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SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURES, URBAN LEISURE AND LANDSCAPE

Taking into account the dynamics and the needs of the global market, as well as the adoption of the continental, national, regional and local policies of promoting healthy life habits based on the infrastructures and recreational equipment, sportive and socially related, the MCA Group naturally framed a group of technical, logistic, and human competences in its MCA-PSS, SA Company. The main objective: give an answer to the ambitious challenge of being considered a major “player” in these markets, not only in Portugal but also in the countries that the group has set as target in its already sustained and well succeeded internationalization.

MCA-PSS operates in 3 activity sectors, complementary to each other:

SPORTS
Sports facilities of public and private use, emphasizing the construction of synthetic fields, official athletic tracks, formal sport fields, training centres and competition tennis and padel centres, construction of indoor and outdoor school sports areas, public swimming pools and the construction and installation of specialised constructive systems of pavilions and sports centres, for example; the technical sportive covers, movable benches/ telescopic, dividing curtains and all the necessary equipment.

LEISURE AND URBAN SOLUTIONS
A group of solutions and equipment in urban or rural spaces that allow the access of the local community citizens, from the ages of 3 to 80, in order to develop healthy lifestyle habits including physical exercise, in equipment of public use, complemented by each other and implemented in a coherent way, enabling the socialising of the population in urban areas. Part of the solutions that we build are the playground equipment for children and youth, small sports fields, skate parks, small areas to learn how to play golf, outdoor fitness parks for adults and the old ones, footing cycling touring tracks and urban real-estate.

We diagnosed the cities’ needs, we plan and build these urban recreational sportive spaces or “Intergeneration health squares – Pss.” in an integrated “ready to use” solution.

LANDSCAPE IN ARTIFICIAL TURF
Dada a enorme evolução da tecnologia das relvas artificiais, em que somos protagonistas, desenvolvemos um conjunto de soluções adaptadas aos mercados do paisagismo de uso público e privado, de forma a disponibilizar solução para um

Due to an enormous evolution in artificial turf technology, where we are protagonists, we develop a group of solutions adapted to the landscape markets of public and private use, in order to provide a solution to an important group of gardening areas, that due to climatic reasons, lack of maintenance, exaggerated circulation of people, small vehicle and animals, makes the practical usage of natural turf impossible. Thus, we develop the “Paisaturf-garden-Pss” for the market of private gardens, hotels and leisure areas, for covers for buildings, solariums, areas surrounding swimming pools and terraces , and the “Paisaturf-Urban - Pss” for urban slopes, roundabouts, roads dividers and dividers of motorways of great traffic.

In all activity sectors, the subjacent criteria to the solutions that we’ve adopted are:
Liability, versatility, security, innovation and durability.

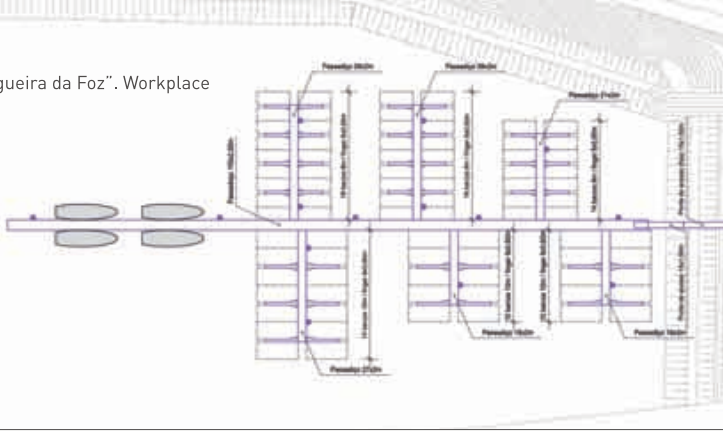
With a great offer of constructive solutions, we have come to develop a group of partnerships with clients and project /coordination and fiscal offices, foreseeing the technical collaboration on the projects, where some works had already testify the capacity of our solutions. As example we highlight: Outdoor Sport Complex of Oporto Sports Club in the Oporto City Park; construction of a synthetic field, with an innovative constructive system, The “Furnas” Stadium in the Azores; small sports fields in Lisbon; Construction of a private golf complex (in a hotel), in Guimarães and the intervention in private landscape in Luanda, Angola. ■

Recreational dock of "Figueira da Foz". Workplace

"It is based on these innovation and specialisation premises that we embrace the projects centred in the maritime works domain."

MARITIME WORKS

ON ROUTE TO DIFFERENTIATION.



