

## Spanish Companies Nominated for the Management and Product Awards



The jury for the European Commission's European Business Awards for the Environment 2006 assembled in Vienna 21 and 22 February 2006.

12 European companies have been selected as nominees and will be competing for recognition as the "Best in Europe". The winners will be presented in June during the European Commission's Green Week.

"Today the European Business Awards for the Environment are more relevant than ever," said Environment Commissioner Stavros Dimas. "Europe needs companies that invest in environment-friendly innovation. They do not only contribute to winning the battle against climate change and protecting our biodiversity, but they also help make Europe more competitive. It is a simple win-win situation. My congratulations to the 12 finalists - they have made sustainable business models a reality and displayed extraordinary ingenuity."

### Management Award

The Spanish company **Acería Compacta de Bizkaia S.A.** has been selected as nominee in the Management Award category of the European Business Awards for the Environment 2006. In this category, companies are rewarded for strategic visions and management systems which enable them to continuously improve their contribution to sustainable development.

Acería Compacta de Bizkaia S.A. is engaged in the awards competition with the project "ACB Integrated management system". The jury's rationale for selecting Acería Compacta de Bizkaia S.A. as nominee for the Management award states:

"The jury recognised in particular that this company has, unlike most competitors, both ISO 14.001 certification and EMAS registration. The company demonstrates achievements and further plans within their environmental management statement. The company has taken particular innovative measures, such as the installation of monitoring surveillance systems with a particular focus on gathering environmental pollution information. The company has a strong commitment for the local environment and has provided environmental awareness and training for employees. The company cherishes the relationship with and involvement of its stakeholders."

### Product Award

The Spanish company **DTS OABE SL** has been selected as nominee in the Product Award category of the European Business Awards for the Environment 2006. In this category, companies are rewarded for the development of a new product or service that makes an outstanding contribution to sustainable development.

DTS OABE SL is engaged in the awards competition with the project "Nupilac hidro"; a water based, lacquer applied insecticide. The jury's rationale for selecting DTS OABE SL as nominee for the Product award states:

"The jury recognises the innovative aspect of this insecticide applied in a lacquer, which limits any cross-pollution, is not damaging to human health, requires five times less insecticide, with no emissions of VOC's and with long-term efficiency. There is a vast replication potential in particular in low toxicity environments like schools, hospitals and catering establishments."

### Background

The European Business Awards for the Environment are awarded by the European Commission every two years and aim to recognise and reward European companies which set an example by successfully bringing together innovation, economic viability and environmental concerns. The scheme comprises four award categories in which companies are rewarded for management practices, products, processes or international co-operation activities which contribute to economic and social development without detriment to the environment.

To be eligible for competition in the European Business Awards for the Environment, companies first have to succeed in the national award schemes which are organised throughout Europe every year. This means that the companies awarded the European prize are 'the best of the best'; the most far-sighted, responsible and innovative across Europe. Participation is open to companies from all EU member states and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey. The submission of entries to the European level awards competition is managed by national coordinating bodies. These national coordinators can be identified via the European Business Awards for the Environment web site: [http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/awards/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/awards/index_en.htm)

Companies from 23 European countries have engaged in the 2006 edition of the European Business Awards for the Environment and a total of 139 entries were submitted for competition in this year's awards. This is the highest number of entries submitted in the 19 years' history of the European Business Awards for the Environment (launched in 1987 under the name European Better Awards for Industry) and is an indication of businesses' growing interest in taking care of the environment.

An independent panel of 12 jurors from across Europe met in Vienna, Austria, on Tuesday 21 February. The jury consists of representatives from industry, NGOs, academia and the public authorities. All jury members have environmental matters as their field of expertise. During a two-day meeting chaired by Heinz Felsner, CEO of KPI Consult (CH) and one of the founding fathers of the Austrian Business Council for Sustainable Development, the jury have assessed and evaluated the 139 entries submitted for this year's awards and have short-listed three companies in each of the four award categories. Attached to this press release is a list with all 12 nominees.

Of the 12 nominees, four winners – one in each category – will be presented at a prestigious award ceremony to be held in Brussels beginning of June this year. The award ceremony coincides with and is organised as part of the European Commission's Green Week running from 30 May – 2 June 2006. Green Week is the European Commission's major annual environmental conference and exhibition event in Brussels. The four day event comprises discussions, workshops, an exhibition and the award ceremony. This year's theme is biodiversity and more than 4000 visitors are expected. More information on Green Week is available at:

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/greenweek/index.html>

The **European Business Awards for the Environment** is organised by the Directorate General for Environment of the European Commission.

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On 22 February 2006, the jury for the European Business Awards for the Environment selected the following companies as nominees for the 2006 awards:

**CATEGORY 1: MANAGEMENT AWARD**

- Company: **GE Hungary Ltd. Light Source Factory Nagykanizsa**, Hungary  
Project: "In the forefront of the world market with Environment awareness company management system"
- Company: **Sotral SpA**, Italy  
Project: "Management for Eco-efficiency in Public Catering"
- Company: **Aceria Compacta de Bizkaia SA**, Spain  
Project: "ACB Integrated management system"

**CATEGORY 2: PRODUCT AWARD**

- Company: **VA Tech Hydro GmbH & Co**, Austria  
Project: "HYDROMATRIX® Power Plant Nußdorf – New renewable energy created in historic site in urban environment"
- Company: **DTS OABE SL**, Spain  
Project: "Nupilac hidro"
- Company: **Windsave Ltd**, UK  
Project: "Windsave Plug'n'Save wind turbine"

**CATEGORY 3: PROCESS AWARD**

- Company: **Fortum Power and Heat Oy**, Finland  
Project: "Cleaner air through advanced burner design for large combustion plants"
- Company: **Volkswagen AG**, Germany  
Project: "The Volkswagen-SiCon process for recycling shredder residues"
- Company: **Ten Cate Advanced Textiles BV** and **Color Wings BV**, Netherlands  
Project: "Digital Liquidjet for textile printing, coating and finishing"

**CATEGORY 4: INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AWARD**

- Company: **YIT Rakennus Oy**, Finland  
Project: "South-West Wastewater Treatment Plant in St. Petersburg, Russia"
- Company: **BASF AG**, Germany

Project: “Public Private Partnership between UNIDO, UNEP and BASF: Knowledge transfer in the field of eco-efficient production”

- Company: **iD-L inspired innovations**, Netherlands  
Project: “RagBag®”