



OPWAY Engenharia S.A., was launched as a civil constructor and public works company on the 1st January, 2008 following the OPCA - Obras Públicas e Cimento Armado, S.A., and SOPOL – Sociedade Geral de Construções e Obras Públicas, S.A. merger.

SOPOL - Sociedade Geral de Construções e Obras Públicas, S.A. founded in 1959, has played an important role in key construction and infrastructures works undertaken for the country's progress and development. Their involvement has earned the company recognition for their Quality, technical work, and rigor.

A few examples of these are:

- Carrapatelo Dam, in the Douro
- Monte Novo Dam, in Évora
- Pipeline extension from Castelo de Bode to Vila Franca de Xira
- Overpass for Northern Access to the bridge over the River Tejo (25 de Abril bridge) in Lisbon



As a construction and public works company, SOPOL is involved in many different areas such as: Ground levelling, Motorways and Roads, Bridges and Overpasses, Urban and Industrial Infrastructures, Wastewater and Effluent Treatment Plants, Drainage and Sewage Systems, Hydraulic and Hydroelectric plants, Pipeline Extensions and Reservoirs, Industrial units and Buildings.

In 1996 the A. Silva & Silva Group became the major shareholders of SOPOL, and set about recovering the company. SOPOL became the Group's main operator in the construction business, reinforcing A. Silva & Silva's competitiveness through modernization, specialization, innovation, productivity and conquering new markets.

A strategic partnership agreement was signed on the 4th of August, 1999, between A. Silva & Silva and Dragados, Obras y Proyectos, SA, for the Portuguese construction and public works market and for all other countries of official Portuguese language, and through which Dragados acquired 45% of SOPOL's Share Capital.

In association with DRACE Construcciones Especiales y Dragados, DRAGADOS Obras y Proyectos, SOPOL established ACEPREPOR, Pré-fabricados de Portugal ACE, in September 2000, for producing large sections of prefabricated reinforced and prestressed concrete.

In 2001 SOPOL moved into the electronic business market whilst a shareholder of the econstroi.com website. The www.econstroi.com website, is aimed at construction and public works companies, offering not only important information about this business sector, but serves essentially as a basis for intersectorial negotiation.

In January 1999, Sopol started implementing a System for Quality in Civil Construction and Public Works, and for this, the company was soon awarded its very first certification by APCER



– Associação Portuguesa de Certificação, under the Portuguese System for Quality according to NP EN ISO 9002:1995 requirements.

In January 2003, APCER also awarded SOPOL the Quality Management System certificate according to the NP EN ISO 9001:2000 norm.



Because SOPOL is aware of the importance of the environment, and the responsibility it has to preserve and protect the environment when carrying out construction works, the company drew up and implemented an Environmental Management System under the Quality Management System. As a result, the company was certified by APCER under the Portuguese Quality System according to the NP EN ISO 14001:1999 – Environmental Management

Systems.

Over the last 10 years SOPOL has followed a transparent path in terms of commercial and social responsibility, and in 2005 the company published its very first Social Responsibility Report.

In 2006 the partnership agreement it held with Dragados ended.

With almost no signs of development in the Portuguese Construction Market and foreseeing future difficulties in securing enough contracts to keep the company working at full capacity, SOPOL anticipated its entry into International Markets.

Since contacts had already been established with Angola, Cabo Verde and Algeria, and in some cases technical and commercial teams had visited these countries, these African markets became the new business target.

In August 2006, SOPOL took over GEOSOC, a A. Silva e Silva Group company, for the Geotechnical side. With this acquisition, SOPOL reinforced the company's technical capacity to accompany and perform geotechnical and specialised foundations work.

In 2007 SOPOL will begin a new chapter in the company's long and successful history by joining OPCA, a growing construction company.