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### **Firm produces energy-generating roofs**

Braas, a brand of Monier, the leading Germany-based roofing systems company, is offering environmentally friendly solar energy roofing systems as an integrated solution for the first time in Turkey.

Covering hot water and combi-boiler needs for homes, these smart solar-energy roof systems turn roofs into energy bases. As the advanced technology of the Braas solar collectors stand up to even the toughest climate conditions, they provide outstanding efficiency in Turkey's conditions and meet the per capita hot water usage of a house by 70 percent, the firm announced in a written statement.

The Braas team itself undertakes the installation of the waterproof guaranteed solar energy roof system, which does not emit any material that might harm nature during its energy generation.

Braas offers solutions to visual pollution created by existing energy systems through its aesthetic aspects and integrated structure and can be used for all buildings – from detached houses and building complexes to tourist and social facilities, the company said.

It has taken the initiative because of the increasing need for green energy resources amid global warming and the search for alternative energy resources due to a decline in the existing energy resources. "The sun, which ranks first among the renewable energy resources, has an energy capacity that will not be exhausted for millions of years. In just a few hours, the sun sends our way the world's annual energy demand. Moreover, it is a free resource and does not produce any waste," it said.

Because of its geographical location, Turkey receives a lot of sunshine every year. By benefiting from this advantage, Braas aims to expand the use of solar energy systems, yielding billions of dollars of savings for the country's economy.

A leader in quality roofing, Monier is one of the largest roofing companies worldwide, with offices in over 40 countries with over 200 production plants and 10,000 staff. As a company, Monier caters to customer needs, delivering roofs and chimneys that enhance lives, while fulfilling the ambitions of employees and shareholders with the claim of "Roofs for Living."

The company has been producing the Braas brand in Turkey since 1999. Its facilities in Gebze, Kocaeli, a city close to Istanbul, are located on an area of 36,000 square meters and are one of the world's largest and most modern roof tile and roofing system plants with its fully-automated application technology. The Gebze plant is the leader in cement roof tiling with its ability to install an annual capacity of 1.5 million square meters.

Implementing a brand new roofing system concept with its designs, the firm also offers estimates, consultancy, product and application guarantees and engineering services, in addition to its wide product range.

### **Ağaoğlu buys wind power firm**

Ağaoğlu Group, a Turkish construction and energy company, said it bought Italian-Dutch wind-farm operator Galata Wind for \$500 million, as it seeks to secure a larger slice of the growing renewable energy market.



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The purchase of Galata increases Ağaoğlu Group's five-year investment plan for energy to \$2 billion, Chairman Ali Ağaoğlu said last week in an interview in Istanbul. Galata, a Turkey-based unit of Italian-Dutch energy producer Relight, has three wind farms with a total capacity of 203 megawatts, he said.

Ağaoğlu predicts energy investments will start picking up again from next year as Turkey's economy is set to return to growth in 2010 after an estimated 6 percent contraction this year. Ağaoğlu may consider additional purchases to grow in Turkey's energy industry, he said.

"Our aim is to reach 1,000 megawatts of power capacity and become one of the top 10 players in the sector by 2015," Ağaoğlu said. "We have reached 620 megawatts now with the purchase of Galata."

Ağaoğlu Group plans to increase sales to \$1.5 billion in 2010 from more than \$1 billion this year and lift revenue to \$2.5 billion in 2015, the chairman said.

### **Jacketed buildings to promote energy awareness**

*Models of five historic İstanbul buildings clothed in "jackets" are soon to be positioned in public places throughout the city to draw attention to Turkey's issues regarding energy waste.*

Eminent Turkish fashion designer Ümit Ünal was recently recruited by insulation system cooperative Blue'Safe MaviKale to assist in the conception and implementation of an ad campaign that would raise awareness in the Turkish public about the role of home insulation in preventing consumer energy waste. The result is the "We're jacketing İstanbul" project, featuring a set of scale models of five historic İstanbul buildings -- the Galata Tower, the Haydarpaşa train station, the Sarkuysan building, İstanbul University's Beyazıt campus entrance and the Akmerkez shopping center -- each with their own designer-made overcoat.

Once placed on the streets in İstanbul, where the models will switch locations from time to time, the pieces are sure to attract attention. Accompanying the models, dressed up in fine fabrics in different shades of Blue'Safe MaviKale's company color, blue, are Ünal's notes on his choices of clothing for each building and the building's history. Speaking with Today's Zaman, the designer expressed his hopes that the public exhibitions would strike a note with everyday citizens and raise awareness about global warming and individual responsibility to prevent energy waste.

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