

RENEX 2009 (5 – 8 November) in Istanbul:

**RENEX 2009 spotlights green energy in Turkey**

- Opened by the Energy Ministers of the Republic of Turkey and Switzerland
- RENEX 2009 Renewable Energy Fair puts the focus on Turkey and renewable energy
- Trade show for clean energy attracts 17,258 registered visitors

**Istanbul/Hannover.** RENEX 2009 – the Renewable Energy Fair organized by Hannover Messe-Sodex – took place in the CNR Expo/Hall 1. The debut of the trade fair RENEX 2009 offered Turkish industrialists and investors insights into the entire range of clean energy technology. The accompanying panel discussions and forums highlighted the importance of different sources of renewable energy and the technology required. The event, which received the full support of the Swiss and German governments, attracted 17,258 registered visitors. It proved of particular interest to visitors seeking individual applications and wind energy solutions.

Mr. Taner Yıldız, Energy Minister of the Republic of Turkey, Mr. Moritz Leunberger, Swiss Minister for the Environment, Transportation, Energy and Communication, Dr. Heinz Baues, Undersecretary at the North Rhine Westphalia Ministry for Energy and SMEs, attended the trade fair, which represents an important opportunity for industry professionals.

Turkey's Energy and Natural Resources Minister Taner Yıldız attended the opening ceremony, where he reported the good news that legislation on renewable energy and energy efficiency was imminent. In his speech he explained: "Trade fairs are good platforms for important contracts and investment. We can only live up to our promise to leave a good country to future generations if we ensure the existence and use of clean energy resources. If we don't clear the way for clean energy now, the measures taken to combat climate change will not be sufficient. Investment in this technology – plus the right know-how – will be an investment in the future. Turkey has huge potential with a capacity of approx. 44,000 megawatts of wind, geothermal and solar energy. We have demonstrated our commitment by introducing the Renewable Energy Law and the Energy Productivity Law. Now it is time for these laws to be realized."

Moritz Leuenberger, Switzerland's Minister for the Environment, Transportation, Energy and Communication, stated that environmental pollution and climate change are the biggest challenges facing the world today. He emphasized the importance of policy-makers coming together to ensure fair agreements and effective projects and solutions that will benefit future generations.

Dr. Heinz Baues, Undersecretary at the Ministry for Energy and SMEs in North-Rhine Westphalia, also underlined the importance of this cooperation, adding: "We are applying these technologies to survive. Our priority is to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 28%."

Murat Demirtas, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hannover-Messe Sodeks Fuarcılık A.S., said that although investment had come late in the day, there would be a fast take-up of green energy.

Organized by Hannover-Messe Sodeks Fuarcılık A.S, the joint-venture of Hannover-Messe International Istanbul and Dünya Fuar Yapım Ltd. Sti. in association with its partner Deutsche Messe AG, one of the world's top trade fair companies, RENEX 2009 benefited from the sixty-year long experience of Deutsche Messe AG and proved to be an excellent event that highlighted the potential of wind, solar, geothermal and biomass energy technologies.

The trade fair occupied an area of 12,000 square metres with 130 stands from 300 companies. In addition to Germany and Switzerland, numerous countries took part, including China, Canada, Greece, Denmark, Holland, Austria, Jordan, Spain, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Japan and the UK.

The main sponsor Sekerbank was also represented, together with Eko kredi, thus demonstrating the firm commitment to energy conservation. The visitors were briefed at their stand with relevant brochures and leaflets.

#### **Exhibit categories**

Solar energy systems, wind energy systems, geothermal systems, heat pumps, bio-fuel, treatment systems, water and liquid handling, energy-efficient systems, cogeneration systems, waste-water treatment,

recycling and environmental technologies, testing, measuring and control devices.

### **Clean energy a focus of discussion**

Clean energy was discussed during meetings involving representatives and experts from Germany and Switzerland. On Saturday, November 7, the clean energy meeting was held at the World Hall from 4.00 – 5.30 p.m., offering a platform for lively debate and reports on experiences, problems and expected future developments in clean energy and energy applications in Turkey. The keynote speakers were Dr. Baha Kuban, lawyer Aslı Aydınöz, electronic engineering expert Fatih Kavaslar, chemical-environmental engineer Ates Ugurel and architect Dr. Mehmet Bengü Uluengin.

The trade fair was held in conjunction with the 4th Turkish-German Energy Symposium 'Renewable Energies and Efficient Energy Use' and the 5th Switzerland-Turkey Economy Forum 'Renewable Energy Sources, Productivity in Energy and Resources'. After these meetings, representatives of German and Turkish companies got together in unilateral talks.

RENEX 2009 was also attended by an important Indian trade delegation supported by the Indian Ministry for Micro, Small and Medium Sized Companies, thus adding to the opportunities for networking and contact between exhibitors and other professionals.

RENEX 2010 will take place from 30 September – 3 October at CNR Expo / Istanbul Fair Center.

Further information is available at [www.renex-expo.com](http://www.renex-expo.com).

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