

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## Elval S.A. gains distinction for its industrial waste water treatment plant in the «Bravo Sustainability Awards»

Elval gained a significant distinction in the «Bravo Environment» category (large companies classification) in the «Bravo Sustainability Awards». The ceremony of the awards of Sustainable Development and Responsible Entrepreneurship «Bravo Sustainability Awards», took place on December 16, 2015, at the Acropolis Museum Amphitheatre. The event was organized by the non-profit organisation QualityNet Foundation.

Elval was given an award for its cutting edge industrial waste water treatment plant, which has operated in its facilities since 2011. This award underscores the company's commitment for Sustainable Development and recognizes its constant goal of continuous growth with responsibility.

Environmental protection is an Elval commitment and an integral part of the company's strategy. Proving this commitment through action, Elval, on an annual basis, implements a significant investment programme on environmental protection projects and applies practices, aimed at continuous environmental improvement. In order to save the precious natural resource water, the Company applies a pioneering programme, aimed at decreasing waste water effluents. Elval's cutting edge industrial waste water treatment plant can recycle part or all these effluents, while at the same time it is also a reference point for such plants, as it incorporates all cutting edge technologies available today. This project is one of a kind in Greece and the savings achieved, based on current consumption figures, may reach 280,000 cu.m. of water, annually.

The Bravo Sustainability Awards, since their foundation in 2010 do not only aim at awarding winners but also to develop dialog within a broad spectrum of social partners, shaping trends in the country, and furthering at the same time in the broader sections of Greek society, the messages of Sustainable Development and Social Responsibility. The "Bravo Sustainability Awards" are under the auspices of the Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism, the Ministry of the Environment, Energy and Climatic Change, the Central Union of Greek Municipalities and is supported by the European Commission and European Parliament offices in Athens, the Greek Economic and Social Committee (OEK), as well as by Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV) and the SEV Sustainable Development Council.

Through a dialog process with 120 social partners and with the participation of 4,686 active citizens, 170 actions and initiatives competed and were evaluated, in Sustainable Development, Responsible Entrepreneurship and Social Responsibility.

In the 2015 competition, 42 companies, 15 local government authorities and 38 entities from the Citizens' Society took part, with 170 practices in Sustainable Development, Responsible Entrepreneurship and Social Responsibility competing in five award categories: Bravo Governance, Bravo Market, Bravo Environment, Bravo Society και Bravo In Action.



## **About Elval:**

Elval is a leading aluminium manufacturer in Europe. Elval's manufacturing base includes seven production plants in Greece and manufactures numerous different aluminium products that meet the needs of the packaging, construction, transportation and automotive industries among others. Elval exports to more than 80 countries around the world and has trading facilities in seven European countries. ELVAL is a subsidiary of Elval Holdings SA which belongs to Viohalco SA, the holding company of various metal processing companies in Europe. For more information you can visit the Company's website: <a href="https://www.elval.gr">www.elval.gr</a>

## **About «Bravo Sustainability Awards»:**

"Bravo Sustainability Awards" initiative develops systematic dialogue on Sustainable Development and aims to highlight and reward the best practices recorded by the participating Organizations in the context of the Sustainable Greece 2020 Initiative.

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