Great works demand qualified human resources, motivation and the capacity to make different things. It is based on these innovative and specialisation premises that we embrace the projects centred in the area of maritime works. They are projects that are able to diversify and test the competences that for us are structural: the ingenuity and the art.

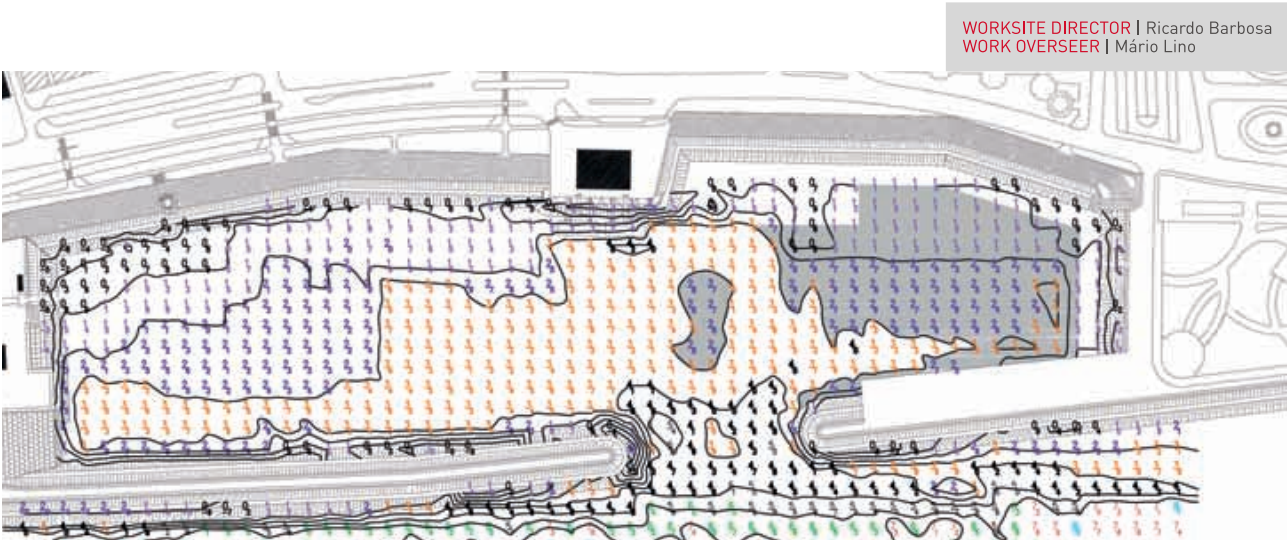
It was with this spirit that M.Couto Alves, S.A, together with the AISTER Company, contracted recently APFF - Administration do Porto da Figueira da Foz, SA, (Administration of the Figueira da Foz harbour) for the requalification of the Figueira da Foz recreational harbour. The work execution deadline is of 6 months and the works that have to be performed by the consortium involved the cleaning and dredging of the dockbed to the elevation of [3, 0 m ZH, with a depot of 11.000m3 of dredged in a disposal site), as well as the supply and installation of floating equipment for 8, 10 and 15m long vessels. The numbers of new berths to be created are of 88 and it is also foreseen the pile driving guidance of the floating walkways.

In the chapter of the Hydraulic Works the intention to award to the M. Couto Alves, SA/Pavicorfel consortium the contract for the execution of maintenance dredging in the "S. Martinho do Porto" Bay also stands out.

With the implementation period of 3 months, this contract aims to proceed to the execution of the dredging of sand, and silt in the bar and wharf of "S.Martinho do Porto", and the creation of a basin for parking vessels, in order to maintain their conditions of accessibility. The dredging elevations vary from -4 and -2m ZH and the deposition of about 31.100m3 of dredging material in maritime disposal site at a distance of 1,3 nautical miles from the bar's output is also foreseen. ■



Draga "Orion 2" MCA



Dredging plan – Figueira da Foz

"FERMIL DE BASTOS" AND "GIESTA" SCHOOL CENTRES

WORKS THAT MAKE SCHOOLS.

When we say that we help to build the future, we are not only using a figure of speech. This is, because at a time when the conditions of education make a difference, to participate in projects of this nature fills us with pride and motivation.

"...at a time when the conditions of education make a difference, to participate in projects of this nature fills us with pride..."



WORKSITE DIRECTOR | Paulo Fonseca
ASSISTANT | Rui Portela

"FERMIL DE BASTOS" SCHOOL CENTRE

The objective of this contract consists in the execution of all the works related with the construction of buildings that embrace the "Fermil" School that the Town Hall of "Celorico de Bastos" intends to see concluded in the beginning of 2011.

