

## **Abengoa named Desalination Company of the Year at Global Water Awards**

- The jury has outstanding the company's contribution to the desalination sector in 2012.

Seville, April 24<sup>th</sup> 2013.- Abengoa (MCE: ABG.B), the company that applies innovative technology solutions for sustainable development in the energy and environment sectors, has been selected by Global Water Intelligence as the Desalination Company of the Year for its outstanding contribution to the desalination sector in 2012. Global Water Intelligence, the prestigious international publication that specializes in water market, presented the award at their annual conference, the Global Water Summit.

The Global Water Awards, which are divided into nine categories, are given for excellence in the international water industry for achievements such as agreements, projects, technologies and personnel. The winners are voted on by global experts in the field along with members of the International Private Water Association and the International Desalination Association.

Manuel Sánchez, CEO of Abengoa, said: "We are very honored by this award. At Abengoa we strongly believe that water is essential for communities to achieve prosperity, and we are committed to apply our technology and 'know how' to take the water where ever is needed".

This year's keynote speaker and guest of honor at the awards ceremony was Vicente Fox, former president of Mexico. Also in attendance was Mayor of Seville, Juan Ignacio Zoido, who welcomed over 550 international delegates to the city.

Among Abengoa's many victories in the water sector this year were its' first desalination plant in Western Africa located in Nungua, Ghana, and its' first water project in the Middle East, in Barka, Oman. With these two projects, Abengoa will increase the installed water desalination capacity under concession contracts to more than 810,000 m<sup>3</sup> per day and to more than 1,300,000 m<sup>3</sup> per day in total, sufficient to supply drinking water to 8 M people.

In addition, Abengoa commissioned two new projects in 2012. One of them, the Honaine desalination plant in Algeria with a capacity of 200,000 m<sup>3</sup> per day, is the biggest desalination plant Abengoa is currently operating. The company also

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secured its first desalination plant in China, located in Qingdao and with a capacity of 100,000 m<sup>3</sup> per day.

Abengoa has reinforced its commitment to seeking innovative solutions in the water field by increasing its investment in its R&D program. Abengoa is currently improving existing water solutions by developing cutting edge technology in desalination, water treatment, reuse, and industrial water in order to differentiate and maintain a competitive advantage.

## About Abengoa

Abengoa (MCE: ABG.B) is an international company that applies innovative technology solutions for sustainable development in the energy and environment sectors, generating electricity from the sun, producing biofuels, desalinating sea water and recycling industrial waste. ([www.abengoa.com](http://www.abengoa.com))

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