

The year 2007 was characterized by the debate on sustainability and climate change. More than 3,000 scientists, from almost a hundred countries, on the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) concluded that global warming is unequivocal and caused by greenhouse gas emissions of anthropogenic origin.

Our existing energy model, based on fossil energy, is showing clear signs of exhaustion. For this reason, one of the most important challenges in the coming years will be to progress towards a model based on non-contaminating renewable energy sources with a guaranteed supply.

At Abengoa, we dedicate many resources to innovation in the area of renewable energy sources that may serve as an alternative to petroleum derivatives. In 2007 we inaugurated the world's first tower thermal solar plant, which will produce electricity in a stable manner for commercial use. And, in addition, we opened a pilot plant for bioethanol (a gasoline substitute) production from lignocellulosic biomass. This is a raw material that offers significant environmental advantages, as it allows the utilization of materials that are normally disposed of in the production of biofuels.

In order to fight climate change in an effective way, we believe that we must adopt a new economic paradigm in which the prices of goods and services include not only their manufacturing cost, but their environmental cost as well. Therefore, at Abengoa, we have undertaken initiatives to quantify our greenhouse gas emissions, know the traceability of our supplies and certify all of our products and services.

At the close of the year 2007, there were 20,000 of us working together at Abengoa. We are present in over 70 countries on five continents. The diversity of our people enriches us and allows us to understand, appreciate and integrate their differences into the culture of our company. Abengoa could not exist without the talent and passion of each and every one of the people who make up our organization.

Furthermore, our obligation to society is manifested in numerous ways through the Focus-Abengoa Foundation, which, since its creation in 1982, constitutes the instrument for managing our social initiatives. Through the Foundation we address the economic, social and cultural diversity of the countries where we conduct our activities, promoting social action policies that contribute to social and human progress. In 2007, Abengoa allocated more than 7.2 M€ to activities in social responsibility in the areas of assistance, education, culture, science, and technological development.

Through this document, created with rigor and transparency, in accordance with the G3 principles of the Global Reporting Initiative, we wish for all of our stakeholders and the rest of society to know about Abengoa's activity in 2007: our triumphs and our failures, as well as the challenges and goals we have set for ourselves in 2008. Through our website (www.abengoa.com), we are open to any ideas or opinions that may help us to meet our objectives of commitment to sustainability.

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