This school comprises 2 elements, independent from each other: the main building comprised of the teaching facilities and the social facilities; and the gymnasium element embracing the sports pavilion and the respective support facilities.

The main building consists of 2 levels: the ground floor destined for the Pre-school area and the area to serve the meals and the 1st floor, where we have mostly the classrooms, the library and the building's technical support area.

The sports pavilion adjacent to the main body is comprised of 2 floors, the ground floor where we have the gymnasium itself



and the 1st floor designed exclusively for this body's technical areas.

Besides these two buildings, the hydraulic installations also contemplate the infrastructures related to the exterior maintenance. ■

GIESTA" SCHOOL CENTRE

This work aims to expand and enhance the building of the "EB1 de Pedrouços 3-Giesta" (Primary school) in the "Pedrouços" council, namely with the installation of rooms for the Pre-school and a canteen ("Giesta" School Centre).

The present contract consists essentially on the construction of a new building located in "Pedrouços, Maia", on a land attached to the existing building of the "EB1 de Pedrouços 3" and all the works that the Town Hall of "Maia" intends to carry out.

Volumetrically, the building develops itself as a single unit, comprising 2 floors, with a favourable setting out to the connection with the street which will provide access and the main entrance. It will follow the most favourable solar orientation in order to benefit from the natural light, emerging from the large glass openings in the building.

The ground floor comprises a canteen with a kitchen, 3 classrooms, toilets and several spaces for storage and meetings. The upper floor consists of four classrooms, toilets and rooms for storage. The connection between

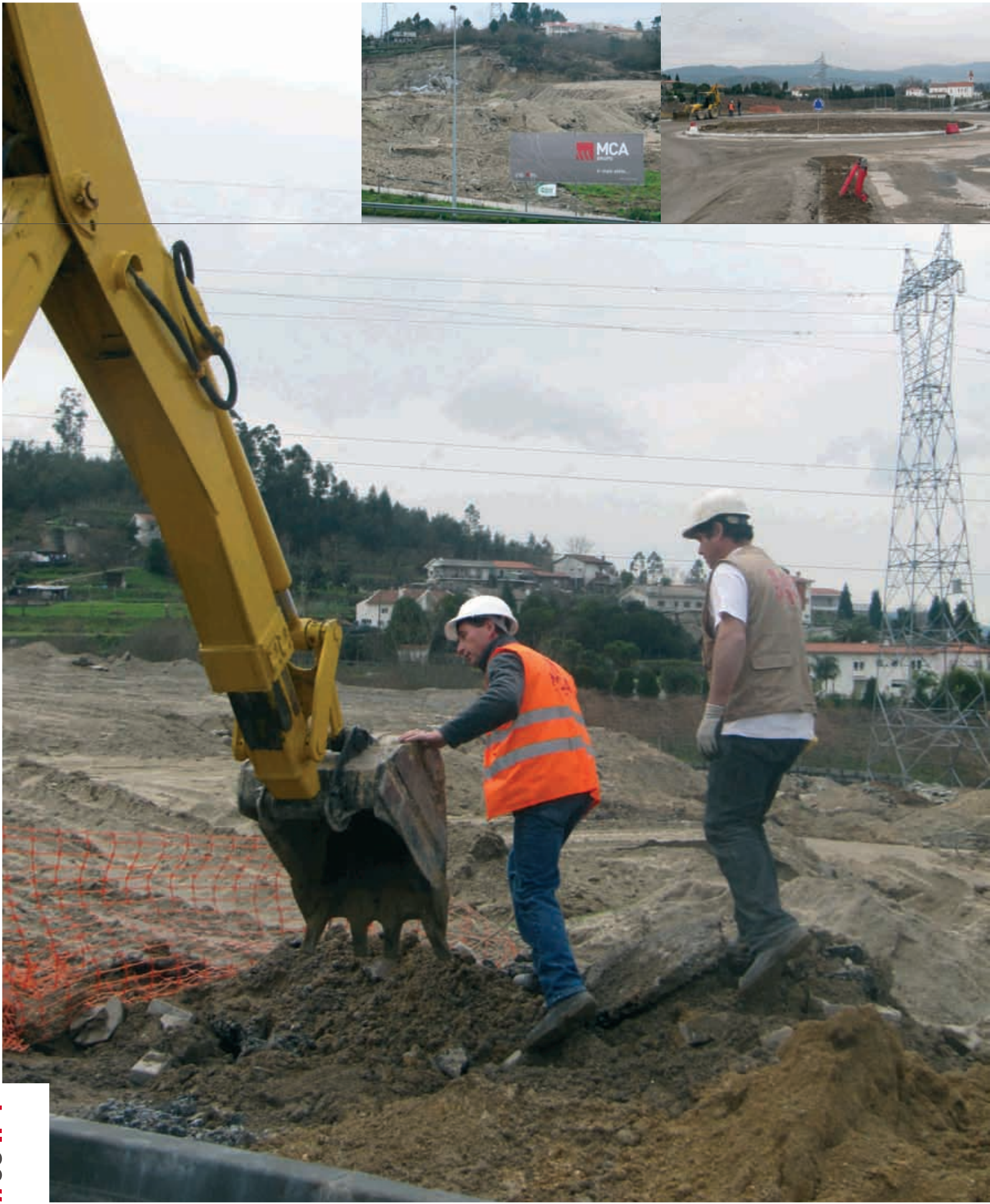
the two bodies (the new and the old) of the School Centre will be made through a covered walkway.

