

PRESS RELEASE

profine sponsors architecture competition „Solar Decathlon Europe“

From 18 to 27 June 2010, the first "Solar Decathlon Europe" took place in Madrid with the motto "discover the power of the sun". 17 international university teams presented solar-driven house prototypes at the "Villa Solar" premises near the Palacio Royal, the Spanish Royal Palace. profine has sponsored the world-wide architecture competition this year and will continue to do so until 2012.

„Solar Decathlon Europe“ is the equivalent to the homonymous competition hosted by the US Department of Energy which took place for the first time in 2002. It aims at generating and transferring know-how on sustainable construction. Each university has to develop and build a solar-driven residential house, and ten different disciplines, such as energy balance, innovation level, comfort and marketability, are evaluated.

José-Ramón Navarro, General Manager of profine Iberia: „profine is forcefully acting on its maxim of sustainability with energy-efficient ecologically exemplary window systems. Thus, the objectives of the Solar Decathlon Europe are absolutely congruent with ours which makes a co-operation only logical“.

In 2009 already, profine products participated in the competition in the US as the solar model house built by the Polytechnic University of Madrid was equipped with parallel tilt and slide doors made of the "Kömmerling 88plus" system.

In line with the export of the "Solar Decathlon" to Europe, profine goes a step further avowing itself as one of the major sponsors holistically to this contest for sustainable construction.

„We could give the expert community a better understanding of the significance of modern windows with different workshops, speeches and guided tours on the premises. Of course, it was helpful that we were allowed to equip the head office of Villa Solar with windows of our Kömmerling system“, resumes J-R Navarro.

More than 190,000 visitors made the first “Solar Decathlon Europe” a remarkable success for the organizers, first of all the Spanish Ministry of Housing. The overall winner was the team of the Virginia Polytechnic University with its „Lumenhaus“.

profine Iberia will accompany the competition as its sponsor until 2012 when it will take place again in Madrid. Before, the participating teams will present their newly developed model houses in Washington, in the country of origin of the Solar Decathlon.

Further information on the Solar Decathlon Europe: www.sdeurope.org

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The model of the „Lumenhaus“ developed and built by Virginia Polytechnic University, overall winner of Solar Decathlon Europe 2010.



„Villa Solar“, premises of 30.000 m² where the Solar Decathlon Europe 2010 was held, located in the city of Madrid between the Spanish Royal Palace and the Manzanares river.

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The head office of „Villa Solar“, equipped with windows of the profine brand Kömmerling.

About profine:

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profine has a total of 3,350 employees at 28 locations in 21 countries. Around 2,000 of these employees work in Germany.

The production sites are located in Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Russia, Ukraine, the United States and China. The company headquarters is in Troisdorf (North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany).

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