

## **Shuaibah desalination plant, awarded at the 2020 MEED Awards**

- The reverse osmosis desalination plant, built by Abengoa Agua, has a water supply capacity of 250,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d and is located in the Makkah region, in the Shuaibah desalination complex, which is considered the largest in the world.

December, 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 – Abengoa, the international company that applies innovative technology solutions for sustainability in the infrastructure, energy and water sectors, has been awarded by the Middle East market intelligence platform MEED in the tenth edition of the awards that it organizes annually, specifically, in the Water Project of the Year category, for the reverse osmosis desalination plant at the Shuaibah complex, in Saudi Arabia.

Abengoa and Fisia Italmimpianti were responsible for the engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) of the project, that has a capacity of 250,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d. Saudi Water Partnership Company (“SWPC”) acted as the offtaker, while ACWA Power is the owner and operator. It was officially inaugurated in July 2019, just 21 months after the start of construction works, becoming it a milestone in the sector given the characteristics and size of this plant. The design and configuration of the implemented process has optimized its energy consumption, also achieving a reliable and versatile plant.

The awards have been awarded by a panel of 40 independent judges, based on a variety of criteria including innovation, sustainability, social impact, design, construction, engineering, health and safety, and, above all, execution.

The prize was delivery at the gala ceremony that MEED held on December 16 in Dubai, which was attended by the company side for the Deputy Director of Middle East Business Development Álvaro Solana.

The Shuaibah project has also been recognized this year by the prestigious magazine of the water sector Global Water Intelligence (GWI) in its annually awards, in the category of Desalination Plant of the Year.

This new recognition is further proof of the world leadership position that Abengoa holds in the desalination sector, where it ranks first for its contracted desalination capacity in 2019 and 2020, and fifth place since 2009, according to IDA Water Security Handbook 2020-2021 and GWI. It also ranks first in the “Top International Contractor 2020” ranking that ENR (Engineering News-Record), a

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benchmark platform in the construction sector, has recently published in the Treatment & Desalination category.

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