In relation to the exterior maintenance the building presents a solution with some diversity, which includes the recreational aspects, whose location enjoys the proximity of the existing playground. The setting out area is approximately of 1060m²; the construction area is approximately of 970m², being the area of the path of approximately 366m².

The main constraints to the execution of this work are due to the limited space for a construction site and the material storage, difficulties that have been surpassed due to a good coordination and the follow-up work which has been promoted by the technical team. ■



WORKSITE DIRECTOR | Gil Rocha
ASSISTANT | Carlos Silva
WORK OVERSEER | Franco Torcato



"SILVARES" ROUTE

CLOSER. FASTER. MORE USEFUL.

"... it serves those population living and using the village. Its main objective consists in making the access to the city of "Guimarães" through the South side easier...."



WORKSITE DIRECTOR | Gil Rocha
ASSISTANT | Daniel Brites
WORK OVERSEER | Augusto Sousa

The objective of this contract consists in the execution of all the works related to the construction of the infrastructures and landscape of the commercial buildings AKI, Decathlon and Retail Park, as well as the construction of the "Silvares" route, in the "Silvares" parish of "Guimarães".

The "Silvares" route embraces approximately 1km long and serves the population who lives and uses the village. Its main objective consists in making the access to the city of "Guimarães" through the South side easier, where we have seen some difficulties with the traffic flux, even when it is done outside the conventional rush hour.

Along this route, 3 trading platforms will be built, where MCA will build the accessibilities, infrastructures and landscape.

The main works on the route consists in: earthworks, construction of rain and waste water sewer system, water supply and irrigation systems and paving.

In the commercial platforms, the works are essentially the same; however, there are extra earth and landscaping works. ■



WORKSITE DIRECTOR | Paulo Fonseca
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CONNECTING ROUTE TO “PARQUE NASCENTE”

BORN TO MAKE THINGS EASIER.

“.. the extending of the Northeast Route... which falls within the range of external access to the Shopping Centre “Parque Nascente”, in Gondomar ...”

The recent project refers to the extension of the Northeast Route, extension which is integrated into all external accesses to the Shopping Centre “Parque Nascente”, in Gondomar.

The extension of the Northeast Route allows the connection between the roundabout of the Shopping Centre and the structural route that links the junction of “Rebordões”. Consists in the creation of a road and a roundabout, to be implemented in the existing crossing point. The roundabout has a central board with a radius of 17,0m and a lane of 8,00m wide.

On the road, the plant layout is composed of straight and curved transitions performed by clothoids. The road will be accomplished in order to guarantee two lanes in each direction, the lanes will be divided by a small sidewalk (1,40 wide), that besides separating the direction of the traffic, assures the protection of the pedestrians in crossing the road.

To guarantee the connection to the Shopping Centre, a passage over the railway tracks will have to be made, and for such the brim has been made in order to respect the pass limit.■

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY - MCA GROUP AND CHILD SUPPORT ASSOCIATION

WE SUPPORT THOSE THAT SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LIFE PROJECT.



“... the Chairman of the MCA Group , Manuel Couto Alves, accompanied by his daughter... handed out the “cheque vaccine” to the President of the Board of the Child Support Association, Dr. Maria Joana Machado Prata.”

Enlightening the aids granted in recent years in the scope of the development of their social responsibility policies, the M. COUTO ALVES Group decided, in the current year, to support the vaccination of children under risk/disadvantaged state, and under the custody of the Child Support Association – Guimarães: Project - “A lot of health and wellbeing”.

