

THE INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM MADE UP OF BENTOS, SESELEC AND OMM TAKES THE AWARD OF THE PROJECT FOR THE GRID CONNECTION TO PROVIDE POWER SUPPLIES FROM PUNTA GUATRAL TO ISLA HUAR VIA SUBMARINE CABLES



The SAESA Business Group awarded the **International Consortium SOB**, made up of the companies SERVICIOS & SOLUCIONES ELECTROMECANICOS S.A. de C.V. (**SESELEC**), OFFSHORE MARINE MANAGEMENT LTD. (**OMM**) and SERVICIOS Y EQUIPOS MARINOS LTDA. (**BENTOS**), the electrical grid connection project via submarine cables between Punta Guatral and Isla Guar.

The **SOB Consortium** is to carry out the project on a turnkey basis. The project calls for the installation of a submarine cable to provide a grid connection with the Central Chile Interconnected Grid System (the SIC Grid) for Isla Guar.

To transmit the electric power, the cable will need to run close to 3.5 kilometers on a straight line basis between Punta Guatral, a mainland landform located 34 kilometers southwest of Puerto Montt, and Punta Chucahue, a landform situated on the western end of the island; however, to cross the depths of the marine bottom, a cable of more than 5000 meters in length will need to be used.

The installation of this submarine cable which involves an investment outlay of 2.6 billion Chilean pesos is being financed by the National Regional Development Fund (FNDR) through the use of resources of the Energization Provision of the Undersecretariat of Regional and Administrative Development (SUBDERE) and is an initiative that will benefit more than 500 families by improving power and light supplies on the island. This will place at the disposal of the community the advantages of having permanent electric power supplies in place to rely on. The submarine cable is to be laid and connected in 280 days.

For further information on the member companies of the SOB Consortium, visit the following company web sites:

- SESELEC: www.seselec.mx
- OFFSHORE MARINE MANAGEMENT: www.offshoremm.com
- BENTOS: www.bentos.cl

