

## **More than 900 children participate in the 9th edition of Ficosa's Christmas Drawing Contest**

**Barcelona, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2008** .- More than 900 children from all over the world participated in the 9th edition of the Christmas Drawing Contest organized by Ficosa.

The company has organized this contest since 2000 for the Christmas holidays. The sons/daughters and nieces/nephews– up to 14 years old – of the Group's employees from around the world participate in the contest. This year more than 900 boys and girls from 10 different countries participated: Spain, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Poland, Brazil, the United States, Mexico and Turkey.

All children who participate in the contest receive a gift. The winning drawings – one in the 2-7 year-old category, and another in the 8-14 year-old category -, will be used to illustrate the company's Christmas card to send to workers, stockholders, customers, suppliers and other external engagements. This year the company has also published the Christmas card in digital format in order to be able to send it by e-mail and thus reduce the consumption of paper, contributing to better sustainability and preservation of the environment.

This year's winners were 12 year-old Maria Fresno, a relative of a worker from one of the Group's companies in Burgo de Osma (Soria, Spain) and 4 year-old Alessia Barchetta, a relative of a worker from Ficosa Italy. All of the drawings that participated in the contest can be seen in a virtual album created for the occasion on the company's corporate web site <http://www.ficosa.com>

During the Christmas holidays, the Group's companies will display the boy's and girl's drawings in their work centres as a highlight of the Christmas decorations.

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