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European Business Advocacy prize rewards Labour Relations internal team work

SONAE WINS ILO EUROPEAN COUNSEL AWARDS 2015

Sonae's Labour Relations, which is part of the Corporate Centre's Human Resources Team and made up of Marta Azevedo, Laura Lanzas, Duarte Abrunhosa e Sousa, Inês Martins Ribeiro and Filipe Sousa Ramos, was recognised this month as the best in Europe by the ILO European Counsel Awards 2015 international law awards, in London. Sonae beat the other finalists in the Employment category, including shortlisted companies Intel Corporation, the Oesterreichische Nationalbank and the Royal Mail Group Ltd.

Labour Relations Director, Marta Azevedo stated: "Sonae is strongly concerned with the legal-labour and social context of its activities, and therefore promotes and implements best practice. This prize is a recognition of the quality of work done by the team, as well as the whole area of Human Resources, in developing rigorous and sustainable labour guidelines".

The ILO European Counsel Awards 2015 are sponsored by the International Law Office (ILO), in cooperation with the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC), two independent bodies. The ILO is a global business specialized in delivering and disseminating legal information, connecting senior legal departments on a global scale, and in recognizing legal departments and individuals, whilst the ACC is an association which represents the largest community of in-house legal departments/services.

The European Counsel Awards are unique in clearly identifying over 1500 individuals who stand out in their specific roles related to internal advisory on an individual and team level, having been nominated by law firms and consultants who are partners of the initiative within the region.

As a winner of the ILO European Counsel Awards 2015, the team is automatically put forward for the Global Counsel Awards 2015, which will award the best in-house lawyers in each category on a global level on the 11th June, in New York.

Sonae is a Retail company with two major partnerships in the areas of Shopping Centres (Sonae Sierra) and Software & Information Systems Media and Telecommunications (Sonaecom).
By the end of 2014, Sonae achieved a turnover of over 5 thousand million Euros. The company defined as its strategic objectives: the internationalisation and diversification of investment style and the leveraging and strengthening of core assets and competencies. Find out more at www.sonae.pt.

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