awards 2013</u> as Engineering Company of the Year. The magazine has highlighted the spirit of innovation of this technology group, with more than 5,500 professionals across 50 offices globally, that "provides solutions and products that represent the very pinnacle of innovation across a range of sectors".

SENER received this award for innovative projects such as the <u>Gemasolar</u> solar thermal plant. Located in Seville, Spain, this is the first commercial central tower power plant with molten salt storage system in operation in the world and also the only solar plant capable to produce electricity round the clock. Last summer, Gemasolar achieved continuous production operating 24 hours per day for 36 consecutive days, which is a revolution in the renewable energy field. SENER designed the plant and supplied all its key technology elements, demonstrating a number of new SENER technology solutions for CSP: central tower receiver, new low-cost precise heliostats, high-temperature molten salt thermal storage, etc. In addition, SENER led the construction and start-up of this innovative facility that marked a milestone in the CSP sector.

Today, SENER has a recognised global position in its three areas of activity: Energy and Environment, Aeronautics and Engineering and Construction. In this last one -awarded by The European Energy Awards 2013- SENER has become a leading company in Power and Process, Aerospace, Infrastructures and Transport, and Marine projects.

In Power and Process, SENER extends its scope to the construction of sophisticated plants such as the combined cycle plants Norte in Mexico and Bicentenario in Argentina, the CSP units Gemasolar, Valle 1 and Valle 2 in Spain, the shipping terminals, storage facilities and regasification plants - Gate terminal (the Netherlands), Dunkirk (France) and Zeebrugge (Belgium); in Aerospace, SENER has supplied during more than 45 years equipment, systems integration and engineering services to the Space, Aeronautics and Vehicles and Defense international markets, being noteworthy its work for the Space sector, where it has delivered over 253 hardware modules for 59 satellites and vehicles of the US (NASA), European (ESA), Japanese (JAXA) and Russian (Roscosmos) Space Agencies, all without a single recorded failure; in Infrastructures and Transport, SENER's urban railway technologies have been applied in the metro systems of Barcelona, Madrid, Algiers, Bogota, Hanoi, Panama and São Paulo, or the light rail trains of Abu Dhabi and, finally, Porto, which was recently awarded the Veronica Rudge Green Prize by Harvard University; and, in the marine sector, SENER has developed the FORAN System, a CAD/CAM software for design and construction of ships is used by many shipyards around the world. These are just some references among SENER's activities as a high technology and engineering group.

The European Energy Awards recognize SENER's trajectory in its more than a half-century of activity, where the group has managed to maintain the core values that make up its corporate culture: the commitment to innovation, to quality and to its managerial independence, being innovation the main pillar; technology is the key that allows SENER to attain and maintain a privileged position among the leading global engineering firms.



In the words of SENER's President, Jorge Sendagorta, "SENER feels on solid ground when we have differentiated technological solutions, and this is the reason why we insist on recruiting and developing the talent of our 5,500 highly qualified professionals, mostly engineers, and also keep investing around 6.5 per cent of our income in R&D."

The Engineering Company of the Year award will be exposed at the World Future Energy Summit 2014 that is being held in Abu Dhabi from January 20 to 22, in the booth that the SENER group has during the whole event.

About SENER

SENER is a private engineering and technology group founded in 1956, which seeks to offer its clients the most advanced technological solutions and which enjoys international recognition, thanks to its independence and its commitment to innovation and quality. SENER has a workforce of nearly 5,500 professionals working in its offices in Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, South Korea, Chile, China, Colombia, United Arab Emirates, Spain, the United States, India, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Portugal and the United Kingdom. The Group has a turnover of €1.175 billion (2012 data).

SENER engages in the specific activities of Engineering and Construction, and also has industrial holdings in companies involved in Energy and Environment, as well as in Aeronautics. In Engineering and Construction, SENER has become a world leader in the Aerospace, Infrastructure and Transport, Power and Process, and Marine sectors.

About The European Awards

The austere and rather bleak climate of the years following the 2008 economic crisis has not been promising for emerging market economies neither for the euro area, across all industries. Although global growth is still projected to remain subdued (according to International Monetary Fund), there are voices and reports proclaiming economic growth as on the road to 'normal'.

Several months ago, in appreciation of overall accomplishments as well as in view of constant challenges presenting themselves for modern day businesses and growth-boosting companies, The European magazine launched 2013 Global Finance and Banking Awards. Our subscribers have been voting for organisations and businesses that in their view pioneer and seamlessly continue to lift local and global economy employing fair corporate values and setting ground for future

Equally importantly, in anticipation of the World Future Energy Summit scheduled in Abu Dhabi for January 2014, The European magazine initiated Global Energy Awards 2013, where for the past six month our subscribers have had an opportunity to show recognition to those leading businesses and companies with strategic visions, premier projects, and advanced technologies.

The announcement of Global Finance and Banking Awards 2013 winners has been officially made in our January / February 2014 issue, as it has been the announcement of Global Energy Awards 2013 winners. Our first issue of 2014 features endorsements and editorial contributions from World Economic Forum and from International Energy Agency.

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