ISOFOTON WILL CARRY OUT THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION OF 165 SCHOOLS IN GUATEMALA AND EL SALVADOR

- **The installation of photovoltaic solar energy in the schools will permit 10,000 persons in a rural environment access to education.**

Isofoton, a company that is leader in solar technology, has won the tender for the rural electrification of 165 schools in Guatemala and El Salvador, which will permit 10,000 persons in a rural environment access to education.

This tender forms part of the Eurosolar Project, a regional programme in developmental aid from the EU that focuses on the most disadvantaged zones in South America. Financing will be effected via funds from EuropeAid, whose general objective is the deployment of 600 photovoltaic electricity generation systems, or hybrids such as photovoltaic-wind energy, in rural areas of Central and South America. Each one of the schools that form part of this project will have an isolated system of 1.19 kW.

The Isofoton Project will provide the electrification of 117 colleges in Guatemala and 48 in El Salvador, with an estimated investment of more than five million euros between both countries.

The electricity generated by these systems will be used, in part, to assist access to new technologies. Each school will be provided with five computers, a printer, a projector, a fridge, a system to filter water, a battery charger and a car-battery charger. Additionally, the pupils will be able to access the Internet as the schools will also have satellite connection.

Isofoton has been committed to Rural Electrification since its initial outset, defining its position through economically viable and sustainable projects. With the activities it carries out, the company contributes to bringing power to these locations, a key element in the development of the people's quality of life, education, health and economy.

About Isofoton

Isofoton is the leading Spanish company in the development of technology solutions for the generation and exploitation of solar energy in its three technologies - Photovoltaics, Low-temperature solar thermal energy and High-concentration photovoltaics - and is committed to Society and the Environment on a worldwide level.

The company is present in more than 60 countries and has 9 subsidiaries, in Italy, USA, Bolivia, Ecuador, The Dominican Republic, Algeria, Morocco, Senegal and China, consolidating furthermore its position as market leader in Spain.

Since its foundation 27 years ago, Isofoton has been a pioneer in research and development, with its innovative character being a highly distinguishing feature. In 2007, investment in R+D represented a total of 6% of the annual turnover.