

### **THE ARAB EMIRATES SHOW THEIR INTEREST IN CENER'S ACTIVITIES**

**Sarriguren (Navarra), 25 March 2010.-** Developing projects related to renewable energies and energy efficiency was one of the main reasons for the visit paid by Sulaiman Al Fahim to the facilities of the National Renewable Energy Centre, CENER, both in Sarriguren and in Sangüesa, where the largest wind laboratory in the world is located.

Sulaiman Al Fahim is the Director of the Intergovernmental Agency for Renewable Energies, IREO, and of AURD, the Arabic Union for Development. Al Fahim is considered to be one of the 4 most powerful Arabs, according to Arabian Business Magazine, and one of his most outstanding professional achievements was his role as the main negotiator in the purchase of Manchester City football club.

During his visit to CENER, when he was accompanied by the Regional Minister for Innovation, Enterprise and Employment of the Government of Navarra, Jose M<sup>a</sup> Roig and by the Director General of CENER, Jose Javier Armendariz, among other officials from the centre, the possibility of signing a framework collaboration agreement between both institutions was proposed.

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#### **About CENER**

The National Renewable Energy Centre of Spain is a technology centre, with excellent qualifications and international prestige, specialised in applied research and the development and promotion of renewable energies. CENER has more than 200 researchers, carrying out activities on the five continents. The Board of trustees is comprised of the Ministry of Science and Innovation, the Research Centre for Energy, Environment and Technology (CIEMAT), the Ministry of Industry and the Government of Navarra.

CENER performs its activity in six work areas in the field of energies: wind, solar thermal and solar photovoltaic, biomass, bioclimatic architecture and renewable energy grid integration. Its headquarters are located in the Ciudad de la Innovación (Innovation Centre), in Sarriguren - Navarra, although it has offices in other locations in Spain. It has modern accredited laboratories and facilities in Europe, as is the case of the Wind Turbine Test Laboratory (located in Sangüesa), a biomass laboratory, a thermal collector and photovoltaic module test laboratory, as well as a photovoltaic cell materials and processes laboratory.

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