

Applied Research and Communications Fund

Innovative Enterprise of the Year National Contest 2006

The contest for innovative enterprise of the year is open for participants from all industrial sectors. The award recognises as "most innovative enterprise" one which had developed new, or significantly improved products, services or processes over the last three years. The innovative potential of participating enterprises was evaluated by a special jury and expert panel against a set of criteria:

- R&D expenditures (relative share)
- Technology equipment expenditures (relative share)
- Personnel involved in R&D (relative share)
- Level of IT and management systems
- Cooperation for innovation
- Financing by public and private innovation programmes
- Innovation awards
- Technical level of the innovative products/processes
- Innovative products/services income (relative share)
- Export
- Intellectual property rights protection

The award is presented in two categories: for small innovative enterprise (up to 50 employees) and medium-sized and large enterprise (over 50 employees).



Categorie small innovative enterprise (up to 50 employees)

First prize, honorary statuette and diploma.

Saturn Engineering Ltd.

The company was established in 1998. The area of expertise covers the industrial, medical and consumer markets.

The staff has extensive experience bringing new products from the initial concept to production. The company has the advantage of providing technologically advanced and cost effective solutions by utilizing its talented engineers in the ISO9001-2000 certified Design and Manufacturing facility in Sofia.

Saturn Engineering, Ltd. participates in the contest with advanced induction cap sealer system which is a product with high technological characteristics and appears a novelty for the Bulgarian market.

Second price, honorary diploma

Diavach Ltd.

is a producing company which has been founded in 1990. The company began its activity with producing rubber transportation belts for all branches of the light industry. Diavach Ltd has technological and technical resources to produce belts with different structure according specific character of given machine.

The company has started to produce heating devices in 1994. The company has been developing work in the area of heating with bio-fuels – palettes, wood chips, etc.

At the moment Diavach Ltd is in the middle of procedure for getting an audit certificate ISO 9001.

The company has built fire boxes in Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic and Romania.

Diavach Ltd participates in the contest with four types of fire chambers. The fire boxes' and the fireplaces' concept is based on using ecological-clean products as fuel (wood, wood briquettes and natural gas). Saturn Engineering, Ltd. is a full service engineering design, product development and contract manufacturing company located in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Third price, honorary diploma**BODI-D – Dobri Dobrev**

BODI-D is established in 1991. The skin care products, developed by highly qualified cosmetic chemists and manufactured according to rigid quality control procedures, combine the latest scientific achievements and the wisdom of nature. The optimized manufacturing process gives the advantage to offer the most competitive prices, without compromising product ingredient quality.

The company participates in the contest with two series of cosmetic products: ROIBOS-Star anti-aging skin line (the products are recognised as world novelty) and BILLE GD Problem Skin Line.

CATEGORIE MEDIUM-SIZED AND LARGE ENTERPRISE (over 50 employees).

First prize, honorary statuette and diploma

FICOSOTA Plc.

The company is the largest manufacturer of household heating appliances in Central and Eastern Europe. and has over 30 years experience in the manufacturing of heating appliances.

FICOSOTA provides comfort and warmth to consumers in 50 countries on 5 continents: Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and South America.

FICOSOTA possesses 3 production sites equipped with state-of-the-art fully automated production lines for household heating appliances and electric water heaters. The company uses leading technologies which are up to the most contemporary requirements of the EU's ecological standards.

FICOSOTA is certified and operates in compliance with the requirements of the ISO 9001/2000 international quality management standard covering the design, manufacturing and maintenance of household heating appliances and electric water heaters.

The company participates in the contest with:

- Patented household heat machine produced under the brand name of Tesy.
- Patented plasma welding production line for household water heaters.

Second prize, honorary diploma

Denima 2001 Ltd.

The company has more than 15 years of experience in production and import of lighting fixtures and lamps - street, park, industrial, office, household, facade, LEDs, special. Import and distribution of illuminating and lighting products.

The company has developed close relationship with the Technical University of Sofia, works actively in several R&D projects and develops its own innovative product concepts.

Denima 2001 Ltd. recently develops an innovative kind of lightning powered by photovoltaic batteries using solar energy for the electricity production.

The company participates in the contest with technology and product-line for gamma-lightning street lamps.

Third price, honorary diploma

OPTIX Co.

OPTIX was founded in 1998 and specialises in manufacturing and testing quality optical components and systems, encompassing the capabilities required to undertake opto-mechanical and opto-electronic assemblies and devices meeting the needs of the medicine, military and commercial markets.

The success with customers from the European Community and USA markets has resulted in 90% of the production being exported.

Today, the company has more than 350 employees - graduated specialists and technicians experienced in optical design and production.

Manufacturing of optical elements and systems comply with all requirements of the European and world DIN, MIL, ISO and BS standards.

OPTIX CO. is certified according to ISO 9001-2000 by TUF-Cert, Germany.

The company is one of the first enterprises in Bulgaria to obtain the AQAP 2110 NATO certificate.

The company participates in the contest with a range of 19 products like:

- Night vision goggles and binoculars;
- Night and day sights for small arms;
- TV systems for day/night surveillance;
- Laser range finding systems;
- In and outside security and alert systems of strategic sites' approaches; systems for perimeter and outside perimeter guarding and beforehand warning of the approaches to objects for strategic purposes;
- Lenses for LCD projection systems;
- Ophthalmologic equipment;
- Special measurement and test equipment. and others.

and another Third price, honorary diploma

DASY TECHNOLOGY

Daisy Technology Ltd. was established in 1990. The main stream in company activity is design of electronic devices as well as software applications. Our company operates in the field of GPS Systems for more than 6 years.

The company personnel comprises of more than 300 employees. The company possesses its own well-developed production facility showing high effectiveness. This allows on-time response to the consumer demand and keeping in pace with the rapidly developing technology market both inside the country and abroad.

The company products are well known in most European Countries, Middle East and Gulf Region, NorthAmerica.

Daisy Technology's product range includes:

- GPS Systems: Fleet Management, Bluetooth GPS Receivers, Security Applications;
- Taximeters, POS Equipment, Cash Registers, Electronic Scales, Barcode Scanners;
- Fuel Station Equipment
- Digital Powermeters, Automatic Meter Reading & Management Systems
- Hotel Equipment: Building Management Systems, Video on DemandSystems, Digital Receivers, Multimedia Information Systems, Access Control

The company participates in the contest with:

- Bluetooth GPS Receivers produced under the brand name of "GPS-Buddy", novelty for the world market.
- Wireless terminal "Daisy Expert". The product appears novelty for the Bulgarian market.