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Brazilian Steel Company Wins World Metallurgy Award 2021

At the end of October 2021, the Global Metals Awards, from S&P Global Platts, announced the current award receivers, which included Aço Verde do Brasil (AVB). Manufacturing long carbon neutral steel, this Brazilian steel company, a subsidiary of Ferroeste Group, was recognized with the main awards for the sector.

The main products manufactured at the company's plant - located in northeastern Brazil, in Açailândia town, Maranhão State - include wire rods and rebars (CA-50 and CA-60). With more than 2,300 employees, the company being the first steel mill in the world to produce carbon neutral steel, won in the ESG Development category.

The AVB's carbon emissions for steel production for the years 2019 and 2020 were respectively 0.06 and -0.04 tons of CO² per ton of crude steel. Another 11 companies competed in the same category, including Alcoa, JLW Steel, Rio Tinto and Posco.

"The carbon neutral certification and this award were just our first steps. We will continue to invest in the implementation of innovations with a new plant to produce briquette of co-products for use in our blast furnaces, aiming to be the first carbon neutral and zero residue plant, with 100% of solid residues being reused in such operations", said Sandro Raposo, the AVB Industrial Director.

Unfortunately, due to the Covid pandemic, the AVB staff avoided the trip to a ceremony held in London, UK. It was up to the General Secretary of the International Iron Metallurgy Association, John Atherton, to get the Award.



▲ John Atherton

Fastener Suppliers Among Winners from GM Award

General Motors announced online in the early second half of 2021 the list of those awarded to the Quality Excellence Award 2020, which includes just suppliers that serve this giant automaker in South American operations.

In total there were 133 suppliers, and 107 of them were from Brazil, 16 from Argentina, 7 from Colombia and 3 from Ecuador. Some of these suppliers, as listed below, are companies in Brazil that manufacture fasteners.

Progeral (metal clamps) received the 7 Star Special Recognition.

In Propulsion/Powertrain category, the fastener players awarded were:

- Irmãos Parasmó: 6 stars
- Rudolph Usinados: 5 stars
- Böllhoff Brazil: 4 stars
- Lipos Fasteners: 4 stars
- Metalac SPS: 3 stars
- Continental Fasteners: 2 stars
- Refal Rivets: 1 star



The Sun Shines Again for Trade Fairs in Brazil

The Covid pandemic placed uncertainty as the only answer in recent times, especially when it comes to events in which relationship is the key to success. So, we can describe as bold and "pioneering" the action of the organizers and the exhibitors of the event dedicated to solar energy sector.



The Intersolar South America was able to start the first trade fair since March 2020.

Months before, the exhibitors had to sign an agreement to put their teams and investments into the event without knowing if it will take place or not, a common question around the world, especially in Brazil this was deeply hit by infection and deaths.

However, vaccination in Brazil has been a big success, with high acceptance level, and the cases already was in deep fall when Intersolar was held, on October 18-20, in São Paulo City, SP.

The 2021 edition had a little more than 250 exhibitors and around 28 thousand visitors from 29 countries. Among the exhibitors, some were main fastener companies with local factories and/or offices – including ARaymond, BelEnergy (from Belenus Group), Boltinox, Inox-Par, LuduFix, Max Del, Walsywa and others – showing their news on products and services to this emerging and highly promissor sector, still almost unexplored in Brazil with a big potential for business in the next 5 to 10 years.

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