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ISO 14001/2004, ISO 9001/2000 and OHSAS 18001/1999 certifications awarded by AENOR

Bah a de Bizkaia Electricidad (BBE) has been awarded the AENOR environmental certificate UNE-EN ISO 14001:1996 dated 17/12/2004, certifying environmental management systems for "natural-gas fired power generation". In just over a year, BBE has become the first independent combined-cycle producer in Spain to obtain UNE-EN ISO 14001:1996 certification for environmental management.

While this always a significant process, the case of BBE is particularly important in that it involves generating power under a system of environmental management, reflecting the company's clear commitment to respecting the environment. In order to obtain this certificate, the company not only has to fulfil a series of pre-established requirements and principles, allowing continuous improvement in the future, but also has to demonstrate this in external environmental audits, carried out by the certifying authority, AENOR.

Environmental Management standard UNE-EN ISO 14001:1996 requires the company to constantly monitor aspects of its business which interacts with its final product, power with absolute respect for the environment, as well as proving compliance with all applicable regulations and introducing a more effective policy on environmental protection in all its actions, allowing it to maintain and increase the confidence of employees, suppliers and society at large.

On 5 December 2005, BBE was awarded the company Registration Certificate for "natural-gas fired power generation evidencing conformity of the management system with ISO standard 9001/2000 and adapting its existing ISO 14001/1996 system to the amended ISO 14001/2004.

Finally, on 13 December 2006, it obtained the ISO 18001/1999 Occupational Health and Safety Management System Certificate for "natural-gas fired power generation. Power retailing with the market and system operators".

All these certificates are renewed on a 3-yearly basis, by means of re-audits, while surveillance audits are performed every year by the certifying authority.

