

Abengoa Solar, the leading Spanish company in the international patent applications ranking

- The company is ranked third, after the Spanish Higher Council for Scientific Research (CSIC) and the University of Seville, for the number of international patent applications.
- Abengoa has a team of 726 researchers, the largest R&D center and the largest demonstration platform for new technologies located in Sanlúcar la Mayor (Seville).

Seville, October 10, 2012. Abengoa, the international company that applies innovative technology solutions for sustainable development in the energy and environment sectors, has been recognized as one of the leading intellectual property companies thanks to its investment in R&D+i for new solar technologies. Abengoa Solar is the number one Spanish company in the ranking of international patent applicants, issued by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (SPTO) for 2011, and third among all institutions, after the Spanish Higher Council for Scientific Research (CSIC) and the University of Seville.

The company is staunchly committed to protecting its R&D+i results and the work of more than 726 researchers, of which 120 specialize in developing and improving new technologies in the field of solar energy. This has led to significant growth in the number of patents, which currently exceeds 177 applications and awards, of which 115 are in solar research. Thanks to Abengoa's international expansion policy, the company has also extended its patent protection through the Patent Cooperation Treaty, which offers a clear competitive advantage in the international market.

The growth model, focused on technological leadership and based on a solid commitment to research, development and innovation, enables the company to create value with new products and processes.

Abengoa is currently a world leader in the research and development of new technologies in every sector in which it operates. The Solúcar platform in Seville, the largest solar energy R&D+i center in the world, is just part of its demonstration and experimental facilities.

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In its R&D+i activities, Abengoa collaborates with internationally renowned partners and research centers in the field of energy and the environment, as well as leading highly innovative projects that have been selected by the US Department of Energy, the European Union and numerous entities around the world that promote technological development.

About Abengoa

Abengoa (MCE: ABG) 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.

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