In an informal ceremony held on the 22nd of December in the Child Support Association premises, and which was marked by the contagious joy of the children that also received many gifts, the MCA Group ´s Chairman, Mr. Manuel Couto Alves, accompanied by his daughter, Maria Manuel Mendes Couto Alves, presented “cheque-vaccine” to the President of the Board of the Child Support Association, Dr. Maria Joana Machado Prata.

“It is only a small contribution to help those that make a day-to-day effort to build a life project for children less fortunate,” underlined Manuel Couto Alves.

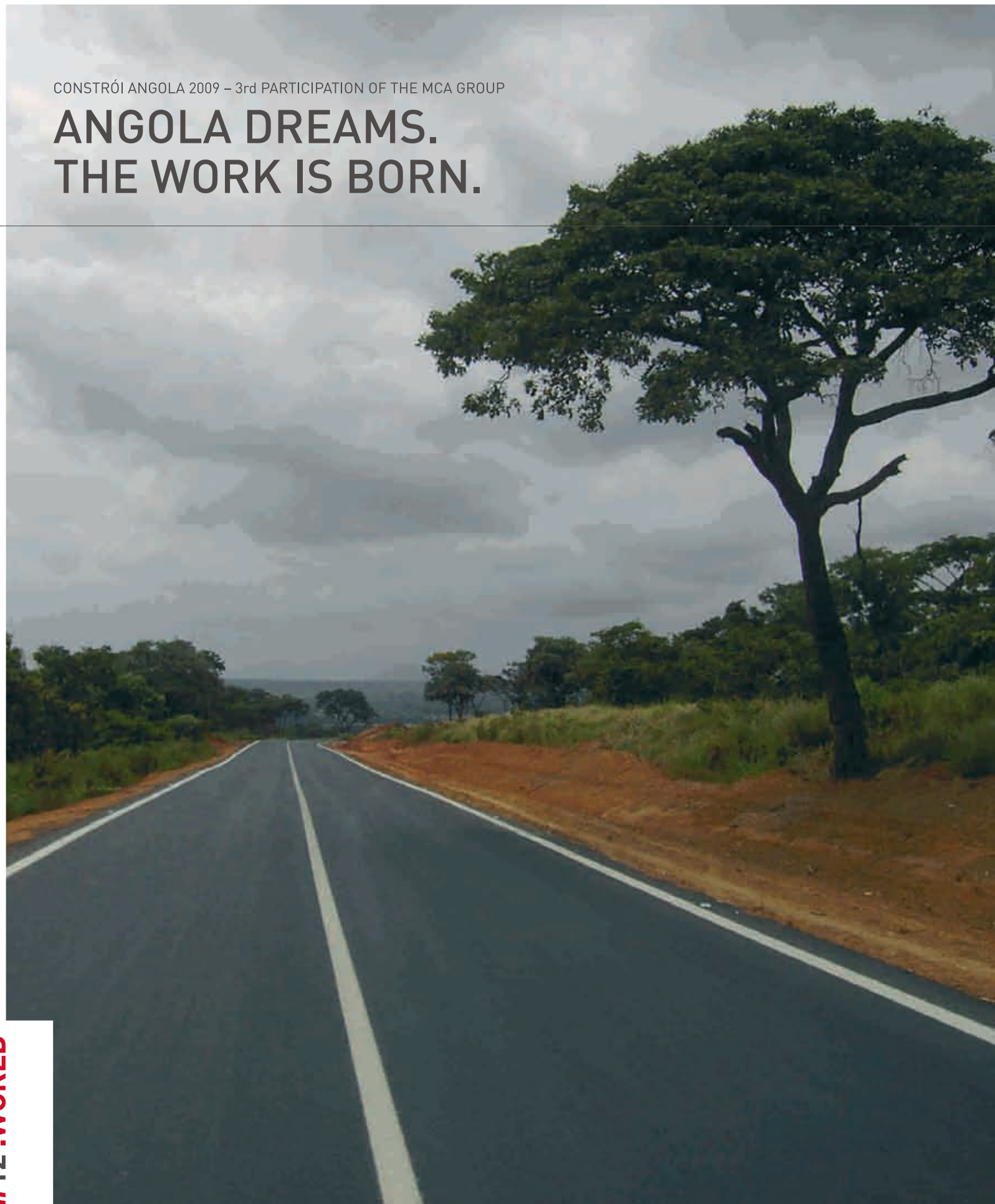
Thanking the support, the President of the Board of the Child Support Association, Dr. Maria Joana Machado Prata, characterised the initiative of “extreme importance to meet the commitments that an institution of this nature, necessarily supports the daily development of its activity, and is an example to be followed in the business world.”■

