



Nota de Prensa

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Gijón (5th May, 2011) MODULTEC, the industrialized modular building company, has been awarded the "Innovating Member Prize" for 2010 by the Asturian Innovation Club. The award was received by the company's Director of Contracting, Begoña López Ferrer, at a ceremony held at the Gijón Polytechnic University.

The jury, made up of the Innovation Club's 205 members, based the award on two reasons: in recognition of the company's long trajectory in and great capacity for the implementation of a culture of innovation, throughout the last ten years, in the Asturian productive fabric and also because it considers that this was the most innovative Asturian company during the last year.

The jury also highlighted MODULTEC's contribution in human resources, technicians and financiers to achieving the maximum development possible in innovation at the heart of this company, which it considers an indispensable factor for improving competitiveness and for dealing with rapidly changes conditions.

MODULTEC has a factory on the Porceyo industrial estate, in Gijón, of 50,000 square metres, with the most advanced technology for industrialized modular building.

Extensive investment over the last ten years in R&D&I and permanent collaboration with universities and research institutes have enabled the company to place itself in the vanguard, in Spain, of construction of all types of buildings (schools, health centres, geriatric homes, port terminals, housing, hotels, restaurants, fuel stations, etc.).

Rigorous and continuous quality control, a 50% reduction in delivery times, modern and flexible designs and sustainability are the main advantages of the MODULTEC building system.

Ambitious research projects

The company participates in some of the most important innovation programmes in Spain, such as the Cetica project (*Ciudad Eco-Tecno-Lógica/ Eco-Techno-Logic City*). This research is financed by the CDTI (*Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico Industrial/Industrial Technology Development Centre*), which is dependent on the Ministry for Science and Innovation and which brings together 14 companies and 15 research institutes in Spain.

The aim of this project is to achieve sustainable development in building, promoting its industrialization on the basis of the use of steel so that building materials may be recycled, energy efficiency may be improved, work accident rates may be reduced and the environmental effects of building may be diminished.

MODULTEC also participates in the CIMO project (Research into the components for Modular Foundations), included in the Principality of Asturias's Science, Technology and Innovation Plan. In this way, the company is carrying out activities to generate new technology for the manufacturing of foundation elements and components adaptable to the modular manufacturing system of buildings, as well as the development of industrial manufacturing lines for foundations, to make them more agile, economic and sustainable, as well as dismountable, like the building itself.

Convergence of Companies, University and Administration

The Asturian Innovation Club is a non-profit making, business initiative association which aims to establish a permanent forum for companies, the university and the public administration, with the objective of fomenting technological innovation. The plan of action of the club, which now has 205 members, is designed to make companies aware of the importance of technological innovation in order to be able to provide more competitive products and services.

Likewise, the Asturian Innovation Club promotes actions and programmes which help to bring about permanent innovation in companies in Asturias in all the different areas of economic activity, whether they are related to products/services or production and/or management systems.