

They chose France...



Acciona Energie in Fos-sur-Mer



■ **Acciona Energie is, world leader in the sector of sustainable energies**

- The Spanish group Acciona Energie is the world's 4th biggest construction firm, with turnover of approximately 4.9 billion euros and 21,800 employees, the Spanish group Acciona is the world's 4th biggest construction firm. The acquisition of Spain's leading wind energy company (EHN) in 2000 and CESA in 2006, placed Acciona among Europe's leading sustainable energy suppliers.
- Acciona Energie is made up of around 100 international companies in the wind power and bio-fuels sectors. In 2006, Acciona Energie entered into an industrial partnership with REPSOL YPF, to construct 6 bio-diesel production plants in Spain. In France, Acciona Energie has two subsidiaries: La Compagnie des Vents specialized in wind-power, and BIOCAR specialized in bio-fuels.

■ **Marseille project: a bio-diesel production plant with a capacity of 200,000 tons per year**

- BIOCAR's first bio-diesel production plant at Fos-sur-Mer, at the Autonomous Port of Marseille, represents an investment of 40 million euros, and will create approximately 35 local direct jobs. With a production capacity of 200,000 tons per year, it will produce the equivalent of the average annual fuel consumption of 200,000 vehicles, and will therefore reduce carbon gas emissions by 500,000 tons.
- Supplies for this production plant will come from two tritulating plants to be set up in the Centre and Midi-Pyrénées regions, representing a total investment of 50 million euros. These units will process 120,000 tons of colza and sunflower seeds to make vegetable oil.

■ **Why choose France?**

Acciona Energie chose France for these important benefits:

- An ambitious national policy to promote sustainable energy sources, which has adopted objectives that are twice as high as those stated in EU recommendations (objective of 10% by 2015 compared to EU recommendations of 5.75%).
- Strong incentives that offer long-term prospects, due to a twofold tax incentive (reduction in fuel tax and increase in pollution tax for petrol suppliers that do not respect the annual objectives for bio-fuels).

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- A dynamic R&D environment, based on public and private sector partnerships that are particularly promising for second generation bio-fuels; the scientific interest group AGRICE, the National program for bio-energy research / National Research Agency, Atomic Studies Center (CEA), National Institute for Agronomic Research (INRA), French Petrol Institute (IFP), National Center for Scientific and Technical Research (CNRS), etc. The existence of customs petrol depots close to the Marseille Port. This bio-diesel production plant project will enable innovative collaborations with the industrial groups present in the area.
- Guaranteed supplies in terms of agricultural raw materials from Europe's leading agro-food producer and due to the efficient network of sea and river port infrastructures offered by the Marseille Autonomous Port and its environment.
- The existence of petrol and chemical sectors that provide various facilities (specialized infrastructures including customs petrol depots) and the possibility of innovative collaborations with industrial groups already operating in the area: Deulep project (ethanol and bio-ethanol), Lyondell (ETBE), etc.