Child Support Association - Guimarães

The Child Support Association is a Private Institution of Social Solidarity, formed in 2001 in the city of Guimarães, having as aim the temporary reception of children, victims of abuse, neglect or abandonment. In the premises of the Child Support Association are now twenty-two children between one month old and 10 years old, under the care of a group of employees and three technicians that also do the interconnection with the Courts, Protection Commissions and Social Security. Social Security provides a monthly allowance for each child received in the Temporary Shelter, allowance which is clearly insufficient, being the remaining costs supported by the Child Support Association. In addition, besides the support of more than 1,100 members, the contribution of the whole community is essential so that the Association continues to brighten the lives of the less fortunate children.

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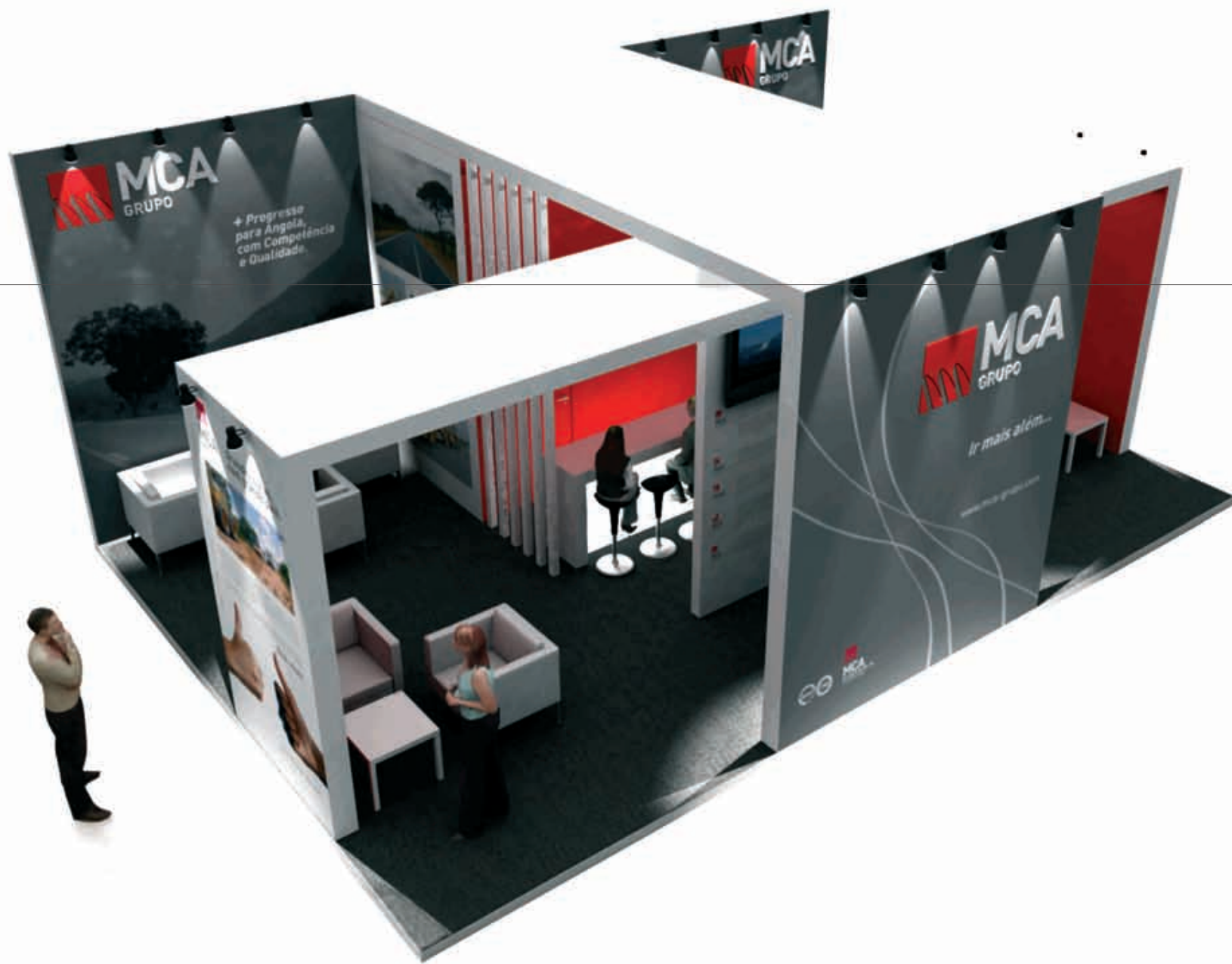
Between 15 and 18 October the MCA Group marked its presence, in Luanda, at the 7th International Construction, Public Works and Materials Fair - Constrói Angola 2009.

