

Message from the Management

Exactly a year ago I gave you the notice that we would have about 50 colleagues between Portugal and Angola. In fact, at the end of 2014, we are a team of almost 120 persons – in which Portugal contributes with 42, meaning about 35%.

It is a really impressive detail, that will not surprise any of us, since all we have witnessed the exciting rhythm of organic growth of our group of companies.

Also a year ago, we reached a new sales record, and again, in 2014, we again beat the record, reaching a value of €26.493.494.

To complement this good performance, NBC Medical is already in the first two hundred places of the main Portuguese PME's, having risen from position 301 to 165, compared to the previous year. This aspect is very important, considering that we are a company with just seven years of activity.

The expansion of activity in Angola, associated with the start-up project of pharmacies and provincial warehouses, was a great challenge and a very hard test for our responsiveness in Portugal, whether in the office or in the warehouse.

With all these challenges in hand, we still proceeded at several significant changes and requalifications in internal teams, particularly in the areas of purchasing, management, economic and financial, operations, logistics and warehouse and still in the newly created, business unit Africa.

But as with everything in life, companies complement one another with their employees and their teams. So, we have to give a word of thanks to them all, for the availability and delivery spirit that they provided to the company. Were many times out of hours, many sacrifices endured, and were too many sacrifices that their families spent.

But at last the question that remains is this: was it worth?

Let's look around and see what is going on in the Portuguese economy and in the national market. We all know that the crisis did not yet said goodbye the Portuguese. We all know, that the sacrifice of the Portuguese people is far from the end. We all know that the year that ended, was a year of difficulties, a year of a lot of patience and a period of great austerity.

And what have we got? In what way we can support? What can we expect?

Well, we have a group of companies that we must be proud of. Yes, because each and every one of us - employees of the NBC group - contributed to this project. Because we have a great team, that more than the past built, gives us guarantees of future, growth, construction, and sustainability.

We have already scheduled operations for next year. We have even more new challenges in Angola where every day we create more value. It is very good what we have! And one day, when this huge growth effort goes by, we will continue to focus efforts on the continued development of this enlarged organization. And right now, I'm sure that we will look back and say: it was worth it.