

## "Constrói Angola" closes with awards to construction firms

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Odebrecht was awarded the prize for the best participation during the four days of the sixth annual International Building Construction and Public Works Trade Show, known as "Constrói Angola 2008."

The Brazilian company obtained the highest marks from the jury of the management of Arena Direct and of the Luanda International Trade Show (FIL), for its good exhibition and large number of visitors and local agents at its booth.

Paulo Saldanha, engineer at Odebrecht, considers the award a step toward growth and efficiency in the services provided to public and private construction. "The main thing is taking part in the growth of the country and making available all possible resources in order to satisfy the Angolan market," he pointed out.

**For the field of building construction and public works, the award was given to the Portuguese multinational company MonteAdriano, which showed prestige in representing the initiatives linked to the construction and rehabilitation of social infrastructures in the country.**

With the best international participation, Portugal stood out with over 60 percent of companies in attendance. For building materials and industrial equipment machining on display at "Constrói Angola 2008," awards were given to the booth of ALP and to Nevada Terex, respectively.

The award for the best support service to building construction real estate design was given to the companies Dimetal and Taminveste Group. Taminveste, a company specializing in real estate items, stood out with the project for the new city (Bom Jesus), in the province of Bengo.

Odebrecht, which has been operating in Angola for 28 years, currently has 39 projects in progress in the various fields of construction. The Brazilian company provides engineering and construction services in Africa, South America, Central America, the United States of America (USA), Portugal and the Middle East.

Since 2007, the company has invested in the sector of Bioenergy, as it focuses on the production of ethanol and sugar and the cogeneration of energy from the production of sugar and alcohol. The company has developed segments in oil & gas, environmental engineering and real estate developments, as well as the sectors transportation and minerals.

**Monte Adriano, the best building construction firm in attendance at the trade show, has been developing initiatives linked to construction and the rehabilitation of several social infrastructures in Angola since 2005.**

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