Referring back to previous editions, the successful participation of the MCA Group at the event provided an excellent platform / opportunity to advertise its companies and projects, thus also reinforcing its attribute as a major participant in the reconstruction of Angola. The Constrói Angola 2009 was also an important moment to get to know the trends and prospects of the Angolan market.

Under the motto **"Build the Angolans' dreams,"** the event brought together at the Luanda International Fair (FILDA), among the Angolan and foreign companies, about 300 entrepreneurs in the scope of building industry (in a space that despite with its almost 11,000 m2 of covered areas, has already become too small due to the increasing demand).

With the overwhelming presence of Portuguese companies and proposals, the companies from China, Brazil, Spain, France and Italy, also attended to this Fair, covering a wide range of areas in the construction sector. ■





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ALGERIA - A GROWING MARKET

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Official designation	Al Jumhuriyah al Jaza'iriyah ad Dimuqratiya ash Sha'biyah Chief of State – Abdelaziz BOUTEFLIKA (since April 1999)
Prime Minister Government Party	Ahmed OUYAHIA (since June 2008) FLN – National Liberation Front
Area Population Ethnic groups	2.381.740 km ² 33.900.000 Arab/Berber 99% - Other 1%
Capital Important Cities	Algiers (3 million) Oran – Mostaganem – Annaba
Religion Language Currency	Muslims (Sunni) 99% - Christianity 1% Arabic (official) – French – Berber 1€ = 103,51 Dinar (DZD)
Climate	Coast: moderate and humid winter, hot and dry summer Plateau: cold and dry winter and hot summer, Hot air/ "Siroco" sand, common in summer



"...today... perhaps no Mediterranean country has construction/works potential as Algeria has..."

Because there are countries that know how to build the future, the Algerian government defined an investment programme in the value of 150 billion of USD (approximately 105 billion Euros), for the period between 2010 and 2014.

Significantly 70% of this investment will be, according to official sources, directed to the creation of public works. Particular emphasis is placed in the areas of housing, rehabilitation and construction of road and infrastructures.

This reality means that today, perhaps no Mediterranean country has construction/works potential as Algeria has. And it is easy to put this reality into context: the state constituted Algeria as the country's economy engine because, having taken to the best advantage the petrol's high price period, it managed to reduce, practically to 0, its external debt. Besides this, it was able to accumulate reserves in the value of 138 billion USD (more or less 96,6 billion Euros), as well as to create a stability fund with an allocation of 66 billion USD (more or less 46,2 billion Euros).

They are these reserves that allow the functioning of the ambitious projects of the country's modernisation. Not even the decrease in the price of petrol and the global economic crises has prevented a stable economic growth. A growth that the IMF (International Monetary Fund) foresees to be in 2009 and 2010 respectively of 2,1% and 2,9%.

The needs in the scope of housing resulting from a strong

demographic pressure, a great earthquake in 2003 in the north of Algeria and from a general non-investment in this specific area, represent a remarkable challenge for the Algerian government.

The new economic programme in relation to housing foresees, consequently, the construction, in a short period, of a million houses to satisfy the needs felt in this domain.

The pressure to act extends, therefore, to other domains of the so called social infrastructures. The Algerian government intends to, under its public investment programme, build 60 new hospital, 70 specialised clinics, 100 health centres and well as to expand the capacity of the universities of the country.

In the scope of road infrastructures, the finalisation of the highway located on the Mediterranean coast is foreseen for 2010 with a total extension of approximately 1200 km and projected in accordance to the previous five year plan (2005 to 2009). The project that foresaw the construction of 6 tunnels, 524 bridge and 90 viaducts, will cost the Algerian government about 11 billion USD (7,7 billion Euros).

Meanwhile, the construction of a new highway situated in the plateau is also foreseen, with an initial budget of 10 billion USD. The competition for the first parts will take place in 2010, as well as several road links.

