

LEGAL SOLUTIONS

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN BARCELONA AND CATALUNYA



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A) INTRODUCTION

Barcelona is home, amongst others, to:

- i) the highly sophisticated 'Synchrotron Light Laboratory' and,
- ii) the most advanced biomedical research centre in the Mediterranean region.



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B) THE LOGISTICS SECTOR

“As a result of our European distribution strategy, we needed a third warehouse in Spain that could handle the needs of the Iberian peninsula and France. Catalonia was our best alternative because it offered a first-rate port to handle the flow of goods from non-European countries, a prime location to serve the French, Spanish and, Portuguese markets, good road and rail connections and, low transport costs for our products.”

Peter Insulan

(G.M., ‘IKEA Spain Distribution and Storage Ltd.’).



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C) THE CHEMICALS INDUSTRY

- The American firm, 'Alcon', opened its first R & D centre, outside the U.S., in the province of Barcelona with the aim of developing new drugs worldwide.
- 'Dow' opened a centre for the development of synthetic fibres in Tarragona, Catalunya.



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D) THE RENEWABLE ENERGY INDUSTRY

- SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC: 'BP Solar' and 'Isofotón' are among the 11 top global manufacturers and both are located in Spain.
- WIND POWER: Two of the top ten world manufacturers are Spanish companies, they are: 'Gamesa' and 'Ecotècnia'.
- BIOFUELS: The largest biodiesel Spanish production plant, 'Bionet Europa', is located in Catalunya and produces 50,000 T / year.



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E) THE FOOD AND BEVERAGES INDUSTRY

Many foreign multinationals have large production plants in Catalunya; examples of these are:

- 'Nestlé`
- 'Pepsico`
- 'Unilever`
- 'United Biscuits`



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F) CONCLUSION

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