

## **Energqos accelerates its growth by acquiring a majority stake in Samares and ESP**

**Milan, 24th September 2009** – Energqos SpA continues its expansion by becoming a majority stakeholder in Samares and ESP, both limited companies active within the photovoltaic sector and in which Energqos was already a stakeholder.

Samares srl is a leading Automation and Control innovations company within the *Smart Power Grids* sector, the energy production from renewable energy sources and the energy efficiency installations sectors in general.

Esp srl is specialised in the design and construction of auxiliary technologies for the photovoltaic sector. In addition to designing mounting systems suitable to any typology of PV installation (on the ground or on rooftops), ESP patented the Solar Totem, an innovative dual-axis tracking system, which guarantees a maximum possible output of up to 35% more than traditional fixed plants.

“The strengthening of our relationship with Samares and ESP is strategic because the innovative capacity of these two technological suppliers completes and reinforces Energqos’ advanced engineering offer content”, comments Mauro Marcucci, CEO of Energqos. “We continue to invest in order to offer our clients highly efficient and innovative systems. ESP and Samares enter our group, with the objective of providing innovative and dedicated technological products which are designed to optimise the performance of our systems.”

“This partnership has enabled us to unite our skills and expertise within the metallic structure sector with Energqos’ own knowledge of the photovoltaic systems and applications sector. These elements, combined with our R&D activities have enabled us to create innovative solutions capable of optimising the performance of all installations – whether they be fixed on the ground, with tracking systems, or on rooftops”, says Fabrizio Piomboni, CEO of ESP. “These solutions are now available for Energqos as well as for other photovoltaic operators”, he added.

“Automation and intelligent control are key aspects of implementing PV installations, capable of maximising performance over time”, added Sandra Magnani, founder and CEO of Samares. “Our solutions, based on the Osiride Platform have undergone careful study in order to be able to provide avant-garde service and performance, as much for remote control systems as for performance optimisation and the management of maintenance operations. Our operating systems enable the centralised management of entire solar farms and generation systems based on renewable energies in general. They are available for utilities providers or institutional investors to centrally manage their systems”.

### **About ENERQOS – [www.energqos.com](http://www.energqos.com)**

Energqos is one of Italy’s largest turnkey suppliers of solar systems and plants. Its headquarters are located in Monza (MI) and the company has offices in Rome, Navacchio (Pisa), subsidiaries in France and Greece. The company was created three years ago by a group of managers with relevant international experience, and has succeeded in establishing itself as a key player in the

solar parks and PV systems industry in Europe. Recently, CC Capital, a private equity fund specialised in renewable energies and energy efficiency, invested €10M in the company. For further information please contact [marketing@enerqos.com](mailto:marketing@enerqos.com) or visit our website at [www.enerqos.com](http://www.enerqos.com)

#### **About ESP srl - [www.esp-italia.com](http://www.esp-italia.com)**

Created in 2007 by a group of entrepreneurs and professionals from the electronic and prefabricated building sector, ESP is specialised in auxiliary technologies for the highly technologically innovative photovoltaic sector. ESP has provided solutions for dozens of ground and BIPV installations, specialising in the design and creation of both fixed and biaxial tracking systems and a complete range of electronic components for the photovoltaic industry.

#### **About SAMARES srl - [www.samares.it](http://www.samares.it)**

SAMARES was created in 2007 with the aim of introducing new generation automation and control technology capable of responding to today's needs and innovation challenges within the energy sector, needs that will have to be addressed in the near future. Samares integrates its own high quality expertise and skills within the fields of ICT technology, energy, automation and security to create and generate innovation. Under the form of technologically integrated solutions and provided as turn-key solutions, Samares has implemented innovative projects in control, automation and the security of installations for the production of energy and has enforced the Network Operation Centres on many different electric installations.