The vast programme of public works aimed to the modernization of the infrastructures doesn't limit itself to the outlined aspects. It also covers the areas in relation to the port, rail and airport infrastructures. ■

GUILHERME SURKAU CRUZ
International department

“... the work, in which MCA was leader of the consortium, was awarded with a Honourable Mention by the Ministry of Environment and Planning / Secretary of State for Land and Town Planning ...”



O administrador Cândido Gomes (à direita) recebe Prémio IHRU



IHRU 2009 AWARD FOR CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION WELL PERFORMED.

Under the IHRU 2009 Award for Construction and Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation or Qualification of Public Space, the Urban Planning of the “Esposende” sea front - Marina area, thee work, in which the MCA was leader of a consortium, was awarded with a Honourable Mention by the Ministry of Environment and Planning / Secretary of State for Land and Town Planning.

In a ceremony held for this purpose in the beginning of December the award was given by those responsible for the IHRU to the representative of MCA, the Administrator Mr. Cândido Gomes

The IHRU award, in its second edition, is already a reference in the construction of housing projects of social interest, in the isolatec rehabilitation of buildings, rehabilitation or qualification of public areas and integrated rehabilitation of urban centres.

About the work:
The action referred to as the “Urban Planning of “Esposende’s” seafront” had as objective to promote the requalification of this area of the “Esposende” city, whose implementation will be done in two parts as priority for the adjacent area to the marina.

The intervention area will reclassify a privileged sea front, directed towards a landscape of election and at the same time, with a high environmental and landscape sensitivity.

The scenery at the time was of a waiting area, abandoned, in dirt, used in an undisciplined manner and for the most various purposes: parking of vehicles, set up of circus equipment, fairs, entertainment, etc.

The base program was necessarily moderated and adapted to the sensitivity of the site, taking into account the need to not to disrupt the visual aspect of the landscape and to recover the entire area for public use, turning it into something attractive.

In this sense, the intervention was limited by the following objectives and actions:

- the whole area was organised in order to focus on the pedestrian use and landscape of all the surroundings, creating routes, leisure and green areas, planted with species that can thrive in this adverse climate and to provide some added protection to the prevailing winds;
- some small buildings were made to support the sea front life, including a cafeteria and a fish restaurant (with the possibility of creating up to a third of its volume of continuity, preferably for an interpretative centre and touristic services);

- these buildings are necessarily lightweight constructions and easily removable in the future, with the particularity of being slightly raised from the ground, favouring the least sealing possible;
- the creation of a pedestrian course in the crowning of the rock fill, made of wood, which can be continued along the waterfront;
- the creation of paths for cycling and skating;
- the usage of the Sea Rescue building for administrative support to the marina or, alternatively, for a museum linked to the river “Cávado”;
- promote the versatility of the yards of existing fishing port for additional support to the recreational marina;
- the creation of equipment for children integrated in areas of greater control;
- the preservation of coastal ecosystem, including the area enclosed between the sea front and rock fill (marsh). ■

(IHRU 2009 award for Construction and Rehabilitation, by the Housing and Urban Rehabilitation Institute)



LOVE FOR THE TEAM.



The sports complex of the “Urgezes” School in Guimarães, was chosen in the middle of December to host some of the most famous football stars of the MCA Group to perform in Portugal, in what was considered to be the best meeting of the season.

Despite the highlighted competition by the athletes between the 4 lines - which is confirmed by the final result (a tie – 10 goals each) – the challenge provided moments of healthy sociability, sharing and companionship in line with the logic of teamwork and team spirit. ■

Black T-shirts:

João Flório, Rui Portela, Miguel Martins, Manuel Magalhães, Jorge Ferreira, João Paulo, Vítor Martins, João Miguel, Vítor Nunes.

Red T-shirts

Manuel Aleixo, Gil Rocha, Pedro Salgado, Daniel Lopes, Pedro Ferreira, Guilherme Vieira, Miguel Cardoso, José Silva, Júlio Portela.

MCA GROUP SUPPORTS ARMINDO ARAÚJO IN 2010

DON'T TOUCH THE WINNING TEAM.

The MCA Group and Armindo Araújo: after brilliantly achieving the title of Production World Champion in 2009, the pilot sees renewed the vote of confidence deposited in him in 2009, with the continual of the sponsoring by the MCA Group.

Armindo Araújo is very satisfied with the outcome of the negotiations: “I have to thank my sponsors the trust shown in me, once again, and I hope to repay that with the best possible results and with the title the year.”

The presentation of the sports project for 2010 was held in Lisbon on the 13th of January, in an event which countered with the presence of the sponsors that signed, jointly with Armindo Araújo, the contracts for this season. ■

