

PRINCIPAL HISTORIC MILESTONES

- 1981** ISOFOTON IS BORN IN MÁLAGA AS A UNIVERSITY PROJECT SPIN-OFF WITH THE AIM OF INDUSTRIALLY DEVELOPING MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY TO PRODUCE PHOTOVOLTAIC BIFACIAL SILICON WAFER CELLS.
- 1982** ADAPTATION OF THE TECHNOLOGY FROM UNIVERSITY TO INDUSTRY, WITH PRODUCTION OF THE FIRST MODULE PROTOTYPES BY THE END OF THE YEAR. THE FACTORY IS INAUGURATED WITH A PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF APPROXIMATELY 330 KW/YEAR.
- 1984** THE FIRST PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANT IS BUILT IN SAN AGUSTÍN DE GUADALIX, AND THE FIRST ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT IS CARRIED OUT WITH 40 RURAL COTTAGES IN TARIFA. COMPANIES SUCH AS ABENGOA, SEVILLANA DE ELECTRICIDAD, AND SODEAN BECOME SHAREHOLDERS OF ISOFOTON THIS YEAR.
- 1985** FIRST INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS CARRIED OUT ARE THE ELECTRIFICATION OF A VILLAGE IN SENEGAL (1ST PV PLANT IN AFRICA), AS WELL AS THE FIRST TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFER. THIS YEAR ALCATEL STANDARD ELÉCTRICA AS MAJORITY PARTNER, ATERSA AND THE CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS JOIN THE COMPANY.
- 1986** THE PRODUCTION OF SOLAR THERMAL ENERGY IS INTRODUCED. AT THE SAME TIME, IN PHOTOVOLTAIC, BIFACIAL CELLS ARE REPLACED WITH MONOFACIAL CELLS.
- 1987** DEVELOPMENT OF NEW CELL PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGIES THAT INCREASE EFFICIENCY AND THAT ARE STILL USED TODAY.
- 1989** THE NATIONAL MARKET IS BROUGHT TO A STANDSTILL AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT'S PLANS OF COOPERATION, ACTIVITY ABROAD STRENGTHENS. THE NEW CHALLENGES OF THE MARKET SHOW THE NEED FOR NEW INVESTMENTS, AND CONSEQUENTLY, THE SEARCH FOR FINANCING.

THE IFA (DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE OF ANDALUSIA) TAKES OVER ISOFOTON, MAKING IT A PUBLIC COMPANY. INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION CONTINUES AND SALES ABROAD REACH A PROPORTION OF 80%.

1991

THE FACTORY IS EXTENDED BY FOUR TIMES ITS SIZE AND THE NUMBER OF STAFF IS DOUBLED. AUTOMATION OF THE PRODUCTION LINE IS BEGUN, OPTIMIZING THE USE OF PREVIOUS TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND DESIGNING NEW MACHINERY.

1994

GRUPO BERGÉ BECOMES ISOFOTON'S NEW OWNER. THE COMPANY STRENGTHENS ITS COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INCREASES PRODUCTION CAPACITY.

1997

THE TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF ISOFOTON IS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE COMPANY'S GROWTH. IN THE R+D FIELD, IT LEADS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SEVERAL LINES OF RESEARCH, AMONG WHICH CONCENTRATION STANDS OUT. ISOFOTON'S FIRST SUBSIDIARY BRANCH, ISOEQUINOCCIAL, OPENS TO SERVICE COUNTRIES WITHIN THE ANDEAN PACT REGION, WHERE ISOFOTON HAD BEEN WORKING FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS.

2000

ISOFOTON IS THE EUROPEAN MARKET LEADER IN PHOTOVOLTAIC PRODUCTION, WITH LARGE GRID-CONNECTED INSTALLATIONS. THE SPANISH MARKET BEGINS TO EXPERIENCE IMPORTANT GROWTH AND ITS IMPORTANCE GROWS IN THE COMPANY'S GLOBAL RESULTS. THE COMPANY RECEIVES THE PRINCE FELIPE AWARD FOR BUSINESS EXCELLENCE IN THE FIELD OF RENEWABLE ENERGIES AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

2002

ISOFOTON REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO RURAL ELECTRIFICATION, CARRYING OUT INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT PROJECTS: SENEGAL (10,000 HOMES), BOLIVIA (17,000 HOMES, COMMUNITY CENTERS, SCHOOLS, AND HEALTH CENTERS), AND MOROCCO (34,500 HOMES).

2005

ISOFOTON'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY, COINCIDING WITH THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW FACTORY IN THE PARQUE TECNOLÓGICO DE ANDALUCÍA BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING DON JUAN CARLOS I. THE PLANT'S FACILITIES INCLUDE THE MOST MODERN TECHNOLOGY.

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